

(Johns) Jolly Boys Trip – 16th December 2004
London SW1 – Victoria, Lord Lucan & Upstairs Downstairs

Today we commence our trip from Victoria station. For those of you seeking a breakfast there are two obvious locations. Firstly Weatherspoon's located centrally on the main station concourse between the South Central and South Eastern sections. Access from the stairway by the main W.H.Smith's, and, secondly, if a change is wanted one of the pubs to be visited today, The Talbot, pub No 2 (open from 09-00 for food). Prices for food a little dearer than Weatherspoon's.

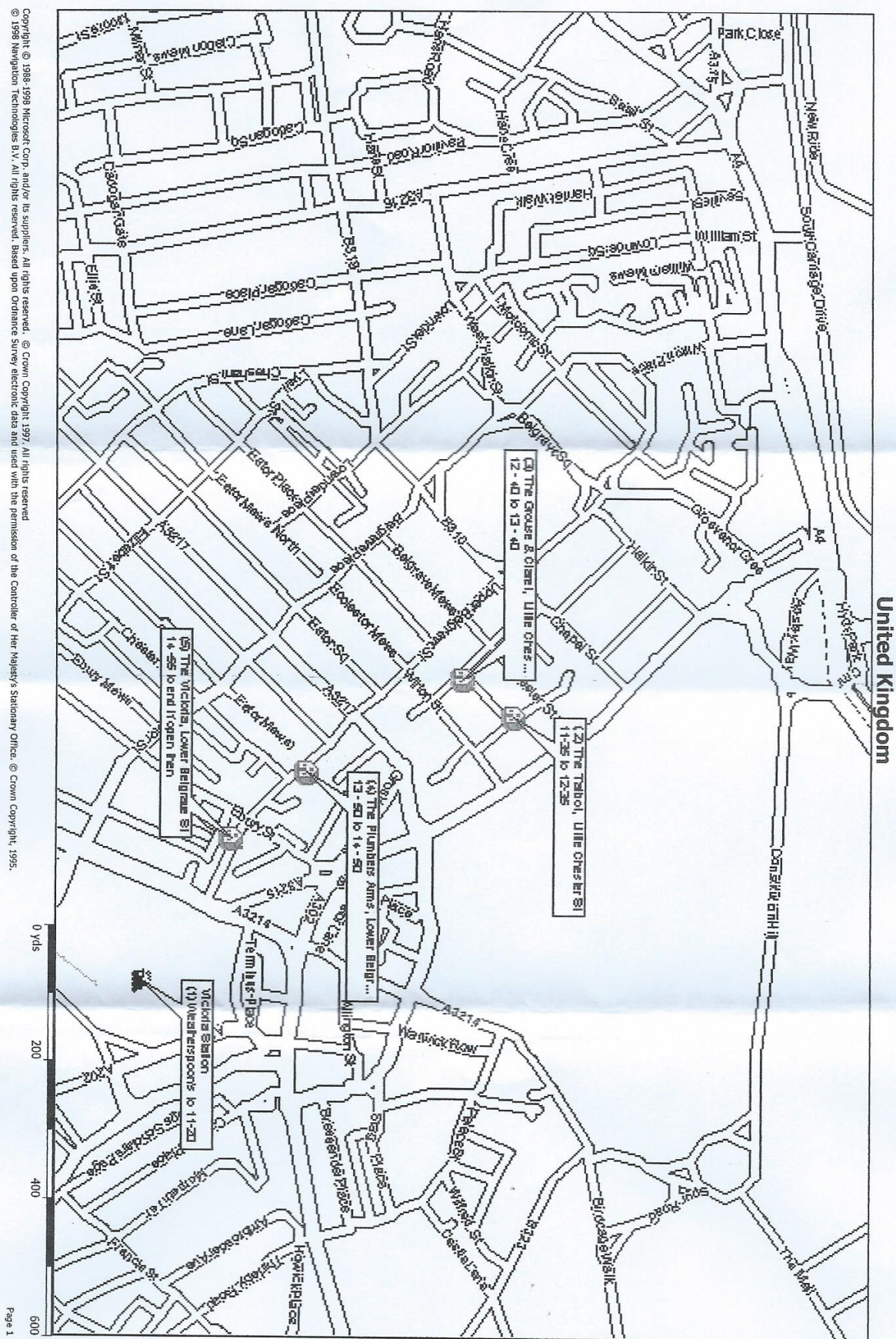
This area of fashionable Edwardian London through which we shall walk is steeped in history, look out for the blue plaques on the buildings. The Plumbers Arms, one of the pubs to be visited is where Lady Lucan screamed murder on that famous fatal night (Not I would add because the beer was either bad or overpriced).

I would have liked to have taken you to the Orange Tree Brewery but whilst the pub still remains (now Greene King) the brewery and its unique beers have disappeared.

As London Victoria is easily accessible I make no apology for omitting train timings.

Venues.

- (1). Weatherspoon's Station Concourse early till 11-20 then 12 min walk to No 2
Various beers available.
- (2). The Talbot Little Chester Street, Belgravia 11-35 to 12-35
Probably the biggest outdoor drinking area in Central London great ales and home cooked food.
Hook Norton, Greene King London Pride (5min walk to No 3)
- (3). The Grouse & Claret Little Chester Street, Belgravia 12-40 to 13-40
Lovely little pub frequented by railway men. Union meetings held upstairs
Hall & Woodhouse plus others (7min walk to No 4)
- (4). The Plumbers Arms 14 Lower Belgrave Street 13-50 to 14-50 or end
Good hand pulled real ales and beef sandwiches.
London Pride plus others. (3min walk to No 5 if required)
- (5) The Victoria 1 Lower Belgrave Street 14-55 to finish if open and required.
Recently redecorated, not visited although highly recommended.
Some say the best pub fish and chips in town
Not certain of beer range now (4 mins to Station)



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