

Newcastle Under Lyme  
Pubs Galore  
Summer 2018  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

Please refer to the accompanying spreadsheet

There are 22 pubs listed, though it is not a serious proposition to attempt to do them all. The pubs are categorised as town centre, outskirts and various outliers. The town centre pubs are all fairly close together and it is easy to navigate from one to another, using a well-known pubs guide for example.

The order in which the town centre pubs may be tackled depends to some extent on arrival times into Newcastle bus station, because very few are open before noon.

Before 11am

The Arnold Machin (Wetherspoons) opens at 8am and the Hogarths at 10am.

Between 11am and 12 noon

The **Limestone Vaults** and Mellards both open at 11.

After 12 noon

All town centre pubs should be open by 12 noon (though the Old Brown Jug was not when visited in April – though this may be low on most people's lists anyway).

The suggestion is that people make their own way  
around the town centre rather than trying  
to stick to some sort of timetable.

Rather than, as we usually do, meeting up at the start and going round as a group, this will result in potentially random meetings at different pubs at different times. (A later meeting place for the whole group is suggested below.)

So, very approximately, the running order might look something like this:

**11:00 Arnold Machin (Wetherspoons)**

**11:30 Hogarths**

**12:00 Limestone Vaults**

**12:20 Wellers**

**12:40 Old Bulls Head**

**13:00 Thirsty Giraffe/Ten Green Bottles** (double header)

**13:30 Hopwater Cellar/Bridge Street Alehouse** (double header)

**14:00 Old Brown Jug** (wild card)

**14:30 Mellards**

### Suggested meeting point at 14:30

**Mellards** is handy for the bus station, has a pleasant atmosphere and an outdoors area which may be a suitable place for group photos. It is suggested as a meeting place because there needs to be a decision made (or a number of decisions) as to which (if any) of the outliers people want to do.

- There are buses at Stand 6 at 14:59, 15:06 and 15:10 for the **Holy Inadequate**. (Buses run in the opposite direction from near the Holy and drop off near the Hopinn.)
- The same but slightly later buses will also do for the **Hopinn**, which opens at 4pm.
- Some people may prefer to walk towards the Hopinn at 3pm, taking in the **Cask Bar** and **Museum** on the way.
- The **Sneyd Arms** (which opens at 3pm) is a well-run pub with well-kept beers, though these are mainstream and not necessarily what everyone is looking for.
- The **Castle Mona** opens at 4pm but involves some extra walking – though this is a good way of approaching the Museum, Cask Bar and Hopinn.
- The **Freebird** opens at 5pm so could be saved until after the Hopinn.
- Or the time until 5pm could be filled by revisiting any town centre venues that merit a second look, or visiting those missed earlier. And then doing the Freebird, and then the Hopinn...

And finally...

Don't forget the **Greyhound**, which is within walking distance of the Hopinn (possibly via the Museum and Cask Bar) or can be reached by bus from the town centre (though not very conveniently: the nearest stops require getting off and walking back).

The bus stop for the 11 bus for returning to Stoke on Trent for trains home is about four minutes from the Greyhound, which makes a fitting final pub.