

**JOLLY BOYS HIT THE SMOKE AT HAMMERSMITH-
THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018
Recce-13th August (IDO AND RP)**



London-circa 1840

Hammersmith means 'Place with a hammer, smithy or forge' first recorded in 1294. There was much activity here during the Civil War and in 1656 a plot was laid to shoot Oliver Cromwell, by a discharged soldier named Miles Syndercomb, as the Protector was proceeding from London to Hampton Court. A house was hired where Syndercomb was to take his station. The plot was detected before it was fully ripe and Syndercomb was tried and convicted.

The suspension bridge across the Thames was designed by William Tierney Clark and opened in 1827. It was redesigned by Joseph Bazalgette, due to overloading of the original structure, in 1887. The Great West Road (A4) from London to Bath passes through Hammersmith and is now part of Hammersmith Flyover, which was completed in 1961 by Marples Ridgway and Partners, Civil Engineering contractors for £1.3m. The first railway arrived at Kensington as the West London Extension Railway (GW and LNW Joint) in 1844. Then came the North and South Western Junction Railway (LNW, Mid, and NL Joint) in 1858, followed by the LSWR in 1869. Today there are three TFL/ Underground services-Hammersmith & City/Circle, Piccadilly and District. The former West London Extension line is now part of the London Overground from Clapham Jn to Willesden via Kensington Olympia.

The Pubs

- 1. The WILLIAM MORRIS-Wetherspoons, Swan Island, 2-4 King Street W6 0QA**

Named after the famous designer, craftsman and socialist who lived at Kelmscott House Hammersmith from 1878 to 1896.

JB Times until 10.20

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2. The HOP POLES, 17-19 King Street W6 9HR. Opens 10.00

Grade II listed with a granite faced frontage. Large interior with high ornate ceiling. Sharp's Atlantic, Doombar and Tribute on the recce. But normally does 2 changing beers.

JB Times 10.30-11.00

3. The RUTLAND ARMS, 15 Lower Mall, W6 9DJ. Opens 11.00.

Riverside pub, famous for featuring in the opening title sequence of 'Minder'. It is reached after turning left out of the Hop Poles and left again down Bridge Avenue. Cross the Great West Road at traffic lights beneath the Hammersmith Flyover (M4). Walk down to the river keeping Hammersmith Bridge to your left. Greene King IPA, Abbot, and Wimbledon Copper Leaf on the recce. Food including 'Proper Pies'.

Turn right out of the pub and follow the Thames Path to :-

JB Times 11.15-11.50

4. The DOVE, 19 Upper Mall, W6 9TA, Opens 11.00.

Dating from 1740. The pub is on several levels leading out to good views over the Thames. London Pride, Seafarers, and a seasonal fruit flavoured beer on the recce. Does food at London prices. It is thought that the Scottish poet James Thompson may have composed Rule Britannia in an upstairs room.

JB Times 12.00-12.35

5. The BLUE ANCHOR, 13 Lower Mall, W6 9DJ Opens 12.00

The third Riverside pub on our visit is nearly next door to the Rutland Arms, so walk back the way you came. Close to Hammersmith Bridge. Gustav Holst is reputed to have written his Hammersmith Suite on these premises. Nelson Blue Anchor, Purity Mad Goose and Portobello APA on the recce

JB Times 12.45-13.15

6. The OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH, 80 Fulham Palace Road, W6 9PL. Opens 11.00.

Former names were the Golden Glove and the Rifle This is the West Berkshire Brewery's first foray into the London pub scene.

JB Times 13.25-14.00

7. DISTILLERS, 44 Fulham Palace Road W6 9PH, Opens 12.00

Named after Haig's Gin Distillery which stood nearby. Oliver's Island, London Pride, Dark Star Hophead on the recce..

JB Times 14.05-----

Getting There

London Underground services are provided by the Hammersmith and City/Circle Line, The Piccadilly Line and the District Line.

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