

AW28A Ryde Circular

Turning left out of the Museum, at the cross-roads, turn left on to Monkton Street. The Railway Inn is a couple of minutes walk at the corner with St Johns Road.

Coming out of the Railway, ascend St Johns Road up towards Ryde town centre. A good 10-15 minute exercise on the calf muscles ! I would go all the way to where the High Street crosses, turning right into the shops, carrying on into the pedestrian only area. The Castle Inn is on the left hand side, famous for its nineteenth century publican Thomas Vanner. This is on the corner with Newport Street, opposite which at no 13 (I think its 12a now) is Vanner House. This is where the Vanner booking office was situated if you wanted to book a ride on Civility, the stagecoach which is now in our museum.

As the pedestrian area ceases, on the right hand side you will find the Gambling Man.

To continue, follow the main shopping thoroughfare towards the sea front and as it then turns into Union Street descend towards the sea front and esplanade. S Fowler is on the left side of Union Street as you begin the descent. This themed pub was once a large department store.

Turning right along the esplanade, The King Lud is at the bottom of the hill opposite the train station. Further along you quickly find the Marine Bar , then the Royal Esplanade Hotel, where you will find Harry's Bar.

Continuing along the esplanade, cross over the roundabout, past Ryde Castle Hotel and carrying on along the esplanade for a further couple of minutes, turn right into Ashley Gardens. A small hidden 'oasis', the path through the gardens almost immediately brings you on to the bottom of Monkton Street (you will cross The Strand, which is parallel to the esplanade). On the left along Simeon Street you will find the Simeon Arms, whilst The Solent Inn is at no 7, Monkton Street.

Finally, carry on along Monkton Road away from the sea front, to where Park Road dissects, turn left and you are back at the museum.

Alternatively, a regular shuttle bus back to the museum, will be operating from the Rose Garden coach stop on the Esplanade, directly opposite the King Lud.