

WAKEFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING



**CAMPAIGN
FOR
REAL ALE**

**2nd February 2023
Black Rock
Wakefield**

Chairman Albert Bradbury welcomed members to the meeting with 10 Branch members present.

Apologies B Wallis, D Oates, C Williams & L Bratley.

Minutes of last Branch Meeting/Accuracy Correct

Matters Arising None

Correspondence The Good Beer Yearbook
Real Ale, Cider & Perry Campaigns Committee.
Conference Procedures.

Treasurers Report Present balance £3369.47. Balance should be the end of the year account.

Meetings/Events

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.
23rd March	Presentation to the Black Rock for the Pub of the Year 2022 & Pub of the Season (Winter) 2022/23 awards from 7.30 with the presentation at 8.30.
28th March	Committee Meeting in the New Wheel, Wrenthorpe starting at 7.30pm.
April 1st	Branch Meeting in the Reindeer, Overton starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Spring POTS.
April 23rd	Committee Meeting in the White Lion, Castleford starting at 7.30pm.
4th May	Branch Meeting in the Junction, Castleford starting at 7.30. Voting for Spring POTS.
23rd May	Committee Meeting in the Star, Sandal starting at 7.30pm.
1st June	Branch Meeting in the Calder Vale, Horbury Junction starting at 7.30. Nominations for Summer POTS.
1st July	Branch Meeting in the Station, Crigglestone starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Summer POTS.
3rd August	Branch Meeting in the Bier Huis, Ossett starting at 7.30. Voting for Summer 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 675 (down 3 on last month).

8 new members, 10 lapsed

National Total is 153020 (312 down on last month).

Good Beer Guide 2024 There is a number of new entries nominated for the 2024 GBG due to closures, changes of licensee and pubs up for sale.

**New
Old**

LocAle Report The Station at Crigglestone is selling 4 nines of Bradfield Blonde per week and is looking into installing a 3rd handpump. Black Horse, Wakefield has 3 Bradfield beers.

What Pub/NBSS

We need more people to score.

No report.

O to K Mark aims to have the next edition to the printers by the end of February so articles need to be with Mark Gibson by early next month. The Polka Hop & Henry Boons are pulling their advertisements. Mark has contacted a printer in Hemsworth who has quoted a lower price for the magazine.

Pub Club and Brewery Reports - Please send any Pub, Club and Brewery News to Bob Wallis & Mark Gibson.

Shepherd's Arms, Horbury is being refurbished.

Market Tap, Castleford has a handpump serving Kirkstall Three Swords.

A new bar has opened on the Forged in Wakefield site near the Hepworth called the Distillery but there is no Cask Ale.

Henry Boons, Wakefield is for sale for £300,000.

BLO /Cider Reports

Chin Chin	A collaboration with Five Towns will be going to Bradford Beer Festival. There will be 2 rhubarb beers for the Rhubarb Festival.
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	New Beer: Paradox, Barrel Aged Apricot White Stout 12.7%. Made with coffee beans and cacao nibs. Matured for one year in bourbon barrels with added apricots and peaches. First Collab beer: with St Mars of the Desert called Amère Biere, a 4.1% Hazy French Bitter. A pale and hazy bitter, similar to that brewed in the Alsace hop-growing region of France around Strasbourg. Voodoo is now available in bottles. Excelsius will be discontinued in bottles.
Revolutions	No report.
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 262 followers - down 1 on last month.

AOB Pub of the Year 2022 vote.

Black Rock 34 votes
Old Grocers 10
Luis Bar 9
Harry's Bar 4

Pub of the Season Winter 2022/23 vote.

Black Rock 22
Luis Bar 9
Boons 4
Harry's Bar 3

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

January Committee Meeting in the Bier Huis, Ossett - 170123

Present A Bradbury (AB), M Gibson (MG2), M Goodair (MG1), J Groves (JG), R Gaunt (RG), C Williams (CW), D Jones & L Bratley.

Apologies B Wallis (BW).

Branch Account Awaiting up to date statement.

The Belgium account will be subject to a fee of £5 to cover cost of transactions. People will be asked to pay by BACS where possible as it is free whereas manual transactions cost 45p each time.

Correspondence None

Committee Nominations Scott Nightingale is prepared to be Pubs Officer
Mark Gibson is prepared to be Branch Treasurer
Russ Gaunt is prepared to be Branch Secretary

O to K Due out by mid-February. Articles to Mark ASAP. Receipts from advertising may be down due to the change in the pub scene. (See under GBG).

Meetings/Events

17th January	Committee Meeting in the Bier Huis, Ossett starting at 7.30pm.
2nd February	Branch Meeting in 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. Vote for COTY.
1st April	Branch Meeting in the Station, Crigglestone starting at 12 noon (TBC) by SN. Nominations for Spring POTS.

The Belgium trip will stay at the Royale Hotel, Leuven. A deposit of £1500 has been paid to Ross Travel for the coach and ferry. Looking to go round the Stella Artois Brewery on Friday afternoon as it is located within walking distance of the centre of Leuven. MG2 will do the brewery certificates.

GBG 2023 28 pubs have met the 12/6 criteria but we will have to pull out 6 pubs as they have either closed or changed circumstances, i.e. up for sale, change of management, etc. These are Griffin (closed), Jolly Tap (sold), Barnsley Oak (change of management), Henry Boons (up for sale), Polka Hop (managers due to move out in June) & New Albion (up for sale).

LocAle Report None

Pub, Club and Brewery News A new bar has opened on the Forged in Wakefield site near the Hepworth called the Distillery but there is no Cask Ale.

What Pub/NBSS We need more scorers!!!

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 (£38.50). 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.