

JOLLY BOYS TRIP TO LEEDS-28TH AUGUST 2008



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closed finally in 1967 with the closure of Leeds Central the ER services were also diverted into Leeds City via Gelderd Road curve.
The population of the urban area was 443,247 in the 2001 census.

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The Pubs

1. Wetherspoons Leeds Station. This is in the top left corner on walking through the original 1938 concourse towards the Queens Hotel which fronts the station.

Early Birds breakfast. . There is another Wetherspoons (Becketts Bar) in Park Row (Left hand side)-straight ahead from the Station/Queens Hotel

JB Times----until 10.45

2. Victoria Family and Commercial, 28 Great George Street-about 15 minutes walk from Leeds Station. Behind Leeds Town Hall-(0113 245 1386)

Hours 10.00 -22.00. Splendid old Victorian pub does food. Had Taylors Landlord, Whitstable Bay, Batemans Jester, Barnsley Bitter and Barnsley Gold and Tetley Mild and Tetley Bitter on day of recce

JB Times 11.00-11.40

3. Town Hall Tavern, 17 Westgate, very near the Town Hall (0113 245 3960) less than 5 mins from no.2. Timothy Taylors pub and had 5 of their beers on also a draught scrumpy. Food served 11.30-14.00. Recently refurbished in a tasteful manner.

JB Times 11.45-12.30

4. Mr Foleys (formerly Dr. Okells), 159 The Headrow.(0113 2429674) 2 minutes from no. 3. on same side of the road opposite Leeds City Library. Formerly the Pearl Assurance Chambers-Interesting layout with drinking areas on different levels. Now the York Brewery's first pub outside York.. Therefore has Several York Brewery ales, including-Yorkshire Terrier, Centurians Ghost and Guzzlers, plus other real ales on handpump. Food available.

JB Times 12.35-13.15

5. Whitelocks First City Luncheon Bar, Turks Head Yard.(0113 245 3950) In an alley way off the right hand side of Briggate going down. 10 minute walk from no. 4. Despite the name this is a splendid old pub 1715 (one of the oldest in Leeds). A fine interesting old bar top. Excellent food menu. A good choice of local real ales.

JB Times 13. 25-14.10

6. For those wishing to sample further, there is the **Scarborough Hotel** Bishopgate Street,(0113 243 4590) 5 minutes walk from no. 5. literally opposite Leeds Station on the road which passes directly under it.Named after renowned Theatre impresario-Henry Scarborough in late 1890's
Tetleys and five other local real ales. Does food.

JB Times 14.10-----

Trains