# JOLLY BOYS RETURN TO HUDERSFIELD THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 Recce-24<sup>th</sup> March

Huddersfield Station and St. George's Square



Huddersfield is a large market town in Kirklees, West Yorkshire (formerly the West Riding). It was a prominent market town in the Industrial Revolution. It stands on the Holme and Colne rivers and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal which runs from Aspley Basin to Ashton under Lyne via Standedge Tunnel (3 miles 171 yards long). There are four railway tunnels carrying the main line to Manchester through the Pennines. The railway tunnels are very unusual in that I believe they were the only railway tunnels to contain water troughs!

The Railway Station was joint L&Y East end and LNWR West end. The central section was an hotel.

#### The Pubs

1. The Cherry Tree, Wetherspoons, 14-18 John William Street, HD1 1BG A former bed shop, opened in 2001. Resides in the former Pearl Assurance building, as can be seen on the east end of the building. Exit the pub turn right then second right down St. Peter's Street. Walk down past the churchyard gardens, cross Lord Street to no. 2.

## JB Times until-10.45

2. The Vulcan, 32,St. Peter's Street HD1 1RA. Opens 09.00 Had Copper Dragon, and Farmer's Blonde. Saltaire Blonde was off. Does a very good breakfast for £5 (£6 for the large version!) from 10.00. Other food available at good Yorkshire prices! Some JB's may wish to come straight here rather than enjoy the traditional Spoons fare first. Out of the pub turn left. Back up St Peter's Street and turn left along John William St. to the road junction with Kirkgate on the left turn right here into Westgate. Walk up to the junction with Railway St. Turn left into Market St. follow this road until the road curves left towards the bus station. Set back on the right hand side is no. 3.

JB Times 10.50-11.20

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**3.** The Plumbers Arms 6 Macauley Street, HD1 2JY. Opens 11.00 White Rat, Copper Dragon Best Bitter and Doombar. Recently renovated real ale pub.

## JB Times 11.35-12.00

4. The Crown. 43 Westgate, HD1 1PB. Opens 10.00. Does good choice of food. Very friendly locals pub. Had Milestone Azacca Gold, Pennine Scapegoat, Farmer's Plum Bitter, Acorn and Farmer's Blonde. Out of the pub, cross the main road, Westgate, at the traffic lights. Go right across the railway bridge and turn immediately left down the pedestrian alleyway (snicket) towards the station. In the station the left hand frontage is no. 5.

## **JB Times 12.10-12.40**

5. The Head of Steam. St George's Square HD1 1JF. Former LNWR end! Opens 11.00. Food from 12.00. Huge choice of craft beers too numerous to mention-up to 14! Large pub with several rooms. Despite previous comments regarding price, this pub is as reasonable as any Yorkshire town centre establishment in the current climate! The prices vary between £3.50 and £4.30. The food consisting of a variety of pies is reasonably priced likewise. See attached menu. Walk down the Square to the main road, John William Street and turn left. Under the railway bridge over the lights and in front of you will be no 6.

#### JB Times 12.45-13.30

- 6. The Sportsman, 1 St. John's Road, HD1 5AY, Opens 12.00 Good choice of local beers. If more is required on return to the station visit the right hand end. JB Times 13.35-14.00
- 7. The Kings Head-St George's Square, HD1 1JF. At the right hand (Leeds) end of Huddersfield Station. Not as vast a range of beers as the Lancashire and Yorkshire end of the station!

JB Times 14.05----

## **Train Times**

Kings Cross	Dep	07.33	08.03	08.33
Leeds	Arr	09.45	10.16	10.47
Leeds	Dep	10.07	10.45	11.15
Huddersfield	Arr	10.24	11.05	11.36
Huddersfield	Dep	13.46	14.12	14.46
Leeds	Arr	14.10	14.31	15.10
Leeds	Dep	14.15	14.45	15.15
Kings Cross	Arr	16.29	17.01	17.30

Manchester Picc Dep		
	10.08	10.40
13.55	14.08	14.25
14.39	14.49	15.02
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Note-LNER services are generally fine, you might even get a class 91 and Mk 4's! BUT-TPE services can a bit unreliable. Less so Northern! Check on the day. Due to crew shortages (covid/training on TPE's new 802's and Mk 5's). Though Leeds to Huddersfield you should get something!

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