

## Jolly Boys visit Woodbridge 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011

According to my records the last time we visited Woodbridge was in July 2001. The town has not changed much since then, in fact it has probably not changed much for the last hundred years or so.

The Woodbridge Tide Mill is perhaps the best known symbol of the town. It may be one of the earliest Tide Mills in the UK. First recorded in 1170, operated by Augustian Canons. It passed to King Henry V in 1536, then in 1564 Queen Elizabeth 1 granted the mill to Thomas Seckford. It was certainly the last working Tide Mill in the UK, the wheel last turned in 1957 when the 22" square oak main shaft broke. You can see the Tide Mill from the station footbridge.

**Getting there:** There is now an hourly train service to Woodbridge but there are no through trains, all start from Ipswich. Trains depart Ipswich at xx.13 arriving at Woodbridge at XX.32. Trains should connect with those leaving Liverpool St. at xx.00. i.e. the 09.00 train connects with the 10.13 from Ipswich arriving at Woodbridge at 10.32. (In an emergency there is an hourly bus service, No. 165 by Anglian Busses, this leaves from the front of Ipswich station leaving at xx.30 taking about 40 minutes, twice as long as the train.)

Route from the station to pub No. 1 - Leave station, cross the forecourt to the main road, turn left and keep walking. The pub is on the left opposite Nottcuts garden centre. Just under 10 minutes walk.

### **Pub No. 1 The Cherry Tree 73 Cumberland St. IP12 4AG Tel. 01394 384627 In 2011 GBG**

Opens for breakfast at 7-30, bit more expensive than Wetherspoons, varies from £4.70 - £7.25

The bar opens at 10.30 until late. They stock a full range of Adnams beers plus 3 or 4 guests.

Suggest JB's times 10.40 to 11.30

### **Walk to pub 2 about 10 mins. Pub No. 2 The Old Mariner 26 New St. IP12 1DX (01394 382679) In 2011 GBG**

Opens 11.00 to 15.00 Pubmaster pub with varied beer selection from 5 hand pumps  
JB's times 11.40 to 12.30

(For JB's arriving on the 11.30 train : leave station across the forecourt. Cross the main road and go up Quay St., proceed up the hill and turn right into The Thoroughfare, in about 100 yards bear left past Laura Ashley and across the car park. Turn left and keep left, the pub is on the right. Walking time from the station about 10 mins)

### **Walk to Pub 2a under 5 mins. Pub 2a The Old Bell & Steelyard 103 New St. IP12 1DZ**

Opens 12.00 to 15.00 A Green King pub with only their beers.

Probably worth a short stop just to see the interior, reckoned to be the oldest pub in the town.

### **Walk to Pub 3 about 5 mins. Pub 3 The Angel 2 Theatre St. IP12 4NE Tel. 01394 383808**

Opens 12.00 to 15.00 Varied selection of beer from 4 hand pumps (the landlord offered to tap a barrel in the cellar for us if we fancied a particular beer he was about to put on)

For the eaters suggest we use this pub for lunch. Food is quite expensive( starts about £5 for rolls and £9 for meals) this seems to be the case all over town, but after all it is Woodbridge!

JBs times 12.50 to 14.00

Walk to Pub 3a under 5 mins. **Pub 3a The Kings Head 17 Market Hill IP12 4LP**

Opens 12.00 to 15.00 An Adnams pub with just their range of beer but again a very old building which is probably worth another short stop.

Walk to Pub 4 about 10 mins. **Pub 4 The Anchor 19 Quayside IP12 1BX**

Opens 12.00 until late

This a another Green King pub with their range of beers but the attraction is it is right opposite the station for trains home.

Another option of course is to return to Pub No.1 which is only about 10 mins walk.

**Going Home** : Trains leave Woodbridge hourly for Ipswich at XX.18

