WAKEFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING

Harrys Bar, Wakefield
7th May 2026 -7.30pm

Chairman Mark Goodair welcomed members to the meeting .

Attendees - M.Goodair, M.Gibson, R.Gaunt, D.Oates, C.Davis, A.Bradbury, S.Nightingale,, C.Beardsmore. , D.Currie, M.Whitehouse, N.Whitehouse, C.Williams, M.Bastow, E.Fogden, V.Gaunt.

Apologies - D.Jones, P.Fooks.

Minutes of last Branch Meeting/Accuracy- Correct

Matters Arising – Tetley Dave award to be given posthumously to Bradley Arms and date and plaque to be determined, Ian Clayton confirmed to do the speech.
Club of the year presentation to be given to The Red Shed on Sat 16th May 3pm at East v West Beer Festival.
Community awards? RG raised this with The Masons in Ackworth reporting on Facebook that they had won an award and also another post stating it was of the year, The award had old logo on and not the branch chairs signature. D.O. was under the impression that we had agreed this at previous meeting. After a lengthy discussion we agreed to award the other pubs nominated with a community award.
Meet the brewer article to go in Summer OtoK.

Correspondence – Members Weekend 2026 feedback from anyone that attended?
Subscription increase by £1 from 24th June.
May is Mild Month.
Trading Committee vacancy.
Branch magazine of the year was Sheffield.
Branch website of the year was Norwich and district branch.
Belgium Good Beer Guide 9th edition out 14th May.
Pomona awards (cider & perry) open, Nominations close August 1st.

Regional Report –

Treasurers Report-
CURRENT BALANCE - £1462.26
BANK BALANCE - £1841.21

Meetings/Events-

Thur- Sun 14th-17th May	**East v West Beer Festival At The Red Shed.**
Sat 06 June 10am	**Buxton Trip £25 pick up from The Red Shed.**
Sat 13th June at 1pm	**Junction, Castleford June Branch Meeting.**
Thur 2nd July 7.30PM	**The Hop in Wakefield. July Branch Meeting.**
Fri 7th & Sat 8th August	**Camra 50th & Red Shed 60th**
Sat 15th August 1pm	**Black Swan in Overton.**

	August Branch Meeting.

Membership Secretaries Report-
National 140785
Yorkshire: 12032
Branch 597
LocAle Report –
What Pub/NBSS
12/6
Harry's Bar,Wakefield
Luis Bar + Fernandes Wakefield,Wakefield
Black Rock,Wakefield
Wakefield Labour Club,Wakefield
Old Grocers,Pontefract
Cricketers Arms,Horbury
Mason's Arms,Ackworth
Boons Horbury,Horbury
Six Chimneys,Wakefield
Calder Vale Hotel,Horbury Junction
Prop'ur Baa,Ossett
Old Printworks,Wakefield
Robin Hood,Pontefract
House of Ales,Pontefract
Tawny,Ossett
Hop,Wakefield
Priory,Wakefield
Inns of Court Hotel,Wakefield

Over 12 under 6
Junction,Castleford
New Wheel Inn,Wrenthorpe
Bier Huis,Ossett
Bradley Arms,North Featherstone
Star,Sandal

Under 12 Over 6
Brewers 1841 Tap House & Pizzeria,Ossett
Carleton,Pontefract
Tap,Ossett

Beer Scoring Stats

Beer Scoring Period	2 Jan 26 - 29 Apr 26
No of beer scorers	71
No of branch beer scorers	20
% of branch beer scorers ‡	
No of beer scores †	907
No of beer scores from branch members †	682
No of beer scores from non-branch members †	225
Average score from branch members †	3.36
Average score from non-branch members †	3.50

Premises Statistics

No of open premises in the branch	483
No of open premises scored *	77
% of open premises scored	16%
Closed premises with beer scores	0

Pub Statistics

No of open pubs in the branch	259
No of open, cask ale pubs in the branch	116
No of open pubs scored *	69
% of open pubs scored	27%

Club Statistics

No of open clubs in the branch	165
No of open clubs scored *	8

% of open clubs scored 5%
O to K – Deadline by the weekend.

Pub Club and Brewery News-
British Oak at Calder Vale closed.
Elephant & Castle closed.
The Carleton has got Boddingtons on.
Outwood WMC has got beer festival on 27th June and has 2 cask ales on including Boddingtons.
Old Red Lion (Peacock estate) re opened as Miners Lamp.
New Inn at Durkar having a refurbishment.
Organise a meeting one Saturday at Outwood WMC.
Craft booze shop in Normanton to have a soft opening.
New Camra video out but lacking diversity- C.W.
Beer Scoring socials on Thur evenings? E.F.

BLO /Cider Reports

Chin Chin	4 new beers and next open days are 10th,11th and 12th July. Collab with 5 Towns. 4.8% Stout Night Vision. 4.2% Pale and 3.9% Keep Runnin. Grove Beer Festival 26th & 27th June – Volunteers needed.
Fernandes	H P Lovecraft 3.9% Aurum ale brewed with Spring pale & crystal malts. Hopped with Fuggles & Cluster hops.Deep Amber in colour. Yippee - 4.2% Chinook, Green Bullet & Cascade hopped pale ale Black Crunchie Rock 5.5% Collaboration with Five Towns Brewery. 6 malts, Fuggles, cacao & Toffee honeycomb Stout Chiff Chaff 3.9% Nelson Sauvin & Green Bullet hopped pale ale.
Henry Smith	NTR
Horbury Ales	NTR
Jolly Boys	Testing a cascade blonde- feedback good so far. Upcoming new brews- powerful hopped Supa Dupa Citra and a stout and dark mild. Second season of Podcast is currently being recorded. Tap Takeover at The Stack in Hornsea was a beautiful event. A painting was commissioned during the event by a mysterious benefactor and now hangs in The Jolly Tap in Barnsley.
Lab In The Garage	Warrington Takeover.
Lost Cause	2 new cask beers- Mary Candles 3.6% Mild and Little Book Of Calm 4.2% NZ pale ale. Tap in Wakefield to open Thur & Fri 4-9pm , Sat 12- 9pm and Sun 12-7pm. Whitwood (Castleford) Tap open last Fri and Sat of each month up to end of Nov. Fri3-9pm, Sat 1-9pm.
Luddite Brewery	NTR
Five Towns	East And West Beer Festival (14th to 17th May) beer with Chin Chin and Fernandes (Stout).
Morton Collins	NTR
Ossett	Peanut Butter and Chocolate Stout- Fat Rat.
Outgang	Mothballed
Tarn 51	No brewing.
Tigertops	NTR
Cider Report	NTR

Social Media Report-
6 and half thousand views.

1.14k followers on Facebook.

AOB

Agreed to sponsor a barrel of beer £60 for East v West Festival.
Pub of the season nominations handed out.
Browns coach trips had no rise in fuel costs.
Royal Oak (British Oak) in Tingley good work for charity but not in our branch.
Luis Bar article in Wakefield Express etc D.O.
A.Earnshaw now in Wakefield Branch- issue was with moving house- C.W. sorted.
Agreed to have a follow up meeting with The Red Shed about 50th event (brewery liaison officers to brew with breweries)
Awards and presentations agenda?
Agreed that all trips to drop off at The Red Shed on return.
SPBW trips read out.
GBG 21 entries having data issue with Camra HQ, S.N. sorted it.
Moved next meeting to Sat 13th June at Junction, Castleford -C.B. to sort.

Mark closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.