

Jolly Boys Visit To Horsham - 31st. January 2008

Horsham close by the Sussex/Surrey border is an ancient town dating back to well before 1200AD, and the establishment of the Jolly Boys or so we believe!

After some 150 years of brewing in the town the King & Barnes Brewery finally closed its gates in 2000 having been 'acquired' by Hall and Woodhouse. Fortunately the brewing tradition continues with two independent brewers - W.J. King & Co. formerly of King & Barnes Brewery and Hepworth & Co.

The Plan

1. Wetherspoons - The Lynd Cross, St. John's House, Springfield Rd., RH12 2PG. Tel. 01403 272393. Town centre offers the usual breakfast and pre-skirmish drinks - about 10-15 minutes walk from the station. Leave here at 10.55.
2. The Malt Shovel, 15, Springfield Rd., RH12 2PG. 1100-2300. 01403 254543. www.maltshovel.com Full range of beers (on the day of visit Gales HSB, 6X, Spitfire, Tetley's, Young's Special, Flowers and Breakspeares). Bar food is available for those running late or those still feeling hungry. We will leave at 11.50 and walk for 5 minutes to the
3. Stout House, 29, Carfax. Hall & Woodhouse sells Badger, Tanglefoot, Sussex. The friendliness of the landlord more than made up for the small range of beers. Leave here at 12.45 walk 5 minutes to the
4. Black Jug, 31, North St., RH12 1RJ. 1200-2300. 01403 254543. www.blackjug-horsham.co.uk. Very popular with local office workers and does get busy at lunch times. On the day of our visit Ringwood, Harvey's, Greene King, Holt and Jennings were available. There is an excellent selection of pub meals and bar snacks to suit all tastes. At this point there are 3 options
 - a. Staying put to sample some more
 - b. Going back to Horsham station - 4 minutes walk
 - c. Visit the
5. Bedford House, 8, Station Rd., (Behind Horsham Station). On the day of our visit King's Spring, Fuller's London pride, and Hepworths. This pub is only recommended if you have missed the train or want to shelter from the rain.

Trains

	Vic	Ton	Vic	L/Bdge
	xx.02	xx.08	xx.33	xx.33
Gatwick Airport	xx.40	xx.55	xx.08	xx.23
Three Bridges	xx.44	xx.10	xx.14	xx.29
Horsham	xx.56	xx.16	xx.26	xx.47
Horsham	xx.20	xx.32	xx.50	xx.00
Three Bridges	xx.32	xx.48	xx.02	xx.18
Gatwick Airport	xx.37	xx.52	xx.07	xx.22
	xy.18	xy.39	xy.44	xy.12

Trains via Epsom/Dorking are very sparse outside peak periods but there is a train that leaves Epsom at 0902 and Dorking at 0917 arriving Horsham 0938.

A return train leaves Horsham at 1504, Dorking 1525 arriving Epsom at 1541. Please check with National Rail Timetable for any changes to this service.