

**JOLLY BOYS HAVE DONE HULL, I AM NOT SURE ABOUT HELL
(OLDHAM IN A STORM PERHAPS) BUT NOW WILL BE DOING HALIFAX
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2019**

Recce-29th August



Halifax-June 1969 (By Geoff Brown)

Halifax was famous for its cloth trade dating back to the 15th Century. The Piece Hall which we will see has recently been restored. It was where the woollen merchants brought their cloth for sale. The Town Hall was designed by Charles Barry who also designed the Houses of Parliament. Halifax is known for Mackintosh's chocolate and toffee including Rolo and Quality Street. The factory is still adjacent to the station. The saying from Hull, Halifax or Hell, comes from its reputation for harsh punishment including the use of a guillotine until 1650.

Dean Clough Mill was once the largest carpet factory in the world.

The Wainhouse Tower which is south west of Halifax was built as a chimney for a dye works which was sold in 1874 and the new owner refused to pay for its completion! So it remains a folly to this day.

The Manchester and Leeds Railway arrived in Halifax in 1844 at a station called Shaw Syke just south of the current station which opened in 1850 when the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway arrived from Bradford Exchange

The Great Northern Railway arrived via the Halifax and Ovenden Joint in 1878 giving routes via Queensbury to both Keighley and Leeds via Bowling. The Queensbury Lines closed progressively from 1956 to 1974. The Great Northern platforms were on the right hand side coming in from the Bradford direction but are now long gone.

The Pubs

Leave Halifax station via the station approach and continue into Horton Street, uphill, Wards End, and follow Fountain Street, main road until you reach Rawson Street on the right. 11 min walk from the station. Don't worry, it's all down- hill from here!

1. **Barum Top Inn**, 17 Rawson St, HX1 1NX. (Wetherspoons), Formerly a garage. Large corner building. **JB times until 10.50**

Turn right out of the pub, cross Rawson St and pass George St. and go right into Silver St.

2. **Yate's**, Silver St. HX1 1HS, Opens 10.00. Does Good cheap food –alternative to Spoons for early birds. 5 real ales incl 2 x Moorhouses and a Stodfold coming soon.. CAMRA discount and takes CAMRA tokens

JB times 10.52- 11.15

Return to Rawson St., back past Spoons and turn left into Powell St. On your left is:-

3. **Victorian Craft Beer Cafe**. 18-22 Powell St. HX1 1LN Opens 11.00
Formerly an Italian Restaurant and is behind the Theatre. 10 real ales. Pub of the year 2018. Follow the main road back towards the station turning left into Ward's End then right into New Road and immediately right into Clare Road.

JB times 11.20-11.55

Out of the pub, cross the road, down the cobbled alley opposite and beside the Theatre, turn right at the bottom, cross the road (Commercial St.) and left into Alexandra Street, turn right at the junction. At the next road junction you will see a large half timbered building on the corner of New Road and Clare Road. This is pub no.4.

4. **Royal Oak (ex. Dirty Dick's)**. 2 Clare Road HX1 2HX. Opens 12.00. Grade II listed. Built in 1931 using the timbers from HMS Newcastle. 8 real ales

JB times 12.00-12.40

Return towards the station via New Road and turn right into Horton St. Go back to the Station Approach and having crossed Square Road .turn left and follow the footpath alongside the retaining wall. When you reach the end go straight on along Church Road. On your left is The Ring O' Bells on the corner of Upper Kirkgate.

5. **Ring O' Bells**, Upper Kirkgate HX1 1QS. Opens 11.00 does a good choice of locally sourced food at reasonable prices.. 400 years old with the 12th Century Parish Church next door. 5 real ales. The colour picture on page 1 shows the Ring O' Bells as the white building above the chimney at the bottom right.

JB times 12.50-13.40

Return along the footpath to the Station Approach. Cross the road at the lights and walk right , turn left into Blackledge and go up the slope to the entrance at the top on the right. It is in the Arts Centre and although more like a café (which it is!) it has 5 handpumps, some of which are high gravity! There is an outside seating area overlooking Blackledge..

6. **Square Chapel Café and Bar**, 10 Square Road, HX1 1QG . Opens 12.00
Adjacent to the Piece Hall. 5 real ales. This brand new modern building is behind the red chapel building to the left of the church with the tall spire on

the colour photograph right of centre. So you can see how to get from pub five to number 6 ! The goods yard of course is now a car park.

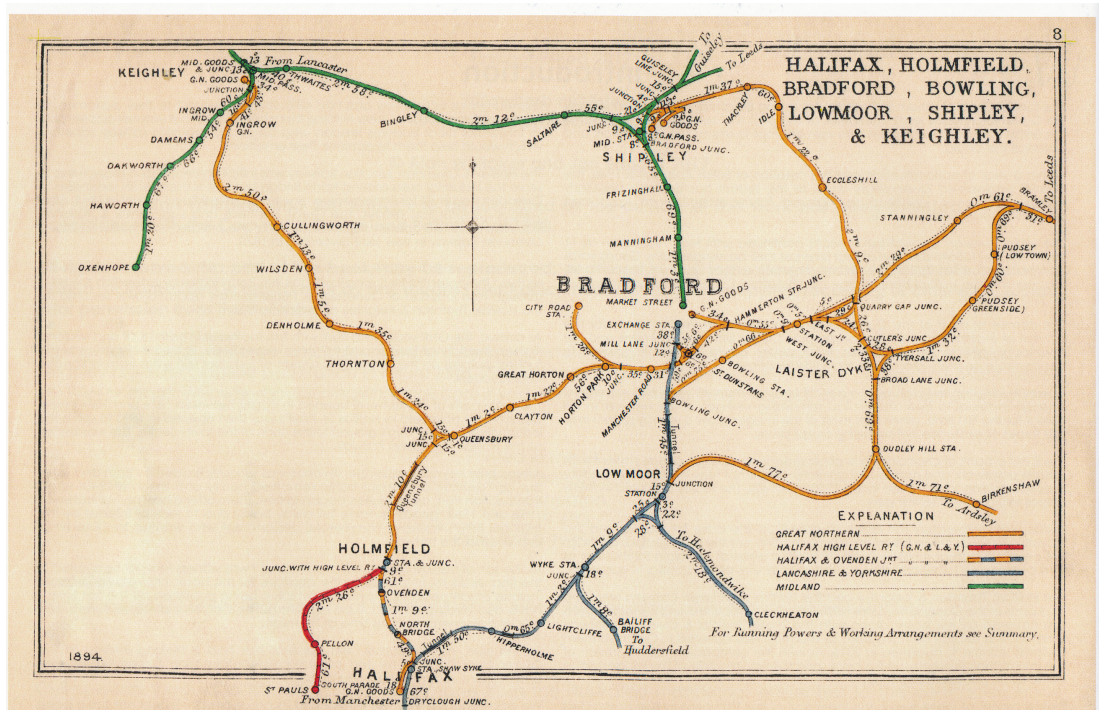
JB times 13.45-----

Return down Blackledge to the Station

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Train Times

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| Kings Cross | Dep | 07.33 | 08.03 | 08.33 | | | |
| Leeds | Arr | 09.47 | 10.16 | 10.47 | | | |
| Leeds | Dep | 09.51 | 10.18 | 10.38 | 10.51 | 11.18 | |
| Halifax | Arr | 10.24 | 10.54 | 11.15 | 11.26 | 11.54 | |
| Manchester Vic | Dep | 09.20 | 09.58 | 10.20 | 10.58 | | |
| Halifax | Arr | 10.07 | 10.43 | 11.07 | 11.44 | | |
| Halifax | Dep | 13.43 | 13.58 | 14.07 | 14.58 | 14.43 | 14.58 |
| Leeds | Arr | 14.21 | 14.34 | 14.45 | 15.35 | 15.21 | 15.36 |
| Leeds | Dep | 14.45 | 15.15 | 15.45 | | | |
| Kings Cross | Arr | 17.01 | 17.31 | 18.01 | | | |
| Halifax | Dep | 13.54 | 14.15 | 14.54 | 15.15 | | |
| Manchester Vic | Arr | 14.42 | 15.05 | 15.42 | 16.05 | | |



This Railway Clearing House map from 1894 shows the railways around the Bradford district of the West Riding of Yorkshire. The Queensbury Lines encompassed the Bradford & Thornton and the Halifax, Thornton & Keighley Railways operated by the Great Northern Railway. Within this network, the GNR also managed the Halifax & Ovenden and the Halifax High Level Railways as part of a joint operating arrangement with the Lancashire &

Yorkshire Railway Company. In addition, GNR goods branches were built to serve major yards at City Road in Bradford, at Keighley and at South Parade, Halifax. Rather than build its own passenger station at Keighley, the GNR secured running powers over a short section of the Midland Railway's Worth Valley line but its goods facilities remained separate. (Jan Rapacz Collection)

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