

# JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO BRIGHTON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

## HISTORY (brief Railway)

The railway from London Bridge to Brighton opened on 21 Sept 1841, the first train taking two & a quarter hours. Within a few years, a non-stop service taking 1 hr 45mins was running. The main locomotive manufacturing works, principal maintenance & repair shops of the LBSCR were established in 1852, the first heavy industry in the town. Steam loco manufacture continued till after WW2, including latterly diesel-electric, the last in 1957 & the works closed in 1958. 60-minute working in both directions was introduced in July 1928. Commuters to the capital used the trains right from the start and their numbers increased significantly following electrification (third rail 600v dc) inaugurated on 30 Dec 1932. The current record of 36mins, 56 secs over 51 miles to Victoria was set in 2005 by a Class 377 shaving 2mins off the previous 1988 record.

## SCHEDULE

The schedule of this visit to Brighton is geared around having lunch in the Basketmakers Arms. This is a popular pub which opens at 11 with food starting at 12. We can order in advance and are advised calls are answered from 10 onwards – 01273 689006, menu below. There are four others of our seven pubs that serve food which are identified below.

## THE PUBS AND DIRECTIONS

The visit is very similar to the last JB's visit in 2022 organised by Geewhizz Tours who have given guidance for this visit; there is another pub included.

All of the seven pubs in this itinerary are within reasonable walking distance of the station but bus directions are given for the outlier, the Wetherspoons, which took 11 mins walking, from the station. The map shows colour coded routes between each of the pubs and from the station.

**For early birds** that want Wetherspoons directions from the station follow. For other early birds, a more expensive breakfast is available in the Bystander Café just to the right coming out of the station main entrance and there are other cafes down Trafalgar Street.

**For non-early birds** Pub No 2, Grand Central, is to the right coming out of the station main entrance.

**For Wetherspoons:** Directions from the station – For walking (11mins all downhill) follow the **yellow route** down Queens Road, left down North Rd, right into Gardner St (award winner with shops), continue straight into and along Bond St to Pub 1 at junction with North St. For bus, directly in front of station, are two bus stops showing live waiting times. Stop A for Bus 7 (every 6mins) & Stop B for Bus 27 (every 16mins) both one or two stops, via Clock Tower, to Stop 'Portland St' (see map) then walk approx 120m down North St. to Pub 1.

### **1. POST & TELEGRAPH (JDW's) 155-158 North Street BN1 1EA**

Usual Wetherspoons Food & drinks.

**JB Times until 11:10**

As Pub 2 is next to the station return walking along **yellow route**, all up hill, or recommend catching a bus (Nos 7 or 27 & occasional others showing 'Brighton Station') from Stop 'North Steet,' opposite in North St, which shows bus waiting times. Pub 2 is to the left of the station forecourt as you come up Queens Road.

## **2. GRAND CENTRAL 29-30 Surrey Street BN1 3PA**

Opens 11:00, **Food**. Fullers Pub, 3 beers – London Pride, Hophead, ESB.

**JB Times 11:20 to 11:45**

From Grand Central the distance to Pub 3 shown along the **green route** is a bit less than 500m downhill. Walk down Trafalgar St, turn right into Kensington Place then left into Gloucester Rd on to the junction with Cheltenham Place, where there is Pub 3.

## **3. Basketmakers Arms 12 Gloucester Road Bn1 4AD (Designated Food Stop)**

Opens 11:00, **Food** from 12:00. Fullers Pub, 7 beers- ESB, HSB, L Pride, Seafarers & 3 Dark Star.

Menu attached tel: 01273 689006.

**JB Times 11:55 to 12:55**

The distance to Pub 4 shown on the **pink route** is approx 175m & is on the level. Turn right along Gloucester Road following curve round to the left. Turn left into Gloucester St then almost immediately turn right into St George's Mews. At the end is Trafalgar St with Pub 4 opposite.

## **4. Great Eastern 103 Trafalgar Street BN1 4ER**

Opens 12:00, No Food. 5 beers – Fire Bird Parody, Funky Tonk Best, Starlight Sussex Stout, Big Smoke Comic Dawn, Firecracker ESB.

**JB Times 13:00 to 13:25**

The distance to Pub 5 shown on the **purple route** is just over 500m uphill. Walk up Trafalgar St, turn left into Sydney Street, an interesting shopping street, turn right into Gloucester Rd and continue uphill to the junction with Fredrick Place. Cross over road to the steps (16 No) opposite and ascend them to Queens Rd (to avoid steps -shown on map- keep on left side of Gloucester Rd and bear left along inclined footpath of the last few metres leading to Queens Rd.). Cross over Queens Rd using pedestrian signalled crossings which cover the whole traffic junction (coloured markings on the road). When crossing head to Princes House opposite. Continue for a few metres along Upper Gloucester Rd and turn left into North Gardens and 50m along is Pub 5.

## **5. Caxton Arm 36 North Gardens BN1 3LB**

Opens 12:00, **Food**. Shepherd Neame Pub. 3 beers – Spitfire, Whitstable Bay, Bishops Finger.

**JB Times 13:35 to 14:00**

It is 4 minutes walk to the Station and the remaining two pubs (6A & 6B) are closer to the station. The way to them & the station is shown on the **red route**. There are choices here and depending on train times both could be included. Turn right out of pub back into North Gardens and continue into Surrey St where, at the start, is Pub 6A. Continue along Surrey St & left up Guildford Rd to Pub 6B.

## **6A. Evening Star 55-56 Surrey Street BN1 3PB**

Opens 12:00, No Food. 7 beers – Cascade, Vibrant Forest Paper Room, Weekend Project Dinner Party, Blackjack Brew Co-A Little Extra, Burning Sky Plateau & Aurora, Evening Star Rival APA.

**JB Times 14:05 to whenever.**

## **6B. The Battle of Trafalgar 34 Guildford Road BN1 3LW**

Opens 12:00, **Food**. 3 beers – Harveys, Landlord, Gun Scaramanga.

**JB Times 14:05 to whenever or whenever to whenever**



## **TRAIN TIMES**

Thameslink connects Brighton with London Bridge, Farringdon & St Pancras. From Farringdon the Elizabeth Line connects with Paddington & Liverpool St.

Trains from Victoria converge with the Thameslink route at East Croydon.

<b>Vic</b>	8.59	9.05		9.29		9.35		9.59		10.05		10.29	
<b>CIJ</b>		9.12				9.42				10.12			
<b>St P</b>			9.00		9.20		9.30		9.50		10.00		10.20
<b>Farr</b>			9.04		9.24		9.34		9.54		10.04		10.24
<b>L Bd</b>			9.15		9.35		9.45		10.05		10.15		10.35
<b>E Cr</b>		9.22	9.29		9.49	9.52	9.59		10.19	10.22	10.29		10.49
<b>Btn</b>	9.57	X	10.18	10.27	10.43	X	10.48	10.57	11.13	X	11.18	11.27	11.43

<b>Btn</b>	13.58	14.09	14.14	14.28	14.39	14.44	14.58	15.09
<b>E Cr</b>	14.51		15.01	15.21		15.31	15.51	
<b>LBd</b>	15.06		15.16	15.36		15.46	16.06	
<b>Farr</b>	15.16		15.26	15.46		15.56	16.16	
<b>St P</b>	15.20		15.30	15.50		16.00	16.20	
<b>CIJ</b>								
<b>Vic</b>		15.11			15.41			16.11

## **MAP**

See following page

## **LUNCH MENUS AT BASKETMAKERS ARMS Pub 3**

See separate file



# BRIGHTON

MAP

