



**Yours truly on the right after bunking Healey Mills in school uniform-22.10.1967 (on shed were 1 Class-03, 7Class-08, 32 Class 37 and 12 Class 40)**

**JOLLY BOYS TYKE TRIP-RETURN TO WEST YORKSHIRE, WAKEFIELD OSSETT AND HORBURY-famous for Healey Mills Yard R.I.P.. Thursday 26th September 2014.**

We start in Wakefield, which still boasts plenty of Georgian buildings, having been at the heart of the wool trade until usurped by Leeds and Bradford in the 19th Century. It has a chantry chapel, built in 1350 on the old bridge across the river Calder. There are only three other chantry chapels in the UK. It is famous for the recently opened Hepworth Art Gallery beside the river Calder. Two children's nursery rhymes are associated with Wakefield 'Here we go round the mulberry bush' which relates to a mulberry bush in the grounds of the prison and 'The grand old Duke of York' which refers to Richard Plantagenet who was slain at Sandal during the Wars of the Roses in 1460. A new station is being built at Westgate and Kirkgate Station is due for full refurbishment this year.

On to Ossett, which used to have a station on the now closed Great Northern route from Wakefield to Bradford via Batley and Dewsbury. It is famous for Cussons Soap and was a Spa town, which never developed. We return back to Horbury and its claim to fame apart from the construction of Healey Mills marshalling yard in 1963, is John Carr (famous for many buildings including Basildon Park Berkshire) who built the parish church of St Leonard and St. Peter in 1794, and the Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould who wrote 'Onward Christian Soldiers' in 1918 for the whitsun church procession from Horbury Bridge up into Horbury. This procession survives to this day.

## **THE PUBS**

**A. The Six Chimneys-Wetherspoons-41 to 43 Kirkgate-formerly 'Poundstretcher' WF1 1HY**

Usual early bird option for standard Spoons breakfast fare.

Opens 08.00

----Until 10.50

Out of the front door straight ahead up the pedestrianised part of Kirkgate past the Cathedral, turn right past the Great West Door and take second left into Cross Square, walk up here to find :-

### **1. The Black Rock-19 Cross Square, WF11PQ**

Former Melbourne Brewery pub with glazed tile exterior. Usually three or four decent real ales. Opens at 11.00. ----Until 11.25

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Turn left out of the door and continue along Marygate into Westgate, where we catch the 11.30 number 127 Arriva bus to Horbury. The buses run every 10 minutes to Dewsbury via Horbury and Ossett. Alight at 11.55 at the Southdale Road stop on the outskirts of Ossett. Walk down Southdale Road to the bottom and turn right into the Green. On the right hand side you will find :-

### **2. The Ossett Brewery Tap-2 The Green WF5 8JS**

Five minute walk from the bus stop. It opens at 12.00

----Until 12.30.

Walk back the same way up Southdale Road to the top cross the road (Station road). You can see the rise in the road to your left where the railway passed underneath. Board the 12.40 no. 126 bus and alight in Horbury at 12.47 at the Twitch Hill stop. Those requiring food can purchase a fine selection of pies and sandwiches/baps cut to order available from Charlesworths bakers on the other side of the road opposite the bus stop. These can then be taken to the next pub to eat. Cross the road again by the pedestrian crossing and go left, after a few yards go into the pub yard of Boons and up the back steps into the pub.

### **3. Boons-6 Queen St. Horbury, WF4 6LP**

A vast choice of mainly local real ales. Opens 11.00. Does not do food. But you can buy from the local pie shop to eat in. 12.50 until 13.30

Turn left coming out and left back into the High Street to catch the 13.37 no 127 bus back to Westgate. Alight just after the railway bridge at 13.50 walk back under the bridge to:-

### **4. Henry Boons-130 Westgate, WF2 9SR**

This is Clark's Brewery Tap-so a selection of real ale. Also basic pub food is available at reasonable prices. (see copy of menu)

13.55 until -----

walk back under the railway bridge and turn left for Westgate Station.

### **PRINCIPLE TRAIN TIMES**

Kings Cross	dep.	07.35	08.03	08.35
Wakefield Westgate	arr.	09.31	09.59	10.31

Manchester Picc.	dep	08.42	08.57	09.11
Leeds	arr.	09.36	09.52	10.09
Leeds	dep	09.45	10.11	10.15
Wakefield Westgate	arr	09.56	10.23	10.27

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Kings Cross		arr.----	16.01	16.27	16.59
Wakefield Westgate	dep.13.59	1409	14.31	1447	14.55
Leeds	arr. 14.17	14.39	14.48	15.01	15.13
Leeds	dep 14.25	14.55	15.08	15.25	
Manchester Picc.	arr 15.24	15.49	16.05	16.24	

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