



City of Bradford



London & North Eastern Railway – B17/4 Class 4-6-0 – No. 2867, 'Bradford'
Designed by H.N. Gresley. Built by Robert Stephenson & Co., Darlington 1937

JOLLY BOYS TRIP TO BRADFORD THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2009

Bradford's origins pre-date the Norman Conquest being named Broad Ford a crossing of the Bradford Beck a small stream rising in the Pennines. There is no river as such in Bradford.

Bradford like Leeds owes its development to the Industrial Revolution. Its principle trade was wool but with plentiful supplies of coal, iron and soft water it soon grew as an industrial centre in its own right. During the Victorian age it became known as the 'wool capital of the world' famous particularly for worsted cloth and Alpaca.

By the 1830's the population was over 100,000.

The first railway arrived in Bradford at Market Street in 1846 courtesy of the Leeds and Bradford Railway from Leeds via Shipley. It had been taken over by the Midland Railway by 1853 and was called Forster Square Station in 1924. The second arrival was the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway which got to Low Moor in 1848 via Mirfield and Liversedge and together with the line from Halifax via Bowling Tunnel reached Drake Street Station in 1850-renamed Exchange in 1867. The third railway to arrive in Bradford was the Leeds Bradford and Halifax Railway (later the Great Northern) which terminated at Adolphus Street in 1854 having come from Leeds via Bramley. Adolphus Street became a goods station after 1867 when the GN services began sharing Exchange Station by running in via St Dunstons.

Today electric services from Leeds and Ilkley serve Forster Square Station (120 yards nearer St. Pancras since 1990) and diesel services serve Exchange now approx 170 yards nearer Low Moor (since 1973) and called Interchange and serves Leeds via New Pudsey and Manchester via Halifax etc.

Famous sons of Bradford include – J.B. Priestley, Delius, Samuel Lister, Michael Rennie and Albert Pierrepont-the last hangman!

Wm. Morrisons Supermarkets began in Bradford as an egg and butter merchants in 1899.

Sir Titus Salt who built Saltaire was famous for his woollen mills in Bradford and employed 3,500 people, for whom he built Saltaire in the Aire Valley. He was anti drink and there is a bar in Saltaire today called “Don’t Tell Titus.”

Bradford is infamous for several things including the famous Bradford Sweet Poisoning when 20 people died after eating Humbug Billy’s peppermint humbugs wrongly made with arsenic in 1858!

There were race riots in 1995 and again in 2001, and in January 1989 copies of Salman Rushdie’s book Satanic Verses were burned in the streets.

Bradford supported Parliament during the Civil War and Oliver Cromwell’s statue adorns the City Hall. Enjoy!

THE PUBS

1. **Sir Titus Salt. Wetherspoons.** Unit 8, Windsor Baths, Morley St., BO7 1AQ, 01274 732853. Former swimming baths Behind Alhambra Theatre. Opens 09.00. About 7 mins walk from Interchange Station-exit on bus station side. Had 8 handpumps of mainly unusual ales not from the locality.

JB Times until 11.20

2. **City Vaults,** 33 Hustlergate. Opens 10.30, food served from 11.30. 5 real ales on my visit, including Copper Dragon

JB Times 11.30-12.05

Then 7 or 8 minute walk to Interchange bus station for a 615 or 616 bus (12.15-615 or 12.30-616) 6 or 7 minute bus ride to Preston Street. Option to get taxi from Broadway only about £3.

3. **Fighting Cock** 21-23 Preston St. BD7 1JE.01274 726907 Opens 11.30
JB Times 12.30-13.20

Reasonable looking food menu. Good choice of real ales.

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Then no. 636 or 637 bus back from Listerhills Road-just at the end of Preston St. Every 10 mins. At 13.17/27 etc.. Alight at Lower Kirkgate and proceed up Bolton Road- about 6 mins walk. Or get taxi from pub to the Corn Dolly.

4. **Corn Dolly**, 110 Bolton Road BD1 4DE. Opens 11.30. Food served 12.00 until 14.00

JB Times 13.40-14.00

5. **Shoulder of Mutton** 28 Kirkgate, BD1 1QL 01274 726038. Former Coaching Inn. Opens 12.00. Bustling pub-Hardly surprising-Sam Smiths OB Bitter £1.50!

JB Times 14.10---

TRAINS

Outwards

KX	07.10	07.35	08.10
Leeds	09.36	09.46	10.21
Leeds	09.51	10.08	10.51
Bradford Interchange	10.11	10.28	11.10

Return

Bradford Forster Square	13.31	14.01	14.31	15.01
Leeds	13.54	14.24	14.53	15.24

or

Trains depart from Bradford Interchange at xx05, xx19, xx 34 and xx50 Due Leeds xx27, xx39 xx58 and xx16 resp. But is less convenient from the last pub.

Crewe	08.28	Leeds	14.08	15.08	15.33
Man Picc	09.15	Man Picc	15.05	16.05	16.36
Man Picc	09.26	Man Picc	15.30	16.30	16.55

Leeds	10.22	Crewe	16.06	17.08	17.27
Long Eaton	08.03	Derby	08.42	Leeds	14.10
Derby	08.20	Leeds	10.02	Derby	15.28
			Long Eaton	16.19	

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