

Jolly Boys Visit
to
Sheffield
(The Steel City)

Thursday 22nd January 2004

The Plan

Along with the rest of the ever ageing population the Jolly Boys are no exception! This repeat visit to the Steel City is intended to visit pubs with the minimum of walking (sic!) which hopefully will prove the case especially for those with or about to have major joint replacements.

As all the pubs being visited change their beers on almost daily basis it would be pointless identifying beers which would not be available on the day – but feel sure that what is on tap will suit everybody during the course of the visit.

Culture

The visit is based around the Kelham Island / Shalesmoor area with its brewery and industrial museum all respecting the past heritage that this great city has long been associated.

The museum is home to the very last example of a Bessemer Converter (blast furnace) and the 12,000IHP River Don Steam Engine, said to be the most powerful steam engine in existence – and it still works!

Located on the edge of the museum complex is the Kelham Island Brewery where visits can be arranged for late afternoon (HSE requirement) or evenings preferably with a buffet meal in the Fat Cat (brewery tap) all for a nominal £3.50 and beer thrown in!

Trains

Its expected most (but not all) will travel via London with the option of Kings Cross or St. Pancras.

Outward

Kings Cross	07.30	09.00
Doncaster	09.17	10.35
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Sheffield	10.04	11.08

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St.Pancras	08.25	09.25
Leicester	09.35	10.35
Derby	10.00	11.03
Sheffield	10.42	11.42

Return

Sheffield	14.43	15.03	15.21	15.43
Doncaster (change)	15.18	15.36	15.56	16.37
Kings Cross	17.01	17.25	17.39	18.17

Sheffield	14.28	15.28	16.28	17.25
Derby	15.02	16.02	17.02	18.00
Leicester	15.30	16.30	17.30	18.30
St.Pancras	16.41	17.50	18.46	19.46

Itinerary

Travel from midland station by tram (Blue Route to Malins Bridge or Yellow Route to Middlewood) and alight at Castle Square.

Pub No.1

BankersDraft

This Wetherspoon's pub serves beer and breakfasts from 10.00. (On the day of our reconnoiter there were 10 pumps all serving beer and a large queue at the breakfast counter.)

Depart Castle Square at 11.45 by tram (routes as previous) to Shalesmoor (85p single).

Pub No.2

Cask & Cutler

This pub 1 minute walk from the tram stop opens at 12.00 and stocks an excellent range of beers mainly from micro breweries Leaving the C&C at 12.30 for the 5 – 8 minute walk to the next pub.

(A detour and a 'quicky' can be made en route to the next pub via The Ship in Shalesmoor. The 'quicky' in this case refers to the pub and not the ladies of the street who ply their trade in this area!)

Pub No.3

The Kelham Island Tavern

There are 8 – 10 hand pumps in this rather small but well appointed pub (which fills to capacity with office workers at lunch time who do not have to acknowledge the HSE!), where bar food/snacks can be taken.

Leave the KIT at 13.20 for the 3 – 4 minute walk to the next pub.

Pub No.4

The Fat Cat

Apart from their own beers the pub offers a range of other micro/main stream beers where again bar snacks and meal can be taken.

At this point, there are a range of options as follows:

- a) stay in the Fat Cat
- b) retrace the route back to one of the earlier pubs
- c) visit the industrial museum
- d) head back to midland station via tram from Shalesmoor
- e) 5 minute walk to the next pub

This pub should be considered optional unless you have plenty of time and prepared to walk back to midland station.

Pub No.5

Riverside

This pub has 5 hand pumps plus a good range of Belgian Beers. Walking time back to midland railway station via Nursery Street or Corporation Street is approximately 20 – 25 minutes.

Well on that note 'Cheers', 'Salute', 'Bottoms Up' or as they say in America 'Have a Nice Day and Enjoy'!!