

JOLLY BOYS BACK IN BRADFORD AFTER A SEVEN AND A HALF YEAR ABSENCE

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH-2017

Recce-12th January



Alhambra Theatre Bradford

Bradford has been re-developed much more slowly than places like Leeds and Manchester, though parts are still very run-down. However a lot has changed since our last visit in 2009. The centre of the City now has 'the City Park', consisting of gardens and the largest urban water feature in the UK-though not working in the Winter obviously. Centenary Square is part of this development. The hole in the ground that was Forster Square is now filled with retail outlets the anchor store being M&S.

A number of new real ale outlets have opened and a new underground development (Sunbridge Wells) using old tunnels is in the process of being completed,. Already opened there are several new bars including number 2 on our itinerary. These tunnels stretch some way beneath Bradford, and have variously been used as cells for the adjacent magistrates court and originally a debtors' prison. There are local suggestions that it was once part of Bradford Castle. For some years in the 1960's it was a night club called 'T'ole in't wall.' To reopen the complex has required the removed of some tons of rubble and rubbish.

The Pubs

Leave Interchange Station down the steps and out past the taxi rank straight ahead into Bridge Street.

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1. Turl's Green--Unit D Centenary Square BD1 1HY. Usual Wetherspoon's fare.

Overlooks the Cenenary Square open space JB times-until 10.55

Turn sharp right on leaving Wetherspoons and go through the arch. You will see the tunnel entrance ahead of you. Walk up the tunnel past various emporia and Waller's Brewery is at the far end.

2.. Wallers Brewery,-Sunbridge Wells, Aldermanbury BD1 1SD. Opens 11.00

A new underground bar. The entrance (a tunnel) is behind the Turl's Geen. Saltaire Blonde and Stout on handpump. JB times-11.05-11.30.

Left after leaving the tunnel entrance along Aldermanbury to the end. Cross Sunbridge Road and go up Tyrrel Street, cross Bank Street and The City Vaults is on the left.

3. City Vaults, Hustlergate, opposite the old Wool Exchange, BD1 1NS Opens 10.30

Fine old building with interesting decor. Does Food.

Partners American Pale Ale, Tim Taylors Landlord and Saltaire, beers.

JB times-11.35-12.10

Turn right out of the Vaults back down the hill and right into Ivygate. No. 4 is on the left going up the hill. Pedestrianised street.

4. Made of Bradford, 21 Ivygate, BD1 1SQ. Another new small bar-the Bradford Brewery Tap. Normally three Bradford Ales and a guest, though they were awaiting a delivery on the recce! Opens at 12.00

JB times-12.15-12.45

Turn left out of no.4 and continue up the hill cross the road and at the top (large road junction)turn right into Kirkgate at the end of the shopping centre turn left into Darley St (pedestrinised) walk along Darley Street and into North Parade on the right hand side you will find no 5.

5. Sparrow Bier Cafe, 32 North Parade BD1 3HZ. Opens 11.00

Another new micro pub, more like a cafe. Several local beers. Sells pies and pizzas etc.

JB times-12.55-13.25

Turn right out of the pub cross the road to find no 6.

6. Record Cafe, 45-47 North Parade BD1 3JH. Opens 11.00

Yet another new bar opened in 2014. Four local beers.. JB times 13.30-----

Cross North Parade go round the corner into Manor Row down the hill on the left hand side and nearly at the bottom you will find an entrance to Forster Square Station, go down the steps/lift to platform level and either catch the 14.00 electric service to Leeds or proceed through and out of the station straight ahead past the car park beside

St. Blaise Way, along Holdsworth St. and the Corn Dolly is the other side of Bolton Road.

7. Optional Extra-The Corn Dolly, 110 Bolton Road BD1 4DE. Opens 11.30
Award winning free house in the same family for 25 years. Near Forster Square Station.

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TRAINS

Down

Kings Cross	07.35	08.06					
Leeds	09.46	10.15					
Leeds	09.35	09.51	10.05	10.18	10.35	10.51	
Bradford Interchange	09.57	10.12	10.25	10.39	10.56	11.12	

Up

Bradford Forster Square	13.30					14.00	14.30
Bradford Interchange		13.34	13.49	14.04	14.21		
Leeds		13.55	13.56	14.10	14.22	14.43	14.25 14.55
Leeds					14.15		14.45 15.15
Kings Cross					16.28		16.59 17.29

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