



Above: A Swindon-built Six-car "Inter-city" diesel multiple-unit crossing Saddleworth Viaduct on the Manchester-Leeds "Trans-Pennine" service 51951 LEADING

Remember these?

### **THE JOLLY BOYS TRANSPENNINE TOUR THURS 4TH JULY 2013**

This JB trip takes you through some beautiful Pennine scenery on the LNWR route from Leeds to Manchester via Diggle. This was the third transpennine route to open in 1849 after the Lancashire & Yorkshire route via Hebden Bridge in 1841, and the Sheffield, Ashton under Lyne & Manchester route via Woodhead in 1845. It was followed in 1863 by the Midland route via Millers Dale and the Midland via the Hope Valley in 1893. The fourth longest railway tunnel in the UK is on the Diggle route at Standedge and is 3 miles 60 yards long. It is unique in this country in being the only tunnel in which were once located water troughs. The Huddersfield Narrow canal tunnel runs beside the railway tunnel and there are cross adits between the two, which were used for the removal of spoil during the railway tunnel construction.

### **PORTS OF CALL**

#### **A. Wetherspoons Leeds Station-at the far end of the restored 1930's Leeds New Station building-in the left corner.**

Early bird's breakfast option -leave in time to catch 10.25 train to Dewsbury (FTP-usually from platform 16A) due Dewsbury at 10.36.

Walk down the hill (Bond Street) to :-

**1. The Principle (opens 09.00). Opposite The Time Piece Wetherspoons in Northgate Dewsbury. (See Map)**

It is a Smith & Jones, with only 2 real ales on the recce (Marstons EPA and Courage Best). BUT it is a good English breakfast option at £1.99p. Also the Marstons EPA, which was tasty was only £1.79p. Otherwise go in the Time Piece opposite for a better choice of real ales.

Then depart either at 11.10 in time for one in

**2. The West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms on Dewsbury Station before catching the 11.36 TPE train to Huddersfield due there at 11.45.**

**3. The Kings Head-Huddersfield Station east (left hand facing Manchester) end of the main west bound platform.**

You will need to exit the station into the main square (Harold's statue in front) and go left along the station frontage to reach the pub. Plenty of good beers here. incl. Bear Brewery, Keighley-Goldilocks at £2.50p. Bradfield Brewery-Farmers Blonde. No food though. Depart here in time to catch the 12.30 (Northern) Nodding Donkey to Marsden due 12.43.

Walk down the hill to :-

**4 The Riverhead Brewery Tap- just across the River Colne. (See Map)**

Four Riverhead Brewery beers and several Ossett Brewery etc. Does food, but not particularly cheap. An option for food is outside the station where you will find the **Railway Inn**-(note the GWR loco pub sign), which also does four real ales. Depart the Riverhead at 13.30 to catch the 13.43 (Northern) to Greenfield due 13.51.

Straight out of t' station and t' pub is across t' road on t' hill.

**5. The Railway ( They used the obvious name every time up here).**

Small beer garden with wonderful view over to Saddleworth Moor.

5 or 6 real ales on the recce incl. Millstone, George Wright One Hop Spalt, Tiger Rut. Depart in time to cross t' road for the 14.51 to Stalybridge due 15.00.

**6. Stalybridge Refreshment Rooms**

Then 15.22 to Manchester Victoria (15.35) or 15.43 to Manchester Piccadilly 16.05.

The main problem with the intermediate stations is the hourly only service, so some JB's may wish to remain on the 13.43 ex Marsden straight to Stalybridge (14.00) and catch the 14.46 Stalybridge to Manchester Piccadilly due 15.05.

**PRINCIPLE TRAIN TIMES**

Kings Cross-	dep 07.35	08.03
Leeds	arr 09.48	10.17

Manchester Picc	dep 15.15	16.15
Euston	arr 17.23	18.23

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