

Jolly Boys Visit Colchester

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Kindly provided by the CAMRA Colchester Real Ale Pub Guide – see attached map

Trains to Colchester are frequent with fast and semi-fast services to Colchester North and Colchester Town Stations.

For Colchester North. Leave the station on the upside walk down the slope, turn right and cross the road to the bus stop opposite. Most buses go to town centre. Leave the bus at the first stop in the High Street. Walk to **The Playhouse (Weatherspoons)** on St Johns Street, No. 29 on map.

For Colchester Town. A short walk along Osborne Street then into St Johns Street. **The Playhouse is on the left hand side.**

The Pubs.

1. **The Playhouse**, (No. 29 on map). St Johns Street. Formally a Theatre, Cinema and Bingo Hall. Opens at 09.00 for breakfast. Leave at 11.00.
2. **Ale House** (No. 3 on map). 82 Butt Road tel. 01206 573464. Formally an Adnams house (The Dragoon). Now a Free House with at least 6 ales on at one time. (11.05 – 11.50)
3. **Purple Dog** (No. 31 on map). 42 Eld Lane Tel. 01206 564995. Formally known as The Clarence until 2006. Serves at least 6 real ales, and has a varied Food Menu. (12.00 – 12.45).
4. **Victoria Inn.** (No. 37 on map). 10 North Station Road tel. 01206514510. Local Pub of the Year 2013. At least 4-5 ales on but there is no food. Food purchased outside the Pub may be consumed here. (13.00 – 13.30).
5. **The Bricklayers** (No. 6 on map). 27 Bergholt Road tel. 01206 852008. This pub is renowned for its well-kept Adnams and Guest Ales (8 on tap at time of recce.) The pub has the distinction of winning the CAMRA Pub of the Year. The Landlord here owns the Ale House (Pub No. 2). Food is served here until 14.00. (13.40 – End).

Short walk back to Colchester North for trains to London, Ipswich Norwich.