

JOLLY BOYS IN THE CALDER VALLEY-HEBDEN BRIDGE
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2019
Recce-23rd May



The Hebden Bridge-18.4.2009

Hebden Bridge is a small market Town in the Upper Calder Valley. It was famous for its weaving mills having a ready supply of water and sheep. As a result of the predominance of clothing manufacturers it was formerly known as ‘trouser town’. The Rochdale canal passes through here on its way between Manchester and Sowerby Bridge, where it becomes the Calder and Hebble Navigation to Wakefield and then the Aire and Calder Navigation to Goole and the Humber estuary. Hebden Bridge is susceptible to flooding of the River Calder, being in a deep valley it receives run-off water from the surrounding Pennine Hills. There were particularly bad floods in 2012 and on Boxing Day 2015.

The railway arrived in 1841 courtesy of the Manchester and Leeds Railway becoming part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway in 1847.

The Pubs

Leave Hebden Bridge station via the Down side (from Manchester) crossing the river Calder and the Rochdale Canal. Turn left at the main (Burnley) road, cross the road at the lights and proceed across the Keighley Road (A6033) and down the hill into Hebden Bridge New Road. At the bottom cross the bridge over the Hebden Water and the Old Gate is in front of you on the right.

1. **The Old Gate** –Formerly The Inn on the Bridge, 1-5 Old Gate. HX7 8EX. Opens at 10.00. Does Food all day including a good selection of breakfast dishes (£6-8). 9 real ales and one real cider. Turn right out of the pub and walk through the village until you reach the steep Heptonstall Road joining from the right. The Fox and Goose is at the road junction.

JB Times until 11.50

2. **Fox and Goose** 7 Heptonstall Road, HX7 6AZ. Opens 12.00. 1 Regular Beer-Pictish and 5 changing. A community co-operative pub. Has an upstairs hillside beer garden giving fine views of the countryside around. Return along the main road Bridge Lanes, past the Old Gate, cross the river again and turn left into Bridge Gate. On the left hand side facing St George's Square you will find the Shoulder of Mutton.

JB Times 12.00-12.30

3. **Shoulder of Mutton** Bridge Gate, HX7 8EX. Opens 11.00. A 17th Century building formerly a row of three cottages. 4 regular and 2 changing beers, Abbeydale, Moorhouses, Timothy Taylors etc. It had Castle Rock, Ilkley and Goose Eye beers on the recce. The resident terrier is very friendly and he's called Reg. Lunches served from 12.00. Not particularly cheap, being in a tourist area. Turn right out of the pub back along Bridge Gate. Until you pass the Rendezvous café there is a turning left into The Courtyard. Facing you is Calan's

JB Times 12.40-13.20

4. **Calan's Micropub** 3 The Courtyard Bridge Gate HX7 8EX Opens 12.00. Calderdale's first micro-pub opened in 2015 5 changing micro ales. Return to Bridge Gate turn left into New Road and head back towards the station remaining on the left hand side you will find the Railway pub.

JB Times 13.25-13.55

5. **The Railway** New Road HX7 8AD Opens 12.00 2 regular beers, 5 changing. The footrest at the bar is a length of flat bottomed rail! Left out of the pub and back up the hill to the station.

NOTE-There is no Wetherspoons in Hebden Bridge but no 1 The Old Gate does food all day.

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Train Times

Kings Cross	Dep 07.33	08.03	08.33			
Leeds	Arr 09.47	10.16	10.47			
Leeds	Dep 09.51	10.18	10.20	10.38	10.51	11.18
Hebden Bridge	Arr 10.40	11.04	11.15	11.31	11.42	12.05
Manchester Vic	Dep 09.20	09.37	09.58	10.20	10.37	
Hebden Bridge	Arr 09.50	10.13	10.30	10.51	11.14	
Hebden Bridge	Dep 13.42	13.50	14.14	14.30	14.42	
Leeds	Arr 14.34	14.45	15.03	15.21	15.35	
Leeds	Dep 14.45	15.15	15.45			
Kings Cross	Arr 17.01	17.31	18.01			
Hebden Bridge	Dep 14.06	14.15	14.32	15.06		
Manchester Vic	Arr 14.42	14.54	15.05	15.42		



As a postscript-this is the inside of the Albert in Hebden Bridge. We aren't doing it on our 27th June visit as the beer choice is not very good. But look at the Boxing Day 2015 flood level marker and old Abdul who obviously survived the experience !

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