

Jolly Boys – Newbury 19th August 2021

We have replaced Abingdon with Newbury as it's a more accessible location given the current circumstances.

All the venues are in the area around the market place and about 5 minutes walk from the station.

Have found it impossible to find anywhere that opens at 11:00 apart from the good old Wetherspoons (Hatchet) which is in the market place.

So:

Arriving at Newbury station exit on the "up" side and turn right up the road. This is Cheap Street which you should follow as it bears sharply left and continues towards the town centre and into the Market Place for the Hatchet, about 5 minutes walk, a regular Wetherspoons. Eight beers normally available with a selection of local brews plus their normal food list, including breakfast! (Till 11:30)

Don't forget your vouchers for the spoons also 3 pubs on the tour offer discounts for Camra members so bring your cards as well!!!

From the Hatchet cross over the market square, through the Arcade and turn left about 100 yards on left is the Newbury. On our visit they only had one beer, normally 5, and even that ran out, however he did say that by the time of our visit they hope to have at least 3 or more depending on how trade was going. Opening is 11:30.

If all is well leave 12:15 turn right and back through the Arcade and right again back towards the station for the Catherine Wheel (opens 12:00 Camra discount). Suggested food stop. 6 hand pumps. They do a good range of Pies!!!

Give the Catherine Wheel an hour and then left back towards the Market Place to the Spare Wheel they had a well stocked bar on our visit, plenty of choice.

Back towards the station, on the left is the King Charles, 6 changing beers and food is also available if required. Leave when ready, a few minutes to the station.

It's possible that other opportunities may be available on the day as opening times seem to change by the week but as mentioned all are within easy distance from the station around the Market Place

Direct trains from Paddington at 08:06, 9:08, 9:37, 10:07, 10:35 take about 50- 55 mins From Reading at 08:36, 09:13, 09:36, 10:02, 10:12, 10:40, 11:01. about 20 -30 mins. Trains back from Newbury are at 13:27, 13:58, 14:59 15:31 for Reading and Padd, 14:10 and 15:07 (stopping service to Reading). However this is the timetable times please check as ping of staff and cracks in trains has caused changes, sometimes on a daily basis!!!

Anyway despite all this enjoy.