

Jolly Boys in Redhill

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History

Redhill was developed because of the railways. There was an earlier settlement called Warwick Town which was a short way west of the present town centre.

The London and Brighton Railway opened in 1841 after having purchased the line of the old Surrey Iron Railway from Croydon to Merstham. The latter was built in 1805 and formed a section of the earliest public railway in the world - though confined to goods traffic only. The first station had been built at Hooley, Earlswood, near the present Earlswood Station and was known as "Redhill & Reigate Road". With the South Eastern Railway opening their line through Tonbridge to Dover the following year, there was another station just beyond the junction towards Nutfield. Passengers from Brighton wishing to travel to Dover either had a walk at Redhill or had to change at Merstham. The situation came to a head when the South Eastern Railway (temporarily) closed Merstham station forcing agreement to build a station at the junction on the present site, and was named "Reigate Junction".

The trip

Leave the station crossing over the road towards the Bus Station and carry straight on past McDonalds turning right when getting to the centre of Redhill shops and head straight on until the pedestrian crossing outside Sainsburys. Cross the road and our first venue is straight in front of you. Our visit starts in the **Sun (1)**, a Wetherspoons, where the early birds can get a breakfast. We leave at **1100hrs**

On leaving the Sun cross the road and go right through the town centre walk straight, under the railway bridge and past the Garland, carry on up the hill to the traffic lights and turn right into Mill Street, continue on up Mill Street and pub **The Garibaldi (2)**, is on the right. They have agreed to open early for us. This a local community pub started in 2018. Beers on offer during rece were Iron Pier Dark Mild, Dorking Platinum ESB, Sharp's Solar Wave Hazy IPA and Titsey Leveson Buck Session IPA.. If you don't want to walk return to the Bus Station and get the 430 bus to Woodlands Road. Mill Street is on the other side of the main road. Leave at **1215hrs**

On leaving the pub turn left and retrace your steps towards the main road turning left at the traffic lights and proceed down the hill to **The Garland (3)**. This is Harvey's pub and is the lunch stop. Leave at **1315hrs**

On leaving the pub turn left and walk back under the railway bridge to the bus stop where you get the 420 or 460 bus and get off at Shaws Corner. Across the road is the **Hatch (4)** which serves Pilgrim the local Reigate Brewery beers. Leave when ever.

To get back to Redhill railway station leave pub turn right and walk to bus stop, most buses got to Redhill Bus Station.

