

JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO OTLEY & ILKLEY-THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2009

Otley is an old medieval town with a part Norman church, in the churchyard of which is a model of Bramhope railway tunnel on the line from Leeds to Harrogate. It is a monument to the men who died building the tunnel in 1845/49. Chippendale of furniture fame was born here

Ilkley was originally a Roman fort called Olicana. The Anglo Saxon manor house is built with Roman stones from the fort. Like Harrogate Ilkley was a fashionable spa town in Victorian times. It stands at the gateway to Wharfedale and the Yorkshire Dales. The Moor above the town gave rise to the famous folk song!

The railway arrived in both Otley and Ilkley in 1865 via the North Eastern at Arthington Junction on the line from Leeds to Harrogate. It joined the Midland Railway at Burley in Wharfedale. The Midland extended its line from Ilkley to Skipton in 1888. The line between Arthington Jn , Otley and Burley and beyond Ilkley closed in 1965. The Yorkshire Dales Railway between Bolton Abbey and Embsay occupies part of the closed section between Ilkley and Skipton

THE PUBS

1. Junction Inn Otley 44 Bondgate, LS21 1AD Tel 01943 463233. Opens 11.00 Has a good selection of real ales from around the country. Does not do food but you can bring your own in and there is a bakers nearby JB Times :- 11.10-11.50

2. The Bay Horse Otley, Market Place, LS21 3AQ-Tel 01943-468721 Unspoilt locals pub serving the most wonderful beef or pork and dripping sandwiches on large slices of brown bread at £1 each! Real ales are Tetley and three guests. Taylors Landlord, Saltaire and Adnams on our visit.

JB Times :- 12.00-12.35

3. The Riverside Hotel Ilkley, Riverside Gardens, Bridge Lane LS29 9EU-Tel 01943-607338 Does food lunchtime.

JB Times :- 13.10-13.40

4. Bar t'at, Ilkley ,Cunliffe Road LS29 8DE-Tel 01943-608888' Had 8 real ales on our visit.

JB Times 13.50-14.15

5. The Yard, 30A Brook Street, LS29 8DE,-Tel 01943-609606 If required JB Times 14.20-?

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Kings Cross Dep07.35Leeds Arr09.46Leeds Dep10.02 or 1032 (Ilkley Train)Menston Arr10.17 or 10.47Bus no.967 (First Group) Outside Station on Down SideMenston Dep10.22 or 10.52Otley Bus Station Arr 10.31 or 11.01

Not aware of any pubs open before 11.00.

Bus no. X84 (First Group) Otley Bus Station Dep 12.40 Ilkley Bus Station Arr. 13.00 Ilkley Railway Station Dep 14.40 or 15.10

Leeds Railway Station Arr 15.10 or 15.40

Leeds Dep 15.40 or 16.05

Kings Cross Arr 17.46 or 18.24