

Pop & Crisps Tour by **Simon Persighetti**

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Public House - The Yorkshire Square

POP & CRISPS

Self-Guided Family Tour

Share a taste of the history of pubs and beer in this fizzy tour for children accompanied by their adults. You can bring a drink and snack with you if you like! Harper Street The trail starts on the corner of New York Street and Harper Street. In the mid 1840's you could have had a drink near here at The Green Man pub or at The Green Parrot. You may be familiar with drinks that make bubbles go pop and tickle your nose. Can you name your favourite fizzy drink?

Walk down Harper Street until you reach a pub on your left. This used to be Oliver Jakes Fish & Chip shop but it became The Crowd of Favours pub in 2017. Let's stop here to think about crisps. Did you know we are 9 miles from another Fish & Chip shop where, in 1945 Britain's original "Crinklecut" crisp was invented by Charlie Brook and his son in Bradford - Seabrook Crisps.

Watch out for cans, bottle tops and crisp packets as you make your way on this effervescent journey to the corner of Harper Street and Kirkgate and...

- The Duck & Drake. Stop at the widest part of the pavement with the metal bollards.

 As you are outside the famous Duck & Drake, it is time for a quick pub quiz.

 You can take turns asking and answering the questions:
 - 1. What is a pub?
 - 2. If you could make up a name for a pub, what would you call it?
 - 3. Can you take a horse into a pub?

Pass under the Railway Bridge and try to make a popping sound that echoes. Cross carefully to the cobbles of Wharf Street on the right and carry on until you get to Leeds Civic Trust near the end of the street.

Leeds Civic Trust

This is a place where the memories, stories and celebrations of Leeds people and places (including pubs) are valued and stored. The Civic Trust are interested in what is happening today because that becomes tomorrow's history. Right now you are making history on this street. If you can, take a photograph of yourselves and store it in your own history box.

It is time to move down the road to the end and turn right towards the crossing. Cross the road to a big warehouse, called Calls Landing.

Globe Sculpture outside Calls Landing This is actually a big round water fountain in the shape of the world but someone may have turned the tap off. So, let us call it, THE BIG BUBBLE... and a bubble is something that holds air or a gas like oxygen or carbon dioxide. What sound does a big bubble make when it bursts?

The Leeds area had a lot of pop factories: Gomersals Magpie Minerals in Morely, Ben Shaws in Huddersfield, GeeBees in Bradford, Bushfields in Guiseley, and Britvic in Bramley....OK let us pop down High Court Lane to 46 The Calls where you can find The Parklet. A nice place to sit down and read Lee's Pop & Crisps Story...

The Calls Parklet Lee from Leeds said, "As a child, my dad used to leave me outside the pub which I found very boring. Then, when I grew up, my own children used to plead with me every Sunday to take them to a certain pub in Leeds. As was the norm then, I used to leave them outside with refreshments along with the other kids. I later discovered that after they had finished their pop and crisps, they would sneak off next door to the Supermarket carpark, borrow some shopping trolleys and spend the afternoon racing their mates in them. That was why they wanted to go to this particular pub, which they enthusiastically named "The Supermarket Pub".

Grownups - do you have any early memories of pubs? Did you get pop and crisps?

- Centenary Bridge: Follow the Brewery Wharf sign and as you cross the bridge, look at the river. If the River Aire was not here, Leeds would not be here. It is the source of the city's life. Water from your taps is cleaned, but in the past people drank a weak kind of beer instead of water because the 'small beer' had been purified, by boiling river water as part of the brewing process. I suppose that means that children drank beer too because pop had not been invented yet. From here you can also see a sculpture about brewing beer...head over to the middle of the circle
- Brewery Place Water, Yeast, Malt (made from barley) and hops are the main ingredients for brewing beer. Look at these huge Barleycorns a sculpture called Steeped Vessel by Ian Randall. Leave Brewery Wharf and clip clop along Dock Street where huge Shire Horses used to pull carts of cargo down to the boats on the river or deliver barrels of beer from the nearby Tetley's Brewery. Come on, clip-clop to the Adelphi Pub on Hunslet Road.
- Adelphi Pub Stop on the cobbles near the pub and look across to Meadow Lane where, in 1767, the respected Yorkshire chemist Joseph Priestley moved next door to Jacques & Nell's Brewery. He began experimenting with the brewery gas and fumes. He collected gas from the beer fermenting tank and then pumped it into water. This created a reaction, an effervescence and bubbles up Joseph's nose. The water had a pleasant, sweet, taste caused by the gas we now call Carbon Dioxide.... Yes, here in Leeds, Joseph Priestley had invented or captured the fizzy bubbles that you find in lemonade and other fizzy pops!
- The Tetley You are nearly at the end of the trail. Go along Hunslet Road and into Brewery Yard. This was Tetley's, the biggest brewery in Leeds. They also owned hundreds of pubs. One day a giant company bought the whole brewery and said "goodbye" to the brewers and to the horses who used to deliver the famous Tetley's Beer. The giant turned the brewhouse into a bottling factory and later shut it down completely. The Tetley's pubs and all the lands have been sold. All the buildings have gone except this one which is now an Art space called THE TETLEY. Carry on past The Tetley. Can you find the last dray horse standing? In Leeds there are lots of pubs named after horses: The Hobby Horse, Bay Horse, Pack Horse, Nags Head, Horse & Trumpet.... Tell the horse a joke:

A horse walked into a pub. The bar person looked up and said: "Why the long face?" Hope you enjoyed this tour. It is now time for you to have a snack. Do you think horses like crisps or do they prefer eating hops?