

**JOLLY BOYS FIRST VISIT TO BRIGHOUSE**  
**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**  
**Recce-17<sup>th</sup> June**



***Bridge over the River Calder on the Huddersfield Road***

Brighouse, (pronounced Briggus) not surprisingly is in Calderdale, in the former West Riding of Yorkshire. They don't call them Ridings any more because the administration areas now have a South Yorkshire and Riding means 'third part'! Brighouse means on or near the bridge across the River Calder, which refers to the predecessor to the one above. Brighouse was famous for its Flour and textile mills, given a boost by the opening of the Calder and Hebble Canal in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Formerly thought to have been on the Roman route from Wakefield to Manchester (though there is no mention of this in Margary's book Roman Roads in Britain or the Historical OS Map published in 2001).

Home to the Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band formed in 1881.

Brighouse had two stations from 1881 until 1952. The first station opened in 1840 as part of the Leeds and Manchester Railway, which became a constituent of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly in 1923 and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1970. A new station was opened in 2000 located between Huddersfield Road and Gooder Lane.

Streetmap have managed to show the location of the station as it was from 1840 until 1893! The other station was Clifton Road, which was on the cut off line that would take you straight to Bradford via Bailiff Bridge and Wyke, avoiding Halifax, opened in 1881 by the L&Y. The whole line closed in 1952 due to the unsafe condition of Wyke viaduct.

## The Pubs

1. **The Richard Oastler**, Wetherspoons, Bethel Street, HD6 1JN. Exit the station on the westbound side via the steps/ramp up to Railway Street at the top. Turn left and left again at the main road (Huddersfield Road) over the railway, the River Calder and the Canal, past the Calder (pub no 6). Turn left into Bethel Street and the pub is across the road on the right. A converted Methodist chapel, which still contains the gallery and pipe organ.

**JB Times until-11.30**

2. **Mamil Café Bar**, 11 Owler Ings Road, HD6 1EJ. Opens 10.00. Turn right out of Wetherspoons, along Bethel Street to the small roundabout. Go left into Halifax Road (not sharp left Ship Street!). Cross the road and along on the left hand side is the bar. It is a modern building, which includes a cycle repair workshop! Next door to Kwik-Fit. Sells several craft beers.

**JB-Times 11.35-12.05**

3. **Millers Bar (formerly the Black Swan)**, 47 Briggate, HD6 1EB. Opens at 12.00. Good choice of food. 5 locally changing beers. Plenty of outdoor seating. Turn right out of Mamils and follow the main road into Owler Ings Road, crossing the Canal and past the Bridge pub. Cross the road and the Millers is on your left.

**JB Times 12.15-13.15**

4. **Jeremy's The Boat House**. Wharf Street HD6 1PP. Opens 12.00. A converted boathouse in the canal basin. Had Saltaire beers on the recce. Good choice of food. Plenty of outdoor seating. Turn right out of the pub and return the way you came, past Wetherspoons. At the main road cross the road and walk through Sainsbury's car park. Wharf Street is in front of you and Jeremys is across the road.

5. **The Barge**. 37 Mill Lane HD6 1PA. Opens 12.00 Does Timothy Taylors and one other. From Jeremys it is opposite the end of Wharf Street in Mill Lane. **(Spare if needed)**

**JB Times-Unknown, if at all)**

6. **The Calder**, Huddersfield Road, HD6 1JZ. Opens 9.00. Does food. 5 real ales. Black Sheep and Eland plus 3 changing. Large pub inside. From Jeremy's return across Sainsbury's car park cross the main road and along on the right hand side of Huddersfield Road you will find the Calder.

**JB Times 13.20----**

### **Train Times**

Kings Cross	Dep	07.33	08.03	08.33
Leeds	Arr	09.45	10.16	10.47
Leeds	Dep	10.18		11.17
Brighouse	Arr	10.50		11.50
Brighouse	Dep	14.32	15.31	
Leeds	Arr	15.03	16.02	
Leeds	Dep	15.15	16.15	
Kings Cross	Arr	17.31	18.31	

For those travelling across the Pennines, there are plenty of trains from Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria to Huddersfield, with an hourly service from Huddersfield to Brighouse at xx35 due Brighouse xx45. There is an hourly service from Manchester Victoria at xx37 or 34 due Brighouse xx30 or 31. Return at xx52 due Man Vic xx53.

**In view of likely lifting of Covid restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> July I you will need to check if there are any timetable changes. Also you currently need to book a seat on all LNER services. You can do this ‘on-line’ on their website and where it asks for your ticket number just put in the number of your pass and it will accept it. Additionally you can choose your own seat or alter the one they have allocated. The seating plan for each coach in the chosen train is on the website.**

**Hope to see a few of you there.**

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