

**JOLLY BOYS RETURN TO THE CALDER VALLEY AFTER FIVE YEARS-  
HEBDEN BRIDGE  
THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024  
Recce-4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



*27.6.2019, outside the Fox and Goose.-Can you identify everyone?*

Hebden Bridge is a small market Town in the Upper Calder Valley. We visited it on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019-see above picture! It was famous for its weaving mills having a ready supply of water and sheep. As a result of the predominance of clothing manufacturers it was formerly known as 'trouser town'. The Rochdale canal passes through here on its way between Manchester and Sowerby Bridge, where it becomes the Calder and Hebble Navigation to Wakefield and then the Aire and Calder Navigation to Goole and the Humber estuary. Hebden Bridge is susceptible to flooding of the River Calder, being in a deep valley it receives run-off water from the surrounding Pennine Hills. There were particularly bad floods in 2012 and on Boxing Day 2015. The railway arrived in 1841 courtesy of the Manchester and Leeds Railway becoming part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway in 1847.

### **The Pubs**

Leave Hebden Bridge station via the Down side (from Manchester) crossing the river Calder and the Rochdale Canal. Turn left at the main (Burnley) road, cross the road at the lights and proceed across the Keighley Road (A6033) and down the hill into Hebden Bridge New Road. At the bottom cross the bridge over the Hebden Water and the Old Gate is in front of you on the right.

1. **The Old Gate** –Formerly The Inn on the Bridge, 1-5 Old Gate. HX7 8EX. Opens at 10.00. Does Food all day including a good selection of breakfast dishes (£9.50). 8 real ales. Turn right out of the pub and walk through the village until you reach the steep Heptonstall Road joining from the right. The Fox and Goose is at the road junction.

JB Times until 11.50

2. **Fox and Goose** 7 Heptonstall Road, HX7 6AZ. Opens 12.00 Thursday-Sat. 1 Regular Beer-Pictish and 5 changing. A community co-operative pub. Has an upstairs hillside beer garden giving fine views of the countryside around. Return along the main road Bridge Lanes, past the Old Gate, cross the river again and turn left into Bridge Gate. On the right hand you will find the White Swan.

**It's an uphill walk but there are buses-Routes 590, 591, 592, 596-see below.**

JB Times 12.00-12.30

3. **White Swan**-26 Bridge Gate HX7 8EX, 12.00. Good pub Food at reasonable prices. Suggested food stop.

3 beers incl Black Sheep and Saltaire. Very much a locals pub. See sample menu

JB Times 12.40-13.20

Turn right out of the pub and continue along Bridge Gate. On the left is the Shoulder of Mutton.

4. **Shoulder of Mutton** Bridge Gate, HX7 8EX. Opens 11.00. A 17<sup>th</sup> Century building formerly a row of three cottages. 4 regular and 2 changing beers, Abbeydale, Moorhouses, Timothy Taylors etc. It had Castle Rock, Ilkley and Goose Eye beers on the recce. Lunches served from 12.00 but very expensive-see price list. Better choice of beers than the White Swan if you want to shell out for the food.

JB Times 12.40-13.20

Turn right back along Bridge Gate to New Road and turn left towards the station on the left hand side you will find Vocation and Co.micro pub in a terrace of buildings opposite the canal marina.

5. **Vocation and Co.** 10 New Road HX7 8AD 12.00 Two beers

A selection of their craft beers from taps on the wall behind the bar. 4 hand pumps serving two Vocation beers and two local

JB Times 13.45-----

Turn left out of the bar and return to the station.

**NOTE-There is no Wetherspoons in Hebden Bridge but no 1 The Old Gate does food all day.**

**Train Times**

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| Kings Cross | Dep 07.33 | 08.03 | 08.33 |
| Leeds       | Arr 09.45 | 10.17 | 10.47 |

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| Leeds         | Dep 09.57 | 10.17 | 10.20 | 10.43 | 10.58 | 11.12 |
| Hebden Bridge | Arr 10.38 | 11.11 | 11.15 | 11.30 | 11.40 | 11.55 |

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| Hebden Bridge | Dep 13.42 | 13.49 | 14.15 | 14.25 | 14.42 |
| Leeds         | Arr 14.27 | 14.42 | 15.05 | 15.14 | 15.27 |

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| Leeds       | Dep 14.45 | 15.15 | 15.45 |
| Kings Cross | Arr 17.00 | 17.30 | 17.58 |

**Bus times-Route 596**

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| Railway Station | 11.36 | 12.06 | 12.36 | 13.06 |
| Market Street   | 11.39 | 12.09 | 12.39 | 13.09 |

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| Market Street | 11.39 | 12.09 | 12.39 |
| Bank Foot     | 11.40 | 12.10 | 12.40 |

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| Heptonstall Road | 12.40 | 13.10 |
| Market Street    | 12.43 | 13.13 |

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| Market Street   | 13.13 | 13.43 | 14.13 | 14.43 |
| Railway Station | 13.17 | 13.47 | 14.17 | 14.47 |

The Bus stops are all the nearest ones to the venues or from the venues.