B04 Leave London, heading to Cambridge then to York & York RR museum, with stop Cambridge

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Glen pointed out we should have checked that our bags made it into the luggage hold of the "coach". We were to have our bags, with tag, outside our room door by 6:30a. And breakfast and be on the bus by 8a.

Geoff handed out a map for Cambridge and gave us a history on the background development of the town of Cambridge and its universities - Cambridge & Oxford.

Cambridge is unique since it got city status without having a cathedral. In the olden days, cities developed along the old Roman Road usually with a cathedral that needed nearby population to support it. Or there was a market that defined the city.



We were the 3rd bus parked and ended up all heading to the WC (water closet). Luckily the Gents line was much shorter and Glen told me & Phoebe that there were 3 empty stalls in the Gents, so we shuttled on in. When we left, the "attendant" was stationed to keep this from happening again.



Punting in important to Cambridge.







Can we go in here?



Kinda




Corpus Christi College
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TO ALL
VISITORS





Started to rain and we scurried through the college town of Cambridge.



Geoff told us 3 signers of the US Constitution (Decl Indpendence?) went to Cambridge - 2 from SoCaro (? John Middleton, John ?) and 1 from Va



We are running a little late. The location Geoff had planned for us to stop at ended up sendng an alert on our coach driver Declan's TomTom navigation device, that there was some problem that would cause the coach to not be able to enter, use and leave the facility. So we kept going until another place was found. It didn't have what I considered edible food, no salads, and so ate 2 apples from breakfast.

Started to check out my wifi gadget from Vodaphone - I installed the app that offerred itself up online when I accessed http://www.vodafone.co.uk/help written on my receipt for purchasing 3GB at the Vodaphone store in Winchester, S023 9AS postal code.

As we drive through Locksley, Geoff points out the Sherwood Forest. G also pointed out the airport is the Robin Hood Airport here. Saw the road sign, but couldn't get a camera out in time.

Glen & I went to York RR Museum for 1.5 hours. It's great but Flying Scotsman is in the shop now. We went w Henry. At rendezvous point, chatted w ? Who mentioned a RR movie w Colin Firth, Railway Man. I now have it ordered from Netflix, expect it to be there when we get home. And watched it and it was a GREAT railroad movie.



Some folks "walked the ramparts" we chose the RR museum

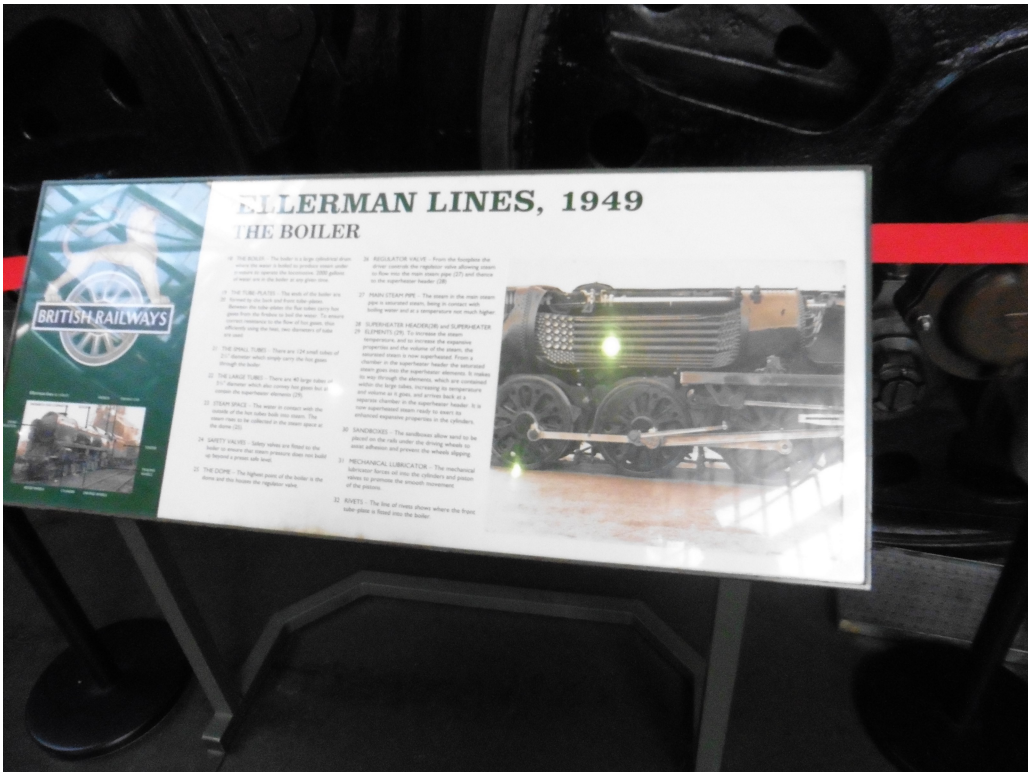




They have a HUGE roundabout indoors



There's also a locomotive with all its pipes exposed explaining how the mechanism works.





Back to meet with the group



Glen had a chance to interact with a group of ducks as we wait for the group to collect







Nice dinner at the Marriott, across from York Racetrack (horses?).



We had dinner with Chris, nice guy, Navy brat grew up on Oahu, couple of years younger than me, but **went to Barbers Point Elementary School** and used west side military beach at Wainae (sp?). Also Joanna & Karl (both camera buffs), Stephanie & Oliver (They moved from Temecula to San Marcos, right before leaving on this trip).

The numbering of rooms is quite odd. The Marriott Lobby has free wifi, in room costs $. Phoebe wanted my help getting her iPhone connected. Ron (with Trina) had told me about Lobby is free. Turns out _Lobby has a very similar 1st screen, but in small print on LHS list there's a "24 hour free wifi" that you can select.



I've been listening to book on CD from library on "Sundance, Miramax & Independent Films?". Fascinating Disney Corp (Mike Eisner) owns Miramax for most of this book, run by ?Weisman Bros w aggressive, bullying style. Checked when got home, Disney Corp no longer owns Miramax (good for Bob Iger). Finished Sunday night, move on to Americans in Paris

Next morning, our coach leaves at 10:30a, so Glen and I grab a cab from lobby to get to The Shambles. The York Minstry opens at 9a, so we have time to kill and walk around the outside. Cabbie says we can call for return ride in M&S store, free phone. We purchase snacks & get change to have smaller than 20 lb notes, say for cabbie.



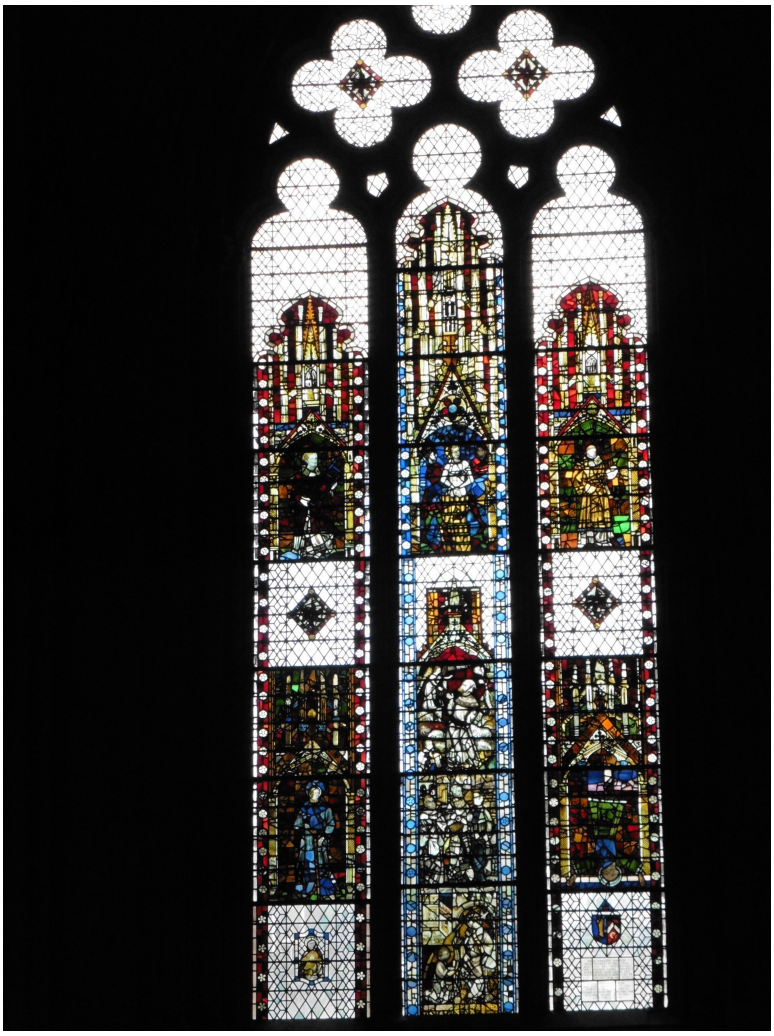
A stage of the last Tour d'France came through York, so there are yellow painted bikes in various locations as tribute.





I like the gargoyles





There has to be a story behind these headless individuals (ladies) giving semaphor signals.



Found with a google search once home -
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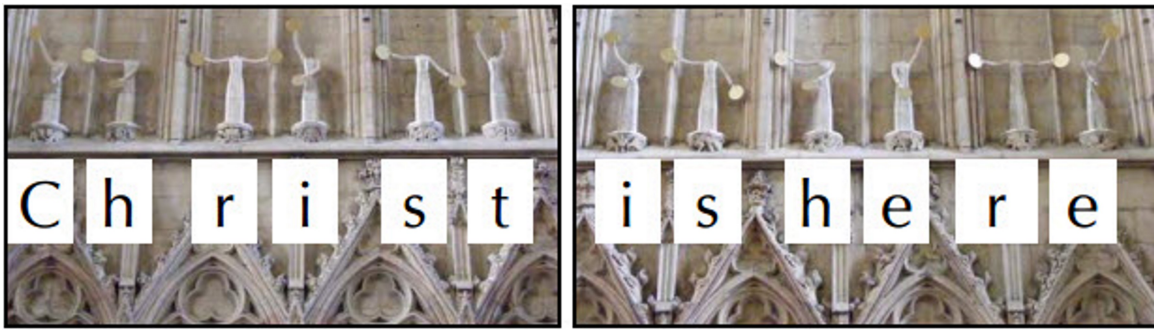

Constantine, ?320AD, Roman Emperor claimed this land and converted to Catholicism.

When our first cab let us off in the morning, told us to use the phone in the M&S store




Need a cab ?
Phone from here for free
This freephone will connect you to a local taxi company.
They will help book a cab for you.
M&S Bank
Post your M&S Card payments here





Took cab back to the hotel to pick up iPad & keyboard that I had left charging. Had a lovely breakfast and took extra fruit for lunch today.