



Top-NCB electric-Westoe Colliery South Shields
Below-the view now by IDO

JOLLY BOYS INVADE GEORDIE LAND AGAIN- SOUTH SHIELDS 16TH OCTOBER 2014

South Shields being at the mouth of the river Tyne was strategically important to the Romans who built a fort to protect their supply lines to Hadrian's Wall. In more recent times export of locally mined coal and shipbuilding maintained that importance-sadly all gone now. The railway came very early to South Shields on account of this coal trade. The first line opened in 1834-The Stanhope and Tyne Railway which brought coal down from Weardale. All that remains now of the extensive rail network of this area, are the Tyne and Wear Metro Line over which we will travel, the coast route from Newcastle via Sunderland, the Port of Tyne Freight Terminal branch from Boldon and the Jarrow oil terminal branch. The town is something of a resort on it's seaward side, with long sandy beaches.

Catherine Cookson, Eric Idle, Sir Frank Williams (F1 fame), Dame Flora Robson, to name some, all came from here.

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The Pubs

For the very early birds

1. Wouldhave, Wetherspoons, 16 Mile End Road. NE33 1TA

Named after William Wouldhave the inventor of the lifeboat. Leave the metro station via the north end of the platform and you can see the pub across the road.

Until 10.55

2. Address No. 5 formerly the Tram Inn, 5 Market Place NE33 1BH. Opens 09.00

Former Irish theme pub. Does a range of cheap bar food. Four handpumps.

Modern decor

11.00-11.30

3. Alum Ale House, Ferry Street. NE33 1TR. Next to the ferry landing. Opens 11.00

12 Handpumps. Does sandwiches and toasties.

11.35-12.15

4. Steamboat, Coronation Street, Mill Dam. NE33 1EQ. Opens 12.00

Unspoilt traditional pub with maritime memorabilia. 8 handpumps. Does sandwiches.

12.20-12.50

5. Maltings, Claypath Lane. NE33 4PG (off Westoe Road). Opens 12.00

Does food, which includes a Thai menu

Former home of the Jarrow Brewery.

12.55-13.40

6. Stag's Head, 45 Fowler Street. NE33 1NS. Opens 12.00

CAMRA best real heritage pub. Less than £3 per pint. Two real ales. Black Hill Durham and Bass on the recce.

13.45-----

Travel

Tyne and Wear Metro services run every 12 minutes (xx00, xx12, xx24, xx36, xx48 etc) from Central Station to South Shields, and return at xx07, xx19, xx31, xx43 and xx55. The journey is about 25 minutes.

See terms of travel below :-

· Tyne & Wear Metro (Safeguarded Active & Retired Staff only

o Free travel is granted and privilege tickets are issued only to staff who entered employment prior to 11 August 1980. If you cease to be eligible for Tyne & Wear Metro facilities on leaving the service, you cannot have these reinstated if you re-enter employment with an Eligible Employer unless there is no gap between leaving the first Eligible Employer and joining the second.

o To obtain free travel, use your appropriately dated Staff Travel Card. Only SINGLE privilege tickets are available and to obtain these, you should press the

CHILD fare button on ticket issuing machines.

o When travelling you should carry your Staff Travel Card (or Status Pass if held) to support the ticket.

o On Tyne & Wear Metro's Heworth to Sunderland service the same ticketing arrangements apply. However, exceptionally, they apply also to Active or Retired safeguarded staff who entered employment on or after 11 August 1980.

So a dated Staff Travel Card seems to cover most of us.

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Kings Cross	dep 07.00	07.30	08.00
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Newcastle	arr 09.51	10.39	10.49
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Manchester Picc	dep	07.40
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Manchester Vic.	arr	dep 07.52
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Leeds	arr	08.36	dep 08.43
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Newcastle	arr	arr 10.15
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Newcastle	dep 14.00	14.25	14.59	15.30
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Kings Cross	arr 16.51	17.42	17.53	18.42
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Newcastle	dep 14.06	dep 15.08
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Leeds	arr 15.40	dep 15.53	arr 16.39	dep 16.49
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Manchester Vic	arr 16.35	arr 17.35
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Manchester Picc	arr 16.43	arr 17.46
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