

City of Bradford- The Wool Exchange

JOLLY BOYS TRIP TO BRADFORD THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2023

Bradford's origins pre-date the Norman Conquest being named Broad Ford a crossing of the Bradford Beck a small stream rising in the Pennines. There is no river as such in Bradford.

Bradford like Leeds owes its development to the Industrial Revolution. Its principle trade was wool but with plentiful supplies of coal, iron and soft water it soon grew as an industrial centre in its own right. During the Victorian age it became known as the 'wool capital of the world' famous particularly for worsted cloth and Alpaca. By the 1830's the population was over 100,000.

The first railway arrived in Bradford at Market Street in 1846 courtesy of the Leeds and Bradford Railway from Leeds via Shipley. It had been taken over by the Midland Railway by 1853 and was called Forster Square Station in 1924. The second arrival was the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway which got to Low Moor in 1848 via Mirfield and Liversedge and together with the line from Halifax via Bowling Tunnel reached Drake Street Station in 1850-renamed Exchange in 1867. The third railway to arrive in Bradford was the Leeds Bradford and Halifax Railway (later the Great Northern) which terminated at Adolphus Street in 1854 having come from Leeds via Bramley. Adolphus Street became a goods station after 1867 when the GN services began sharing Exchange Station by running in via St Dunstans.

THE PUBS

Turn left out of Bradford Interchange, down Bridge Street pass City Hall on your left turn left at the end of the building into Centenary Square, built as part of the regeneration scheme and has the largest open water feature in the UK. Wetherspoons is on the right in a modern glass and concrete building left of Nandos.

1. **The Turls Green. Wetherspoons.** 9 Aldermanbury Unit D, Centenary Square, BD1 1HY

JB Times until 11.25

Out of Wetherspoons turn left and cross Bridge Street. Go straight along Tyrel Street (pedestrianised).cross Bank Street and along Hustlergate past the empty building on your left (the former Bradford Commercial Bank-look for the crest above the entrance) on the left is the City Vaults opposite the Wool Exchange building.

2. **City Vaults,** 33 Hustlergate. BD1 1RE. Opens 10.00, food served from 11.30. 4 real ales -Saltaire Blonde, Pennine Brewing Red Gem, Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker and Tetleys Cask. Former bank opposite the Wool Exchange.

JB Times 11.30-12.00

Leave the City Vaults, cross the road to the next pub.

3. **Exchange Craft Beer House**, 14 Market Street BD1 1LH. Opens 12.00 Six real ales.. Part of the old Wool Exchange building. The main entrance is round the corner in Market Street.

JB Times 12.01-12.40

Turn left, or left and round the corner if in Market Street, and right into Piece Hall Yard. At the end left into Kirkgate and right up Darley Street, Cross Rawson Square into North Parade and the Rumshackalack is on the left hand side

4. **Rumshackalack,** 9 North Parade BD1 3LT. Opens 10.00. 3 beers. Famous for its supply of Caribbean Rums.

JB Times 12.45-13.15

Turn left out of the Rumshackalack continue down North Parade to the Record Café on your left

-3-

5. Record Café, 45-47 North Parade, BD1 3JH. Opens 11.00. Eight Real ales, mostly Yorkshire local beers. Bradford CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year 2022. Charcuterie styled food. Card only payment.

JB Times 13.20-14.00

Turn left out of the Record Café and right down Manor Row until you reach on the left -hand side the entrance to Forster Square Station.

TRAINS

Outwards				
KX	07.33	08.03		08.33
Leeds	09.45	10.17		10.47
Leeds	09.57	10.27		10.58
Bradford Interchange	10.15	10.48		11.15
Return Bradford Forster Square	14.00	14.30	15.00	15.30
Leeds	14.25	14.56	14.25	15.56

Trains depart from Forster Square for Leeds on the hour or 30 mins past taking 25/26 minutes

Trains depart from Bradford Interchange at 13.53, 14.08, 14.21 for Leeds taking between 19 and 21 minutes.

Departures for Kings Cross are xx15 and xx45 from Leeds