

Jolly Boys outing to Kingston upon Thames

14th November 2019 BG/AVP

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames is a borough in southwest London, the main town being Kingston upon Thames. The borough includes Surbiton, Chessington, Malden Rushett, New Malden and Tolworth and is the oldest Royal Borough. We visit the main town of Kingston where you will find yet another outbreak of Green King but with a surprising variety and number of guest ales. Food and beer are both somewhat expensive in all our venues. You may wish to make sure of a good breakfast and/or eat lunch on the hoof at one of the many food outlets on the way round. The best pub option for food is probably the Druid Head.

Getting to Kingston

Three direct train services available from London Waterloo.

Waterloo - Kingston via Wimbledon (shortest route)

Dept 09.12. 09.27. 09.42. 09.57. 10.12.

Arr. 09.40. 09.55. 10.10. 10.25. 10.40

Kingston - Waterloo via Wimbledon (shortest route)

Dept xx.04 xx.18 xx.34 xx.48 (past each hour)

Arr xx.34 xx.49 xx.04 xx.19

Itinerary

NB.* The Boaters Inn (Pub number 5) is considered optional as it is a 10-15 minute walk along the Thames path. This would be a pleasant walk on a nice sunny day but may not be desirable on a wet day in November. I suggest we take a collective view on the day. After all we wouldn't want to experience first-hand the weather reported here in 1957, as Jolly Boys we always plan to get wet on the inside not the outside.

Washout weather in the Fifties



The Surrey Comet reported how three inches of rain fell in Kingston during the afternoon of Monday 12th August 1957 and the early hours of the following morning. Albert Fell, of Elm Road, had spent five hours drying out his home after the deluge only to find it under six inches of water hours later. As Mr Fell bales out the parlour, his young son seizes the chance to float his toy boat. The 1950s suffered a run of cool, disappointing summers until 1959 which was a hot one.

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IN 1957 Kingston suffered what was then its wettest day on record.

The deluge began between 3 and 4pm on August 12.

After a respite it resumed at dawn the next day, flooding the town with more than three inches of rain in under 18 hours.

The Elm Road area of Canbury was worst hit when water flooded down from Richmond Park, bringing sand and silt which blocked gullies. Kingston Council gave householders disinfectant to cleanse their sewage-soaked floorboards, and sent men to collect sodden carpets for drying in the boiler room of the Coronation Baths in Denmark Road.

1. Wetherspoon. Just 5 minutes from station (most of that will be spent trying to cross the road.). Usual variable selection of beers and food.

Suggested departure time 10.50 (8 minutes to pub 2)

2. Bishop (Food available)

Beers available on day of recce.

Proper Job

Trumans Blindside

Wimbledon Pit Bull

Youngs Special

Youngs ordinary

Leave 11.35. 3 minutes to pub 3

3. Ram

Beers available on day of recce.

Green king IPA

Green king Yardbird

Twickenham Autumn Red

Trumans Swift

Wimbledon Common

Leave 12.10. 3 minutes to pub 4

4. Druids Head (Food available-Probably the best option)

Beers available on day of recce.

Green king IPA

Green king Yardbird

Reverend James

Harvard pale ale

Twickenham Grandstand

Hogs Back TEA

Southwark Brewing Sedona

Windsor and Elton Guardsman

Leave 13.00. 12-15 minutes to pub 5

5. Boaters Inn* (Food available)

Beers available on day of recce.

Green King IPA

Abbot

Ruddles

Wandle

Trumans Runner

Leave 13.50 10 minutes to pub 6

6. Canbury Arms (Food available)

Beers available on day of recce.

Shere Drop

Harveys

Park Brewery

Oakham

Leave when ready. 5 minutes to Station, again most time will be spent crossing roads.

The Map

