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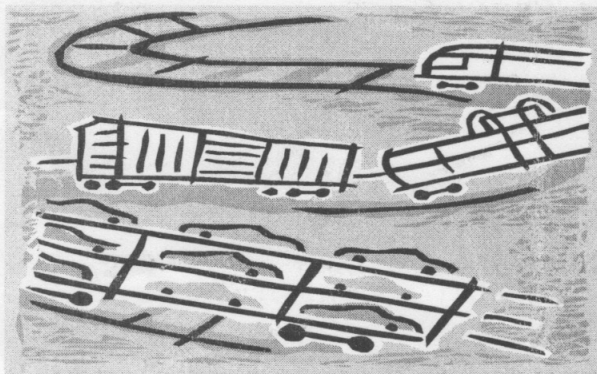
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Sussex by the Sea – Brighton 30th March 2006.

Some facts about the railway and infrastructure over which you will be travelling today -;

- (1) In 1825 a Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Somerset Railway Company

was formulated to link London, Brighton and the South Coast Ports with Salisbury.

- (2) On Tuesday, 21st September 1841 the line between London & Brighton was officially opened.
- (3) The current Brighton Station was constructed in 1882
- (4) Rastrick's Ouse Valley Viaduct (North of Haywards Heath) was finished in December 1840. The viaduct consists of two abutments and 37 semicircular arches, of a 40ft span, and varying in height from 48 – 96ft. The entire length of the viaduct is 1,475ft. Over 11,300,000 locally cast bricks were used in the structure which took 18 months to complete.
- (5) Slam door stock was finally phased out in 2005.

Your local inspector of hostelrys wishes it to be made known that in choosing the following venues he sifted through 209 locations listed on the local CAMRA'S website. **Not all of these was visited** HIC. Of those listed closer to Weatherspoons some did not open early, some were in the process of refurbishment or had long since disappeared.

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For those of you who wish to sample the J.D. Weatherspoons standard breakfast and an early pint this can be obtained at **"The Bright Helm"** in West Street **No 1 on plan**. This is located some 12 mins walk (1,000 yds) from the station. Exit station into Queens Road and walk down hill, straight over lights at the clock tower, 200 yds on on the right hand side. **Start till 11-00hrs**

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Proceed to No 2 "Waggon & Horses" 109 Church Street, walking time 4 minutes. Small Victorian pub built in 1848. On day of visit offering Adnams, Harveys Best and London Pride. Pub run by a Brighton & South Downs CAMRA member. Can get smokey. (11-05 to 11-45)

Onward to No 3 "The Lord Nelson" 36 Trafalger Street, walking time 10 mins through Brightons hippy commune area. Pub sells various Harveys beers, Armada and seasonal. (11-55 to 12-30)

No 4 "Battle of Trafalger" 34 Guildford Street, walking time 8 minutes. Chris Harbord's local when he resided in Brighton. Often frequented by both him and me when Brighton & Hove Albion played at the Goldstone Ground and got 28,000 + gates for bank holiday games against such teams as Preston North End and Aston Villa. Beers on offer on day of visit Harveys Best, London Pride, Old Hookey and Youngs Special. An extensive reasonably-priced food menu included specials board. Recommended food stop. Maximum price about £5 -50p much in the £3-4 range. (12-40 - 13-40)

No 5 "Evening Star" 55 - 56 Surrey Street, walking time 5 minutes. A full range of Dark Star beers, (7 plus 2 ciders) all brewed locally just outside Burgess Hill. Brewery received commendations from USA and has been so popular locally that they have now purchased a second pub at Lingfield, (near Haywards Heath) The Stand Up Pub (13-45 to End) Walking time to railway station 5 minutes.

Trains

Frequent services depart London Kings Cross Thameslink, London Bridge and London Victoria for Brighton. Victoria offers the fastest trains.

There are many fast and semi fast return services to the London termini averaging between 60 -70 mins. For those wish to travel via Gatwick Airport to Reading departures off Gatwick are 03 past the hour, journey time approx 75 mins. Gatwick is about 35 -40 mins from Brighton.