

**JOLLY BOYS -HALIFAX**  
**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**  
**Recce-25<sup>th</sup> July**



***Halifax***

Halifax was famous for its cloth trade dating back to the 15th Century. The Piece Hall which we will see has been restored. It was where the woollen merchants brought their cloth for sale. The Town Hall was designed by Charles Barry who also designed the Houses of Parliament. Halifax is known for Mackintosh's chocolate and toffee including Rolo and Quality Street. The factory is still adjacent to the station.

The Manchester and Leeds Railway arrived in Halifax in 1844 at a station called Shaw Syke just south of the current station which opened in 1850 when the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway arrived from Bradford Exchange. The Great Northern Railway arrived via the Halifax and Ovenden Joint in 1878 giving routes via Queensbury to both Keighley and Leeds via Bowling. The Queensbury Lines closed progressively from 1956 to 1974. The Great Northern platforms were on the right hand side coming in from the Bradford direction but are now long gone.

**The Pubs**

Leave Halifax station via the station approach and continue into Horton Street, uphill, onto Wards End, and turn right along Commercial Street and left up Rawson Street. The Barrow Top is at the top on the left. 11 min walk from the station. Don't worry, it's all down- hill from here!

On the recce the pavement was closed from Commercial Street (in front of the Victoria Theatre) and up Fountain St.

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1. **Barum Top Inn**, 17 Rawson St, HX1 1NX. (Wetherspoons), Formerly a garage. Large corner building. **JB times until 10.50**

Turn right out of the pub, cross Rawson St. Turn left along Commercial St. and right into Cheapside. The Upper George is tucked away behind the buildings on Crown St. and Commercial St.

2. **The Upper George**, Crown St. HX1 1TT, Opens 11.00. A good choice of local real ales

**JB times 11.00- 11.30**

Return to Rawson St., and turn left into Powell St. On your right is:-

3. **Victorian Craft Beer Cafe**. 18-22 Powell St. HX1 1LN Opens 12.00  
Formerly an Italian Restaurant and is behind the Theatre. 10 real ales. Pub of the year 2018. .

**JB times 11.35-12.05**

Out of the pub, cross the road, down the cobbled alley opposite and beside the Theatre, turn right at the bottom, cross the road (Commercial St.) and left into Alexandra Street, on the right hand side will be found :-

4. **Vocation and Co**. 13-17 Alexander Street. HX1 1BS. Opens at 12.00. Does a selection of food inc. pizzas. **JB times 12.10-13.00**

turn right out of the bar and continue down Alexander St.. At the bottom straight in front of you is Kobenhavn.

5. **Kobenhavn. Royal Oak (ex. Dirty Dick's)**. 6 Westgate Arcade HX1 1DJ. Opens 11.00. Serves 6 beers on handpumps, normally including a dark beer. Covered outdoor drinking area in the arcade itself.

**JB times 13.05-13.40**

Exit via the lower level into the arcade turning right. Cross the road at the end Union St. and go down the dead end road to the Piece Hall via the large gatewayed entrance. Walk straight across the Piece Hall and out at the bottom. Cross Square Road and turn left into Church Street to find :-

The Ring O' Bells on the corner of Upper Kirkgate.

6. **Ring O' Bells**, Upper Kirkgate HX1 1QS. Opens 12.00 does a good choice of locally sourced food at reasonable prices.. 400 years old with the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Parish Church next door. 5 real ales.

**JB times 13.50-----**

Out of the pub walk along Church St. and then follow the footpath on the left hand side alongside the retaining wall and left at the end into the station approach road.

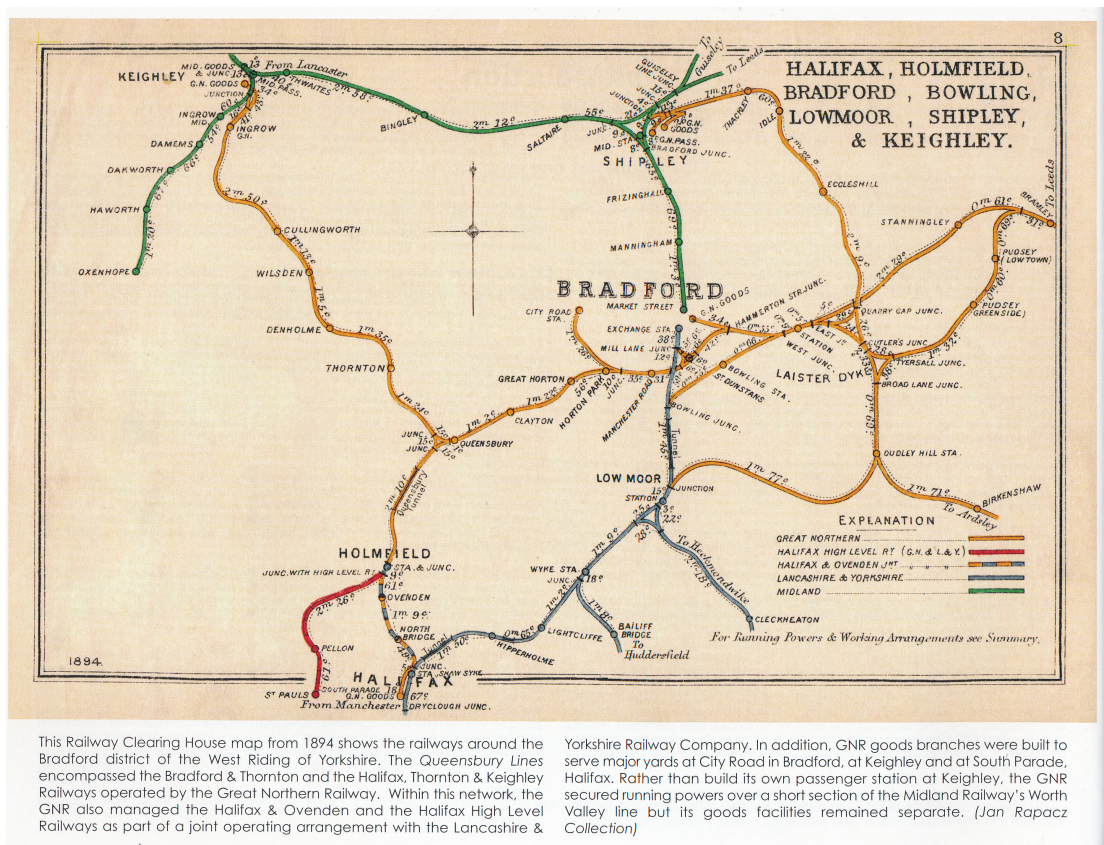
### Train Times

Kings Cross	Dep 07.33	08.03	08.33
Leeds	Arr 09.45	10.17	10.47

Leeds	Dep 09.59	10.27	10.43	10.58	11.12
Halifax	Arr 10.29	11.03	11.16	11.29	11.44

Halifax	Dep 13.37	13.54	14.05	14.16	14.37	14.54	15.05	15.16
Leeds	Arr 14.14	14.27	14.42	14.52	15.14	15.27	15.41	15.52

Leeds	Dep 14.45	15.15	15.45
Kings Cross	Arr 17.00	17.30	18.00



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