

Jollyboys EVESHAM – 28th September 2023

Such dedication – instead of joining the throng in Taunton I was doing a recce for Evesham! Strangely enough, though having Worcestershire in my veins, until today I had never drunk there! My best mate and I were on our way there many moons ago when I fell out of his motor and ended up in hospital – happy to relate the gorey details if we have enough time.

Evesham is another of those “off the beaten track” places so anything could happen! However, barring intermediate changes that might occur, there were enough local ales in the three main sites to tickle the palate of the most critical Jollyboy (whoever that is?). Evesham does have a history too and there are plenty of pointers and signs around for those with an enquiring mind.

Getting there may be a bit of a faff for some not travelling via London, who may want to sample the delights of the “new(ish)” Worcestershire Parkway Station. The present timetable has the trains from and to London more or less coinciding at around xx40, so I shall be aiming to get there on the 1137 arrival.

Although that will be well beyond breakfast time I propose that we all aim for the ‘spoons as the assembly point. From the Down side exit the platform, turn left and head up to the main road. From the Up side you need to cross the footbridge to the same exit, though there is a disabled ramp off the Up side from which you would need to turn right and proceed to the same main road – the High Street..

Turn right and continue until you see **The Old Swanne Inne** on the opposite side and cross at the conveniently adjacent pedestrian lights. Usual ‘spoons fare. I am suggesting that we have one for the road in advance there and then proceed hence.

Out, left and along to cross Bridge Street. In front is the Town Hall and behind it, in the Market Place, is the **Red Lion** with 4 Ales on – Butcombe as the standard, plus 3 locals.

Out and back to the main road, which is now Vine Street, left and cross at the next convenient pedestrian crossing, and continue left along to **Ye Olde Red Horse** with Wye Valley HPA as the regular, plus 3 locals, plus food.

Out and right to continue as the road bears right, past the roundabout and find the **Trumpet** lying back slightly from the Road (Merstow Green). 4 Hook Norton products plus food.

I have not included any specific timings. We can decide on the day as I’m sure people will have targets for home-bound train services, and some will wish to sample the food offerings. I looked at the **Royal Oak** - fizz fonts only, and the **Gardeners Arms**, which was firmly closed. If anyone is really keen we will deviate, but its a fair old walk, along Bridge Street to cross the river to investigate the **Bear** in Port Street.