B05 Leave York, heading to Edinburgh via Swan Pub for lunch & Hadrian's Wall

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Monday and lots more traffic on highway. Geoff tells us lots of stories on bus. Scotch invented by the Irish. Irish got to Middle East where the manufactured perfume by dis tilling flowers & fragrant stuff. Irish thought they could distill using materials they had around, wheat.

Also told us how movies got Middle Ages battles wrong. No moats since standing water causes disease. There would be walls around castle with pointy sticks covered in excrement, soldiers die slowly. Goal wasn't to kill, but wound. Takes 2 others to get wounded man off field. Also spiral stairs in turrets go clockwise to benefit the defenders swing down, with gravity, with full swing. Hard for attackers trying to work up stairs.

Stopped at Swan Pub in Heddon-on-Wall, Northumberland for lunch. Geoff set it up tp open St. Andrews Church. I found power & network to post pic of English countryside.

Next stop is Heddon-on-the-Wall, to see Hadrian's Wall.



Hadrian's Wall


Hadrian's Wall
Heddon-on-the-Wall
Hadrian's Wall was built by the order of the Emperor Hadrian, following his visit to Britain in AD 122. It was planned as a continuous wall with a milecastle every Roman mile (1.48 kilometres) and two turrets equally spaced between each milecastle. The Wall, with its defensive ditches and large forts, stretched from coast to coast, a distance of 80 Roman miles (approximately 120 kilometres or 75 miles). It formed the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire.
Hadrian's Wall is a World Heritage Site, designated by UNESCO.
Hadrian's Wall was not all built to the planned 3 metre width, perhaps to save time and resources. However, here at Heddon you can see the 'broad' Wall built as originally intended. This is the longest surviving section of 'broad' Wall, over 100 metres long. Some of the massive foundation stones weigh over a tonne each. At the west end a medieval circular kiln has been built into the Wall.



Geoff "herding"



The farmer had been out in his field and I asked first before offerring one of my carrots to the pony





Closeup on You Are Here



We ran into the Pastor of St. Andrew's Church and he invited us to visit at Heddon-on-the-Wall


ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH
CIRCA 650 AD.



The Pastor (?) invited us in and it was a beautiful, old church. He gave us a history lesson too.




SAINT GEORGE
SAINT JOAN of ARC
IN LOVING MEMORY
of
Captain HENRY BASIL KNOTT
9th Northumberland Fusiliers
who fell on the Ypres Front
on the 9th of September 1915 Also of
Major JAMES LEADBITTER KNOTT D.S.O.
who was killed in action while in command
of the 10th West Yorkshire Regiment
during the British Advance on the Somme
1st of July 1916
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The Swan

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We have entered Scotland


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Homecoming Scotland
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