

Jollyboys Oxford – 15/8/2022

We last “did” Oxford in 2018 when we did a couple of pubs a little way out of the centre by taking the buses. This time we will confine ourselves to the centre, with some gentle strolls between each location. I did the recce this morning (31/8) and, like Worcester, we are somewhat constrained by modern opening hours BUT, having said that, there is some good news – see later – as well as some bad news about prices! All the locations do food, of various descriptions, all at Oxford prices!

We'll gather to start, as usual, in a 'spoons – this time the **Four Candles** in George Street from whence we shall sally forth at 1100. Most 'boys know where it is but, for anyone new to Oxford, come out of the station, right, then left past the bike park and across the station entrance road, then continue in that direction along Hythe Bridge Street, cross Worcester Street and continue along George Street to find the 'spoons about a third the way along on the right. Usual food. Usual clientele. **(Until 1100)**

Out and right to continue along George Street to the traffic lights and continue along Broad Street, then right into Catte Street (you will see the **Kings Arms**, to which we will be returning shortly, on the diagonally opposite corner!). Then turn left into New College Lane (under the Bridge of Sighs) and then a left into the alley that leads to the **Turf Tavern** which, unlike on my last visit, has returned to winning ways with a blackboard listing **NINE** ales. OK, a few of them are standards from Greene King but half were from outside that fold. **(1110 - 1140)**

Leave by the other alley (Bath Place) at the opposite end of the “outside” area to come out on to Holywell Street. Turn left and along to the **Kings Arms** on the right hand corner. Six ales on today, including Prescott Chequered Flag, Youngs Original, St Austell Proper Job and three from Lister's {Sussex!} **(1150 – 1220)**

Out, left and along Catte Street, past the back of the Radcliffe Camera to the High Street. Cross the pedestrian crossing and right and continue along, then left down Alfred Street to the **Bear**. A Fullers pub so several from their range. plus local guests. For the pipers and cigaristas, they are smoker-friendly with all-weather areas out front. **(1230 - 1300).**

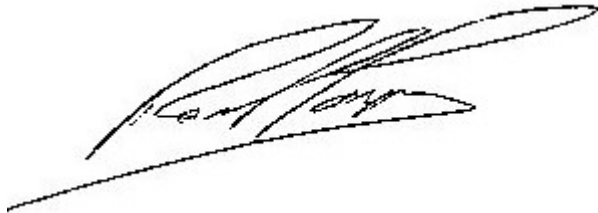
Right along Blue Boar Street to St Aldates, and cross, when/where safe to do so, to reach **St Aldates Tavern** on the opposite side. Ales included a couple from White Horse, St Austell Tribute, Old Hooky, and Oakham Citra. **(1310 - 1340)**

Left back up St Aldates and cross the junction to continue along Cornmarket Street to drop into the **Plough** - new to me - on the left. Three pumps, all dedicated to local XT products. Tables out in the street as well as inside. **{1345 – 1415}.**

Left to continue along Cornmarket Street, cross the junction and continue along Magdelene Street to then dive to the left down an alley (Friars Entry) just past Tesco Express, where you will find the **White Rabbit**. Animal Wombat, North Cotswold

Hung, Drawn 'n' Portered, Chadlington Oxford Blue and Amwell Springs Chairman
Dave. **(1425 – end)**

To get back to the station you can either retrace your steps going back up the alley and right past the bus stop to the road junction then turn right and follow this back to the station, or out of the pub, right then left and cross the square diagonally and you come into the back of the bus station. Keep left back to the main road and then right and straight ahead – hopefully having enjoyed the day, despite the lighter wallet!.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rod', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

.....Rod