

Jolly Boy's Tour of Nottingham 8th May 2014

As something different for Nottingham we are going on a tour of pubs towards the west of the city centre.

Getting to Pub 1

As you know the centre of Nottingham is a way from the station. Two choices are sensible.

Walk – Follow the route on Map 1 to the centre and Pub 1. Note that the refurbishment of the station entrance is now complete so it is worth going out of the main entrance to see what the money has been spent on. The walk takes 10 to 15 minutes.

Tram – Follow the signs to the tram stop over the centre bridge. You have to go out of the station due to the tram works (note new bridge over the station for the Tram extension). The Market Square stop is two stops along and is outside Pub 1. You will have to pay as bus cards are not valid. The single fare is £2.00. There do not seem to be any concessions for old people though you could ask. If you are planning to return to the station by tram then a day ticket is £3.50. This is the only tram ride you get today I'm afraid!

There are buses from the station but they end up in the wrong bit of the town centre for Pub 1.

Map 2 shows locations of pubs (by number) and Bus Stops (by letter)

Pub No 1 The Joseph Else 11-12 South Parade, Market Square NG1 2JS

<http://www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-joseph-else>

Weatherspoons for gathering, breakfast etc. Same as all the other Weatherspoons!

Times: Start to 11.00.

Then walk for a couple of minutes to:

Pub No 2 Malt Cross 16 St James Street NG1 6FG

<http://www.maltcross.com/>

A very unprepossessing entrance gives way to a very interesting inside. It is an old Victorian Music Hall with a balcony all round. GBG 2014. 5 real ales (which

vary). CAMRA discount 20p per pint 10p per half. Does food but bit too early I suspect.

Times: 11.02 to 11.45.

The next pub is about a 15 minute (ish) walk up Derby Road past some interesting shops. However it is uphill. The alternative is to walk about 5 minutes to Bus stop U3 (marked B on map) and catch a Turquoise line (Nos 76, 77, 78 or 79) bus. This goes straight past Pub 3 and is a couple of stops. Takes 2 minutes. Buses run every couple of minutes.

Pub No 3 The Organ Grinder 21 Alfreton Road, NG7 3JE

<http://www.bluemonkeybrewery.com/pubs/organ-grinder-nottingham>

This pub is owned by the Blue Monkey brewery of Ilkeston. GBG 2014. Stocks full range of Blue Monkey ales plus some varying guests. No food.

Times 12.00 – 12.30ish.

Then walk 2 minutes to:

Pub 4 Sir John Borlase Warren 1 Ilkeston Road, NG7 3GD

<http://www.everards.co.uk/our-pubs/the-sir-john-borlase-warren-nottingham/>

Recently refurbished and just re-opened. Up to 10 real ales. CAMRA discount 15p pints only. On visit they planned to start serving food in “early May” so food may be available.

Times 12.30ish to 1.10ish.

Biographical note: Sir John Borlase Warren was Lord of the Manor of Stapleford. Born 1753. He commanded in the Royal Navy in the American War of Independence and Napoleonic Wars and became a Rear Admiral. Also an MP for Nottingham. Died 1822.

There you are education as well!

Then walk 5 minutes to:

Pub 5 Hand and Heart 65 Derby Road NG1 5BA

<http://www.thehandandheart.co.uk/>

Built into the Sandstone rocks with an open balcony upstairs. Regularly features in Nottingham CAMRA pub of the year results. GBG 2014. CAMRA discount 10p

pint 5p half. Main food stop (especially if SJBW above does no food). Full range of bar meals and a restaurant for the posh people. 8 real ales.

Times 1.15 to 2.00.

Then walk 5 minutes to:

Pub 6 Dragon 67 Long Row NG1 6JE

<http://www.the-dragon.co.uk/>

A relatively unspoilt split level pub back in the city centre. GBG 2014. Food available. 5 real ales. There is a room upstairs with a large Scalextric track.

Times 2.10 to end.

Getting Back to the Station

Three alternatives this time!

Walk. Back to the Market Square and follow the route on map 1.

Tram. Back to the Market Square and catch a tram.

Bus. Cross the road from the Dragon to stops A1 or A2 (marked A on map 2) and catch a Green line (Nos 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) bus to the station (about 5 minutes). There are screens and announcements (which are annoying to regular bus users until you filter them out) to tell you when to get off.

Getting to Nottingham from London

London St Pancras d	08:13	08:29	09:15	09:29		
Nottingham a	09:54	10:18	10:55	11:18		
Nottingham d	13:05	13:32	14:05	14:32	15:05	15:32
London St Pancras a	14:56	15:14	15:56	16:14	16:56	17:15