

Jolly Boys Trip to South Wales

26th September 2024

Once again we meet the problem of pub closures and restricted opening hours, so away from the larger centres of population venues can be a bit few and far between. Accordingly, we'll use two locations linked by a 10 minute train journey, starting at the furthest point:

Barry

Trains from Cardiff Central depart from Platform 8 at xx.09, xx.20 and xx.59 (destination Barry Island) and xx.39 (to Bridgend via the Vale of Glamorgan) with a journey time of 24-27 minutes to Barry (Town). 'Gavin and Stacey' fans may wish to continue to Barry Island to view some of the locations used – I understand that filming of the Christmas Special is likely to be under way around the time of our trip – breakfasting in one of the Cafés before walking along the causeway (Harbour Road) to pub no2.

For the rest of us, cross the road outside Barry Station, turn right to reach:

1. **The Sir Samuel Romily.** Usual Wetherspoons meeting and breakfast point. Leave around 11.10, turn right outside the pub and, staying on the same side of the road, walk back along Broad Street past the station and over the railway bridge to:
2. **The Ship.** Large Greene King pub (sorry – no other choice!) which does have occasional guest ales. Food available only after 12.00. Leave around 11.55, cross the road and walk back to the station for the train at 12.13 to:

Dinas Powys

All trains heading towards Cardiff and the Valleys stop here. Cross the road outside the station, turn left and after a few yards turn right into Station Road (there is a flight of steps to the right cutting off the corner for the more active participants). Walk up Station Road exercising caution on the narrow pavement near the:

3. **Star Inn.** Ex Brains, now Marstons, pub which also has Banks's beer. Recommended food stop with excellent chips! Until about 14.00, then cross the road, turn left and follow the road round to the right to reach:
4. **Cross Keys.** Free House. Until finish.

The easiest route back to the station is to turn right outside the pub and follow the road down to the junction with Cardiff Road and turn right, crossing the road opposite the station entrance. Trains to Cardiff Central at xx.04, xx.24, xx.34, and xx.54, taking 17 minutes.

Barry Map

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From Barry Island

Dinas Powys Map

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