

Jolly Boys Do Battle : Thursday 2nd February 2017

The Jolly Boys first and probably last visit to Battle. To gain most benefit from the trip imagine you are back in the 60's when you were lucky to find anything other than keg beers on offer in the pubs. If you keep that in mind the relative lack of beer choice and the limited pub choice will be bearable.

The Cultural Bit :-

The Battle of Hastings took place here in 1066 and the spot where Harold got "it" in the eye is marked inside the Abbey ruins. So you can't see the site unless you pay vast sums of money to the miserable, greedy, unhelpful English Heritage. You can however see the sight of Harold's demise if you believe Time Teams' investigation results: it is the mini roundabout outside the Chequers!

The Abbey was built 1066 - 1095 and was "in use" until its dissolution in 1538 by which time the Abbot only had 15 monks left!

The town of Battle grew up around the abbey and the oldest building other than the Abbey and St Mary's church (1100 – 1200) is the Pilgrims Rest on the Abbey Green, re-built in 1420.

Other notable buildings in the High Street are the Almonry, the Deanery and the Bull (1600 – 1750).

The November 5th celebrations are, along with Rye, the biggest after Lewes attracting about 10,000 visitors. The Battel Bonfire Boyes originate from 1646, parading the oldest guy in the world.

Some things now closed or disappeared from Battle – Gas Works, cinema, bus garage, post office, brewery (Baily Bros.), some pubs and the market.

For those into modern pop groups Keene originate from the Battle Area and you can walk the "Keene trail" visiting sites in the town referred to in their songs. (Your grandchildren might be interested).

Getting There :- (A selection of trains – see published timetables for full service)

Charing Cross	dep	08.19			09.45		
Waterloo East	dep	08.22			09.48		
Cannon Street	dep		08.42	09.14			
London Bridge	dep				09.53		
Tonbridge	dep	09.00	09.26	09.58	10.30		
Battle	dep	09.54	10.06	10.52	11.04	14.04	14.42
Hastings	dep					14.19	14.59

Getting Away :-

Hastings	dep	09.47	10.31				
Battle	Dep	10.04	10.34	14.07	14.44		
Tonbridge	arr			14.48	15.18		
London Bridge	arr			15.25	15.56		
Cannon Street	dep						
Waterloo East	arr			15.30	16.01		

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Charing Cross	arr			15.35	16.05					

See separate sheet for map with approximate pub locations

Should anyone require a breakfast there are several cafes in town doing cooked breakfasts.

The Pubs :-

<u>No on Map</u>	<u>Hostelry</u>	<u>Beers When Last Visited</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pub Opening Times</u>	<u>Approx Jolly Boy Times</u>
1.	Olde Kings Head 37 Mount Street	Harveys Sussex Best, Long Man APA and a guest.	An Enterprise Inn. 16 mins walk from Station.	10.30 – 23.00 but usually opens at 11.00	10.40 – 11.30
2.	The Bull 27 High Street	Harveys Sussex Best, Old Dairy Top Bull and 1 or ir lucky 2 guests.	This pub was in the GBG for 2016. Good for food.	11.00 – 23.00	11.35 – 12.35
3.	The Abbey Hotel .84 High Street		A Shepheard Neame owned pub/hotel.	12.00 – 23.30	12.40 – 13.00
4.	The Chequers Lower Lake	Harveys Sussex Best, Adnams Ghostship and sadly Doombar.	Another Enterprise Inn. Run by the same people as run the Senlac. Good for food.	12.00 – 23.00	13.10 – 13.40
5.	The Senlac Station Road	.2 handpumps with varying beers. Usually Harveys and Doombar	Owned by Enterprise Inns. Used to be called the Railway Hotel. Good for food.	12.00 – 23.00	13.50 –