

Jollyboys READING – 2023

Phil says that Chippenham is a non-starter so this READING plan is the one that was going to happen in early January but was stopped by the Strikes. Constrained by pub opening times and walking distances it replicates the 2021 expedition!.

Leave the station by the main entrance. Walk ahead up Station Road to the cross-roads. Across pedestrian crossing, left and along to the **Monks Retreat (1)**. It used to be a 'spoons and has tried to replicate the formula. They have certainly retained the clientele! Included as it saves walking the length of the central area twice AND they do breakfast, though anyone looking for up-market items like Eggs Benedict will have to make other arrangements – the offering here is strictly “fry-up”. **Till 1115**

Out, turn right then bear right into the Market Place and continue till it meets Broad Street. Turn right, the **Ale House (2)** is immediately on your right. **Till 1155**

Out, right, and along Broad Street to the cross-roads where you turn left into St Mary's Butts. Continue down to the **Allied Arms (3)** on the left. **Till 1240**

Out and across to the other side of the road. Continue to the junction and turn right into Caste Street. Along on the right is **Sweeney Todds (4)**. Their speciality (nay, their only offering!) - a variety of Pies, with chips, etc., are filling. **Till 1310**

Things might get controversial here! We propose to cross the road directly opposite to **Brewdog (5)**. We'll make whatever accommodation is necessary on the day if there is a mutiny by those who reject their “Craft Beer” products. They do food – based mainly around Burgers and Chicken Wings. . **Till 1340**

Out, right and retrace our steps (using defined crossings) back up St Mary's Butts and continue along West Street. Anyone with an interest in Victorian Architecture should spot the interesting West Street Hall on the left hand side of the road. Where West Street ends, go briefly right, cross carefully, then left to continue down the left side of Greyfriars Road. At the end, on the left is **The Greyfriar (6)**.. **Till 1430**

Out, across the road and continue up Station Hill to catch trains home or, for those still thirsty, AND if there's any kitty left, we can drop into the **Three Guineas (7)**.

NB. A. Both **Allied Arms** and **Brewdog** are “Cashless” so, whoever holds the kitty will have to be happy with dealing with that.

B. For those wanting lunch, if the pies at Sweeney Todds or the offering at Brewdog are inappropriate then I suggest the **Hope Tap (8)** ('spoons) in Friar Street – you all know their menu. This option obviously also applies for breakfast, in which case follow the map and make your own way back along to meet us at the **Ale House** around 1120.