

WAKEFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING



**CAMPAIGN
FOR
REAL ALE**

**3rd November 2022
Old Grocers
Pontefract**

Chairman Albert Bradbury welcomed members to the meeting with 12 Branch members present.

Apologies J Groves, S Chappell, M Gibson, T Sigsworth, P Wallis & D Jones.

Minutes of last Branch Meeting/Accuracy None

Matters Arising None

Correspondence November Regional Meeting.
Pub Protection Resources Available to Branches.
Pub of the Year 2023.
Club of the Year 2023.
Upcoming Autumn Statement.

Treasurers Report Present balance £4495.18. The following advertisers have not paid for their O to K bill:-
Revolutions Brewery, Bier Huis, Woodman & Old Grocers.

Meetings/Events

12th November	Survey trip round our hard to get to by public transport pubs. Coach will leave the Red Shed at 1130am and be finished by 6pm. We will be calling at Overton, Netherton, Crigglestone, Newmillerdam, Walton and finishing at the King's Arms, Heath.
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.
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.
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. Coach departs from the Red Shed at 1130 and return by 6pm, a donation of £5 will be taken.
17th January	Committee Meeting in the Bier Huis, Ossett starting at 7.30pm.
2nd February	Branch Meeting in the Black Rock starting at 7.30. Vote for Winter POTS.
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.
April	Branch Meeting in the Robin Hood. Altofts starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Spring POTS.

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.

Membership Secretaries Report Branch Total is 673 (up 6 on last month). 1 member moved from our Branch to the Wirral. National Total is 155208 (up 359 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 in late November.

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

Ruddy Duck, Wakefield is to be renamed The Bridge.

Jennings Brewery is to close.

The Old Swan, Netherton (better known as Ma Pardoe's) is to close.

HMRC has applied for a winding up order for Leeds Brewery.

Jolly Boys has re-opened as 43 Northgate but has no cask beer.

The Thorn Tree , Ossett has closed.

The Griffin, Castleford has closed and is to be demolished.

DMC Brewery on Balne Lane is reported to be brewing cask ale. Imperial Braggart @ 10% has been on sale in the Morley area.

Aye Been Brewing & Aura Ales have closed.

The Printer's Draft in Pontefract is for sale.

Harry's Bar has been bought by Louise Waters.

The report that the Robin Hood has been taken over by Ossett Brewery may not be true.

BLO /Cider Reports

Chin Chin	Super Sun @ 5.2% and Mosaic Pale also 5.2%.
Fernandes	No report
Henry Smith	No report
Horbury Ales	We're shaking things up a little by adding a few new and old favourite beers to our offering. Just brewed Dr Rudi (NZ Single Hop pale @ 4.2%) for the first time this year as well as a new v5 of our Hop Assailant (a deceptively powerful hoppy pale at 4.6%) which are both ready to order now. Next week will see us brewing Ernest at just 3.9% which will be available later this month. We've held our prices so are extremely competitive out there at the moment. Thanks for the recommendation to Dave at Old Grocers; any others you think would like our beers please feel free to let us know.
Luddite Brewery	Smoked Porter @ 4.5% in a whisky cask.
Morton Collins	No report.
Outgang	Brewery mothballed.
Ossett	To celebrate the 5000th brew - Treacle Stout Extra 7%. Stronger version of Treacle Stout Last collaboration - with Neptune Brewery, Midnight Rider a 5.6% Hazy Black IPA Next collaboration - with Green Duck Brewery. A cask version of a keg lager they brewed at that brewery in January. Another beer - Dark Materials, a 9.6% Belgian Style Dubbel. Mini Kegs of Yorkshire Blonde and White Rat are now available.
Revolutions	Switch 28: Modern English hops: Harlequin, Olicana and Ernest 4.5%. World Cup brews: 2 beers at 4.0% named Game of Two Halves. One will be Orange and Mango Blonde, the other berry flavoured. Both issued at the same time. Next special: Peace and Love, a 4.5% Winter Pale, Simcoe hops. Christmas brew: Personal Jesus a 4.5% Pannetone Porter!
Tarn 51	No report.
Tigertops	Small Weiss @ 5.6% a wheat beer. Barry intends to do a darker version @ 4.4% or 4.6%.
Cider Report	No Report.

Social Media Report –Twitter 2639 followers - down 2 on last month.

AOB The Autumn POTS vote :- Old Grocers, Pontefract 11, Boons, Horbury 8, Luis Bar @ Fernandes 6 & Harry's Bar 3

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

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1st April	Branch Meeting Robin Hood, Altofts starting at 12 noon. Nominations for Spring POTS. TBC by SN.

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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.