

# Jolly Boys Visit to Rye Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Culture :-

The “Ancient Town” of Rye became one of the Cinque Ports in 1278. Frequently attacked by the French it was burnt to the ground in 1377 at which time the church bells were stolen. Next year the people of Rye sailed over to St Pierre-en-Port, burnt it down, and took their bells back.

In 1359 it provided 5 ships for the king’s service, interestingly only half as many as Winchelsea at the time.

Of the surviving old buildings the Landgate was built in 1329. The oldest building remaining is Baddings Tower (now called Ypres Tower), built in the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century. St Mary’s church dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> century and set in the north transept is a clock made locally in 1560. Also worthy of note is the water cistern in Rye completed in 1735 and holding 20,000 gallons of water.

We last visited Rye in 2008 at which time the beer was £2.60 a pint or £3.15 at the Mermaid. The price of a pint at the Mermaid is now well in excess of £4.00.

The pubs in Rye are notoriously variable, so some inns may require rapid outs. Thick soled boots/shoes are recommended as the cobbles can be uncomfortable to walk on if we take tourist routes around town. There is no ‘spoons but the Globe opens at 08.00 and the Cinque Ports may open at 10.00 for those arriving on the 09.55 trains. See the Globes web site for breakfast information. Thursday is market day.

## Getting There & Back:-

St Pancras	dep			08.37				09.37	
Stratford Int	dep			08.44				09.44	
Charing Cross	dep								
Waterloo	dep								
Cannon Street	dep	07.46				08.42			
London Bridge	dep	07.48				08.46			
Ashford	arr			09.14				10.14	
Ashford	dep				09.33				10.33
Brighton	dep		08.32				09.32		
Lewes	dep		08.44				09.44		
Hastings	arr	09.32	09.36			10.20	10.36		
Hastings	dep		09.37				10.37		
Rye	arr		09.55		09.54		10.55		10.54

Rye	dep	13.56			13.55		14.56		14.55	
Hastings	Arr				14.13				15.14	
Hastings	dep				14.17	14.31			15.17	15.31
Ashford	arr	14.18					15.18			
Ashford	dep		14.34	14.43				15.34	15.43	
Lewes	arr				15.07				16.07	

Brighton	arr			15.20				16.20	
London Bridge	arr								
Waterloo	arr		15.48		16.01		16.51		17.00
Charing Cross	arr		15.52		16.04		16.55		17.06
Cannon Street	arr								
Stratford Int	Arr		15.14				16.14		
St Pancras	Arr		15.21				16.21		

**NB :** For those travelling via Hastings (especially with a Sussex bus pass) should the 09.30 or 10.30 trains from Hastings to Rye be cancelled a 344 bus leaves the station at 50 mins past each hour to Rye arriving at 30 past. A nice ride if needed.

### The Itinerary :-

Why so many pubs? Because we may not want to stay too long in some of them depending on how they are on the day: it will be very “suck it and see”. Food is available in all pubs.

<u>No on Map</u>	<u>Hostelry</u>	<u>Beers @ time of reconnoitre</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pub Opening Times</u>	<u>Approx Jolly Boy Times</u>
1.	The Cinque Ports Inn Cinque Port Street	A Shepherd Neame Pub	3 mins from Standard 2 mins to station	10.00/11.00 -23.00	Could call in on way from or to the station
2.	The Globe 10 Military Road <i>Globeinmarshrye.com</i>	Tonbridge Beers Harveys	Does breakfasts 8 mins from station	08.00 – 23.00	10.10 – 11.55
3.	The Queens Head 10 Landgate	Usually Franklins and/or Long Man beers	May call in for a quickie. 4 mins from Globe	12.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 12.20
4.	The Ypres Gun Gardens	Harveys Sussex & up to 4 guests from the likes of Old Dairy, Westerham, Adnams, Larkins.	A sensible lunch location. 8 mins from Queens Head	12.00 - 23.00	12.30 – 13.10
5.	The Ship Strand Quay	St Austell Tribute Harveys Sussex	8 mins from the Ypres	12.00 - 23.00	13.20 – 13.40

6.	The Standard The Mint	London Pride Harveys Sussex Everards Starburst	2 mins from the Ship	12.00 – 23.00	13.45 – 14.20
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