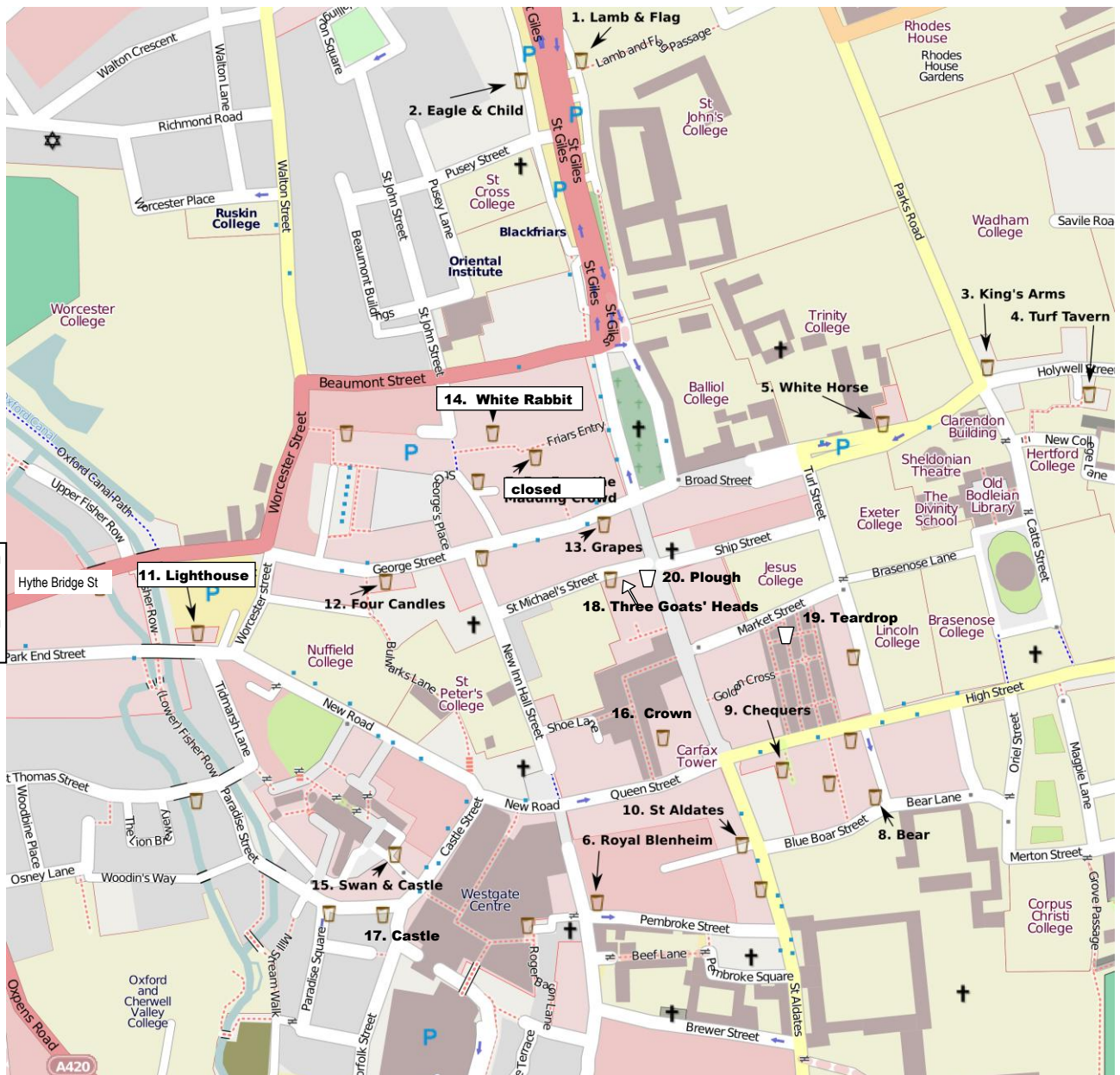


Oxford City Centre



Recommended pubs – Oxford Branch CAMRA. Current GBG entries in bold.

- 1. Lamb and Flag**, 12 St Giles'. Free house owned by St John's College. Six real ales with emphasis on beers from the West Country (Skinners, Palmers, etc). Cider. Opens 12:00. Good for food 12-3. Good prices and previous POTY.
2. Eagle and Child, 49 St Giles. Historic pub, famous for its connections with CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien (awarded a CAMRA "Pubs in Time" plaque in 2006). Recent proposed acquisition by Youngs seems to have fallen through and may close soon for building works. Opens 11:00, Sun 12
3. King's Arms, 40 Holywell Street. 400 year old pub, two bars, wooden panelling, lots of nooks and crannies. Young's beers, + guests. Quite dear. Recently refurbished. Gets very busy and service can be off-hand. Open 10:30. On regional inventory for historic interior.
4. Turf Tavern, 4 Bath Place. C18th pub with two small bars and flag-stoned courtyards. Now only 4 ales + Weston's Old Rosie cider. Greene King managed house and previous latitude over guest beers seems to have gone. Touristy and beer quality varies. Hard to find. Look for a narrow passageway a few yards down New College Lane from Catte Street. Opens 11. GK food.

5. White Horse, 52 Broad Street. Historic, small, Grade II listed, C16th pub with a single narrow bar and a small snug at the rear, next to Blackwells bookshop. Up to 5 cask ales. Opens 12
6. **Royal Blenheim**, 13 St Ebbes Street. Everard's pub now leased to White Horse Brewery (Stanford in the Vale, Oxon) in joint venture with Titanic. Ten handpumps with White Horse beers, Titanic, and imaginative guests. Cider. Opens 12 Sat 11.30. Good food. Good prices. Discount.
8. **Bear**, 6 Alfred Street. Very small and historic pub behind the Town Hall, one of several claiming to be Oxford's oldest. Some historic features, and a collection of ties taken off customers over the years. Fullers beers plus a guest so pricey. Opens 11:00 Sun 11.30. Interior on regional inventory.
9. **Chequers**, 130a High Street. Fine old building dating from 1466, down an alleyway off the High Street. Recently refurbished and now 2 bars with up to 9 real ales. Opens 12:00. Nicholson's but makes an effort. Pub grub. CAMRA discount.
10. **St Aldate's Tavern**. City Pub Co. Friendly and well run. 7 real ales and usually good selection, including local. Opens 11:30, 11 at weekends. Nice food but pricier. Now gives CAMRA discount.
11. Lighthouse, 1 Park End St. 2 from Marstons (usually Oxford Gold and Hobgoblin). Opens 12.
12. Four Candles, 47-51 George Street. Oxford's first Wetherspoon and feels more like a pub than some. Can have up to 9 real ales, including some interesting choices and local ales. Cider. Can be a bit rough, door staff in evenings. Opens 8am. Standard Wetherspoon menu.
13. Grapes, 7 George Street, Recently taken over by West Berks Brewery. Victorian. Some original features. Full range of West Berks plus 2 changing real ales and lots of keg. Opens 10.30
14. **White Rabbit** (prev. Gloucester Arms), 21 Friars Entry. Small but friendly. Shotover beer and 3 changing, all local. Open 12 to midnight. Award-winning pizza. Interior listed by CAMRA.
15. Swan and Castle, Castle Street. Oxford's newest Wetherspoon. Huge and open plan, like a hotel lounge. Families. Usually has good beer range. Opens 8am.
16. Crown. Another Nicholson's but doesn't try so hard. On the small side. Opens 11.
17. Castle. Castle Street. Now Hook Norton's first outlet in city and nicely refurbished with pleasant half cellar. Usually has 3 HN beers and 3 guests. Friendly. Opens 11 Sun 12. CAMRA discount.
18. Three Goats' Heads, St Michael Street. Interesting pub on 2 levels with tiling and ornate columns, next door to the Oxford Union. Only sells one beer - Samuel Smith's Old Brewery Bitter, but usually in good order and keenly priced. Opens 12.
19. NEW. Teardrop, in Covered Market. 'Nano-pub' in a shop unit opened by Church Hanbrewery. Up to 7 ales from cask from small breweries in county and 7 on tap. Friendly and interesting beer choice but all priced at £3.50 for 2/3 pint so dearest beer in Oxford. Open 10.30 to 5.30.
20. NEW. Plough at 38, Cornmarket. Shop converted back to a pub. 3 ales always including XT which is stored in tanks behind the bar. Opens 12.

Off map.

If you go south down St Aldate's to the river, a pleasant walk past the Town Hall and Christ Church you come to the Head of the River. Large outdoor area and city centre's only pub on river so popular but very expensive. Fuller's with 4 ales. 20 rooms to let and opens 7am for breakfast.