JOLLY BOYS OUTING THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2016, LONDON WALTHAMSTOW E17

The tour to Walthamstow (a new location) was debated intensely by the 3 amigos – KA, KC and GS who did the recci on Tuesday 9th Feb. whether to proceed here on the day, or go back again to Hertford.

Eventually the location for the 17th March was decided as Walthamstow. The 3 amigos should not be confused with The 3 Sods, a Brewery from Bethnal Green, more of which later.

The Pubs (some GBG listed) on the tour are well spread, save those in the conservation area, so aka Eastbourne, it isn't. Also no Wetherspoon outlet.

Getting to and leaving Walthamstow by rail is easy and frequent using L.U. Ltd Victoria line or by London Overground trains. Walthamstow Queens Road is on the Gospel Oak to Barking line.

The frequency btn Victoria & Walthamstow Central is 5 mins..with a journey time of approx.. 40 mins. Other central London termini journey times will of course be less.

The frequency btn. Liverpool St. & Walthamstow Central is 15mins, as is journey time.

Walthamstow Central Bus Stn is opposite Walthamstow Central Railway Station.

The approx. distance btn Walthamstow Central Stn.- turn right, cross road, then left at The Goose into Hoe Street right hand side to the Olde Rose & Crown is 750 yards, continue for a further 500 yards for The Bell.

Buses from the Bus Stn. that traverse Hoe Street are Nos. 34 & 97 from Stand D & No. 215 from Stand E.

BRIEF HISTORY- RECENT.

Walthamstow is located within The London Borough Of Waltham Forest, a petition opposed calling the new Borough Walthamstow, when, in 1965 the London Boroughs were established, so Waltham Forest, an institution responsible for managing deer in the nearby forests of Hainault & Epping was chosen.

The south of the Boro' contrasts markedly with the north (split by the North Circular Road) in terms of mixed ethnic and social economic indicators. Urm! I wonder which part the JBs tour is in. Victorian terraces are prominent within parts of the E17 Post Code which extends from the reservoirs of the Lea Valley, to Epping Forest, and between Chingford in the north and Leyton in the south.

Walthamstow has both an indoor and outdoor market within The Arcade (off Hoe St.) also a conservation area known as Walthamstow Village where sites include the 12th century parish church, the Old Town Hall, and the oldest house in Walthamstow.

Walthamstow was home to the popular 1990's boyband East 17 and also the birthplaces of EastEnders current actor Adam Woodyatt and former actress Danniella Westbrook.

Walthamstow was also home to Walthamstow Avenue F.C. one of the most successful amateur clubs in England during the 1950's. It was founded in 1900 and dissolved in 1988. Walthamstow Dog Track which closed 3 years ago to be turned into housing accommodation has just had its' iconic neon sign restored and placed back to form part of the boundary for the new development.

PUBS-LOCATONS-COMMENTS.

Breakfast and earlies. As mentioned previously no JDWs', so your own choice and location prior to 1100hrs.

Pub 1. Olde Rose & Crown 53-55 Hoe Street. 1100-1150.

Doesn't usually open until 1200, but with the help of the East London & City CAMRA Branch Social Sec. the landlord has agreed to open at 1100 (checks have been made and opening is confirmed). 6 Handpumps from £3.60p per pint: Price increase due 1st.March, approx. 10p.

2 Bus Stops from Bus stn.

Pub 2. Bell 617 Forest Road. 12.00 - 12.50. By bus alight at Forest Road/ Bell Pub stop.

6 Handpumps incl. a 3% Real Ale, prices £3.50p-£3.75p per pint. Sandwiches £6-£7, Food £9-£10. Upon leaving, if Pub 1 hasn't opened at 1100, either return by bus there, or continue to Walthamstow Village pubs; by bus. Bus stop at stop 50yds. In Chingford Road, via Hoe St. to Church Hill stop, alight, then walk via Church Hill, Folkstone Road, East Ave. to Orford Road. or walk via Hoe St. Aubrey Rd. Folkstone Rd, East Ave. to Orford Road, where there will be the Nags Head, The Village, and the Queens Arms; Time span 1310 to finish. Distance to Queens Arms is 1100yds, with the Nags Head a further 360yds. The Village being midway.

The Nags Head is not due to open weekday lunchtimes until the middle of March due to refurbishment. Checks will be made before tour. The Village, 31 Orford Road (02085214398) will be next pub to visit, which is clean, welcoming and has 5 Handpumps serving Adnams/ Caledonian ales price £3.60p-£3.80p per pint, does food.

Queens Arms, 42 Orford Road (02085209184) has 3 Handpumps serving BB, 3 Sods Brewery (Bethnal Green W.M.C. brew) and Peerless at £3.90p per pint. If included on tour hope mothers are not feeding babies from both bottle and body. Look away, look away, look away Jolly Boys.

Distance from Queens Arms to Walthamstow Central Station via East Ave. and St. Marys Road is 600yds.

