

Why have we not been here for so long? From an ale point of view you need to go a long way to better this place. The only downside I have discovered is that the first pub doesn't open until 11:30.

Last visited in March 2003 organised by Jim Smith, before some of the younger members were born. The centre is a good half mile uphill from the station but there are now buses No 4 to Admirals Estate, Bilton from the station to the centre at 12 minute intervals. (:01 : 13 :25 :37 :49) Across road on left on leaving station; bus comes through underbridge. I got off at the first stop after the bus went round the roundabout outside the school (not THE school) cross the crossing 30 yard up road and when you see the Squirrel pub (closed when I visited) JDW is the white shed across the car park behind.

Hostelries.

All have garden outside space for smokers but depending on the weather it may not be needed.

1: Rupert Brooke JDW, 8, Castle St. opens 8:00 Breakfast dep 11:25 Not the best of their establishments but serves breakfast easily accessible but the usual arrays of big brewery beers and three of the four LocAle "coming soon".



Walk 100m to

2: Alexandra Arms, 72, James St. 11:30 Home of Atomic brewery None of their own on when I visited but Pride plus four others. Barmaid changed two whilst I was there.



Leave 11:58 walk 50m to

3: Seven Stars, 40, Albert St 12:00 4 B&T and 8 guests. A splendid establishment with a hard working barman. You will feel at home here as plenty of locals of the wrinkly variety seem to frequent the pub. Superb choice. Is one of the Everards inspired makeover pubs owned by B&T Shefford. List on my visit 4 B&T, Tiger,



Leave 13:00 walk 400m to

4: Merchants Inn, 5, Little Church St 13:10 Another superb choice - Bateman, Oakham, Purity 5 guests. Food - burger F&C, fish finger sandwiches + 2 daily specials (if you select from menu below and phone through order on leaving 7 Stars it will be ready on arrival) WiFi. Very obliging staff.



Leave 13:50 walk 400m to

5: Victoria, 1, Lower Hillmorton Rd. 14:15 Yet another outstanding choice - 2Atomic 8 guests A must see pub and all that glorious selection. The barmaid again was excellent The only one where the advertised WiFi gave a service.



Rugby

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Return bus 4 destination is Brownsover, stops J (for leaving from Merchant) and N (from Victoria 100m back towards Merchant). At :02 :14 26~:38 :50 from either stop will see you right.

Travel

This is all based on the current timetable

Outward

Virgin trains from Euston at :03 and :46 past the hour and travel takes approx 50 mins. London Midland also runs direct services :13 and :49 which take approx 1hr 25.

NOT		09:10
CRE		09:02
TAM	10:01	10:20
RUG	10:52	
NWP		08:39
BPW	08:59	09:09
BIR	10:23	10:50
RUG	11:22	

Return

Virgin to Euston :53 and :23.

London Midland :12 :32 :59 - all stop at LBZ for busses at :00 to AYS

RUG		14:51
BIR	15:27	15:49
NOT	17:03	
BIR	15:27	15:42
BPW	16:53	17:08
NWP	17:32	