

## Jolly Boys in Reigate (and bit in Redhill)

Reigate has a long history of brewing in the town with the most famous being Mellersh & Neale Ltd.



Founded in the 16th Century. Registered May 1899 was acquired by [Meux's Brewery Co. Ltd.](#) with 94 houses in June 1938 and brewing ceased in the same year. The Brewery was demolished 1988. The site of the old brewery can still be seen and is called Brewery Yard. Within the yard are modern murals celebrating the Brewery.

Brewing recommenced in Reigate in 1982 by the Pilgrim Brewery but not on the same site. A visit to the brewery and Tap Room is part of this trip.



Crumbs Brewing started in Reigate in 2017. The brewery takes loaves that would otherwise go unsold from their local bakery and turn them into beer! Whilst being a local Bakery the beer is not brewed in Reigate but by Goddards in Ryde, Isle of Wight. Unfortunately they only seem to sell their beers in bottles.



*Please note that on the day of the recce all landlords reported that the breweries were not brewing as much beer as normal so the brews on offer were limited.*



Exit the station by the main entrance cross over the road towards the bus station and follow the building towards the town centre. On reaching the main street turn right towards Sainsburys and you will see our first stop, **The Sun**, a Wetherspoons, for the early birds who require a full breakfast.

Leave at 1100hrs

Come out of the pub and cross the road and turn right and walk through the town centre, in the distance you will see a railway bridge, continue under the bridge and you will our next stop, **The Garland** a Harveys pub and home of the local CAMRA group. (**JB times 1110-1140**)

The landlady has agreed to open early for us. We should arrive by 1110 but need to leave by 1140 in order to catch the 460 bus to Reigate at 1150.



Alight at the "Old Bus Garage" stop in Lesbourne Road, Reigate. On leaving the bus walk back up the road a few yards and there is **The Venture** (**JB times 1200-1230**). Again, on the recce there was a very limited selection of ales but there was Timothy Taylor Landlord, St Austall Tribute and Harveys Sussex Bitter.

Leave at 1230 Leave the pub and turn left and walk to the end of the road which you cross and enter the park, Reigate Priory, follow the path to your right and in front is the old Priory.



The Priory was originally founded in the early 13th century and was converted to a mansion in Tudor times following the Dissolution of the Monasteries. In June 1541 Henry VIII granted the Manor and Priory of Reigate to Lord William Howard, uncle of Catherine Howard, Henry's fifth wife. The building is now a school and houses a small museum

In the 1920's the Priory was owned by Lady Somerset, a staunch teetotaler and an active temperance worker. She owned much of Reigate including the Brewery and the public houses. She died in 1921 and her assets were put up for sale. The freehold of the brewery was acquired for £5,000. The brewery acquired at the same time the freehold of two other properties in the town centre. One was the Red Cross Hotel, for which was paid £2,500, and the other was the Bull's Head costing £1,500



Follow the path across the front of the Mansion and turn right on reaching the childrens playground. With the tennis courts on your left follow the path until you reach Morrisons carpark. Continue across the front of Morrisons and up a small passageway until you reach Reigate High Street where you turn left and walk up the road to our lunch stop **The Bulls Head (JB times 1240-1325)**. We did not visit this pub on the recce but is reported to serve Jennings, Whychwood and 2 changing beers.

Leave at 1325.



On leaving the pub turn left and walk up the High Street, crossing over the road at the lights and then on your left down a small alley is the **Pilgrim Brewery and Tap Room (JB times 1330-1430)** The Brewery have agreed to open especially for us as they don't normally open until 1700hrs on a Thursday.

Leave at 1430



On leaving the Brewery turn right and at the traffic lights cross the road and then you have two options you can either walk or catch a bus, route 420 and 460 alighting just after you have crossed the level crossing. For those who want to walk continue past the bus stop and follow the road round until you get to the level crossing cross over the road and on the left is Holmesdale Road where you will find the final pub the **Prince of Wales (JB times 1445 until.....)** a Shepherd Neame pub for those who want.

The Station is right next door. Check the indicator board as some trains to Redhill depart from the opposite platform, which is reached by the subway located outside the station.