

Jolly Boys visit to Chester – 20th. October 2016

Last time we were in Chester, October 2013, we spent most of the time in the north of the city, around the Northgate and canalside. This time we'll head for the south, to the Bridgegate, the Roodee and racecourse, and the River Dee.

The Pubs

1. The Square Bottle, 78 - 92, Foregate Street, CH1 1HB. 0700 - 2300.
Wetherspoons. Straight out of the station, up City Road, and down to pedestrian crossing on the right hand side. Turn right into Foregate St. 'Spoons is on the left hand side. Until 1055. Then 5 min. walk along Foregate St, under the Eastgate clock and onto the right hand Eastgate Row to:-
2. The Boot Inn, 9 Eastgate Row Sam Smiths pub opens at 11.00 (£1.90)
One of Chester's oldest pubs dating back to 1643
Until 11.30, then continue past The Cross down Watergate St. crossing the ring road, and left along Nicholas St to:-
3. The Architect, 54 Nicholas St 1030 - 2300. Brunning & Price pub set in landscaped gardens overlooking the racecourse, former home of architect Thomas Harrison. 8 real ales (Weetwood, Phoenix, Castle Rock - £3.60)
Until 12.25, then across the ring road and down Castle St, turn right into:-
4. Brewery Tap, 52 - 54 Lower Bridge St (2 Spitting Feathers plus 6 guest ales from £3.10)
Former Jacobean banqueting hall - good food selection.
(Note. There is also the Bear & Billet just down to the right as an alternative for selection of midweek lunches - Okells pub with guests)
Until 13.35, then onto the walls, passing the river, Roman gardens & amphitheatre, back towards City Road, about 15 mins to:-
5. Old Harkers Arms, 1 Russell St.
Canalside pub converted from old Victorian warehouse.
10 real ales 13.50 til end.
5 mins down City Rd to station.

Train Times

Euston 07.35 Chester 09.46 (change at Crewe 09.23)
08.10 10.13 (time at Crewe 09.49)

Chester 13.55 Euston 16.05 (change at Crewe)
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