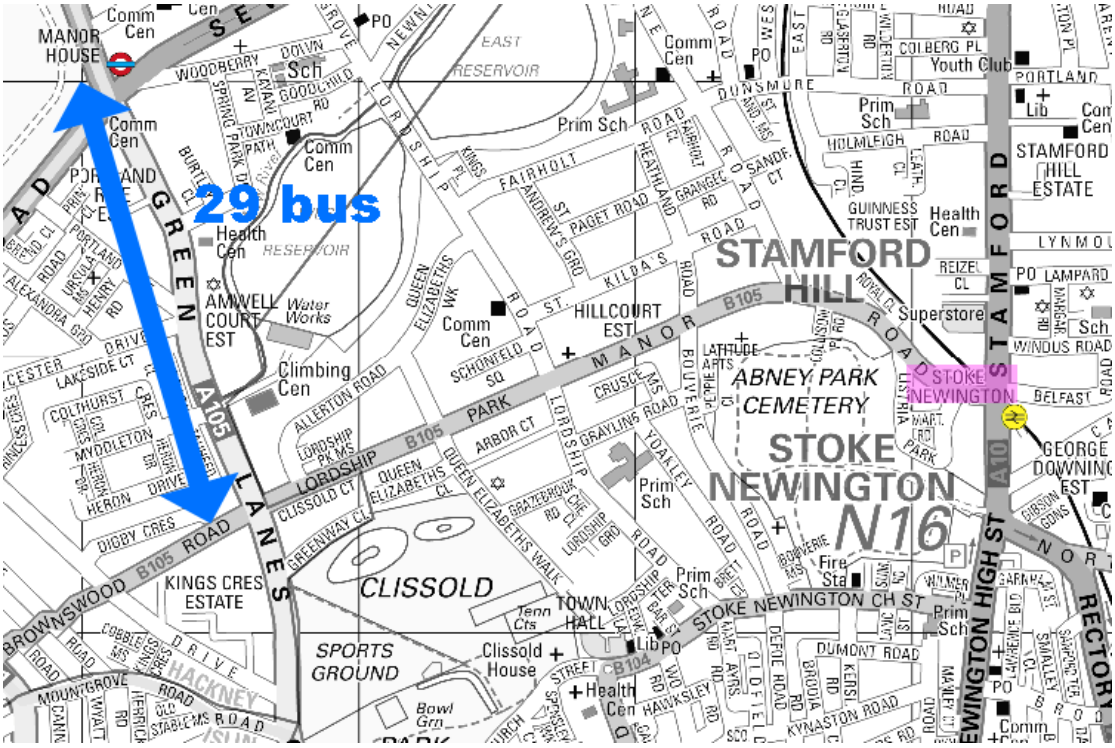
First Friday Pub Crawl 3rd July 2015
Stoke Newington Host: Pendar Sillwood

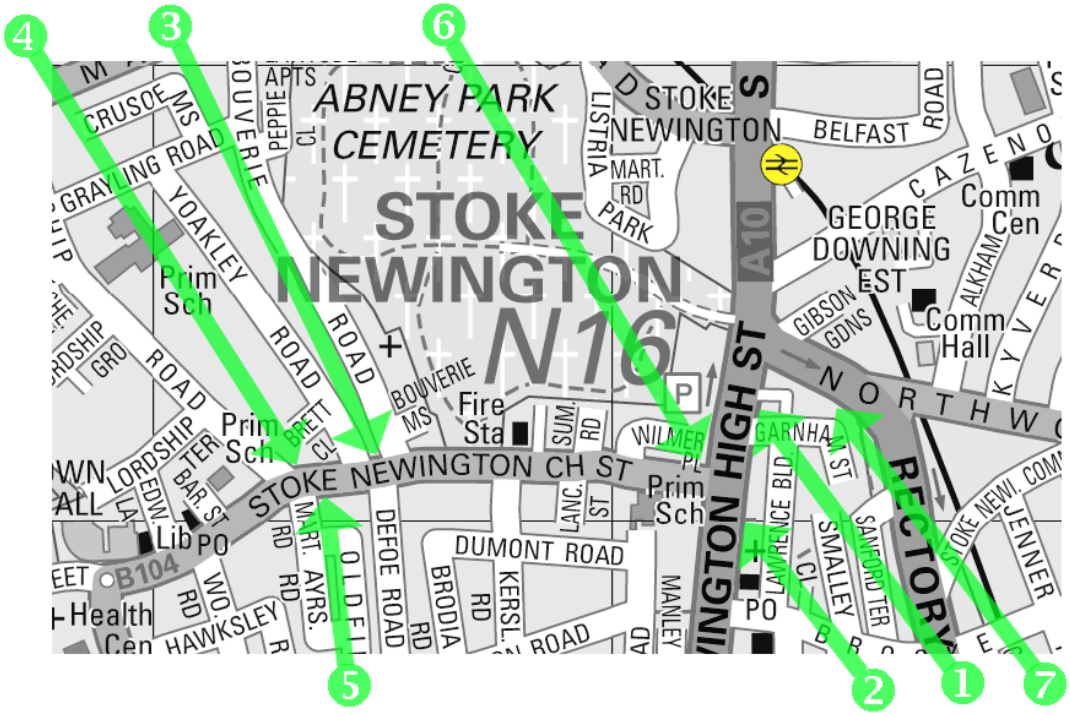
Another one of the Monopoly 'chance' squares was used up for this month. It was new territory for the Mensa pub crawls, even though there are enough pubs for two crawls.

The area is in Zone 2, is 13 minutes from Liverpool Street mainline train station, and there are 5 trains an hour.

An overview map of the area:



and a more detailed view of the pub crawl section:



(1) 6.30pm: Jolly Butchers Ale & Cider House
204 Stoke Newington High St, N16 7HU.
- Often as many people outside as in, it has an unusual choice of beverages, sourced from local and more esoteric breweries.

(2) 7.15pm: Coach & Horses
178 Stoke Newington High St, N16 7JL
- Smart pub without being self-consciously trendy.

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(3) 8.00pm: Daniel Defoe
102, Stoke Newington Church St, London, N16 0LA
- This one is one of the few pubs in the area that hasn't been gentrified. Well worth a visit as a reminder of what pubs used to be like and also for the range of ales on offer.

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(4) 8:40pm: Lion
132 Stoke Newington Church St, London, N16 0JX
-The antithesis of the pubs either side of this one. It also has a beer/food garden, which is where most of us ended up:

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(5) 9:10pm: Auld Shillelagh
105, Stoke Newington Church St, London, N16 0UD
- Heading back toward the station. This pub was the highlight of the evening. There was a fiddle band playing a variety of traditional Irish songs through to Elvis Presley material. Two of the fiddlers were actually Irish but the other two were Polish, hence the eclectic music choice. A lot of the pub crawlers stayed longer to listen to the band.

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(6) 10.10pm: Three Crowns
175 Stoke Newington High Street, London, N16 0LH
- It has a spacious airy feel to it and was about perfect on the night: not too crowded but still quite buzzy.

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(7) 10.40pm: Jan's Bar (Belgian)
18 Northwold Road, London N16 7HR

- Late closing Belgian bar.