

**Sat. 7 July**

**List of pubs on our route, either historic, famous, or just interesting!**

Note timings given may not be adhered to as it depends what people prefer to do on the day – and then there is the possibility that England may have a World Cup match (if they beat Colombia on Tuesday) from 3.0 to 5.0pm which may interest some. It could be that the ‘West End’ part of the tour might be curtailed, e.g. omitting The Guinea. We’ll just have to see how it goes.

**Meet up:**

12.0 **The George** 213 Strand WC2R 1AP

Historic pub (1898); Greene King beers plus guests.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16277/george-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16277/george-london)

12.30 **Temple Brew House** 46 Essex St. WC2R 3JF

Not a historic pub, but as it’s a brewpub just round the corner from The George, it should be worth having a look and trying an Essex Street Brewery beer. Run by City Pub Co. – like the Rising Sun in (East) Twickenham.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16799/temple-brew-house-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16799/temple-brew-house-london)

1.0 **Old Bank of England** 194 Fleet St. EC4A 2LT

Not historically a pub, but a 1994 Fullers make-over of a famous old building.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14928/old-bank-of-england-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14928/old-bank-of-england-london)

1.30 **Ye Olde Cock Tavern** 22 Fleet St. EC4Y 1AA

If you thought The George looked as if it is ‘squashed in’ by adjacent buildings, you should see this one! Positively ‘squeezed’. A ‘Taylor Walker’ (now Greene King group) pub dating from 1887, although a fire in 1990 caused some restoration work to be done.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/15003/olde-cock-tavern-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/15003/olde-cock-tavern-london)

2.0 **Tipperary** 66 Fleet St. EC4Y 1HT

Only suggesting this pub in case you don’t fancy the Cheshire Cheese. Now privately owned, usually has Marstons Pedigree and 3 guests.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/15007/tipperary-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/15007/tipperary-london)

or **Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese** 145 Fleet St. EC4A 2BU

Arguably the most famous pub in London, appearing in every tourist’s guide book. Your life will not be complete without a quick visit! On the downside, the only ale is Sam Smith’s Old Brewery Bitter – and that is not always ‘on’.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14927/cheshire-cheese-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14927/cheshire-cheese-london)

2.30 From here take bus 15 to 'Monument Station' stop.

2.45 **The Ship** 11 Talbot Court EC3V 0BP

Hidden away Nicholson's (M&B) pub with the usual regulars plus up to 6 guests. Now open until 6.0pm on Saturdays (hooray). Iconic City pub, not to be missed.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14901/ship-city-of-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14901/ship-city-of-london)

3.30 **Crosse Keys** 9 Gracechurch St. EC3V 0DR

Already iconic (is this the future way of doing things?), a Wetherspoon conversion of the former HSBC head office. In the 2018 GBG (with 24 handpumps, of course it is!). 'Order by number!'

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14904/crosse-keys-city-of-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14904/crosse-keys-city-of-london)

4.10 From here take a bus for a couple of stops to 'Liverpool Street Station' stop.

4.15 **Dirty Dicks** 202/204 Bishopsgate EC2M 4NR

Don't worry, it's now a fine Young's gastro-pub! Probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> most famous pub in London – originally for all the wrong reasons! Another one where life would not be complete without a quick visit so you can say 'I've been there'; Youngs beers, plus guests.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14799/dirty-dicks-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14799/dirty-dicks-london); [www.dirtydicks.co.uk/history](http://www.dirtydicks.co.uk/history)

or **Magpie** 12 New St. EC2M 4TP

Hidden away, practically behind Bishopsgate Police Station; Nicholson's (M&B) pub with 6/7 guest beers. Recommended if you've been to Dirty Dicks before.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14802/magpie-liverpool-street](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14802/magpie-liverpool-street)

or **Woodins Shades** 212 Bishopsgate EC2M 4PT

Only really suggested this because of the unusual name. Nicholson's again, but only 5/6 guest beers.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14800/woodins-shades-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14800/woodins-shades-london)

5.0 **Hamilton Hall** Liverpool Street Station EC2M 7PY

The former ballroom of the Great Eastern Hotel, now an iconic Wetherspoon pub (in terms of their renowned conversions of historic buildings). 2018 GBG entry.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14811/hamilton-hall-liverpool-street](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/ELC/14811/hamilton-hall-liverpool-street)

5.30 Take the Central Line from Liverpool Street to Oxford Circus.

5.45 **Argyll Arms** 18 Argyll St. W1F 7TP

Virtually on top of Oxford Circus tube station – in the same street as the London Palladium – a Grade II\*-listed pub, still multi-room, with a couple of bar ‘numbers’ still intact. Usually 6 guest beers, and in the 2018 GBG

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/15950/argyll-arms-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/15950/argyll-arms-london)

6.30 **Guinea** 30 Bruton Place W1J 6NL

Hidden away in a ‘mews’ just off Bond Street, built in 1741, this was the pub featured on the front cover on CAMRA’s West London Pub Guide, published in 2005. Noted particularly for its award-winning Scotch steaks, steak & kidney pie, and prawn ‘Marie Rose sandwiches Youngs beers, plus guests. The landlord is now Oisin P.D. Rogers, formerly of the Marlborough in Richmond and the St. Margarets Taven.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16126/guinea-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/16126/guinea-london)

7.15 **Red Lion** 2 Duke of York St. SW1Y 6JP

Now a Fullers pub, originally Ansells; in the 1960’s it was run by Rose Ansell from the brewing family. A description would be too lengthy here – see WhatPub. It’s in the 2018 GBG.

[www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/15972/red-lion-london](http://www.whatpub.com/pubs/WLD/15972/red-lion-london)

5-minute walk from here to Piccadilly Circus tube station (for Bakerloo and Piccadilly Lines)

---

**Notes on getting to the first pub** (or the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>)

For those who will be travelling into Waterloo station, there is a very convenient bus route. Leave the station concourse by ‘Exit 2’ (opposite the barriers for Platforms 4/5), the escalator that goes down to Waterloo Road, turn left onto the Road and you will see, opposite the The Wellington pub, a bus stop for route 172. It runs every 9-13 minutes (supposedly) on a Saturday, and you can take it to a stop outside the famous St. Clement Danes Church called ‘**The Royal Courts of Justice**’. Look to the left of the Church and you can see The George on the other side of the road.

(There are a couple of other bus routes from stops in the roads outside Waterloo, but you would have to alight at ‘Aldwych Kingsway’ stop, as they then turn left towards Holborn.)

If travelling in on the Piccadilly or Central Line it’s perhaps best to go to Holborn Tube Station. On leaving the station go left and a few yards along is a bus stop from which all busses go along Kingsway to the next stop called ‘**Aldwych/Royal Courts of Justice**’, which is just a few yards before the stop mentioned above.