

WAKEFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING



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**5th January 2023
Luis Bar
Wakefield**

Chairman Albert Bradbury welcomed members to the meeting with 14 Branch members present.

Apologies B Wallis, D Owen, S Monks & D Jones.

Minutes of last Branch Meeting/Accuracy Albert Bradbury & John Groves are to stand down from the Committee as of the next AGM in March.

Matters Arising None

Correspondence CAMRA roadmap
Regional Directors Report

Treasurers Report Present balance £3417.97. The invoices for the last edition of O to K are coming in well.

Meetings/Events

17th January	Committee Meeting in the Bier Huis, Ossett starting at 7.30pm.
19th January	Autumn POTS presentation to the Old Grocers, Pontefract from 7.30pm.
26th January	GBG Selection Meeting in the Polka Hop from 7.30pm.
2nd February	Branch Meeting in the Black Rock starting at 7.30. Vote for Winter POTS. Vote for Pub of the Year.
23rd February	Committee Meeting in the Priory Bar, Wakefield starting at 7.30pm.
14th March	Branch Meeting & AGM in Henry Boons starting at 7.30pm. Nominations for Spring POTS. Club of the Year vote.
April 1st	Branch Meeting in the Station, Crigglestone starting at 12 noon (TBC) by SN. Nominations for Spring POTS.

Belgium Trip 2023 Staying in the Royale Hotel in Leuven which is located opposite the railway station. The ferry, DFDS, is booked and a deposit of £1500 has been paid. There are 2 or 3 spare places.

Membership Secretaries Report

Branch Total is 678 (up 1 on last month).

11 new members, 7 lapsed

National Total is 153332 (804 down on last month).

LocAle Report No Report

What Pub/NBSS

We need more people to score.

No report.

O to K The next edition is due out by the end of February so articles need to be with Mark Gibson by early next month. The events page will be updated regularly.

Pub Club and Brewery Reports - Please send any Pub, Club and Brewery News to Bob Wallis & Mark Gibson. Work has finally restarted on the refurbishment of the Bingley Arms.

Work has also started on the Mallard, Moorthorpe Station by Jolly Boys Brewery.

The Red Shed has asked us to renew their ACV.

Ackworth Cricket Club has received planning permission for extension work. They are hoping to have Cask Ale on by February???

Hooten Pagnell 1903 is owned by Production Ltd. who also own the New Inn, Walton.

It is rumoured that the House of Ales in Pontefract Market Hall has an On Licence, this will be checked out.

The Weaver's Arms, Ossett has been sold.

The Robin Hood, Pontefract looks likely to be sold to the owners of the Mad Ox in Pontefract.

BLO /Cider Reports

Chin Chin	A 6.4% collaboration with Malcolm Bastow. A 5.2% stout, Fuzzy Feelings.
Fernandes	No report
Henry Smith	No report
Horbury Ales	No report
Luddite Brewery	Burning Mill, a 5.5% smoked porter
Morton Collins	No report.
Outgang	Brewery mothballed.
Ossett	Collaboration Series for 2023 with the following breweries:- Jan - Saint Mars of the Desert, Feb - Bristol Beer Factory, Mar - Adnams, Apr - Abbeylea, May - Mallinsons and Beer Ink, Jun - Elusive, Jul - Brew York, Aug - McColl's, Sep - Durham, Oct - Torrside & Nov - JW Lees.
Revolutions	Last month's update is still current,. Just one extra item: Ultra Swoon is out (11%). Limited edition exclusively available at Yorkshire Craft Beers, Castleford. Gift boxes of Swoon, Super Swoon and Ultra Swoon will be available.
Tarn 51	No report.
Tigertops	Dark Star, a 4.4% dark, hopped bitter. Marzen Bier, a 4.6% German-style bottom fermented beer. 3.6/3.8% session beer as yet with no name.
Cider Report	No report.

Social Media Report –Twitter 2623 followers - down 6 on last month.

AOB Pub of the Year 2022 shortlist is:- Black Rock, Old Grocers, Luis Bar & Harry's Bar.

Pub of the Season Winter 2022/23 shortlist is:- Black Rock, Luis Bar, Harry's Bar & Boons

Votes for the above can be cast up to and including the next Branch Meeting.

The Club of the Year 2022 votes can be cast up to and including the March Branch Meeting.

November Committee Meeting in the George, Ossett - 151122

Present A Bradbury (AB), C Williams (CW), M Goodair (MG1), D Jones (DJ), S Nightingale (SN), D Oates (DO) & J Groves.

Apologies R Gaunt, B Wallis (BW), M Gibson (MG2),

Branch Account Bier Huis has paid the O - K bill and the Bridlington trip has been paid for.

Correspondence None

O to K The latest edition is at the printers and will be delivered shortly.

Meetings/Events

15th November	Committee Meeting in the George, Ossett starting at 7.30pm.
3rd December	Branch Meeting in the Little Bull, Middlestown starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Winter POTS. Nominations for Pub of the Year.
10th December	Branch Christmas Party in Henry Boons from 5pm.
5th January	Branch Meeting in Luis Bar, Wakefield starting at 7.30pm. Nominations for Winter POTS. Nominations for Pub of the Year.
7th January	Second Survey trip round our hard to get to by public transport pubs in Ackworth, Pontefract, Castleford, Altofts, Stanley & Old Snydale. Details of pubs suggested below. Leave Red Shed at 1130.
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23rd February	Committee Meeting in the Priory Bar, Wakefield starting at 7.30pm.
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1st April	Branch Meeting Robin Hood, Altofts starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Spring POTS. TBC by SN.

Suggested pubs for the January Survey Trip:- Carleton, Pontefract; Rustic Arms & Brown Cow, Ackworth; Carleton, Pontefract; White Lion, Castleford; Robin Hood, Altofts; Graziers, Stanley & Cross Keys, Old Snydale. MG1 is to contact Ross Travel for a quote for Belgium.

LocAle Report Leaflets required in Luis Bar.

Pub, Club and Brewery News

The Lupset Hotel reopens tomorrow after being closed for some time.

A new bar has opened in Pontefract called the Post Office. The bad news is it hasn't got cask beer.

BLO We need a BLO for the DMC Brewery now it is brewing cask beer.

Albert's Bar, a new bar on Northgate

Brown Cow Brewery has closed due to the retirement of Sue & Keith Simpson and is selling off the brewing equipment.

What Pub/NBSS We need more scorers!!! Nothing to report.

AOB SN suggested we have a Rural Pub of the Season as well as the present POTS awards. If we do then AB thinks we will have to consider framed certificates for the awards rather than plaques as they are becoming increasingly expensive (£48). It was also put forward that we call the awards "Five Towns & Wakefield ". We will need to define the areas of the two awards. Alternative names could be "Village Pub" or "Out of Town Pub". A list of which pubs fitted into the relevant categories would be produced.

