

JBs Newport 6th July 2023

Newport hasn't changed much since our last visit and, due to closures and curtailments of opening hours, neither will our itinerary.

The Pubs

1. **The John Wallace Linton**, Cambrian Road. Usual Wetherspoons gathering/breakfast location. Leave at 11:15, turn left and follow the footpath round to the right into High Street for:
2. **The Carpenters**. Pub with a shaded outdoor seating area where you can catch a glimpse of trains crossing Newport Bridge if you wish. Felin Foel (**Not** pronounced 'feeling foul'!) beers. Leave at 12:00, turning left and continuing down High Street to:
3. **Tiny Rebel**. Now with a brewery in Rogerstone in north west Newport offering a range of beers at strengths to suit all tastes. Food available, but more aimed at what someone referred to as the 'pay by smartphone set', so not really recommended (see no.5). Leave at 12:45, continuing along High Street to Westgate Square where those feeling hungry may wish to turn right into Stow Hill and go directly to no.5. Otherwise, proceed straight ahead along Commercial Street to:
4. **The Alexandra**. Rhymney Brewery pub occupying the former premises of the RBS Bank. A somewhat basic establishment which may not appeal to everyone, but the pint of General Picton I had there on a hot day went down extremely well. Leave at 13:30, walking back up Commercial Street to Westgate Square and then turning left into Stow Hill for:
5. **The Pen and Wig**. Probably the best place for food, so this is the suggested food stop. Range of primarily Wales based brewerys' products on offer, although I did spot a van labelled Camden Town Brewery in the car park. I had 'Cwrw am Byth', which translates as 'Beer for Ever' and comes from Tudor Brewery of Llanhilleth, to the north of Newport, which was very acceptable. Until finish.

The easiest route back to the station is via the exit to the beer garden (mind the fairly steep steps) and car park, turn right and go down the hill to Bridge Street then turn left.

Trains to Newport are operated by Great Western, CrossCountry and (if no other choice) Transport for Wales (currently joint bottom of the Customer Satisfaction Survey) and JB's will no doubt be aware of their options.

Newport Map

