

## Jolly Boys visit to Woodbridge - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The Woodbridge Tide Mill is perhaps the best known symbol of the town. It may be one of the earliest Tide Mills in the UK. First recorded in 1170, operated by Augustian Canons.

It passed to King Henry V111 in 1536, then in 1564 Queen Elizabeth 1 granted the mill to Thomas Seckford. It was certainly the last working Tide Mill in the UK, the wheel last turned in 1957 when the 22" square oak main shaft broke. You can see the Tide Mill from the station footbridge.

**Getting there:** There is now an hourly train service to Woodbridge but there are no through trains, all start from Ipswich. Trains depart Ipswich at xx.17 arriving at Woodbridge at XX.32. Trains should connect with those leaving Liverpool St. at xx.00. i.e. the 09.00 train connects with the 10.17 from Ipswich arriving at Woodbridge at 10.32. (In an emergency there is an hourly bus service, No. 64 by First Buses in Norfolk & Suffolk, this leaves from the Old Cattle Market bus Station (E) at xx50 taking about 40 minutes, twice as long as the train.)

Route from the station to pub No. 1 - Leave station, cross the forecourt to the main road, turn left and keep walking. The pub is on the left opposite Nottcuts garden centre. Just under 10 minutes walk.

### **Pub 1 The Cherry Tree 73 Cumberland St. IP12 4AG Tel. 01394 384627**

Opens for breakfast at 7-30 – 10.30, (will extend breakfast times if advised beforehand) more expensive than Wetherspoons, varies from £6.00 - £9.50 (alcohol can be served before 10.30 if bought with food).

The bar opens at 10.30 until late. They stock a full range of Adnams beers plus 3 or 4 guests. Suggest JB's times 10.40 to 11.20

Walk to Pub 2 about 10 mins. **Pub 2 The Old Bell & Steelyard 103 New St. IP12 1DZ** Opens 11.00 to 15.00 A Green King pub but does have guest beers (has 3 pumps with regularly changing beers – other than GK. No Food. Probably worth a short stop just to see the interior, reckoned to be the oldest pub in the town. Suggest we leave at 12.05.

(For JB's arriving on the 11.30 train : leave station across the forecourt. Cross the main road and go up Quay St., proceed up the hill and turn right into The Thoroughfare, in about 100 yards bear left past Fat Face and across the car park. Turn left and keep left, the pub is on the left. Walking time from the station about 10 mins)

Walk to pub 3 about 2 mins. **Pub 3 The Old Mariner 26 New St. IP12 1DX (01394 382679)**

Opens 12.00 to 15.00 Pubmaster pub with varied beer selection from 5 hand pumps JB's times 12.10 to 12.40

Walk to Pub 4 under 5 mins. **Pub 4 The Kings Head 17 Market Hill IP12 4LP** Opens 12.00 to 15.00 An Adnams pub with just their range of beers but again a very old building. Serves Food from an extensive menu Light Bites from £6, Ciabattas from £6.50 and Main menu from £8-£12. Leave at 14.00.

Walk to Pub 5 **Pub 5 The Angel 2 Theatre St. IP12 4NE Tel. 01394 383808** Opens 14.00 to 23.00 Varied selection of beer from 6 hand pumps. Due to late opening this pub has not been viewed but claims to serve a good variety of ales. 14.00 to end

An alternative is **Pub 6 The Anchor 19 Quayside IP12 1BX** Opens 12.00 until late This a another Green King pub with their range of beers but the attraction is it is right opposite the station for trains home.

**Going Home :** Trains leave Woodbridge hourly for Ipswich at XX.18

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