

## First Friday Pub Crawl – Victoria. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



**Host - Noel Burger 07792 124 164.**

The Monopoly inspired pub crawl lands on the GO square and as many travellers 'GO' from Victoria Rail and Coach Stations we shall explore the surrounding streets and some great pubs.

It is also G<sup>o</sup>od Friday which means some of the pubs might actually be less crowded than would normally be the case on a working Friday. Some of the originally advertised pubs were not going to be open at all so pubs 1 and 3 are different to those advertised in the magazine. All the pubs below say they are open but should that not turn out to be the case, just move on to the next.

**1. 6:00pm – 6:50pm. St. Georges Tavern. 14 Belgrave Road, SW1V 1QD**

A Nicholson's pub with the usual great range of beers and good value food. The St George's Tavern has a fascinating history being one of the first 'music halls' providing a night of entertainment back in the 1840's. Will be quieter tonight especially as Good Friday should mean we are spared the after-work crowd.

**2. 6:50pm – 7:40pm. Bag O Nails. 6 Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, SW1W 0PP**

Taylor Walker's pub with selection of their own and guest ales. The food looks good too. Historical records show information dating back to 1775, when a tavern known as the "Bacchanals" stood on this site. Hopefully not too crowded with people off work today but if required there are tables outside.

**3. 7:40pm – 8:30pm. The Windsor Castle. 23 Francis Street, Westminster, SW1P 1DN**

Brewer Sam Smith's caused a bit of a stir with their recent refurbishment of this pub, hidden behind Westminster Cathedral. The interior has now been brought back to its former glory. Wooden partitions have made a comeback, as has a parquet floor and lots of brass. As a Sam Smith's pub you are assured of a reasonable selection of their own ales and wines, plus some cheap pub grub.

**4. 8:30pm – 9:20pm. Jugged Hare. 172 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria, SW1V 1DX**

A Fullers Ale and Pie House in a former bank. May be familiar to some as the new home of Jeanette's monthly gathering previously held in the nearby, but now defunct, Chimes cider bar. Still serving food until 10pm.

**5. 9:20pm – 10:10pm. Cask Pub & Kitchen. 6 Charlwood Street, Pimlico, SW1V 2EE**

It doesn't look like much from the outside, an inauspicious affair attached to a housing estate, but within lies a haven for beer lovers. It must house one of the largest collection of beers in London, with more than 400 bottled varieties, ten real ales and a further ten keg options on draught.

**6. 10:10pm – 11:00pm. The Constitution. 42 Churton Street, London SW1V 2LP**

Built in 1842 by the Master Builder, Richard Lacy. The Constitution was the first Italiante, ornate tavern built in Pimlico. With the nautical theme the pub was most likely named as a mark of respect to The 'USS Constitution' an American warship. The same ship the film 'Master and Commander' was based on. Good selection of beers.

**7. 11:00pm – closing. Willow Walk. 25 Wilton Road, Victoria, SW1V 1LW**

A Wetherspoons pub that is open until midnight if you still have the appetite for a last drink on the way back to the tube.

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Please note that there are some tube closures over Easter so do check your last trains home.

**Call Noel on 07792 124 164 for encouragement or if lost on the night.**