

Whitchurch, Hants.      10th April 2014

Notable for : the River Test, Lord Denning (Master of The Rolls), a working Silk Mill and Richard Adams, Author of Watership Down.

There are direct train services to Whitchurch from London Waterloo, however because of a lack of breakfast facilities in Whitchurch and the rather long walk between station and village it is recommended that our trip starts in Basingstoke with onward travel to Whitchurch by bus. Frequent trains run from North of Watford and London Waterloo to Basingstoke.

On arrival at Basingstoke exit the station on the down side, go down the steps and cross the road at the bottom, turn left following the footpath past the bus stands. Turn right between two tower blocks. Cross the footbridge and take the lift or steps down to the bus station.

Bus numbers 76 / 86 from stand B leave at 5 and 35 minutes past the hour and will take you to Whitchurch. (Suggest we aim for the 10.35).

Breakfast can be taken at a venue of your choice on your route or at Basingstoke in the Lloyds Bar (Wetherspoons) ... To find Lloyds carry on through the bus station to Festival Place and turn left. Lloyds Bar is the last pub / restaurant on the left. (3 minute walk)

Upon arrival at Whitchurch town square (11.13) the bus will turn right into Bell Street. Alight at first stop (100yards) along Bell Street. Our first pub The Bell is immediately opposite the bus stop.

The pubs      ( \* Food Served )

JB Times

1 THE BELL INN\* (open 10.00)    Doombar, London Pride, Seafarers  
11.15 - 11.55

Turn left out of The Bell and return to the town square, then right into Church Street (3mins)

2 THE KINGS ARMS\* (open 12.00)    Resolute, Doombar, Guests  
12.00 - 12.40

Return to Town Square for next pub (2mins)

3 WHITE HART HOTEL\* (open 12.00) Arkells, Wiltshire Gold, Moonlight.  
12.45 - 13.30

Turn left out of White Hart into London Road for next pub (2mins)

4 RED HOUSE\* (open 12.00)    Gold Muddler, King John, Five Little Fishes, Andwell .  
13.35 -14.05

Retrace steps to White Hart and turn right to bus stop outside hotel. Buses leave at 19 and 49 to Basingstoke.

If anyone wishes to continue taking refreshments the Queens Arms close to Basingstoke station is recommended, particularly if you have a wait for your train!! Finding the pub is easy - Upon reaching the top of the steps to the station entrance turn right and walk along the front of the station. The pub is facing you at the end of the road.