

## JOLLY BOYS VISIT DONCASTER

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

Recce-5<sup>th</sup> January



*The last locomotives built at Doncaster Works were the class 58's-Works Open Day-28.7.1984*

Doncaster's history goes back to the Romans (as DANUM) when their Ermine Street road from London to Lincoln then continued to York via Doncaster, Castleford and Tadcaster. Parts of it became part of the Great North Road. It crossed the River Don at Doncaster. What really put Doncaster on the map was the North Eastern Railway and then the LNER development of their main locomotive and carriage works, part of which still exists today repairing and refurbishing rolling stock. Doncaster is still a very important railway junction linking Leeds, London, Hull, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire with the main route to Scotland via York.

It was at the centre of the Yorkshire Coalfield and for many years the headquarters of the RFD coal division was based in Gresley House next to the station, now demolished along with the coal industry in general.

### **The Pubs**

Leave Doncaster Station and cross the busy main road at the traffic lights turn right then left into West Laith Gate you will pass a car park entrance/exit then the Little Plough (pub no.4) turn left into St Sepulchre Gate, cross the High Street into Baxtergate and turn right in the Market Place. Walk past Scott Lane and along on the right you will find the Red Lion

1. **Red Lion (Wetherspoons)**, 37-38 Market Pace DN1 1NH

Usual Wetherspoons fare.

JB Time-Until 10.55

Exit Wetherspoons turn left and follow the right hand side of the Market Place until you reach the modern Wool Market Hall on your right. Go in the first door and walk along beside the window to The Don Valley Tap.

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- 2. The Don Valley Tap**, Market Hall, Market Place, DN1 1NG. Opens 11.00. A modern micro bar serving 4 Don Valley Brewery beers  
JB Times-11.00-11.45

Exit the Market Hall by the same entrance and turn left at the Queen, along Sunny Bar, pass between the two red terracotta pillars surmounted by a pig on the left and a sheep on the right at the road junction and pass Silver Street going right into East Laith Gate. Follow the road, crossing the roundabout with Thorne Road (first part) and Prince's Street. Continue along East Laith Gate. Where the road divides take the right fork into Thorne Road (second part) at the junction with Hall Gate and South Parade, cross the road and turn left, passing a derelict terrace of Georgian buildings. Along on the right you will find the Salutation.

- 3. The Salutation.** 14 South Parade, DN1 2DR Opens 12.00. 7 real ales. A former coaching Inn on the Great North Road. This pub was the birth place of Doncaster Rovers FC. Does food.
- JB Times 12.00-12.40

Exit the pub turn left proceed back along South Parade, turn left down Waterdale to the roundabout turn right along Wood Street to Cleveland Street, turn right along Printing Office Street. Walk to St Sepulchre Gate, turn left into West Laith Gate on the right hand side is the Little Plough, past the Tut and Shive.

4. **The Little Plough**, 8 West Laithgate, DN1 15F. Opens 11.00  
Unspoilt local pub formerly Hewitts Ales of Grimsby, retains its 1934  
appearance. Eventually becoming part of Bass Charrington. Now  
independent and serves up to four local beers.  
JB Times 12.50-13.30

Turn right out of the pub cross the main road at the pedestrian lights walk towards the station and turn left just short of the entrance and walk past some modern shelters then left in front of the Railway pub (currently closed) and immediately right continuing along West Street where you will find on the right hand side at the next corner, the Leopard.

- 5     **The Leopard**, 2 West Street, DN1 3AA. Opens 11.30. Magnificent tiled frontage. A former Warwick & Richardson's of Newark house, subsequently taken over by John Smiths of Tadcaster in 1962. Has at least 6 real ales, mainly local.                      JB Times 13.40-----

To return to the station (less than 5 mins) return past the closed Railway pub.

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- 6     If you require further liquid refreshment you will find **The Draughtsman Ale House** on Platform 3.serving usually three local real ales. From the subway at the top of the steps to pf 3 walk straight ahead (towards York!) the pub is on the right. Not a lot of room inside but there are a couple of tables/chairs outside the entrance.

## Trains

**In view of the current uncertainties it is recommended you check the trains the day before you travel via Realtime trains or other web sites such as NATIONAL Rail enquiries.**

These are the current booked timetabled trains :-

Kings Cross	08.03	08.30	08.33	.Doncaster	13.47	13.56	14.19	14.27	14.47
Doncaster	09.41	10.08	10.13	K. Cross	15.31	15.40	16.01	16.22	16.33

Those coming from the Midland Route, will need to change at Sheffield .

Derby	xx45	Cross Country	xx11	East Midland
Sheffield	xx17		xx42	

From Sheffield there are two fast trains per hour Northern and Trans Pennine, xx11 and xx57 with an hourly Northern all stations service at xx05, which is overtaken by the xx11 TP service

A similar pattern applies on the return from Doncaster at xx42 (TP) and xx20 (NT)

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