

Jollyboys do Gloucester - Thursday 15th February 2018



Gloucester Eastgate. View NE, along the main Up platform from towards its southern end; ex-Midland Birmingham - Bristol main line, Tuffley Loop (Tramway Junction - Tuffley Junction). This Station, along with the whole Loop, was eliminated in 1975 before the ex-Great Western Gloucester Central was converted to the only Station for Gloucester, forcing all trains on the Birmingham - Bristol axis to reverse there. Here two Down trains are present: a BR Standard Class 5 4-6-0 on the 16.40 from Birmingham New St., and a BR Standard Class 7 4-6-2 on a Down parcels train. In the distance the line curves round to join the GWR at Tramway Junction off to the right, past the GWR Horton Road Locomotive Depot.

Have keep tour within reasonable walking distance from station so I hope you will find the following acceptable.

Weatherspoons available in the **Regal 33 St Aldate Street GL1 1RP.**

Opens at 08:00 for early starters and breakfast.

depart 11:15

Imperial – 59 Northgate Street GL1 2AG

Opens from 11:00 - JB times 11:20 - 12:15.

3 or 4 Real ales available, with Doombur a regular. Originally called the Plough, licensing records date back to 1722. Grade 2 listed building.

New Inn 16 Northgate Street GL1 1SF

Opens 11:00 JB times 12:20 - 13:15

Up to 7 Ales but on day of reccie only 3 available. (Told they had function for 300 which had drained the cellar!!).

Suggested food stop, menu ranged from Sandwiches to full meals reasonable prices.

Built in the 1430 -50 and used by pilgrims visiting Gloucester Abbey, now the cathedral. Grade 1 listed its reputed to be the finest example of a medieval Inn in Britain today.

Café Rene 31 Southgate Street.

Opens from 11:00 JB times 13:20 – when ever

3 ales from the Barrel.

Again another old building, unusual in that it has a Roman well in the middle of the bar area.

On way back to station (about 15 mins unrushed from Café Rene) other facilities were available so you could always take pot luck and try them out.

Trains include direct services from Paddington, Birmingham, Bristol and others so I'm sure you can find your way to Gloucester.