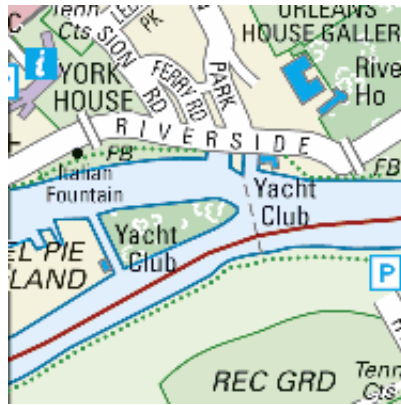
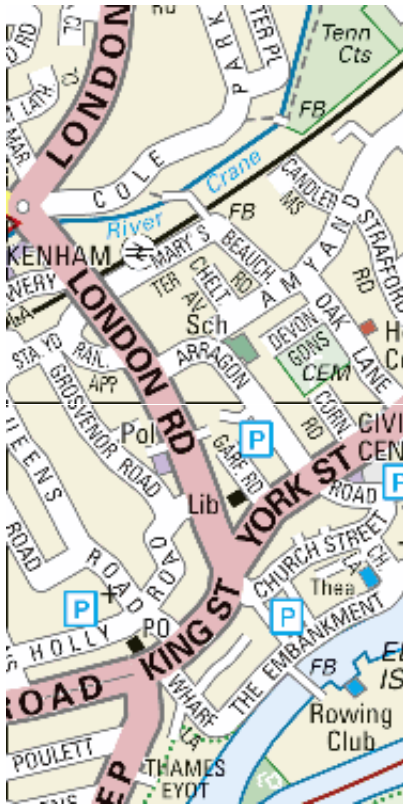


JOLLY BOYS TOUR OF TWICKENHAM 13 NOVEMBER 2014

Twickenham, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the home of English Rugby and some of the earliest regular performances of the Rolling Stones on Eel Pie Island – prior to the disastrous fire in 1967.



How to get here.....

From Waterloo take a Windsor train at 00.28 and 00.58 past each hour, or Reading train at 00.20 and 00.50, both just about 20 minutes journey, from highest number platforms, and calling at Clapham Junction (Platform 6) 8 minutes later.

Trains up from Reading at 12 and 42 past the hour, with a couple of extras thrown in at 09.25 and 09.56. Journey time is one hour.

And getting back.....

Semi-fast trains from Twickenham to Waterloo at 11, 23, 41 and 53 past the hour (26 mins), calling at Clapham Junction (Platform 4) after 15 minutes.

(There are slower ones, but they will drive you mad)

Reading trains depart at 10 and 40 past the hour.

Trains depart Clapham Junction (Platform 16) at 00.39 to Watford Junction (41 mins) and all stations to Milton Keynes (1hr 22 mins).

We turn left outside the station to commence our tour at the JDW just a couple of hundred yards down from the station on the left in London Road, the appropriately named William Webb Ellis, pictured above. (Vouchers not accepted on match days) Not to be confused with the former JDW "Misty Moon" establishment on the other side of the road. We leave there on foot at **10.50**, turning left, across York Street and into the semi-pedestrianised Church Street. We pass Pub 5, The Fox, on our right and Pub 4, The Eel Pie, on our left. Check the menus and daily specials on these as we stroll past. Turn right into Church Lane, then left onto Riverside.

A further short 5 minute walk along Riverside past the Italian Fountain (over the wall) with the larger than life naked ladies of York House, from whom the locally brewed "Twickenham Naked Ladies" bitter takes its name, leads us to Pub 2, The White Swan. (TW1 3DN) Built in the 17th century, the pub has been extended once or twice over the years but it's essentially still a simple traditional pub building that remains relatively untouched. There are special arrangements for entry if the tide is up.



These listings all ignore the ubiquitous presence of Fullers London Pride and Molson Coors Doom Bar.

Available ales have been Adnams Explorer, Twickenham Pale Beauty, Red Kite, Hammerpot, Caledonian Distant Sun and Bohemian (GK) at about £3.80 a pint. We shall leave **just before 12.00** and head back along Riverside, veering left at the Church on to The Embankment and Pub 3, The Barmy Arms (TW1 3DU).



On Match Days, this pub can be heaving, spilling over into temporary outside bars dispensing vast quantities of Pride and Guinness. The Barmy Arms has a history to match with its name. Previously known as Queens Head Hotel, the owner used to assemble the Christmas tree upside down, so in the 1970s it changed to the Barmy Arms. Despite its past, the Barmy Arms is a beautiful riverfront pub situated in the old part of Twickenham. With over 400 years of history, is home to one of the oldest punting fishing clubs, Francis Francis Angling Club. Food is available. Meals up to £10, and snacks and sandwiches in the £5-£6 range. This is a Taylor Walker Pub, who offer £5 off your meal bill for two if you sign up for their regular emails.

<http://www.taylor-walker.co.uk/offers/>

You can always unsubscribe afterwards. Their meals appear to be the best value on our tour, but you can always compare with Pubs 4 and 5, which are only three or four minutes' walk away.

Ales available have been Hogs Back T.E.A, Adnams and Morelands Old Golden Hen (GK) and Tribute at close to £4 a pint, **BUT, with 10% off cask ales for CAMRA members.**

We shall **leave at 12.45** to return to Church Street and Pub 4, The Eel Pie. (TW1 3NJ)



The Eel Pie (TW1 3NJ) is a Hall & Woodhouse pub, whose on-line menu shows its prices in pounds and fractions of pounds – no pence shown. Slightly perverse, but there are limited daily specials at around £4. Beers available on recce were the Badger range, Harvey's Sussex at £3.35 and the H&W Tanglefoot is £3.65.

Eel Pie Island was earlier called Twickenham Ait and, before that, The Parish Ait; even earlier the island was three separate aits. A bridge to the island was proposed in 1889, but it was not until 1957 that one was completed. Today, the island has about 50 houses with 120 inhabitants, a couple of boatyards and some small businesses and artists' studios. It has nature reserves at each end, but there is no public access.

The island is privately owned and the public can only access the main pathway from the bridge, passing all the doors and gates of the houses and businesses on the island. A few weekends, usually in June and December, are dubbed "Artists' Open Studios", when the public are invited to visit.

I suggest a **mere 20 minutes** or so, here, and move across the road to our final Pub 5, The Fox, just after a **quarter past one.**



The Fox (TW1 3NR) serves food, and offers "small meals" at about £6, together with some offers. The beers are varied and consistent, with most of the Twickenham Brewery beers - Naked Ladies, Sundancer and Grandstand. Grafton Blondie, Ascot Alley Cat and Liverpool Craft have also been seen, all at around £3.75. Because of that, this seems to be a good place to finish up.

Things may be fairly quiet and relaxed in our part of Twickenham for our visit, but you should try it when there is a match on at the stadium on the other side of the railway.....

