

Jolly Boys visit to Cardiff 19th March 2020

Setting the scene

We have made a number of visits to the capital of Wales (usually in the rain!), so this time I have tried to find some different pubs while not straying too far from the city centre and Cardiff Central station. As before, we start by crossing the square outside the main station exit and walking up Westgate Street to the Wetherspoons opposite the Principality (formerly Millenium) Stadium where breakfast will be available for those who require it. The tour will then take in a select number of establishments where beers from the increasing number of small Welsh breweries can be found while avoiding the Brains stranglehold which used to be found in the Cardiff area.



The Pubs

1. **The Gatekeeper.** Traditional JB's Wetherspoons start/meeting point. Leave at 11:15, turning left then left again into Quay St and crossing High St into Church St to:
2. **The Owain Glyndwr.** Large city centre pub with a decent range of mainly local beers so a useful stopping off place. Leave at 11:50, turn left into St John St, right into Queen St, left into Park Place and cross the (very busy) dual carriageway at the traffic lights. Continue along Park Place, taking first right into Salisbury Rd and left before the railway bridge into Park Grove to:
3. **The Pen & Wig.** A pleasant beer garden and a wide range of Welsh beers presents a good reason to tarry and sample more than one while also stopping for food. Leave at 13:30, turning left and following the road round to cross Park Place, turning left then right in front of the Museum of Wales (culture opportunity?) and City Hall before using the pedestrian subway to reach Kingsway. Follow the footpath round to the main road and:
4. **Hopbunker.** Downstairs bar with a huge range of beers, so another sampling opportunity. Until whenever.

To return to the station, continue along the road in front of the castle, turn left into High St, continue into St Mary St then right into Wood St to reach Central Square. Anyone suffering from Brains deprivation could always call into **The Cottage** in St Mary St on the way! Trains every ½ hour to Paddington and Bristol, every hour to Crewe/Manchester via Shrewsbury and Derby/Nottingham via Birmingham NS.

Cardiff Map

