

The Alan Winfield Memorial Pub Crawl - Stapleford and Long Eaton

What better way to celebrate the life of Alan Winfield than a pub crawl? He lived in Stapleford, which seems like a good place to start. Alan's pub crawls were never the sort of modest six to ten pub affairs that most people would do – he was disappointed if he didn't find more than 20 pubs to have a drink in on his days out. So I've extended the list of pubs to include neighbouring Trowell, Bramcote, Sandiacre, Long Eaton and Sawley.

Although most of the pubs are in Nottinghamshire, this crawl can be done almost entirely by public transport using the Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket; for those arriving from Sheffield and the north, a train to Ilkeston and then the bus **my15**; from the south or west via Derby, a train to Long Eaton and then the same bus (but in the opposite direction, of course). The **my15** is run by Trent Barton and covers the whole of the route between Ilkeston town centre and Long Eaton station – the Derbyshire Wayfarer is accepted on this route even where it passes through Nottinghamshire. See the [Derbyshire Wayfarer website](#) for details of how to purchase the ticket if you live outside the area. (Anyone travelling from or via Nottingham will need an extra train ticket to either Ilkeston or Long Eaton as the Derbyshire Wayfarer is not valid from Nottingham.)

There are 30 pubs listed, so clearly a decision will need to be made as to which to omit – even Alan wouldn't have gone for all of these. Or would he?

For those travelling from the Long Eaton direction, it seems sensible to omit the first four pubs (to the north of Stapleford) and then make a selection among those in Long Eaton town centre, where they are close together and doing every pub could result in over-inebriation. Trains from Derby arrive at **Long Eaton** three times an hour at 22, 40 and 49 minutes past; from Nottingham at approximately 20, 45 and on the hour.

If starting from Ilkeston station, there is a walk of 20 minutes or so into the town centre (unless a bus from the station is due: the **27 bus** runs at approximately 6 and 38 past each hour and takes six minutes – not very helpful unless your train is late), then bus or walk between the first four on the list; if doing all of these, more extensive weeding in Long Eaton will be necessary so as not to exceed the recommended maximum of 24. Trains to **Ilkeston** from Sheffield arrive at 10:11am and then at about a quarter to each hour; from Nottingham they arrive hourly on the half hour.

The Bell Inn near Long Eaton station can be considered optional, depending on the state of inebriation and how long it is until the train. (As I am boycotting Wetherspoons, I shall of course be omitting the Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren.) Omitting all the pubs noted as having No Real Ale would result in a crawl of just 23 pubs.

Choice of routes

A. Starting from Long Eaton

Turn left out of the station, across the roundabout (B6540 Tamworth Road) to the bus stop opposite Soldiers and Sailors. Bus **my15** at 9, 24, 39 and 54 minutes past each hour. A suggested route would be to continue north to Stapleford and start the crawl at the Old Cross. This takes 26 minutes on the bus, so a stop off at any one of the pubs along the route and catching the next or subsequent bus might be better.

B. Starting from Ilkeston

Walk or bus into town centre for the **my15** at 10, 25, 40 and 55 past each hour from Wharncliffe Road, just off the Market Place. It is seven minutes on the bus to the Festival Inn in Trowell, and a further six minutes to the Man of Iron. From here a bus (**21** every 30 minutes - not covered by the Derbyshire Wayfarer) goes to the Sherwin Arms which is a short walk from the White Lion. The **18** bus from opposite the White Lion will take you to the Old Cross, but this only runs hourly at 30 minutes past. It's a 20 to 25 minute walk.

After the Old Cross, all pubs are a short walk apart, or are close to the **my15** bus stops.

Opening times given below are from Camra's WhatPub and are for the early part of the week.

Trowell

1. [Festival Inn](#) Opens 11am

Stapleford

2. [Man of Iron](#) Opens 11:15am

Bramcote

3. [Sherwin Arms](#) Opens 11am
4. [White Lion](#) Opens 11am

Stapleford

5. The [Old Cross](#) NRA Opens 10:15am
6. [Horse & Jockey](#) Opens 12 noon
7. The [Old Rock](#) NRA Opens 12 noon
8. [Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren](#) Opens 8am
9. [Larrys](#) Opens 9am
10. [West End](#) Opens 11am
11. [The Midland](#) Opens 11am

Sandiacre

12. [Red Lion](#) Opens 11am
13. [White Lion](#) Opens 3pm
14. [Plough Inn](#) Opens 12 noon
15. [Blue Bell](#) Opens 3pm
16. [Bridge Inn](#) Opens 12 noon

Long Eaton

17. [Sportsman](#) Opens 12 noon
18. [Mill & Brook](#) Opens 12 noon
19. [Bennetts](#) NRA Hotel and restaurant but does have a public bar.
20. [Stage One](#) NRA Opens 10am
21. [Hole in the Wall](#) Opens 4pm
22. [Jim Brennans](#) NRA Opens 11am
23. [York Chambers](#) Opens 1pm (4pm Mon)
24. [The Oxford](#) Opens 9am
25. [Corner Pin](#) NRA Opens 11am
26. [Blue Bell Inn](#) Opens 11am
27. [New Inn](#) NRA Opens 10am
28. [Stumble Inn](#) Opens 3pm
29. [Barge Inn](#) Opens 2pm

Sawley

30. [Bell Inn](#) Opens 12 noon