

## **Jolly to Reading 28<sup>th</sup> October**

In place of Winchester the Beer, Biscuit and Bulb town of Reading has stepped up as a replacement for the day.

Whilst I did find a pub open at 11:00 finding one that did meals and real ale was a challenge, so Sweeney & Todd is included.

From the station walk straight up Station Road and turn right into Friar Street.

For early starters the Hope Tap in Friar Street is the spoons offering for the day. You know what to expect.

Leave around 11:00 for 5 minute walk. Right on leaving spoons back towards Station Road but take a right into Queen Victoria Street then left into Broad Street on the left. Just past M&S is the Ale House, opens at 11:00 plenty of choice

Depart at 12:00. On leaving to the right back along Broad Street and left into St. Marys Butts for the Allied Arms, choice of 3

Depart 12:40 for Sweeney & Todd, Castle Street for the food stop, cross the road from Allied Arms and right at the bottom. This is essentially a pie shop but with a bar. Pies are excellent. If you don't fancy a pie the Allied Arms are happy for you to take your own food in, plenty of takeaways available in the area.

When ready make way back to station via the Greyfriars in Greyfriars Road, they offer a CAMRA discount. 100 yards (uphill) to the station.

Plenty of trains to Reading from all over the place

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