

STRAND ON THE GREEN / KEW GREEN PUB CRAWL

Friday 1st July 2011

In the hope of some fine weather, this month's crawl takes in a trio of popular riverside pubs in Chiswick before heading over Kew Bridge to a couple of pubs on Kew Green with outdoor seating. It's a fairly leisurely five pubs this month and so I've allocated an hour to each – it is, however, about a 10 minute walk from pub 3 to pub 4 and I'll leave you to decide when you want to take it.

1. 6.30 – 7.30: The Bull's Head - 15 Strand On The Green, W4 3PQ

The first of our three riverside pubs - it's the most olde-worlde of the three. Some reviewers still bemoan the slightly artificial makeover it had a few years back but it's in a great location with fantastic views up and down the Thames.

2. 7.30 – 8.30: City Barge – 27 Strand On The Green, W4 3PH

It's a very short stroll down the riverside path to pub number two, perhaps the liveliest of the pubs on this stretch of riverbank. Again, there is ample opportunity for al fresco drinking.

3. 8.30 – 9.30: Bell & Crown - 11-13 Thames Road, W4 3PL

The third of our riverside pubs; this is the biggest and tends to be the busiest. However, it has a decent sized outdoor area and on warm evening people tend to spill out on to the riverside path.

4. 9.30 – 10.30: Rose & Crown - 79 Kew Green, TW9 3AH

Over Kew Bridge now to Kew Green and hopefully it will still be warm enough to be outside as this pub has plenty of outdoor space both at the front and the back.

5. 10.30 – closing: Coach & Horses - 8 Kew Green, TW9 3BH

On the other side of Kew Green lies the Coach & Horses, part of the hotel of the same name. This place stays open until midnight and is about a 10 minute walk to Kew Gardens station.