

Jolly Boys Trip to Alton, Hampshire

21st March 2019

We last visited Alton in 2015. Not much has changed including the pubs it is planned to visit, however Alton is a pleasant Hampshire market town with at least three or four decent pubs. One problem will be to find food at any of the pubs at a time to suit the itinerary. Plenty of shops selling food and you may have to eat on the hoof!

We start at Wetherspoons which is at the far end of town and is a good 15minutes brisk walk. There is a bus from the station to "High Street" (number 64 at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour, turn left out of the station exit for the nearby bus stop. Fortunately the bus operator has, since our last visit, amended the timetable to give a 5minute connection to catch the bus.

The Pubs:-

1. **The Ivy House (Wetherspoons).** All the usual.

Leave at 11.00 ... 2 Minutes to pub 2

2. **The George**

Usually five real ales on sale. The beer line-up changes (many locally sourced) but on day of recce

Resolute, Flacks Double Drop, Russian Winter, Good Old Boy and Red Cat
Good food available but probably a bit too soon after breakfast!

Leave at 11.45... 6 Minutes to pub 3

3. **The Kings Head**

Still a slightly grubby pub even though the original owner has taken back the pub from those in charge when we last visited. Beers available on day of recce included Andwells Muddler, Double Drop and Hampshire Rose. (No food)

Leave at 12.30 ...6 Mins to pub 4

4. **The Eight Bells**

Fine Free house with a good selection of ales and some interesting signal box artefacts. The beer line-up changes (again many locally sourced) but on day of recce Flower Pots, Mr M's Porter Perridge Pale and Bowman Yumi (No food)

Leave at 13.30 ... 8 Minutes to pub 6

5. **The Railway Arms**

This pub is the Triple F brewery tap and reflects the brewery's range. Alton Ale, Moonraker, Pressed Rat and Warthog etc. (No food)

Leave when you like ... 2 Minutes to station

For those who would still like some food the station café is available just outside the station (next to Waitrose). Usual greasy spoon fare available. (Closes at 15.00)

Trains to/from Alton

To Alton : 24 and 53 Minutes past each hour from London Waterloo (.Journey time 70 Minutes approx) Arriving in Alton at 37 and 10 Minutes past the hour.

Return : 15 and 44 Minutes past the hour. Journey time 70 Minutes approx.

