

THE JOLLY BOYS TRIP TO THE GREAT WESTERN NORTHERN OUTPOST AT BIRKENHEAD-THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2016

Recce-Thurs 13th October

The Great Western Railway reached Birkenhead from Chester in 1860 as a result of amalgamation with the LNWR which resulted in taking over the Chester and Birkenhead Railway. This gave the GWR access to the river Mersey. The terminal station at Woodside opened in 1878 at which time the previous terminus at Monk's Ferry a little further south but also on the coast, closed.

Today all that remains of Woodside is the blocked up tunnel entrance at the far end of a bus parking area.



Another item of interest is the sectioned German U-Boat U534 just by the ferry entrance.



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THE PUBS

We start in Liverpool, prior to catching Merseyrail to Birkenhead.

1. The North Western-Wetherspoons-7 Lime Street

The former North Western Hotel at the left hand end of Lime Street Station facing the tracks. Enormous place with acres of seating area !

JB Times until 10.50

2. The Globe 17 Cases St. L1 1HW

Traditional unspoilt pub, opposite Liverpool Central Station. 4 real ales on the recce.

JB Times 11.00-11.40

Then catch a Wirral Line train from Liverpool Central Low Level to Birkenhead Hamilton Square. They run every 5 or 10 minutes. It takes 7 minutes.

3. Gallagher's Pub and Barber's Shop-20 Chester Street CH41 5DQ-Opens 12.00.

Formerly Hamlet, Chester Arms and a dispensary. If you need a haircut this is the place. Several local real ales

JB Times 12.00-12.25

3. The Swinging Arm-61-63 Church St. CH41 5EG Opens 12.00-13.00 and 14.00-23.00

Unusual pub with good view of Liverpool Waterfront. Formerly adjacent to the original GWR/LNWR joint station of Monk's Ferry. Popular Heavy Metal venue but all quiet at lunchtime. Several real ales.

JB Times 12.30-13.00

Return to Hamilton Square Merseyrail station and catch a train back to Liverpool Central. Don't be confused by the fact that on the Liverpool side the train goes clockwise round the loop. Therefore coming out you run via Central but on return via Moorfields. So stay on the train at Lime St to reach Central. Every 7 and 15 minutes. Turn left out of Central Station into Ranelagh St. and continue into Hanover St.

4. The Abbey-85-89 Hanover St. L1 4AG. Opens 11.00. CAMRA discount available. Does Food. Three Peerless beers on the recce..

JB Times 13.20-13.50

5. Ranelaghs 15-17 Ranelagh St. Opens 11.00. from £2 a pint. The pub, converted from a shop, only opened this September. Three real ales-two from Bowland and one from the Harbour Brewing Co. Cornwall.

JB Times 13.55-1420

6. Optional extra-The Crown Hotel-43 Lime St. L1 1JQ. Opens 11.00 Unspoilt Grade II listed heritage pub. Does food. Very close to Lime St Station.

TRAINS

London Euston	Dep	08.07	09.07
Liverpool Lime St	Arr	10.21	11.21
Liverpool Lime St.	Dep	13.47	14.47
London Euston	Arr	15.59	16.59

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