

**JOLLY BOYS BACK IN THE CALDER VALLEY**  
**THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2022**  
**Recce-19<sup>th</sup> May**



*Wharf Street looking east 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

Sowerby Bridge was originally a fording place on the River Calder, which used to be much wider. It is joined here by the River Ryburn. The Calder and Hebble Navigation passes through here and is famous for the Tuel Locks and tunnel.

Famous for textiles and engineering which grew up around the bridge.

The railway arrived in 1840 as part of the Manchester and Leeds Railway becoming the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway in 1847, the London and North Western Railway in 1922 and the LMS in 1923. The original station which was further west closed in 1876 when the current station opened. Just on the Leeds side of the station on the up side was once the junction for the Rishworth branch via Ripponden, which immediately entered a tunnel, the sealed entrance of which can still be seen through the trees. The branch closed in 1958.

### **The Pubs**

1. **Commercial Inn Wetherspoons.** The Wharf 31 Wharf St. HX6 2LA. For the early birds. Leave the station on the down (Leeds direction) side. Turn left and walk along Holmes Road until you find a footpath on the right hand side. This takes you over the river on a footbridge and through a row of cottages via a ginnel. Across Wharf St. you will find the pub

**JB times until -11.15**

Exit Wetherspoons cross Wharf Street, busy main road at the traffic lights and turn left. Cross the Calder and Hebble Navigation and take the third turning right to The Moorings which is at the head of the canal basin.

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2. **Moorings.** No 1 Warehouse, Canal Basin HX6 3LF. Opens 11.00  
Had three real ales. Tim Tailors', Farmers' Blonde and Moorings Bitter.  
Does food.

**JB times-11.20-11.55**

Turn right out of the pub and right towards the canal basin. Follow the towpath beside the Navigation and at Chapel Lane Bridge cross the road to the Navigation Inn.

3. **Navigation. Chapel Lane HX6 3LF.** Opens 12.00.  
Beside the Calder and Hebble. Had 61 Deep, Wainright, Ossett Blonde and Oakham Citra. Also does food

**JB times-12.00-12.45**

Leave the pub and return along the tow path. At the Moorings carry straight on and turn right at the end past the Hogs Head Brewhouse, which despite a good choice of 6 real ales does not open until 14.00 ! Turn left at the main road and return to the ginnel on your left just past Wetherspoons at the end of the ginnel turn right and on your left will be the Turk's Head poised above the river Calder with outside seating on three levels.

4. **Turk's Head.** 20 Back Wharf St. HX6 2AD Opens 12.00  
Had 5 real ales on the day of the recce. Two from Durham. Two from Copper Dragon and one Gooseye.

**JB times 12.55-13.45**

Or if minded for a further range of beers you could return to –

**The Hog's Head Brewhouse for 14.00!-1 Stanley Street W. HX6 2AH**  
Sells four of its own beers (Hog's Head) plus three other local beers!

Return to the station over the iron footbridge.

**Train Times**

Kings Cross	Dep	07.33	08.03	08.33
Leeds	Arr	09.45	10.16	10.45

Manchester Vic Dep 10.21  
Sowerby Bridge Arr 10.57

Leeds Dep	10.18	10.42
Sowerby Bridge Arr	10.59	11.22

Sowerby Bridge Dep	13.58	14.23	14.57
Leeds Arr	14.42	15.03	15.43

Leeds Dep	14.45	15.15	15.45	16.15
Kings Cross Arr	17.03	17.31	18.01	18.31

Sowerby Bridge Dep	14.00	14.23	15.01
Manchester Vic Arr	14.53	15.06	15.53

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