

## Jolly Boys on Pilgrimage to Canterbury – 23 May 2024

No history lesson, just to say Canterbury is old and has a very old Cathedral!

Travel: trains from London St Pancras go direct to Canterbury West (don't get confused by Canterbury East as it is on the other side of Town and will involve a more complicated journey!)

On leaving Canterbury West Station turn right and go down the road to St Dunstan's St where you turn left walk down the road to North Lane turn left and you will find the **Westgate Inn (1)** – a 'spoons pub for those who want to have breakfast. Leave at 1115hrs.

On leaving the pub turn left back to St Dunstan's St cross over the river and pass through the old gate to the city and you are now in St Peter's St. Keep on in the same direction and you will find the **Cricketers (2)** (a Shepherd Neme pub but the only place we found that opened at 1100hrs!)..... Leave 1145hrs.

On leaving the pub turn right down St Peter's St over the river and you will find yourself in the High St continue down the High St until you reach Stour St on your right. Turn down Stour St and you will find the **Foundry Brew Pub (3)**. There were four of their beers on sale and the two sampled were excellent. They do provide food and could be a lunch stop – see why later. Leave at 1230hrs or later if eating.

On leaving the pub turn right and go back to the High St where you turn left, cross over to Bright Lane turn right and further down you will find the **Thomas Beckett (4)**. Beers on the day were Kent, Tonbridge and Wantsun. Lunch stop. It offers a deal of main plus drink for £10 – the drink includes the above-mentioned beers. The food on offer is limited but excellent (they do a doorstep fish finger sandwich). This is a small venue and serving us food could take time and they did want us to preorder. This would be a bit difficult as timings are always a bit fluid, and I don't want the hassle of trying to sort it out! If you are eating there, you will be responsible for your own food and drink. So as mentioned above eating at the Foundry Brew Pub might be a better option. Make your mind up on the day but there is a price difference.. Leave at 1330hrs.

On leaving the pub turn right cross over the road you come to and continue up King Street, turn right and go to the end of the road and the **Bell and Crown (5)** is on the corner on your right. Beers on the day were Long Man and Canterbury. Leave at 1400hrs

On leaving the pub turn right and walk up Palace Street until you reach Sun Street where you turn right and follow this road over the river past the Marlow Theatre and continue until you reach St Peter's Street where you turn right and walk back through the old Gate and you then have a choice, you can either walk on up the road to the **Unicorn (6)** or at Station Road turn right and get to the Station

**The Unicorn (6)** beers on the day were Iron Pier. Leave whenever.....