

York Pub Crawl Saturday May 9th 2015

Eboracum to the Romans. Jorvik to the Vikings. York to the rest of us. A town so great they named it three times.

The City of York, as I'm sure you are all aware, is an important and highly historical part of this great island nation of ours.

You can tell this just from the people who were born there! Look, two of our most famous (and infamous) "Guy's"...



Mowbray



Fawkes

It's also the birthplace to 2 of our very funniest men!

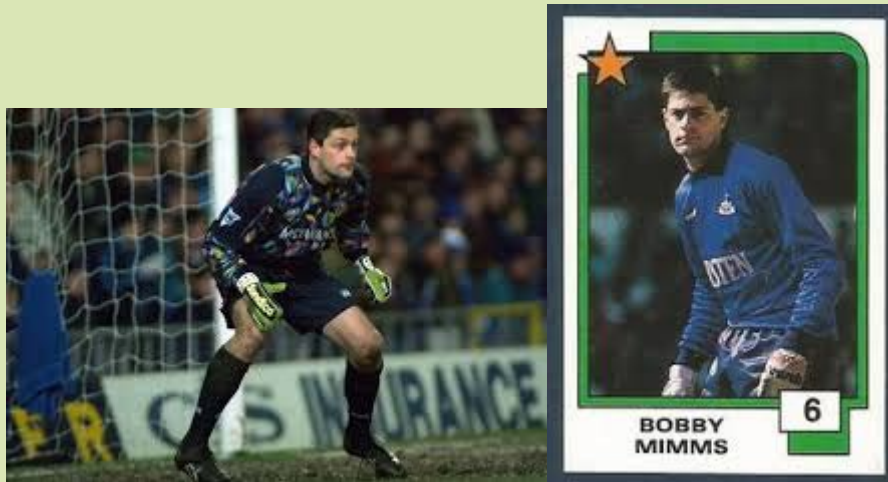


Dustin Gee



Frankie Howerd

And although this chap is currently the goalkeeping coach at World Cup winning football team West Ham United here's another comedian who was born in York!



Finally, here are a couple of nice pictures of a young Elizabeth Taylor who, although born in Hampstead, played Rebecca of York in one my favourite films – Ivanhoe



Rebecca of York from Ivanhoe

So armed with this knowledge, I think we're ready for a trip to North Yorkshire taking in trains, interesting pubs...and some beer.

We've a full itinerary so time is of the essence. Full steam ahead!



Itinerary – Saturday 9th May 2015

0900: Kings Cross Station. Board Train to York

1052: Alight at York Station

1100

York Tap

Railway Station, Station Road
YO24 1AB
Map Ref: 5C



Straight off the train and into this award winning bar converted from the old station tea rooms.

Handpumps left right and centre, a circular bar and stained glass in the ceiling domes.

We're in for a treat straight away.

If we've got time we'll have one back here before departure at 7pm!

1135

Maltings

Tanners Moat YO1 6HU
Map Ref: 4D



Situated just off Lendal Bridge this is the first pub after the train station.

It apparently has a reclaimed toilet acting as a seat somewhere in a corner of the bar.

It appears to have a large extension tacked onto the side which makes it look a bit Eastern Bloc

1215

Yorkshire Terrier

10 Stonegate YO1 8AS

Map Ref: 3E



So, in through the City walls and into one of the flagship pubs of the smashing York Brewery.

Situated on the historic street of Stonegate It looks like a sweet shop from the front but it serves beers for sure.

Road building fans will want to know that Stonegate lies 6 feet above the original Roman road "Via Praetoria"

1300

Pivni

6 Patrick Pool YO1 8BB

Map Ref: 4F



The 12th century timber building that houses Pivni used to be a travel agent.

It may have been built over a bog or even a Roman bath but no one quite knows whether Partick had the hump about this or not.

Either way, Pivni is a cutesy little bar run by the same crowd who poured our first drink at the train station (they also run the Euston Tap in London) so they're doing quite well.

1350

Last Drop Inn

27 Colliergate YO1 8BN

Map Ref: 4F



Old-school boozier serving well-kept cask ales and sausages which sounds right up our street.

Jazz, blues and folk music is a regular event at the Last Drop Inn – although not on a Saturday afternoon for which you may be relieved to hear.

“Our pub policy is NO jukeboxes, gaming machines or children, so you can relax and enjoy your drinks in peace and quiet”

So shut it.

1430

Blue Bell

53 Fossgate YO1 9TF

Map Ref: 4G



An interesting locals pubs which hit the headlines in the Daily Mail in 2013 for turning away regulars and as a result were deselected from the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the first time in 12 years. As they are in the 2015 guide I guess they've settled their differences.

To be fair to the Blue Bell it's a small pub and they were turning away Hen & Stag parties and pissed up punters on the way to the races. Might be best to perfect our Yorkshire accents before ordering...

The Blue Bell has a “nationally important historic interior”.

1530

Phoenix

75 George Street YO1 9PT

Map Ref: 6G



This pub was saved from closure in 2008 and was turned into a rejuvenated and thriving local business.

It however changed hands in March this year so if there's neon lights and pole dancing when we get there, we'll know why.

Mind you a disgruntled punter on Trip Advisor wrote in Oct 2014 that "the toilets can only be described as fetid and the lovely front bar stinks of sweat".

Let us be the judge of that!

1620

Slip Inn

Clementhorpe YO23 1AN

Map Ref: 7F



We need to go out of the city walls for this one as we'll be moving off the tourist trail. Most enthusiasts reckon this is where the best pubs are so let's see.

The Slip Inn has got two bars, a snug and a sheltered courtyard so it must have some tardis-like qualities looking at the picture.

Football results in here if we're on target.

1705

Swan

16 Bishopgate Street YO23 1AN

Map Ref: 7E



Another pub with a "nationally important historic interior".

Laid out in the traditional West Riding style it has a bar in a wide passageway and two rooms at either end of the bar. I'm expecting bags of character and a dog.



1750

Golden Ball

23 Cromwell Road YO1 6DU

Map Ref: 6E



A grade II listed boozer for our last pub of the day with a tiled bar, 3 rooms and a snug.

Another one in CAMRA's heritage pubs list this was York's first community co-operative pub and it also sells eggs.

If we're not scrambled by the time we get here we need to be leaving at 6.30pm at the latest

1840

York Tap

Railway Station, Station Road

YO24 1AB

Map Ref: 5C

*If we've made back here in time then I
will be amazed!*

*A quick half then complimentary coffee
and tea in 1st class on the way back.*



1900 Board train for Kings Cross and take advantage of the 1st class hospitality

2110 Arrive at Kings Cross

2112 Go Home.