

JOLLY BOYS VISIT KNARESBOROUGH
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019
Recce-24th October



The River Nidd and Railway viaduct

Knaresborough is both a market and a spa town. It has a ruined Norman castle. Hugh de Morville who occupied it in the 12th century and was constable of Knaresborough, was one of the four knights who murdered Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. The first Maundy Money was distributed by King John in 1210. The castle was destroyed of course during the Civil War

The railway arrived in 1851 having first reached Hay Park from York in 1848. Thus connecting York to the Leeds Northern route to Ripon and Northallerton at Starbeck. In 1875 a line was completed via Boroughbridge to Pilmoor on the East Coast Main Line. It closed in 1964.

Knaresborough station stands above the town between the viaduct over the River Nidd and a short tunnel on the York side of the station.

Near to the River Nidd may be found Mother Shipton's Cave. She was born in the cave in 1488 and among other things foretold the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the Fire of London. Water dripping from the roof of the cave is full of minerals and there are many petrified objects hanging beneath the drips. The cave was the first ever tourist attraction for which there was a charge. It dates as such from 1630

The Pubs

1. **The Crown Inn**, Wetherspoons, 71-75 High Street, HG5 0HB. Exit the station on the up/York side turn right past the Mitre (pub no.6) and up Station Road.

Turn right at the top and The Crown is on the right in the High Street.

JB times -until 10.50

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Turn right leaving the Crown and continue along High Street into York Place. Down the hill on the left will be found the Marquis of Granby.

2. **The Marquis of Granby**, 31 York Place, HG5 0RD. Opens 11.00 A classic old Victorian Sam Smith's establishment, serving Old Brewery Bitter on handpumps. Three separate rooms all with roaring open fires.

WARNING-It is Sam Smith's personal instruction that there shall not be any electronic equipment turned on in his pubs, and that includes mobile 'phones. Additionally he will not allow swearing. Ignoring these instructions will result in a permanent barring of the customer and summary dismissal of the tenant/Landlord or lady. You have been warned!

A splendid pub nonetheless and a very friendly landlady, living in permanent fear of dismissal as Sam is his own area pub manager for North Yorkshire!

JB times-11.00-11.30

Turn right out of the pub and return to the High Street. Turn left into Silver Street and proceed down to the Market Place, where you will find the Old Royal Oak'

3. **The Old Royal Oak**, 7 Market Place, HG5 8AL. Opens 11.00. Two Timothy Taylor's handpumped beers. Old Victorian pub with two bars. Another handpump which according to What Pub sometimes dispenses a changing beer.

JB times -11.35-12.05

Turn right out of the Royal Oak, back into Silver Street. The Hart is on left hand side.

4. **The Hart Bar**, Silver Street, HG5 8AJ. Large Sky Sports pub. Sells a good pint of Ossett Yorkshire Blonde.

JB times 12.07-12.37

Leave the Hart cross the road and turn left, So Bar is on your right.

5. **SO! Bar and Eats, (formerly The Little Elephant)** 1 Silver Street, HG5 8AJ. Opens 11.30. A modern interior and as the name suggests it does food, though not very cheap..
Two regular, Black Sheep and Rooster and two changing beers. Though the two changing, weren't in use on the recce.

JB times 12.39-13.15

Come out of the So Bar. and walk ahead into the High Street There is a very good pie shop on the corner (Hirst's Bakery). Return to the Station, via High Street and left into Station Road. The pub is on the right outside the up/York platform.

- 6. The Mitre**, 4 Station Road HG5 9AA, Opens 12.00, Does food. Refurbished in 2017. Is right beside the Grade II listed station and signal box. Six real ales. Two regular-Timothy Taylors and Rooster, plus four changing.

JB times-13.20-----

Train Times

Kings Cross	Dep	07.03	07.30	07.33	08.00	08.03	08.30	08.33	09.00
Leeds	Arr	09.16		09.47		10.16		10.47	
York	Arr		09.32		09.52		10.32		10.51
York	Dep				10.11				11.11
Knaresborough	Arr				10.35				11.35
Leeds	Dep	09.29	09.59	09.59	09.29	10.29		10.59	11.29
Knareborough	Arr	10.15	10.47	10.47	10.15	11.15		11.47	12.15

Manchester Picc Dep 08.47 09.05
Leeds Arr 09.45 10.07

Knaresborough Dep 13.06 13.15 13.36 14.06 14.15 14.36
Leeds Arr 13.53 14.24 14.53 15.24
York Arr 13.45 14.46
York Dep 13.58 14.58

Leeds Dep 14.15 14.45 15.15 15.45
Kings Cross Arr 16.33 15.49 17.01 17.31 16.50 18.01

Leeds Dep 14.18 14.40 15.18 15.40
Manchester Picc Arr 15.20 15.38 16.20 16.39

