



We checked into a London hotel undergoing renovations for one night before heading to Dorset and Devon



We had time to explore the area around the newly renovated St. Pancras Station and the British Library



A strange bronze of Isaac Newton in the foreground, the brick box of the library with the Victorian fancy of St. Pancras looming over all



Newton....really



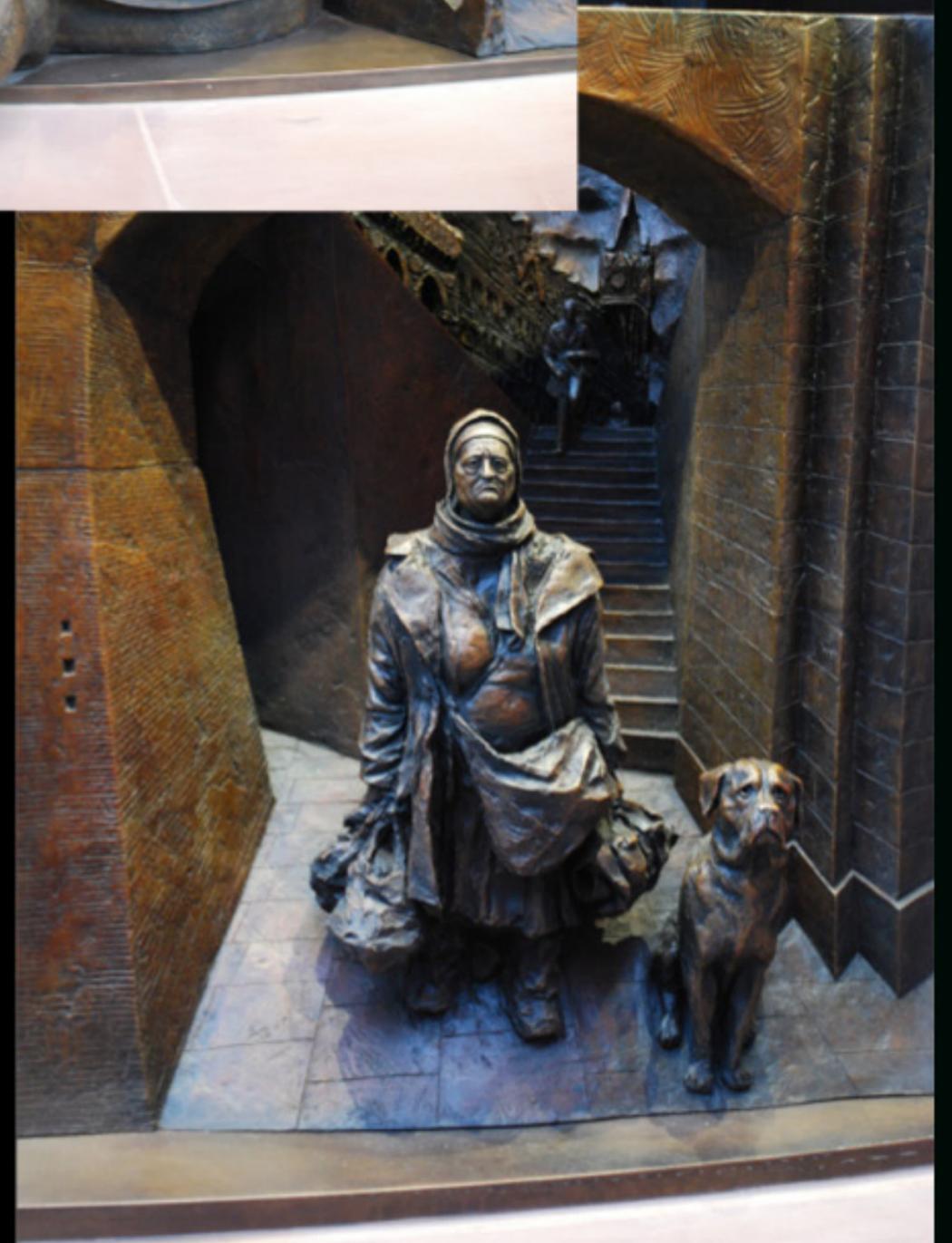
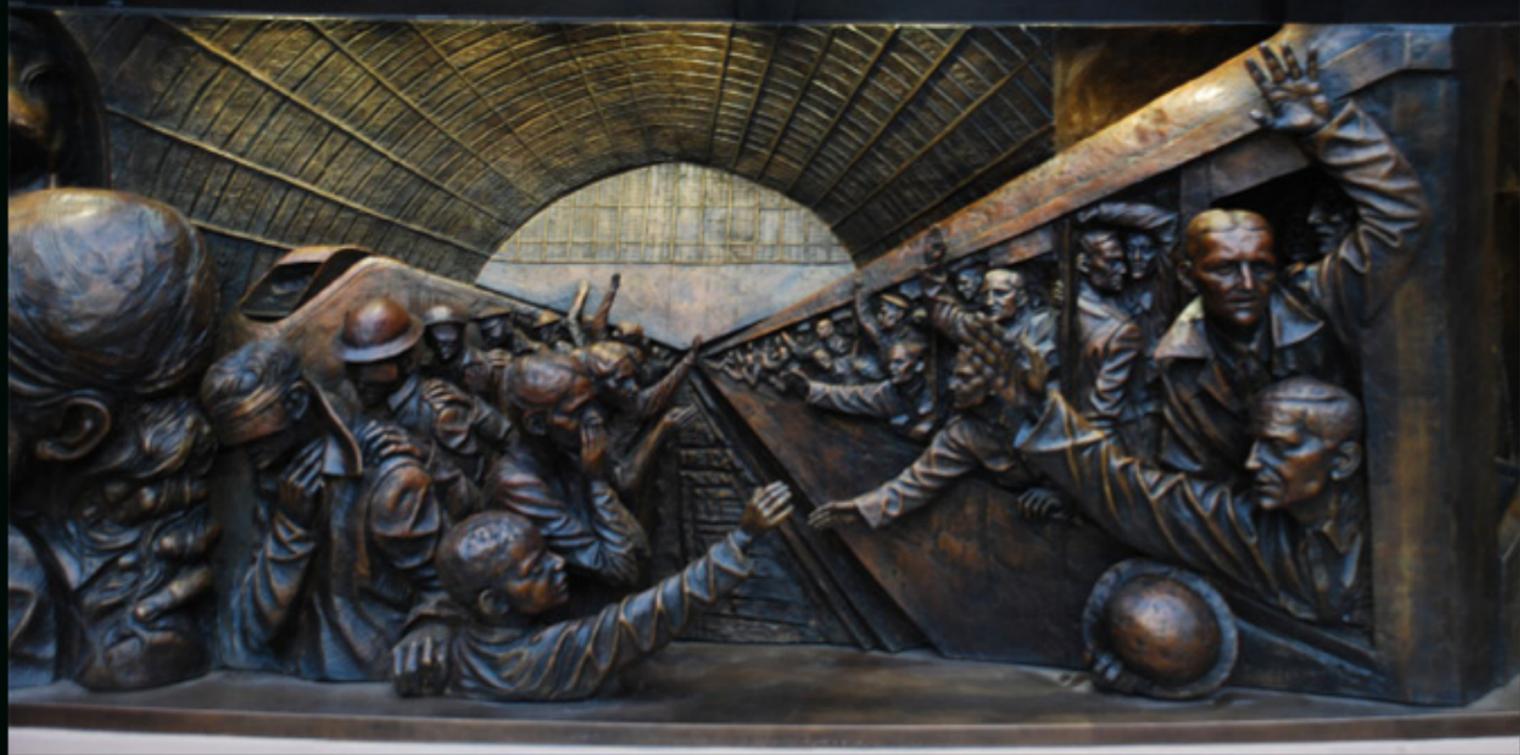


Inside the beautifully
renovated St. Pancras
Station

John Betjeman, poet,
who helped save the
station







Details on the base of the couple



Our hotel, one of several in this charming crescent



This guy is a perfect Bath citizen



Exeter Cathedral





15th Century Mol's Tea House dwarfs St. Martin's church built in 1065





Location of a lovely
dinner just round the
block from our B and
B.





HOSIERS TAILORS

OUTFITTERS GLOVERS

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LAKELAND

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A popular watering hole in Exeter for the likes of Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake



*Here where the
cliffs alone prevail
I stand exultant, neutral, free,
And from the cushion of the gale
Behold a huge
consoling sea.*

Our trip to see the cliffs that prevail, south western
England



We arrive at the Jurassic (really the Mesozoic)
Coast



Our first port of call, the Cobb seawall in
Lyme Regis









LYME'S FISH BAR
on the Beach

MENU

FISH & CHIPS
CHICKEN & CHIPS
SAUSAGE & CHIPS
PIE & CHIPS
PASTY & CHIPS
BURGER & CHIPS
CHEESY CHIPS
CHIPS

DRINKS

TEA
COFFEE
BOTTLES
WATER

No Spam and Chips?



Lyme Regis' guildhall,
one of the older
buildings in the 13th
Century town





A cool house speaking to the passage of time



We weren't going to let a little wind stop us...



...at the edge of the cliffs...



it was a real gale



... threatening to blow Steph right off!

Another coastal town, Beer





...made of the flint which has fallen out of the cliffs





Victorian cottages at the seaside

Local Crab
Sandwiches &
Fresh Fish Specials

Teas & Coffees
Served All Day













Our goal: St. Catherine's Chapel







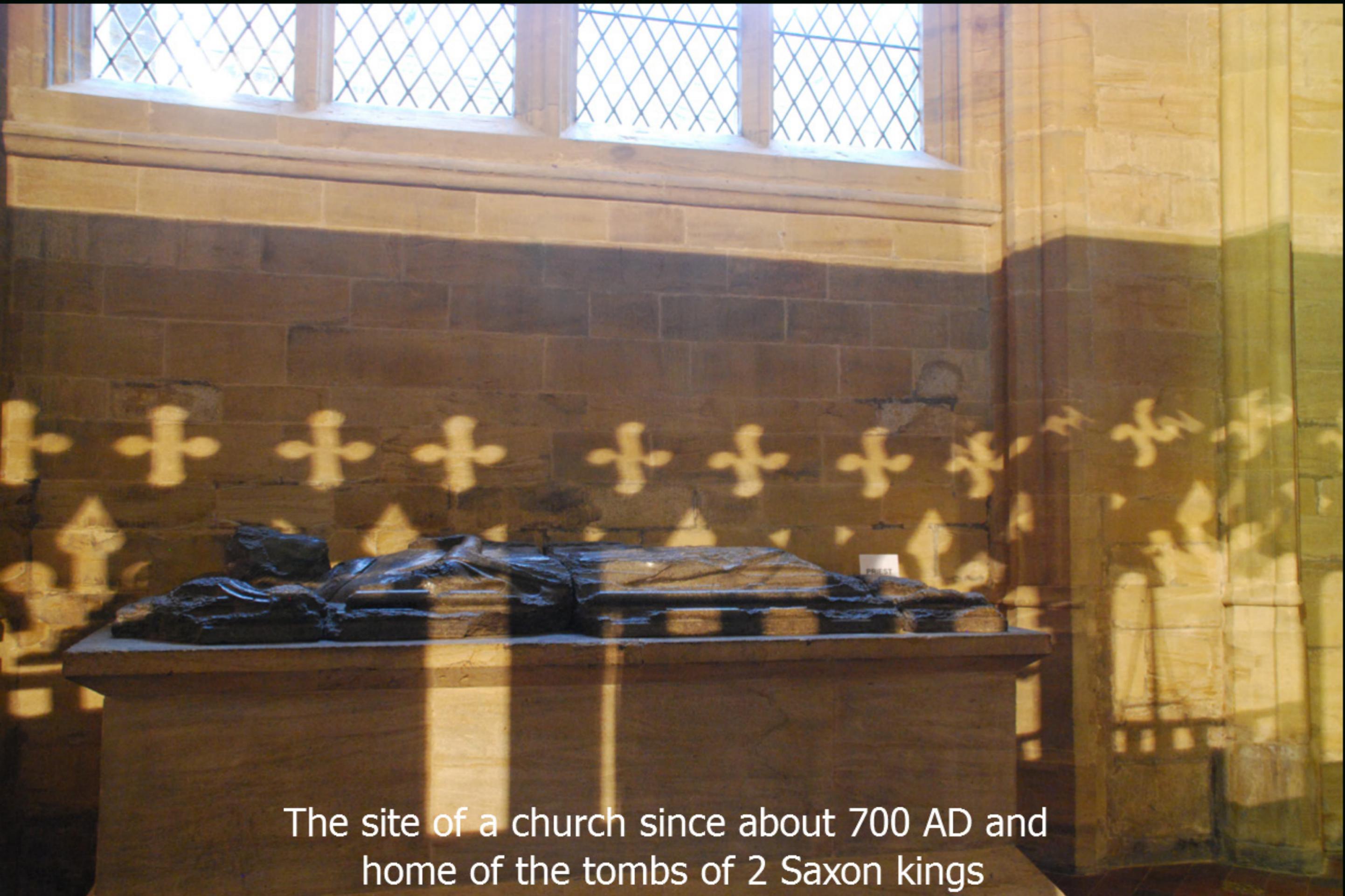


...high on a windswept hill



In the town of Sherborne, the Abbey, glowing in the setting
sun





The site of a church since about 700 AD and home of the tombs of 2 Saxon kings







A beautiful cloister near the abbey





In the countryside, rings and mounds of all sorts







A Neolithic circle
of 9 stones



And now, the geology part



Our entry
into the
Cheddar
Gorge

Formed by
water from
glacial
melting in
Wales at the
end of the
Ice Age



A brown sheep with small, curved horns is standing in a field of tall, dry grass and green plants. The sheep is facing right and looking back over its shoulder. The background is a dense thicket of similar vegetation.

These unique sheep roam the gorge at will



A popular summer attraction deserted,
and much nicer, in November



The tiny harbor of Beer surrounded by chalk cliffs



Formed from the bodies of plankton
when this was a shallow sea..



The dark lines are flint nodules,
formed when the water was deeper





We search for fossils at the base of the cliffs

Looks like Jim's found something already





Wish we could take this one home



A large ammonite, 200 million years old





Even older cliffs, west of Lyme Regis

East Devon District Council

STEAMER STEPS

CLOTHING OPTIONAL FROM
500m WEST OF THIS SIGN
(SEE NEXT BLUE SIGN)



CAUTION

Unstable Cliffs - Falling Rocks



A bit cold for the clothing thing



The cliffs are made of pebbles,
250 million years old...



...washed from
mountains in France



They cover the beach all along the
south coast of England





What do you do with an unlimited supply of pebbles?
Build with them!



Chesil Beach, at the east end of the Jurassic Coast



a 30 foot high barrier island of stones

A narrow, paved path leads through a dense forest. The path is flanked by lush green ferns and other vegetation. The trees above have thin, bare branches, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The ground is covered with fallen yellow and brown leaves. The overall atmosphere is quiet and secluded.

The "lane" leading to the village of
Eype's Mouth





Our haven in the storm, the Eype's Mouth County Hotel





Right on the coastal cliffs



To eat well in England you should have
breakfast three times a day

-Somerset Maugham



We head back to Belgium under the Channel