



Firstly thank you for taking the time to read the write up and secondly thank you to those who came on the trip to York.

So, it was yet another crisp morning and the trip was still going ahead despite the weather. We didn't have to brave the cold for long as our coach arrived. It was prior to 8.30am but I understood it that Stuart was on another trip. Well what a lovely surprise, who sat in the drivers seat, no not Brian, but Stuart. I don't think Stuart realises just how much we appreciate him driving us on our trips.

It was a good journey up to York with no delays, on a lovely warm coach. Then as the door opened and we started getting off the coach the cold hit us. Brrrrrr it's so cold!!!

Everyone headed toward the centre of York, to eat drink, be merry (for those not driving) and shop until they dropped or whatever they wanted to do.

Some of us headed straight for a coffee before venturing out around the Christmas Market, Yorks quaint streets, cathedral and eating venues. Not forgetting the Railway Museum.

Angie, Barbara and Pauline went off to do a bit of shopping, peruse shops in the quaint streets and treat themselves to a meal at the Guy Fawkes Inn. Although they had a nice meal, when it came to paying the bill they were overcharged. They politely asked for the manager, after the waiter said they had to pay for it. Well.... the manager was adamant that they had to pay it too. The girls were having none of it. They asked for the deal of small portions but were given big ones. How were they to know what the Inn considered to be a big or small portion. How would anyone know about the size of their portions if they hadn't been in there before? The girls stood their ground (well done girls) and in the end the manager gave in. So if anyone has any issues with paying their restaurant bill you now know who to call.

Then there were ladies who went shopping and then tottered off to The Ivy. Another eating venue in York. Here they had a lovely meal and a glass of wine. I would like to add there were no issues with these ladies. Ha ha ha

There was the usual dash for some to go to Wetherspoons. Admittedly you can't fault the meals, service and value for money. Now, I'm not going to mention any names but as Barbara Dickson and Elaine Page would say 'You Know Him So Well'. I'm wondering if they hold shares in this business (only joking). I'm sure there wasn't much Christmas shopping done.

For those who went to the Railway Museum they enjoyed it, lots to see and as a bonus it was toasty in there. Coffee was hot and flapjacks, superb.

So, remember at the start of the day I mentioned about the bus being on time. You'll not be surprised when I tell you Stuart was well on time for the return trip. The majority of the group were on the bus chatting about their day but 5 people had not arrived. In the end we had to shut the coach door as we were getting cold. Decisions were then being made (we knew who the culprits were) do we leave them or not?

Decision was to let them on, based on the facts:

- 1) we've all done it. Ha ha ha
- 2) it's really cold
- 3) trains not running as on strike
- 4) we are nice people really and we're only joking.

All I can say it that York is a beautiful quaint city with lovely shops, cafes, and attractions. Would I go again, Yes I would.

Thank you to all for yet another lovely day out.



