

JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO POOLE THURSDAY 13TH April 2023

HISTORY (a bit of)

Poole was the third largest embarkation point for D-Day landings of Operation Overlord, and afterwards served as a base for supplies to the allied forces in Europe. Eighty-one landing craft containing US Army troops from the 29th Infantry Division and the US Army Rangers departed Poole Harbour for Omaha Beach in France. Poole was also an important centre for the development of Combined Operations and it was the base for the US Coast Guard's 'Rescue Flotilla One' of 60 cutters. The cutters patrolled the D-Day invasion areas, with 30 serving off of the British and Canadian sectors and 30 serving off the American sectors. A US Coast Guard ensign is buried at St James' Church and a plaque on the quayside given by the United States Coast Guard commemorates the cutters departure for the Normandy Invasion and expresses appreciation for the kindness of the people of Poole to the crews.

THE PUBS AND DIRECTIONS

The six pubs for the JB's visit all have a selection of real ales and are each expected to have at least three active pumps (recce early March). Five were visited during previous JB visit in 2015. All of the pubs do food after 12 except Pub No 5.

The distance from the station to the furthest pub (No 4 Poole Arms located on The Quay) is just under three quarters of a mile. For those not so keen on walking, all but the first pub are relatively close together and transport (taxi or possibly bus*) to The Quay could get you to pub No 2 Kings Head (opens at 11) or, if earlier, to the second Wetherspoons in town 'The Quay' located just to the east of pub No 4 Poole Arms.

Directions from Poole Station to Level Crossing and The Lord Wimborne (Wetherspoons):

Cross footbridge from Down to Up platform. Exit station, turn right & follow station fence until passing under massive concrete overbridge. Ahead is long red brick building with a large square tower displaying a huge letter 'D'. To left of tower are 4 No. coloured glass weather protection panels to a tunnel through the building. Go through the short tunnel, large cycle store on your right, coming out with Poundland on your left. Keep to your right and head to the corner at Skechers (opposite Vodaphone). Turn right and cross the Level Crossing. After crossing the railway and walking about a 100yd along High Street bear left into Lagland Street and on the left is **The Lord Wimborne**.

1.The Lord Wimborne (Wetherspoons) 59, Lagland Street BH15 1QD

All the usual including breakfasts for the early birds.

JB Times until 11:00

Turn right and retrace your steps back to High Street and turn left back onto it and proceed, including along the pedestrianised sections, for around 650yds to where on the right is the **Kings Head** just past the eye catching projecting Antelope.

2. Kings Head 6 High Street BH15 1BP

Opens 11:00. Three Badger beers.

JB Times 11:10 to 12:00

Turn right & into Sarum Street and after about 100yds facing you in Thames Street is the **King Charles**.

3. King Charles Thames Street BH15 1JN

Opens 12:00. Seafarers, Boltmaker & Landlord. Possible Lunch Stop.

JB Times 12:05 to 13:00

Turn right along Thames Street for about 50yds and turn left into The Quay. Continue along The Quay (water on the right) for about 170yds and on the left is the **Poole Arms**.

4. Poole Arms 19 The Quay BH15 1HJ

Opens 12:00. Proper Job, Stone Henge, Double Drop, Jurassic. Possible Lunch Stop.

JB Times 13:05 to 14:00

Turn right back along The Quay for about 100yds and turn right into High Street continuing for about 330 yds, passing by the Kings Head on the left, and shortly after crossing New/Old Orchard junction on the left is **The Brewhouse** (different to the 'Brewhouse and Kitchen').

5. The Brewhouse 68 High Street BH15 1DA

Opens 12:00. Zig Zag Stout, Mosaic Pale Ale, Maggie Hoppily, Brentwood Lumberjack. No food, can bring in from near-by sandwich shop.

JB Times 14:10 to 14:40

For those now wishing to return to the station turn left back into High Street and it is about 500yds to the level crossing so allow say a comfortable 15mins from pub to station.

For those with more time turn right into High Street proceeding for about 30yds to junction, turn right into New Orchard, proceed for about 100yds and turn left into Market Street and shortly on the right is **The Angel**. This was not reced.

6. The Angel 28 Market Street BH15 1NF

Opens 12:00. Tally Ho, Fortyniner, Doom Bar.

JB Times 14:45 to whenever.

To return to the station turn left into Market Street, continue into Hill Street & merge into High Street and from pub to the level crossing is about 600yds so allow a comfortable 15mins from pub to station.

TRAIN TIMES

Waterloo	8:05	8:35	9:05	9:35
Clapham Junct	8:12	-	9:12	-
Woking	-	9:0	-	10:00
Basingstoke	8:49	-	9:49	-
Winchester	9:06	9:34	10:05	10:33
Southampton C	9:25	9:51	10:25	10:51
Poole	10:13	10:36	11:13	11:36

Poole	14:07	14:40	15:00/07	15:40	16:00
Southampton C	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00
Winchester	15:18	15:48	16:18	16:48	17:18
Basingstoke	15:35	-	16:35	-	17:35
Woking	-	16:21	-	17:21	-
Clapham Junct	16:13	-	17:13	-	18:12
Waterloo	16:21	16:49	17:24	17:51	18:20

Birmingham NS	7:03
Reading	8:52
Basingstoke	9:11
Winchester arr	9:26
Winchester dep	9:34
Poole	10:36

Birmingham NS	7:17
Euston	8:39
Waterloo	9:05/35
Poole	11:13/36

Poole	15:07	16:07
Southampton C arr	15:58	16:58
Southampton C dep	16:15	17:15
Reading	17:15	18:15
Birmingham NS	18:51	19:51

