

JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO COLCHESTER THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2012



Culture:-

Colchester Castle is the biggest Norman Castle keep (Not Roger) in Europe and was built from about 1076 for William the Conqueror. The castle stands on top of the foundation podium of the great Roman temple of Claudius which was erected here following his death in AD54.

Colchester is also the oldest recorded town in Britain even older than the J.B's☺

Directions:

There are plenty of trains that run to Colchester from Liverpool Street, these are the fast ones;

Train times from Liverpool Street to Colchester

Liverpool St Depart	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00
Colchester Arrival	09:22	09:46	10:27	10:46

Colchester Depart	09:41	09:56	10:41	10:56
Colchester Town	09:49	10:03	10:49	11:03

Train times from Colchester to Liverpool Street

Colchester Depart	14:30	15:03
Liverpool St Arrival	15:17	15:55

*** - It might be a good idea to double check on all train times as we have a new provider.**

If you prefer to catch a bus from Colchester main station to the town centre you can either come out of the downside / main entrance and walk down the approach road and then turn right under the bridge and the bus stop is on the opposite side of the road (North Station Road). Most buses go to the town centre from there. If you come out of the upside you don't have to go under the bridge, just walk down the approach road and crossover North Station Road.

The Pubs:

The Play House (Wetherspoons) 4 St John's Street, 01206 571003

Opens: 09:00AM

J.B's Times: Up until 11:00AM

Info: Formally an old Theatre / Cinema / Bingo Hall.

Fox and Fiddler (Free house) – 1 St John's Street, 01206 560520

Opens: 11:00AM

J.B's Times: 11:05AM to 11:40AM

Info: Mighty oak plus seasonal guest beers. Food available, historic town centre pub dating from 1420

Hospital Arms – 123-5 Crouch Street, 01206 542398

Opens: 12:00PM

J.B's Times: 11:50AM to 12:30PM

Info: Locally known as Ward 9 as it's opposite the hospital and used by staff and patients alike. Changing selection of guest beers and permanent Adnams house beers. Food also available.

*** - Since there is a bit of a walk from the Hospital Arms you can catch Bus 65 from outside if you prefer.**

Victoria Inn – 10 North Station Road, 01206 514510

Opens: 12:00PM

J.B's Times: 12:45PM to 1:20PM

Info: This has been a pub since 1859 but has only been a decent real ale pub for 2 years. The owners have brought the lease so therefore it's a free house. Offers a selection of beers when I visited, No Food.

Bricklayers – 27 Bergholt Road, 01206 852008

Opens: 11:00AM (Closes 3:00PM)

J.B's Times: 1:30PM to Closing

Info: CAMRA Colchester town pub of the year 2011. Adnams house with 8-9 ales including guest beers. Food available.

Map:

