

WAKEFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING



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**3rd December 2022
Little Bull
Middlestown**

Chairman Albert Bradbury welcomed members to the meeting with 11 Branch members present.

Apologies B Wallis & D Owen

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 Branches Report Document
GBBF Beer Order

Treasurers Report Present balance £4394.78. The Survey Trip and the O to K magazine are yet to be paid.

Meetings/Events

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. 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.
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.
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.
Belgium Trip 2023 A meeting has been arranged with Ross Travel, Featherstone on the 6th December to see if they will provide a coach for next year's trip. We have had a promising quote from the Royale Hotel in Leuven which is located opposite the railway station.

Membership Secretaries Report

Branch Total is 677 (up 4 on last month).

9 new members, 7lapsed

National Total is 154136 (1072 down on last month).

LocAle Report New Wheel, Wrenthorpe has aa deal with Anvil Taverns allowing them to have beer from any Yorkshire brewery.

The Boot & Shoe, Mason's Arms, Beverley Arms & Brown Cow in Ackworth all have LocAle.

What Pub/NBSS

We need more people to score.

No report.

O to K The events page is to become a regular feature.

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

There is no bar on Northgate called Albert's Bar as reported in the last Committee Minutes.

It is also doubtful that DMC Brewery is brewing Cask Ale.

There is a new bar on Southgate, Pontefract called the Tooth & Tiger but there is no Cask Ale.

The Old Post Office on Ropergate, Pontefract has opened with no Cask Ale.

There is to be a new bar on Carlton Street, Castleford, no details yet.

The Navigation, Calder Grove has replaced Ossett Beers with Castle Rock.

The Mason's Arms, Ackworth has now got 4 Cask Beers instead of 2.

Ackworth Croquet Club will have a cask beer on sale by Christmas.

Hark To Mopsey, Normanton has had 4 beers on with 5 during the World Cup. It would like more publicity from CAMRA and would like to stock O to K's. Plans to open a restaurant at the side of the pub next year.

The Railway Club, Ossett is to close.

The Thorn Tree, Ossett has re-opened.

Spread, Darrington has Taylors Boltmaker & Landlord.

Hammer & Stithy, Gawthorpe has Ossett Silver King & Yorkshire Blonde at £3.40 a pint.

New Pot Oil, Wrenthorpe has Landlord at £2.80 a pint.

New Wheel, Wrenthorpe has Nailmaker Bitter at £3.30 a pint.

BLO /Cider Reports

Chin Chin	The Hooton Pagnell 1903 (formerly the Hooton Pagnell Hostel) is taking Chin Chin beers.
Fernandes	No report
Henry Smith	No report
Horbury Ales	The Weaver's Arms, Ossett has Horbury Gold at £3 a pint and it is selling well.
Luddite Brewery	No report
Morton Collins	No report.
Outgang	Brewery mothballed.
Ossett	Nervous Turkey is back for Christmas. The beer mentioned in the last meeting, a collab with Green Duck is called All Cask No Brakes. Following an appearance at the St Albans beer festival it appears Ossett are supplying quite a few pubs in the area there now. This from a National CAMRA director "Not just an excellent and diverse selection of beers, but a great team of people selling them who made a really positive impression on an area outside their traditional ground. It's been good to see, in the weeks since, more of their beers appearing in local pubs."
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	No report
Cider Report	No report.

Social Media Report –Twitter 2629 followers - down 10 on last month.

AOB None.

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.

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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.
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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.