

## **Jolly Boys first visit to Sudbury Suffolk**

### **16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Sudbury** is an ancient market town set in the Stour Valley in an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. The town dates back to the time of the Saxons and has a long heritage in the weaving and silk industries. This work was particularly important to the area during the late middle ages when nearby market towns like Lavenham were booming due to their role in the wool trade.

Silk production came from London to Sudbury, Nayland, Hadleigh and some parts of Essex, and by 1714 the trade was established in the region. George Courtauld lived in Sudbury and started a silk business nearby in 1798, and Reginald Warner started the Gainsborough Silk Weaving Company in 1903, which is still thriving in Sudbury today.

**Thomas Gainsborough** was born here and the surrounding countryside inspired much of his work. His statue is the centrepiece of Sudbury in the market Square, with St Peters Church behind him. His birthplace is now open to the public and has been converted to a museum and art gallery. The collections on show exhibit a large number of Gainsborough's paintings as well as those of other artists.

#### **The Pubs**

1. **The Grover and Allen**, 68-69 North Street, CO10 1RF. t. 01787 467660. A Wetherspoons pub, formerly a Grocery Store. This establishment is not one the finest in the Wetherspoon portfolio. It has several hand pumps, but most are labelled "available soon". The Grover and Allen is approximately 10 minutes walk from Sudbury Station. Pub No. 2 is about 5 minutes away. Leave the Grover, turn right, then immediately right. At the junction turn right and walk to the next set of traffic lights. Turn left into East Street. Pub 2 is about 100m. on the left. Leave 10.55.
2. **The Black Adder Brewery Tap**, 21 East Street, CO10 2TP, t. 01787 370876 is associated with the local Sudbury brewery, Mauldons. The pub has a good selection of Mauldon and guest beers (up to 6) including blonde and dark beers. Friendly staff have promised to lay on a good selection on the day for discerning drinkers. Normal opening time is 11.00. Leave 11.55.
3. **The Waggon & Horses**, Church Walk, Acton Square CO10 1HJ t. 01787 312147. This pub serves up to 4 hand pumps, including Nethergate brewery beers, and a changing variety, including blonde and dark beers. FOOD AVAILABLE from 12.00. Extensive menu, together with a lunchtime special. Leave 13.00
4. **The Black Boy Hotel** 7 Market Hill, CO10 2EA t. 01787 379046. Has a reasonable selection of Ales in the barrel. Local brews with regular changes. FOOD is served with an extensive menu, which may be considered to be a little expensive, but they do receive good reviews. Advertised as a CAMRA pub, and offers 20p/pint to CAMRA members. 13.10 to end or visit Pub 5.
5. **The Gainsborough** Kings Street, CO10 2EB t. 01787372419. Re-opened about 18 month ago. Limited selection of beers, Just 2 at recce, Doom Bar and Adnams Ghost Ship. Fairly close to the station.

#### **Trains.**

Liverpool St	(dep)	08.00	09.02	10.02	Sudbury	(dep)	13.26	14.26	15.26
Marks Tey	(arr)	08.55	09.57	10.57	Marks Tey	(arr)	13.45	14.45	15.45
Marks Tey	(dep)	09.09	10.01	11.01	Marks Tey	(dep)	13.49	14.49	15.49
Sudbury	(arr)	09.29	10.21	11.21	Liverpool St	(arr)	14.48	15.46	16.44