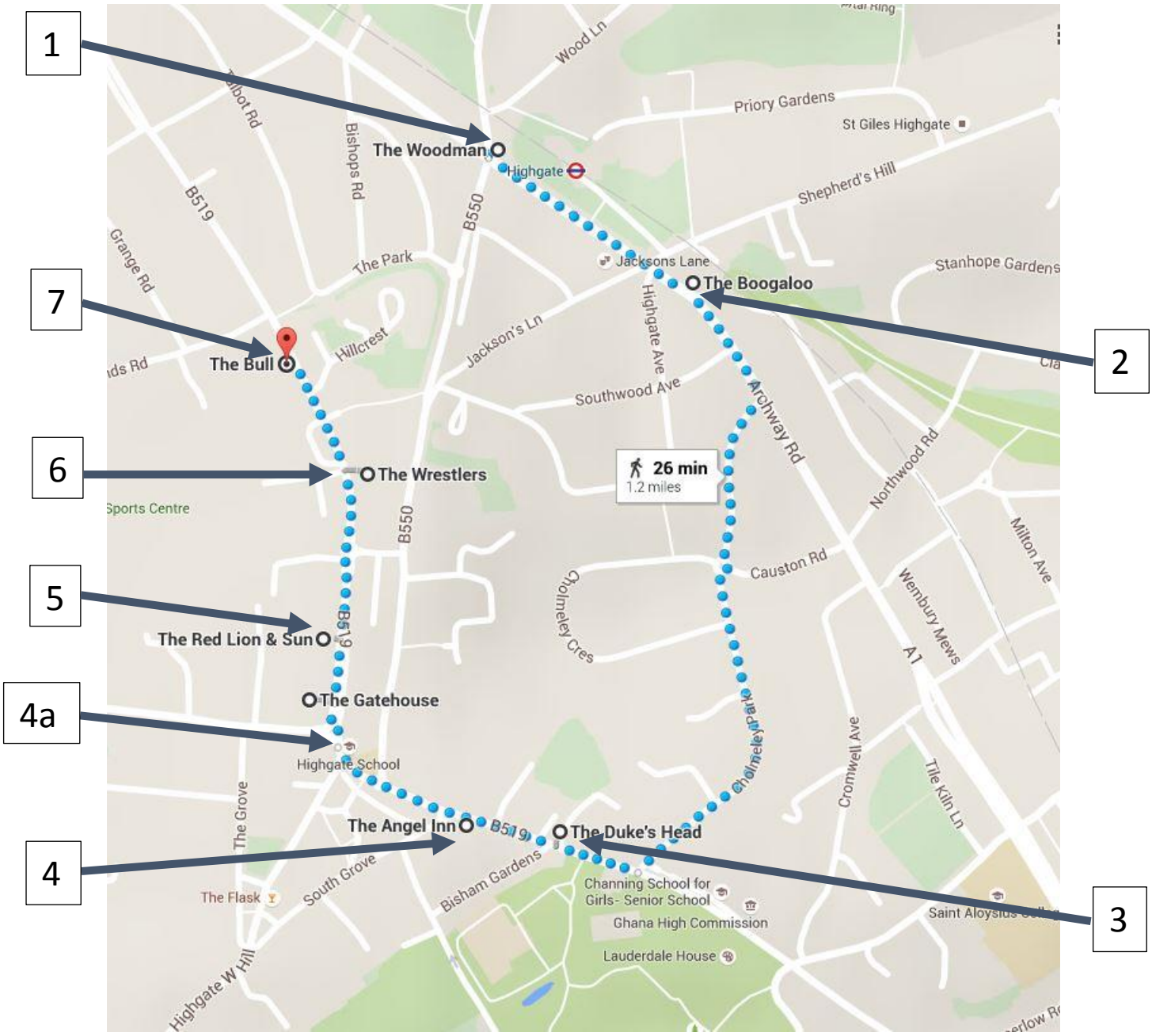
Highgate Pub Crawl Friday, 7th August 2015



John and Bronagh are your hosts for the night.

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The Monopoly dice land us on Chance this month so we take the "chance" to return to an old favourite - Highgate. We will start at Highgate tube station and loop around Highgate Bowl before walking up through the village and finishing not far from where we started for journeys home. It may come as a surprise but Highgate is on a hill so there will be a couple of slopes to deal with – just saying.

Full details of First Friday pub crawls can now be found at www.marquisdegeek.com/ff

1. 6:00pm – 6:30pm. The Woodman, 414 Archway Road, N6 5UA.

On the corner by the main exit to Highgate tube.

A convenient gathering point for an early pint but there are much more interesting places to be.

2. 6:35pm – 7:15pm. The "World Famous" Boogaloo, 312 Archway Road, N6 5AT

Exit on to Archway Road and head downhill for about 5 mins (including traffic lights).

"The Boogaloo has been a gathering place, a watering place, a music hall place, a dancing place, the host of art happenings and literary events, the inspiration for a song or two and a discreet place for a rockstar, an elegant lady or a man of the cloth to have a quiet drink amid the chaos while the crazy world spins." Once the haunt of the wannabees and never-weres now just a quick stop off point for Mensans on the way to somewhere else.

3. 7:30pm – 8:00pm. The Duke's Head, 16 Highgate High Street, N6 5JG

Cross Archway Road (use the crossing) then down and right into Cholmeley Park. Continue to Highgate High Street. This is where you will find the steepest slope of the evening but there are some expensive houses to distract you. Turn right onto the High Street for about 100m.

Once slightly dodgy and definitely dog-eared the Duke's Head has been transformed by the introduction of cask pumps, a keg board and a Sacred Gin Bar. CAMRA Pub of the Season Autumn 2014.

4. **8:00pm – 9:00pm. The Angel Inn, 37 Highgate High Street, N6 5JT**

Turn right on to the High Street for 100m and cross the road.

"The Angel Inn is a pretty little pub where your chosen tipple is served with a good measure of English eccentricity. Small wonder then, that the chaps from Monty Python used to write their material here. We're known for our resident angelfish, roaring fires and superlative range of drinks, all lovingly encased by local art and original 1930s wood panelling."

We're hoping we won't need a roaring fire in August but the food here is good if somewhat gastro-pub. So we'll allow extra time here in combination with the Gatehouse for those that want to grab something to eat.

waiting for the diners in The Angel

4a. **8:00pm – 9:00pm. The Gatehouse, 1 North Road, N6 4BD**

Turn left and continue up the road to the big pub at the top of the hill.

Our only chain pub of the evening is a Weatherspoons. Thrown in both for those who like their food a little more basic and to give the rest of us something to do while we're

5. **9:00pm – 9:45pm. The Red Lion & Sun, 25 North Road, N6 4BE**

Cross the road onto North Road and continue for another 100m.

This Greene King hostelry surprised me by having other craft beers hence its inclusion. The first of historic pair there's been a pub on this location since the 16th century.

6. 9:50pm – 10:30pm. The Wrestlers, 98 North Road, N6 4AA

Turn left and continue down the road crossing just after the mini-roundabout.

"The Wrestlers has stood on it's present site since 1547. Its original fireplace, wooden furniture and stained glass windows together with a relaxed atmosphere and friendly locals combine to create a traditional pub full of old world charm." Much of its popularity with a certain age of clientele was due to a historic penchant for lock-ins, but I'm sure that doesn't happen anymore…

7. 10:30pm – midnight. The Bull, 13 North Hill, N6 4AB

Turn right and continue for 150m crossing the road to our final pub.

"… because we genuinely believe the heart of a great pub is amazing beer, we've installed small microbrewery in the pub. You will always find beer brewed by us available on cask at the bar. Alongside our own brewed beers we stock a variety of local and international speciality beers."

Taking local beer for local people to extreme our final pub has a brewery in the basement and a range of pump and bottled beers which necessitates a printed menu akin to a wine list.

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