

GLOBAL PUB CRAWL

EXETER: 21ST – 24TH JULY 2011

Host: Anthony Smith

The London Mensa First Friday Pub Crawl is off on its travels again. Following successful trips in the past to Oxford, Cambridge, Poland and Slovakia, Exeter is proud to be hosting the next excursion on the weekend of 23rd and 24th July.

There are also events on the evenings of Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd for those who want to make a (long) weekend of it. The full itinerary is below.

Getting there

Exeter is easily accessible from London! Trains from London Paddington arrive at Exeter St David's and take as little as 2 hours. Cheaper (but rather slower) trains go from London Waterloo to Exeter Central and Exeter St David's.

Accommodation

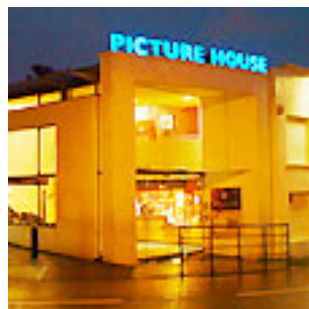
There is, of course, a wide variety of accommodation in Exeter. The White Hart (<http://www.whitehartpubexeter.co.uk/>), a coaching inn, centrally located in South Street is recommended – it is also one of the pubs featured on the pub crawl. A group discount will be available if sufficient numbers book rooms there.

Cheap accommodation is also available at the University, which is a little way out of the centre (www.university-rooms.com). Some other good options are the Premier Inn by Exeter St David's railway station, near the city centre, City Gate by Iron Bridge in the city centre and the Benedene in Richmond Road,

Plan of action

Thursday evening

For those making a long weekend of it, why not come and support your host, who will be amongst the musical acts performing at the Picture House, 51 Bartholomew Street West, EX4 3AJ (marked with a "T" on the pub crawl map). Anthony will playing guitar solo and also with National Pastime. Also on the bill are The Unholy Hour playing Cure covers – it is promised that Roger O'Donnell of The Cure will be there. It all starts at 8.30pm.



Friday evening

From 8pm till closing, enjoy an 80s, 90s (and some modern) Indie Shindig. Come hear the likes of The Cure, Wedding Present, Smiths, Blur etc etc and indeed etc. at The Kings, Cowick Street, EX4 1AA (marked with an "F" on the pub crawl map)

Saturday daytime

The pub crawl starts at 5 but before then, spend the day exploring the historic city of Exeter or, if you prefer, the glorious Devon countryside in close at hand. For tourist information, see www.exeter.gov.uk.

For those of you who want to get out of town but are without your own cars, there are the following options:

Coastal visits

- East Devon

Frequent train service from Exeter Central to neighbouring Exmouth, where you can enjoy the beach, the town and a cliff walk to Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth, taking in the Jurassic Coast and Devon countryside.

Also, buses from Paris Street Bus Station (marked with a "B" on the pub crawl map) to Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth

- South Devon

Frequent train service from Exeter Central and St David's Stations to "English Riviera", i.e., Dawlish Warren, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay and Paignton.

- Dartmoor National Park:-

Buses available from Paris Street Bus Station. Check out websites:

<http://www.discoverdartmoor.co.uk/faqs/>

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/buses>

Saturday evening

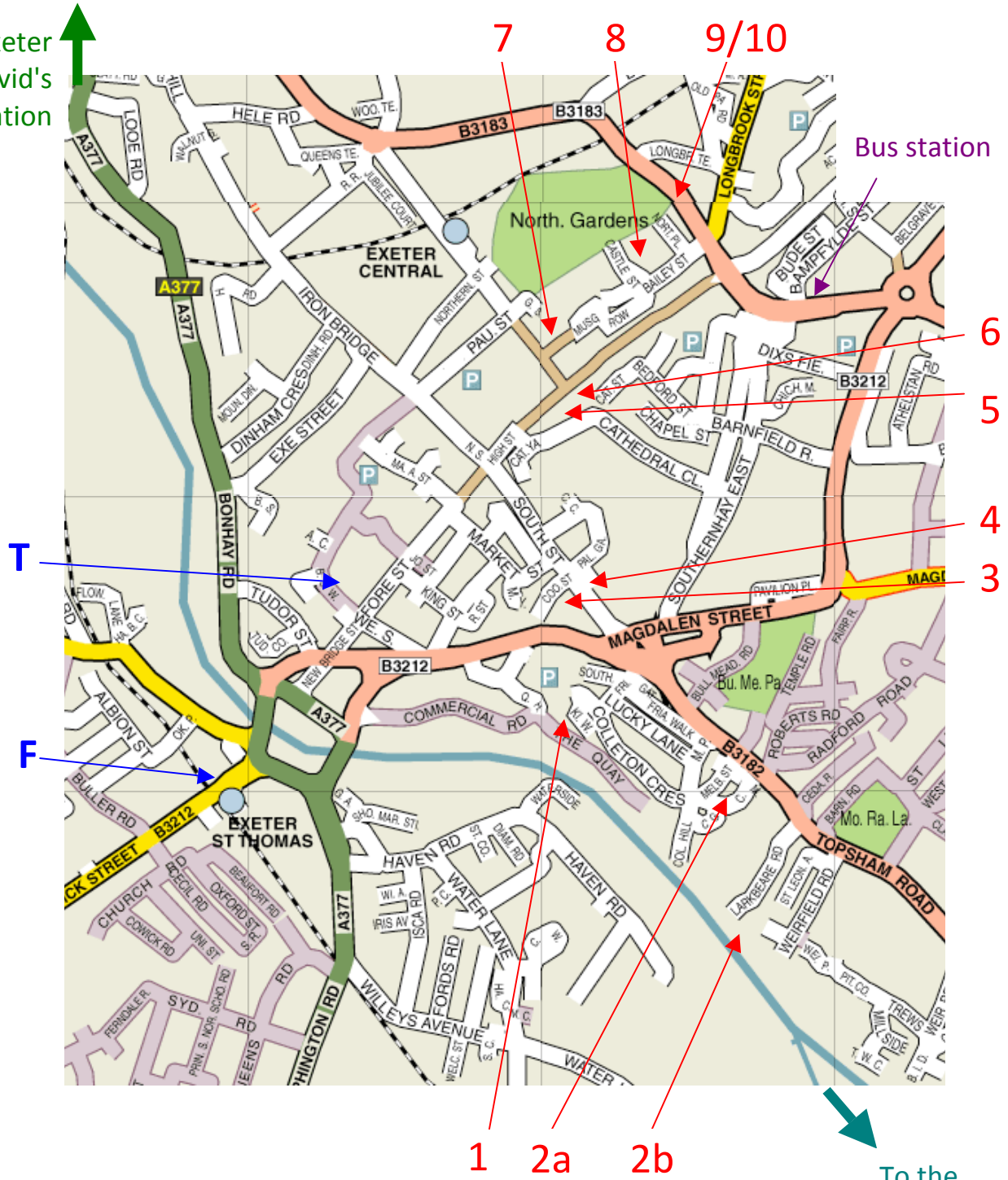
The pub crawl! Here is the itinerary. Feel free to join at any time. Food is available throughout the crawl.

1. 5pm – 6pm: Prospect Inn, The Quay, EX2 4AN



2. 6pm - 7pm: We have the option of staying at Prospect Inn or trying out some other pubs on the quay. The Hour Glass, 21 Melbourne Street EX2 4AU ("2a" on the map) and Port Royal, Weirfield Path EX2 4DR ("2b" on the map) are recommended.
3. 7pm – 7.45pm: White Hart, 66 South Street EX1 1EE
4. 7.45pm – 8.30pm: George's Meeting House, 38 South Street EX1 1ED: a Wetherspoons, it will be hosting a cider festival.
5. 8.30pm – 9.15pm: Well House, 16-17 Cathedral Yard EX1 1HB
6. 9.15pm – 10pm: Ship Inn, 1-3 Martin's Lane, EX1 1EY - Sir Francis Drake's watering hole (NB Martin's Lane is not marked on the map but is directly between Cathedral Close and High Street (the brown pedestrianised section))
7. 10pm – 11pm: Coolings, 11 Gandy Street, EX4 2LS
8. 11pm – midnight: Old Timers, Little Castle Street, EX4 3PX
9. Midnight – 1am: Oddfellows, 60 New North Road EX4 4EP
10. 1am - 3am: The Old Firehouse, 50 New North Road EX4 4EP

To Exeter
St David's
station



Bus station

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To the
Double
Locks

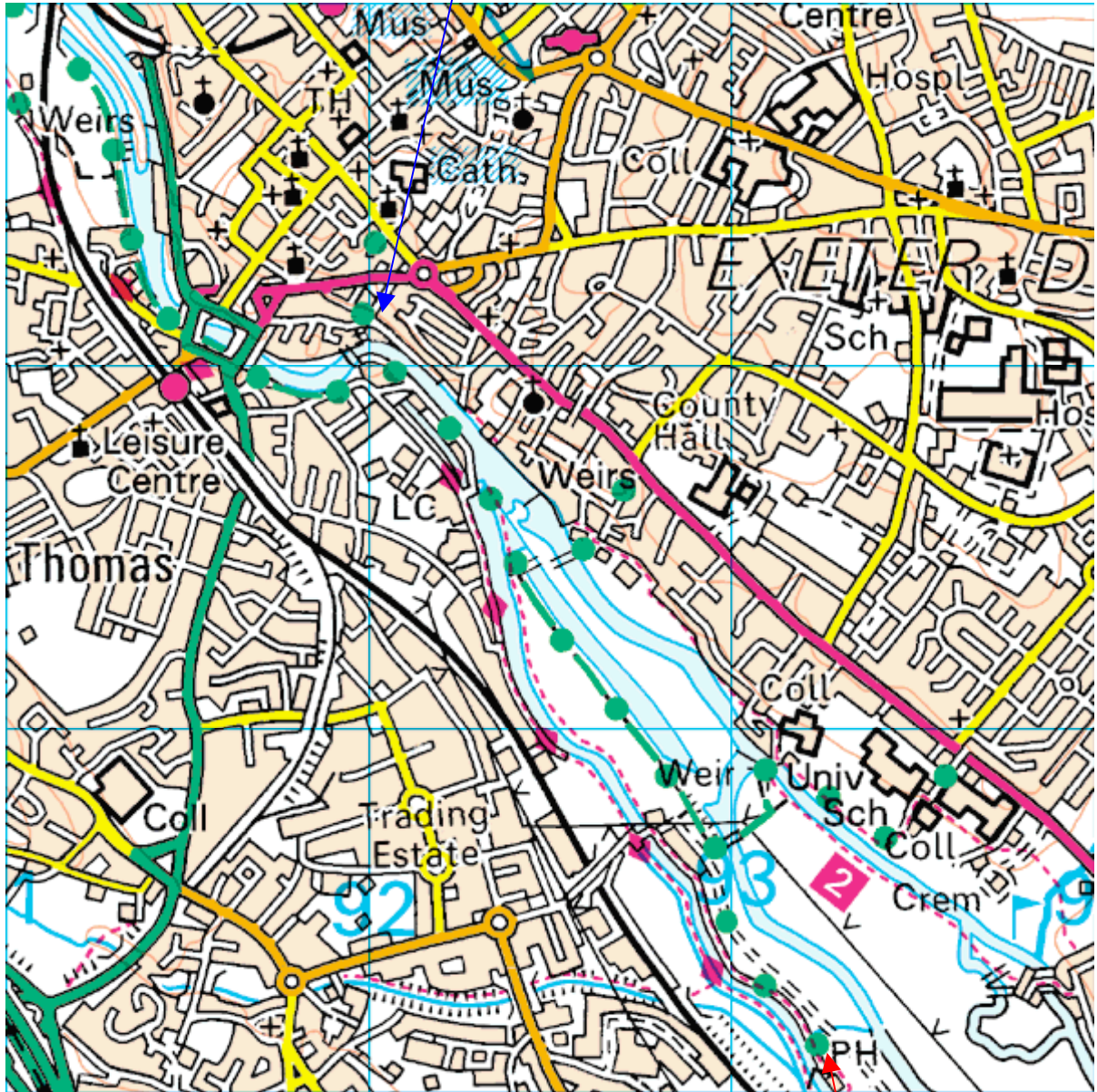
Sunday

The plan is to go for Sunday lunch at Double Locks, Canal Banks, EX2 6LT. The pub is approximately 2 miles from the city centre heading south along the canal. Please see the map on the following page showing the location and the route of the canal-side path. It is a very pleasant 30 minutes or so walk from the centre through the countryside. Alternatively, you can hire a bike (these can be hired from the shop next to Prospect Inn) or try kayaking (it's free – speak to Anthony for details!).

Meet at 11 am under the covered area between Prospect Inn and the river so we can all decide at leisure what we want to do and make arrangements.



Prospect Inn



Double
Locks