

## York Arms

The York Arms very appropriately named. Really should have “welcoming” on the sign too. Then again, maybe the welcome has been omitted due to the landlords being the opposite of that. Yet if we spend our hard-earned money here, he's not going to turn down business, especially during these troubling times. And when you're most viewed comment on Trip Advisor is the one that says its “smoky, crowded, filthy carpets” and trending on Instagram as #smokycrowdedfilthycarpetsyorkpub, he wants to look as good as he can.

Yet finally a place to meet up. Although, ironically, we all congregate in the shadow of the York Minster. Not sure what the nuns would think of this. Then again, it beats meeting in the snickets behind the Church of Saint Michael's Spurriergate. Especially with the British weather. At least this gay cottage has a roof and refreshments. A more private place to start the revolution.

They say, “the long-gone days since persecution”, but we all know they're not quite long-gone. John Chesterman started the first Gay Pride march through Highbury Fields. So, we'll start the first Pride Is Not Long-Gone march. And well, ordered some chips as a tribute to Stuart Featherman, whose parents run a chippy in Acomb. We'll have the Minster bells ringing as we conduct our meetings. Then march from here via York Minster to celebrate and welcomed with open York Arms.