Twenty-four LLANDUDNO – A LOOK AT THE TOWN.

Llandudno is a very elegant seaside town in a bay between the Little Orme and the Great Orme. There is much to see including an attractive main shopping street, a pier, art gallery, pubs and cafes. It's worth a day or a stay!

Catch the Liverpool stopping train to Newton-Le-Willows and change there to catch the Llandudno/North Wales train soon after on the same platform. Alight at Llandudno Station.

This was once a fine, covered station building.

Outside the station walk straight ahead. On the right of this road is the Oriel Mostyn Gallery. This has regular visiting exhibitions of art – admission is free.

Continue straight ahead to the sea front. *To the right is the Little Orme and to the left is the Great Orme (Y Gogarth).*

Turn left and head towards the Great Orme. Notice the elegant facades along this bay. On the left is a fine obelisk as war memorial.

On the right is the pier below the Grand Hotel. At one time from the pier there were regular sailings along the coast and to the Isle of Man.

Just after the way onto the pier curve right taking the road between the Grand Hotel and the colonnade on your left. At the circle (*with the impressive lamp post*) is the park in Happy Valley if you wish to take a look.

Retrace your steps past the hotel and then continue onto the road opposite between two hotels (Snowdon Street).

On the left you pass the Victoria pub (*good beer and meals*) and a little further on you come to the Victoria Tram Station.

From here the cable hauled tram takes you in two stages to the summit of the Great Orme. There are some fine views on this ride.

Break your journey down at Halfway Station if you wish to visit the large ancient copper mines. They are just below the station on the right. *The scale of the deposits at these early mines probably attracted the Romans to this area.*

From Victoria Tram Station walk down the street opposite (Old Street) and keep straight on to the splendid 'Palladium' *This is a Wetherspoon House offering* 41

real ales and food at reasonable prices.

Cross the road and go left and you will come to the main shopping street called Mostyn Street.

Go right down Mostyn Street.

It has arcades, larger stores and cafes. (I strongly recommend Cadwallader's Ice Cream from a shop on the left).

Continue along to the circle and go right down the street you started on, past the Oriel Mostyn Gallery to the railway station.

CLASSIFICATION: MEDIUM LENGTH WALK, EASY. GOOD VIEWS, ARCHITECTURE, SEASIDE, CAFES, SHOPS, PUBS, ICE CREAM & FOOD

RAIL FARE: category <u>eight</u> (no day return).

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