

Pubs Galore crawl of Preston

Friday, 22nd April 2022

(timings are approximate)

[The Old Vic](#), 80 Fishergate PR1 2UH

11:30 to 12:20

One of Preston's premier real ale pubs located almost opposite the railway station. Up to seven real ales available at any time with the majority sourced from local breweries. Open 10.00am serving breakfast and a lunchtime menu is served from 12 noon.

[Directions to next pub](#): turn right out of the Old Vic and go over the Fishergate bridge and past County Hall; turn left on Walton's Parade, right on South Cliff Street and then left on West Cliff. Continue towards the railway embankment but just before going through a tunnel to Avenham Park, turn right by Preston Sports Club on a path which ends up underneath the railway bridge and opposite the Continental. (If walking is out of the question, there is a bus 119 on the Fishergate bridge at 12:25 which gets to within 100 yards of the Continental, with a return at 13:04.)

[The Continental](#), South Meadow Lane PR1 8JP

12:35 to 13:10

Quality food, drink & culture on Preston's riverside.

[Directions to next pub](#): Go under the railway bridge, with Avenham & Miller Park on the left and the river Ribble on the right. Take any path through the park, aiming for the NE corner and exiting onto Ribblesdale Place. Continue north into Winckley Square, then right and left into Winckley Street.

[Winckley Street Ale House](#), 8b Winckley Street PR1 2AA

13:25 to 14:00

Four clipped cask pumps and ultra friendly service. Also has loads of kegs and a fridge of cans. It's pleasingly unpretentious and the atmosphere was nice though maybe more bar than pub. The array of historic pump clips shows the pedigree of this place.

Directions to next pub: Continue north on Winckley Street, turn right at the end on Fishergate, continue east on Church Street to the corner of Avenham Street.

[Hopwoods Tap House](#), 149 Church Street PR1 3BU

14:05 to 14:40

This place is made for your good group of good friends to have a good laugh with good beer. Hopwoods started off as a simple idea for something good, we wanted to offer the largest selection of craft beers on tap in Lancashire and pair it with the finest artisan pizza.

Directions to next pub: Return along Church Street/Fishergate then right on Cheapside, which is pedestrianised. Turn half left onto Friargate.

[Black Horse Hotel](#), 166 Friargate PR1 2EJ

14:50 to 15:30

A first-class heritage interior retaining much of the original decor: woodwork, tiling, mosaic flooring, glazing, etc. Layout remains more-or-less unaltered too, with various side rooms off the corridor leading to the main bar area. A Robinsons house with three of its range and four guests from various hand pumps on the curved central servery.