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Jolly Boys Outing - Leominster - 17th. August 2006

Very quite day out. All pubs very easy to reach from the station. All pubs do food.

From the 13th. to 18th. Century the fine spun wool known as Lemster Ore assured the prosperity of this attractive town in the valley of the river Lugg. The locally bred Ryelands sheep produced exceptionally good wool and helped to establish the great herds of Australia, New Zealand and South America. Leominster has many fine old buildings - medieval in the High Street, Tudor in Draper's Row, Jacobean in Pinsley Road and Georgian in Broad Street and Etnam Street. The priory church of St. Peter and St. Paul is 12th. Century.

PUBS

1. Grape Vaults, 2, Broad Street (01568 611404) GBG was open when we arrived at about 10:50. Cottage Southern Bitter £2.30, also another Cottage beer was on. ? - 1130
2. Black Horse, 74, South Street (01568 611946) GBG. Dunn Plowman BHB £1.60, Goff's Guinevere £2.20 1145 - 12.30
3. Bell, 39, Etnam Street (01568 612818) Some Pub of the Year (I think) GBG (because the local CAMRA chairman drinks there) it is OK but nothing special. Wye Valley Bitter £1.70 and especially for John Gee (nearly next to a fish and chip shop) Abbot £1 obviously this special offer may not be available when we go. 1240 - 1320
4. Chequers, 63, Etnam Street (01568 612473) Pub is being resurrected by a go ahead landlord and landlady who used to be at the Nag's Head at Malvern Links, we thought much better than 3 but they have been told they can't get into the GBG until 2008. Batham's Best Bitter, Wye Valley Butty Bache 1320 (or earlier) - ?

Times may be subject to change depending on what is available on the day and where people want to eat. Beers shown were available when we went but may obviously change over the next few months.

TRAINS

London Euston 07:13 Crewe 09:07
Crewe 09:17 Dest: Milford Haven Leominster 10:30
London Paddington 07:45 To Swansea Newport 09:29
Newport 10:04 Dest: Manchester Oxford Road Leominster 11:08

Long Eaton 06:52 Dest: Hereford Arrive 09:28
Hereford Depart 09:56 Dest: Manchester Oxford Road Leominster 10:08

Return Journey via Crewe xx09 and via Newport xx31

I'll leave you to work out any connections. The above trains are correct according to the new summer timetable.

The BGs - 19th. May 2006.