

# Jolly Boys visit to Basingstoke

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When recently travelling home from Winchester the Virgin Cross Country train manager announced as follows :-

*“Welcome to those passengers who have just joined this Virgin Cross Country service to Newcastle – The next station stop is Basingstoke. However, nobody has yet explained to me why anyone would ever want to get off there! ”*

Well ; here are a couple of reasons:-

- 1. Queens Arms (CAMRA) :** Bunnian Place – Wadworths, Courage and Guest Ales  
Just outside main downside station exit (2 mins) Open 11-11
- 2. Wetherspoons – Maidenhead Inn -** Winchester Street – through town centre to top of town – Turn right at Town Hall ( 10 mins from 1)
- 3. The Bounty -** Bounty Road – Deuchars, Speckled Hen, Old Peculiar (3mins from 2)  
Open 12 -3
- 4. Basingstoke and N. Hants Cricket Club – Club House at Ground. (CAMRA)**  
Various Ales (2mins from 3) Open 12 -3  
**N.B.**  
It apparently helps to wave the odd CAMRA membership card around as these are in theory required for entry. However those without are unlikely to be turned away. If card carrying JB's would bring along there membership cards it would help.
- 5. Return to pub 1 –** Optional : adjacent to the station if further sustenance is required or you have just missed your train.

For those who require Breakfast there is a Lloyds Bar situated in the Town Centre – (Festival Place) which is nearer than Wetherspoons, Maidenhead Inn

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