

**JOLLY BOYS RETURN TO LEEDS**  
**THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2022**  
**Recce-13<sup>th</sup> September**



*The last train leaves Leeds Central before closure on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1967. Taken by me on a Box Brownie.*

Leeds has changed enormously since I was at school up there from 1964 to 1968. One of the first big changes whilst I was up there was the closure on 29th April 1967 of Leeds Central Station. A terminus opened in 1854 as a joint station (LNWR, L&Y, GN and NE). The Midland got to Leeds first in 1846 (Hudson and all that!) at Wellington Station adjacent to what became Leeds City Station, which remains as Leeds mainline station. On closure of Central a new chord was built at Gelderd Road to connect with the LNWR's high level line direct to the City Station across the streets of Holbeck and the back of Holbeck loco shed (55A). This line closed in 1987 just prior to electrification and remains so in an ever increasing carpet of greenery and trees! Maybe they should do as New York and open it up as a high level walk way!

### **The Pubs**

- 1. Leeds Station Wetherspoons.** For the early birds. It is at the far end of the restored 1930's concourse on the left beside the main taxi drop off area.

**JB times until -10.30**

Exit Wetherspoons via the concourse exit. Turn right and cross Boar Lane at the traffic lights. Continue along Boar Lane, and Duncan St. Turn left along Call Lane. Turn right into Kirkgate. Just before the railway bridge is :-

- 2. The Duck and Drake.** 43 Kirkgate LS2 7DR. Opens at 10.00  
A fine Victorian two roomed corner pub. Original wooden floor. Blues and rock pictures adorn the walls. Pork Pie and mushy Peas-£3.45.

**JB times 10.40-11.10**

Return up Kirkgate, cross Vicar Lane and turn right into Briggate. Walk up nearly to the top and turn left into Swan Street via a covered way (a ginnel). The White Swan is along on the right.

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**3. White Swan**, 5 Swan St City Centre LS1 6LG. Opens 11.00

In part of the City Varieties complex home of the Victorian Old Time Music Hall. (Leonard Sachs and all that).

**JB times 11.20-11.50**

Exit the pub and return to Briggate. Turn right and walk down, past Albion Place on the right and just past Commercial Street also on the right, find the narrow ginnel on the right leading to :-

**4. Whitelocks**, Turk's Head Yard, LS1 6HB. Opens 12.00

Dates from 1715 and remains an unspoilt city centre luncheon venue, with tables outside in yet another ginnel and a good choice of draught beer. No visit to Leeds would be complete without a call here!

Unfortunately despite being called a luncheon bar, the kitchen was closed on the recce for refurbishment. They told us until at least 24<sup>th</sup> September. But I will check a few days before our visit.

**JB times 12.00-12.20**

Return to Briggate turn right and walk down to Boar Lane, cross at the lights and on the left hand side a few doors down is :-

**5. Bower's Tap**, 157-158 Briggate LS1 6LY. Opens 11.30

Several real ales and a good choice of food..

**JB times 12.25-13.30**

Return to Briggate, turn left into Boar Lane and walk down, past New Station Street to-the Banker's Cat on the corner of Mill Hill.

**6. , Banker's Cat**, 29 Boar Lane LS1 5DA. Opens 12.00

Thornbridge Brewery bar opened in 2019. Downstairs bar and toilets is the old bank vault complete with the original door.!

**JB times-13.35-**

If any one wishes any more decent ale you could try the Brew Society which is just along Aire St. from the station entrance beyond Wetherspools. However it is card payment only.

**7. Brew Society**, 24-26 Aire St., LS1 4HT. Opens 08.00 (Alcoholic drinks after 11.00).

Opened 2018 has a selection of real and craft ales and food.

Train Times					
Kings Cross	Dep	07.33	08.03	08.33	
Leeds	Arr	09.45	10.16	10.47	
Manchester Picc	Dep	08.56	09.35		
Leeds	Arr	10.10	10.31		
Leeds	Dep	14.15	14.45	15.15	15.45
Kings Cross	Arr	16.31	17.01	17.29	17.59
Leeds	Dep	13.45	14.07	14.45	
Manchester Picc	Arr	14.49	15.02	15.49	

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