

## JBs post Tennis trek to Wimbledon 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Wynnman's Hill or as known now, Wimbledon, is a “village” perched on the southeast side of Wimbledon common and the Dog and Fox pub which we will visit was a coaching inn on the road to Portsmouth.

However, the London and Southampton Railway inconsiderately opened a station nearly a mile away in 1838 which, incidentally was about 70 feet lower down! This was on the opposite side of the road bridge to the present station which was relocated and opened in 1889 when the District Railway built a terminus alongside. An attached map shows the original station with the village to the NW abutting on the common. [It did however avoid a tunnel or a very deep cutting as at Surbiton further down the line where the first Kingston station was built!]

Health Warning: There is a serious outbreak of the lesser spotted green king and youngs infestation in the district but fortunately there are a few side effects which makes a trip relatively tolerable.

We start the trek in the ubiquitous **Wetherspoons, Wibbas Down** [SW19 1QT] [1 on map] a large establishment with two entrances, two bars and a convoluted interior. Leave the station by the exit to the left off the footbridge [for those from London], follow Broadway a short way down cross, and the pub is just before the Theatre. If we are not in one part try the other!

The plan is to leave here about 10 50 to exit by the back entrance (Not opposite to the Theatre) and cross diagonally to catch a 93 bus, from the Left Hand bay. The next stop is in Hartfield Road opposite the Station where those following later can catch the 93 bus. Alight at the second High Street stop at the top of the hill, Maryat Road and as the Common is immediately nearby be careful not to be trampled by any horses and riders as you cross the road to the **Rose and Crown**. [SW19 5BA] [2] This has very limited beer range but is included for the cultural aspect of the tour.

Depart 11.40, turning left for a short walk to the **Dog and Fox** [SW19 5EA] [3] Beer selection not brilliant but better and will suffice hopefully. Stables are behind the pub so with advance notice a hack can be ordered if you so wish (that might need a slight supplement to the kitty)

Both these are not recommended for food—£££. Leave at 12.30 turning right to the bus stop for the 93 to the station or if by the 293 get out just after it turns into Alexander Road before the Station.

Walk back a short distance to the **Alex (Alexander, a Youngs pub)** [SW19 7NE][4] but with a couple of other pumps and worth visiting. However, the **Hand and Racket** [5] almost next door (a Green king pub) is camera listed pub as well and may have some more choice. It is an option for lunch or see below.

Back opposite the station is the **Prince of Wales** [SW19 3TA] [6] (also a Green king Pub but with other beers) and does a 10% Camera discount plus quite an extensive food menu.

Timings for these last ones can be decided on the day.

Note on the map, pubs are marked by red blobs and bus stops by smaller green ones

### Travel:

Wimbledon has a very frequent service from Waterloo taking about 20 minutes. From Paddington, about 20 minutes on the District line and from East Croydon about 30 minutes on the Tram.

A Gower - Pooley production for the Jolly Boys