

**JOLLY BOYS RETURN TO DONCASTER AFTER 10 YEARS-
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2018
Recce-28th December**



**Doncaster-St James' Bridge-Deltic 55015 Tulyar and output from the local
Tractor Factory-McCormick International-13 March 1979**

Doncaster dates back to Roman times under the name of Danum. It became strategic to the Romans due to the easy crossing of the river Don. Hitherto Ermine Street between Lincoln and York had needed ferries to cross the river further East. Eventually this became the Great North Road or A1 between London and Edinburgh. The railway followed and the Great Northern Railway established its locomotive and carriage works here known as the Plant. The works still operates undertaking refurbishment of rolling stock under the stewardship of Wabtec. Doncaster was famous for Nuttalls Mintoies, and Murray Mints-the too good to hurry mints.

It has a racecourse famous for the St Leger which is run in September and was established in 1776. Now the oldest of the classic races in the calendar. The airport-Doncaster/Sheffield flies mainly to Europe but is expanding its destinations. Formerly RAF Finningley, the station RAF badge is still displayed in the airport.

Once famous for the manufacture of tractors originally International Harvester, then McCormick International (see picture above) and finally Case IH, before that transferred to Italy in 2007.

Famous sons of Doncaster include-Douglas Bader, Brian Blessed, Billy Bremner, Jeremy Clarkson, Diana Rigg and Thomas Crapper of flushing toilet fame!

The Pubs

- 1. The Red Lion, 'Spoons. 37-38 Market, DN1 1NH**

A fine old coaching Inn which stands in the Market Place formerly serving the Great North Road. It was here that local horse breeders met to arrange the first St.Leger Horse Race in 1776.

JB Times until 10.15

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2. The White Swan 34 French Gate, DN1 1QQ. Opens 10.00

Four local beers. The pub stands on a corner.

JB Times 10.20-10.50

3.The Little Plough, 8 West Laith Gate DN1 1SF. Opens 11.00

Three local beers sold. It is on the CAMRA pub inventory as it retains its 1934 interior. A former Hewitts pub.

JB Times 11.00-11.50

4. The Leopard, 2 West Street DN1 3AA Opens 10.00 Does Food

Five real ales. Superb tiled frontage dating from its Warwick and Richardsons brewery days.

JB Times 11.55-12.45

5. Corner Pin, 145 St Sepulchre Gate West DN1 3AH Opens 12.00.

CAMRA pub of the year this year- Mainly local beers

JB Times 12.50-13.25

6. Draughtsman-Platform 3b Doncaster Station. Sells Toppings Pies.

3 Real Ales. Worth catching the next train for!

Old Waiting Room, where the original tiles were uncovered.

JB Times 13.30-----.

Train Times

Kings Cross	Dep 07.35	08.06	08.30	Doncaster	Dep 13.55	14.19
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Doncaster	Arr 09.14	09.42	10.10	Kings Cross	Arr 15.41	16.00
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Manchester Picc	Dep 08.20	09.20
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Stockport	Dep 08.28	09.28
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Doncaster	Arr 09.35	10.35
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Doncaster	Dep 13.42	14.42
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Stockport	Arr 14.52	15.52
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Manchester Picc Arr 15.03 16.03

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