



JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO ROCHDALE

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2014

The first railway to arrive in Rochdale was the Manchester and Leeds which reached it in 1839 from Oldham Road Station in Manchester. It was later the junction for the line to Bacup (closed in 1967) and to Oldham, which is now part of the tram network. The line across the Pennines to Leeds is the Lancashire and Yorkshire Calder Valley Line via Hebden Bridge. In December 1984 a loaded oil train derailed in Summit Tunnel between Rochdale and Todmorden. It caught fire and it burnt for 5 days, spewing flames 150 feet into the air and smoke from the airshafts on the hilltop. The heat was so intense that some of the brickwork in the tunnel was vitrified into glass. Rochdale is famous for the founding of the Co-operative Society.

Rochdale of course is also the birth place of Gracie Fields, though on the Recce we failed to find a statue of her. Bill Oddie comes from Rochdale.

To reach Rochdale today you can either catch the train from Manchester Victoria or from Leeds direct.

The tram is not recommended as it takes about 50 minutes from the Manchester Market Place Stop.

The Pubs

1. The Regal Moon-Wetherspoons,

The Butts OL16 1HB.

Former cinema, still shown as such on my map!

Ten minute walk from Rochdale Station

Until 11.30

2. The Flying Horse Hotel, (Opens 11.30)

37 Packer Street OL16 1NJ. Adjacent to the Victorian Gothic Revival Town Hall.
5 real ales and food at reasonable prices.

11.35-12.05

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We then exit the pub turn right and cross the main road into Newgate to the bus stop on the left hand side. There board the first 468 or 469 bus (12.11 or 12.17)
Alight after the bus has turned the corner at the pub into Sandy Lane. The bus stop is just round the corner. (7 minute journey)

3. Cemetary Hotel (Opens 12.00)

470 Bury Road OL11 5EV. Surprise surprise it is next to the cemetery.
4 real ales-Cameron's StrongArm, Black Sheep, Weavers' Ale, Timothy Taylor's Gold
12.20-13.10

Then out of the front door and on the left is the bus stop on Bury Road- back to the Bus Station (13.14 or 13.23). From there walk down the side of The Regal Moon, then up Bell Street, cross Yorkshire Street, Hunters' Lane and St Mary Gate to :-

4. The Baum (Opens 11.30)

33-37 Toad Lane OL12 0NU. It is next door to the first ever Co-op shop
Greater Manchester and National CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012.
8 real ales-does CAMRA members' discount. Very good choice of food
13.30-14.15

5. Cask and Feather (Opens 11.00)

10 Oldham Road, OL16 1UA. Formerly the home of the Thomas McGuinness Brewery, which closed about 10 years ago following a fire!
3 real ales
On the way back to Rochdale station on the left hand side
14.20-----

Transport

From Leeds direct	dep 09.19	09.26	09.51	10.18	
Rochdale	arr 10.24	10.41	11.00	11.23	
From Manchester Victoria direct	dep 09.48	09.56	10.16	10.26	10.48
Rochdale	arr 10.01	10.14	10.30	10.46	11.01
From Rochdale	dep 13.41	14.00	14.10	14.23	14.41 etc
Manchester Victoria	arr 14.03	14.17	14.31	14.41	15.08
From Rochdale	dep 13.46	14.01	14.30	14.46	15.01 etc
Leeds	arr 15.04	15.10	15.44	16.02	16.11

There are of course trams to and from Manchester Market Street (East Didsbury route) every 12 minutes but it takes about 50 minutes.

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