

## **Jolly Boys to Nottingham (Beeston) – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

For the first trip of 2012 we will be going to the Nottingham suburb of Beeston.

**Beeston** is 3.4 miles southwest of Nottingham city centre. To the immediate northeast is the University of Nottingham's main campus, University Park. The pharmaceutical and retail chemist group Boots has its headquarters on a large campus just 1 km east of the centre of Beeston. To the south is the River Trent, Attenborough and its extensive wetlands.

See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beeston,\\_Nottinghamshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beeston,_Nottinghamshire) for lots more details!

### **Travelling from/to London**

London St Pancras	d	08:15	08:30	09:15	09:30
East Midlands Parkway	a	09:45		10:45	
East Midlands Parkway	d	09:54		10:54	
Beeston	a	10:02	10:17	11:02	11:16

Beeston	d	13:08	13:24	14:08	14:24	15:08
Derby	a		13:48		14:47	
Derby	d		14:01		14:47	
London St Pancras	a	14:59	15:34	15:59	16:33	17:00

As usual the rest of you from different parts of the county can work it out for yourselves. There are frequent services from Nottingham and Derby.

### **The Tour**

(See map for references to letters)

From the station exit up the steps onto Station Road. Turn left and walk up Station Road over 2 main roads (Queens Road and Middle Street). Keep on past the bus station to the pedestrianised street (Chilwell Road). This takes 10 – 15 minutes. Turn left and 100 yards in front of you is:

#### **A – The Last Post, Chilwell Road, NG9 1AA**

<http://www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-last-post>

This is the Weatherspoons in Beeston. We will be here from arrival time to 11:30 (as that is when the next pub opens). It was the old main post office in Beeston. A range of 8 real ales on my visit.

Leave at 11:30 and walk back down Chilwell Road. Cross over and continue down pedestrianised High Road until you get to Union Street. 20 yards down Union Street is:

**B – Malt Shovel, 1 Union Street, NG9 2LV**

Opens 11:30 but no food until 12:00 (when we leave). 5 real ales.

Stay until 12:00 (ish) then retrace steps past the Last Post. Continue down Chilwell Road. Turn left down Middle Street to reach:

**C – The Crown, Church Street, NG9 1FY**

[http://www.everards.co.uk/pubs/crown\\_inn\\_173/](http://www.everards.co.uk/pubs/crown_inn_173/)

This is East Midlands (not just Nottingham) Camra pub of the year for 2010 and is the current Nottingham Camra pub of the year. Opens at 12:00.

14 real ales available but only cobs/snacks for food.

Stay here until 1:00 pm. If people have restless legs then I could guide you down Chilwell Road to the Hop Pole but it isn't as good as the Crown.

Leave at 1:00pm. Cross Middle Street and walk down Dovecote Lane to:

**D – The Victoria, 85 Dovecote Lane, NG9 1JG**

[http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk/general\\_information/](http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk/general_information/)

This is right next to the station (over the footbridge). Generally 12 different real ales it also offers a Camra discount. Main food stop either offering rolls etc or a very good range of home cooked food. Stay here until it is time to go home.

