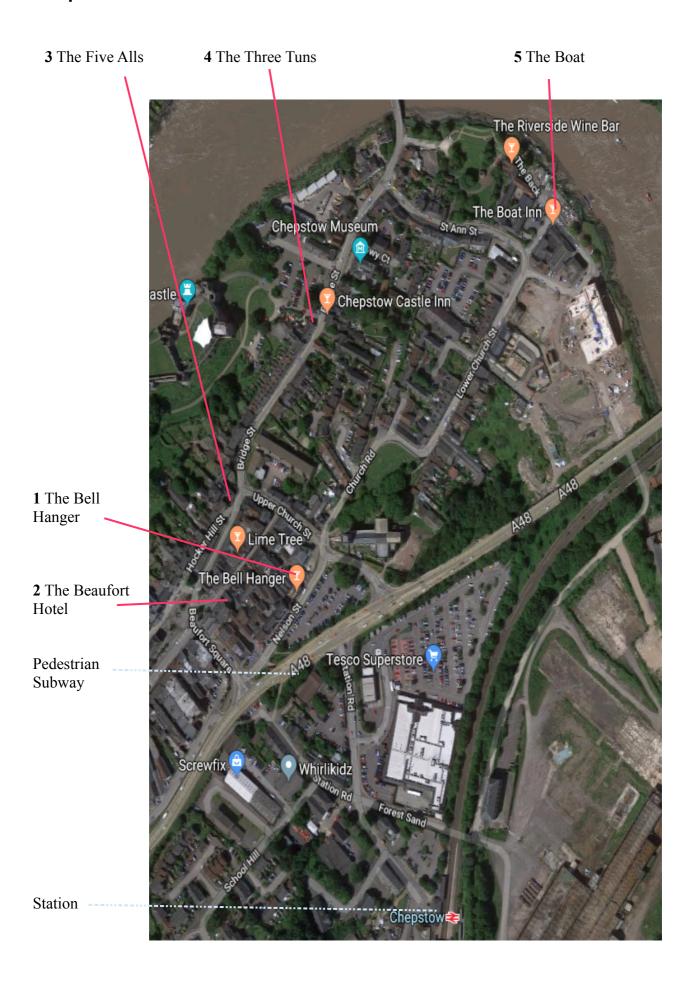
Chepstow



JBs Chepstow 16th August 2018

Chepstow has changed little since our last visit in 2011, although the Fairfield Mabey bridge site is now no more, so I have tried to find some different pubs serving local ales and which do not involve too much uphill walking. One of the difficulties arising from Thursday visits is that last weekend's beer stocks may have run out and next weekend's is still settling in the cellar, so we'll hope for the best on the day.

The Pubs

- 1. The Bell Hanger. Wetherspoons, with all that that implies. A short walk from the station, crossing to the left hand side of Station Road as you pass Tesco's and using the pedestrian subway under the (very busy) A48. Leave at 11:15 via the doors to St Mary Street, turning left up the hill for the short walk to No 2.
- **2. The Beaufort Hotel.** Range of beers on tap and a very welcoming barmaid (actually on the recce I found all the Chepstow barmaids friendly Keith please note!). Beer garden and food available. Leave at 12:00, cross over Bridge Street and walk down the hill to:
- **3.** The Five Alls. Simple basic pub with up to three local ales (see note about Thursdays above). A painting inside will explain what the Five Alls are, and no, 'B. All' and 'F. All' are not among them. Leave at 12:30, turning left down the hill to the 3 Tuns, which is on the approach to the castle and almost opposite the Chepstow Castle Inn which we visited last time.
- **4. The Three Tuns.** Again, a range of local brews and an outside seating area to enjoy them in. Suggested food stop. Leave at around 13:30, walking on down Bridge Street and turning right along the riverside just before the Wye Bridge which crosses the border into England. Anyone fancying a pint of 6X or a glass of wine can call into the Riverside Wine Bar (food available.....at a price), the rest will wish to continue to:
- **5. The Boat Inn.** Food available (the chips are excellent). Outdoor seating area beside the River Wye, which is tidal at that point high tide on 16th Aug is at 11:44, so there shouldn't be too much mud in view when we're there. Until finish. The route back to the station is to turn left from the pub door, left again and then walk up Lower Church Street, using the short cut through the churchyard to cross over Upper Church Street and thence alongside the A48 back to the subway where we came in. Say 10 mins max.

Travel

Chepstow is served by trains on the Gloucester – Newport Line:

Gloucester depart 09:25*, 10:58, 11:25*; returning at 13:52, 15:18*, 15:50 from Chepstow.

*Trains from and to Nottingham via Birmingham NS. North of Birmingham these may be affected by Derby remodelling.

Newport depart 09:28, 10:00, 10:27; returning at 14:27, 14:51, 15:17, 15:51.

Journey time in each case is 20-30 minutes.