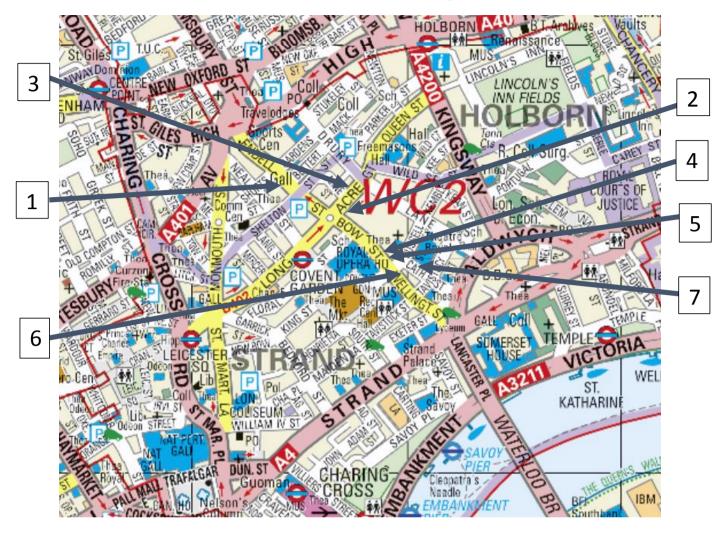
Bow Street Pub Crawl

Friday, 7th March 2014



The Monopoly themed pub crawl moves to the Bow Street area. Okay, so there are not many pubs actually on Bow Street, but by including a couple of neighbouring streets we have a credible pub crawl. Enjoy!

1. 6:00pm – 6:50pm. Cross Keys, 31 Endell Street, London, WC2H 9BA

The Cross Keys is a quaint, popular little pub, on the periphery of Covent Garden. Unlike many places in the area, The Cross Keys is pretty much unchanged over the years. There are some pretty good ales on the five hand pumps. Likely to be busy but not as bad as it would be in the summer.

2. 6:50pm – 7:40pm. The Sun Tavern 66 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9JD

Likely to be as busy as all pubs in this area around knocking-off time but the period interior alone is worth a visit. There is also the less busy upstairs bar. Ales include Wainwright's, Golden XPA and Flying Scotsman.

3. 7:40pm – 8:30pm. Freemason's Arms, 81-82 Long Acre, London, WC2E 9NG

Serving standard Shepherd Neame beers such as Spitfire and Master Brew, this is one of the better Covent Garden pubs and may be an option for food. At the back of the pub you'll notice a good few historic footy photos around the wall and a sign proclaiming "The Football Association was founded here in 1863".

4. 8:30pm – 9:20pm. The Globe, 37 Bow St, London, WC2E 7AU

Has terrible reviews online to do with bad service and rude staff but it's a pub on Bow Street, so we are going in. Described as a traditional English pub with a dose of French bistro. Does seem to have an extensive menu and may again be an option for eating. Beers include Doom Bar, Atlantic IPA and Young's London Gold.

5. 9:20pm – 10:10pm. Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow Street, London, WC2E 7AU

Hopefully late enough in the schedule to have allowed some of the after-work drinkers to have headed home but is still likely to be busy. It's a Young's pub with full range of Young's beers on tap. The Marquess has been a licensed premises since 1663, when it was known as the Edward Miles Coffee House but was badly damaged in WW2 and largely rebuilt but shrapnel damage is still visible outside!

6. 10:10pm – 11:00pm. Coach & Horses, 42 Wellington Street, London, WC2E 7BD

This is stated to be a fine traditional pub, and a cut above most of the tourist-oriented offerings in these parts. There are a couple of ales on the hand pumps and, as there's an Irish theme here, a good drop of the back stuff. Again it's quite small so let's hope it will have cleared out a little by the time we arrive.

7. 11:00pm – closing time. The Nell of Old Drury, 29 Catherine Street, WC2B 5JS

For those still standing we will finish off in 'The Nell' a small and cosy pub opposite the Theatre Royal. Renamed in 1965 after the orange seller and mistress of King Charles II, Eleanor "Nell" Gwyn. A tunnel used by the king to visit Nell Gwynne is reputed to link the pub and the theatre.