

## **West Reading - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The culture and history of Reading has been well documented in the past, so with no further ado, let's get to it.

1. The Monks Retreat – A Wetherspoons well known to the Jolly Boys, open early for breakfast, with large array of ales. Leave at 10:55 to catch the 11:03 bus no. 33 or 33a. (They run every 10 mins, so it doesn't matter if you miss this one) Turn left out of 'spoons for a 2 min. walk to the bus stop. After about a 10 minute ride alight at Reading West Station. Cross over the road using the zebra crossing, turn right, then left down Brunswick Hill. Turn right into Argyll Road for 100 yards to:-

2. The Rose and Thistle – A Green King pub, with 3 house ales, plus 3 guest ales. Leave at 11:55 for a 9 minute walk. Turn right out of pub and continue walking until you reach Russell Street. Turn left down the hill to:-

3. The Nags Head – A free house serving 12 ales, and opening at 12 noon. Food is limited to pies and rolls. Leave at 12:45 for a 5 min. walk. Turn right out of pub down to main road, turn right, and cross over at some point, then left into Eaton Place, at the end of this road turn left and into the:-

4. The Butler – A free house serving 6 ales. Probably best place to eat, and food can be ordered in advance (see separate email for menu and ordering) Leave at 13:45 for a 9 minute walk. Turn right out of pub, cross over using pedestrian crossing, continue towards town, round the large roundabout and after the second zebra crossing immediately turn left down the hill alongside dual carriageway. Turn right at the traffic lights into Stanshawe Road, then left onto Greyfriars Road, and 100 yards to:-

5. The Greyfriars – A free house serving 6 ales. Food limited to small pies and sandwiches. Reading General Station is visible from here and only a 3 minute walk. Leave when you've had enough, or finish off at the Three Guineas on the station