

# Harrow - 17 Nov 2021 - grand day out!

Met Line and my Day Travelcard took me further than London museums and art galleries today. I wondered how much would have changed in Harrow. Soper's is on its second reincarnation, the Wimpy bar opposite probably long gone and places Tara and I went to - such as the Gingham Kitchen - now different places. The ABC cinema is Gold's Gym but Harrow hill looks much the same - except the King's Head is no longer a pub.

Let's have a wander / wonder around.....



< Harrow hill from station

Recollections of sledging down here when Tara at primary school then next day taking sledge to Hyde Park to find snow had melted. What was the excitement of going to Halfords that Sunday (Tara thought)?

Harrow from Harrow hill >

Distant view will have changed a lot but nearby looks the same.







< Tombstone where Byron sat.

This always intrigued me - especially the last words of the poem he composed up here.

This is the poem's last line: "TAKE WHILE THOU CANS'T. A LINGERING LAST FAREWELL !"







< King's Head Hotel - once a pub, now flats.

"Flat (maisonette, really) mate" -  
Dennis - and I used to walk up  
here for a pint on a Friday evening  
- then joined 18+ so that all  
changed!



Bessborough Road Flat >

Having walked down West Street remembering an occasion when the Honda 50 had to be pushed up, I found that many of the properties round here have gone / changed - I recall there was a synagogue. Then quite a surprise - Francie and Tara lived here.





< Vague recollection of going in the front door at Bessborough Road - there was a side door (previous photo).

Petrol Station still here, next to flats >

It had (still has) a little shop where I bought a Smurf sticker that was on the windscreen of several cars until it finally disintegrated.

The things we remember!







< St Ann's centre car park.

Memorable - because Tara and I nearly had the car locked in here when we went to a Greenhill college Brecht production - 18th birthday!

Royal Oak , St Ann's Road >

Only recognisable building here from the 1970s! There used to be a motorbike shop across the road and a furniture store nearby (now site of a Vue). I recorded a BBC interview here when 21.





< 71 Glenwood Close

Still there but I recall it was less scrappy! Dennis, Keith and I rented this place (I wonder what happened to them). Many happy recollections.