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**Hello and welcome to Issue 82**

Well done to the Cricketers Arms in Horbury on being voted our Pub of the Year. Jo and her team will be adding another award to the one received last year.

The presentation is taking place on the same weekend this magazine should be back from the printers so we will have photos in Issue 83.

Also in the final vote were The Black Rock Wakefield, Harry’s Bar Wakefield and the Robin Hood Pontefract.

The vote was close so well done all.

Winning Club Of The Year again is the Wakefield Labour Club (The Red Shed). Alverthorpe WMC, George V WMC Glasshoughton and the United Services Club (Soldiers) of South Elmsall also received votes.

The awards don’t end there as it is congratulations to Dave at Bier Huis Ossett for being our Cider Pub of the Year. We also have a most Improved Pub award which this time goes to Henry Boons in Wakefield. Many will know David Woods from his time at the Black Rock and since moving he has brought that quality of real ale to Henry Boons.

Our Winter Pub of the Season has gone to The Old Grocers, this new micro pub has brought real ale and craft beer to the centre of Pontefract and in only a short time has become a firm favourite with members.

The dates for the presentations are

Cricketers - 15th February around 5pm

Henry Boons - 27th February from 7pm

Old Grocers - 26th March from 7pm (also a Meet The Brewer evening with Brew York)

Keep a look on our social media on Twitter and Facebook for other presentation dates.



Pictured above is the Spread Eagle In Wragby.

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The Samuel Smith run pub is now closed again and looks a bit more permanent than previous closures.

It was closed and then opened again for a few days before closing again. The car park has been closed off with boulders placed at the entrance.

It is a fantastic pub outside and inside and the OBB was always spot on. I hope this isn’t the end but it doesn’t look to hopeful.

Our AGM is at Alverthorpe WMC on Tuesday 10th March and on the 12th we are visiting the new Ossett Brewery visitor centre from 7pm onwards. We hope to see many of you at both events.

**ENJOY ISSUE 82!**

**Mark**

**DOGHOUSE CASTLEFORD**



The district has a new craft beer bar. Now open in Castleford is the Doghouse from Selby brewer Little Black Dog.

There are 20 keg lines, there is always one wheat beer, 5 are taken up with Lager, two with cider and the rest for craft beer including some very strong IPA and Stout. There are also 6 cask ales on handpull also. They have gluten free bottles and try to have one on draft also.

Jordan from Little Black Dog was in the bar when we visited and is from Castleford which is why the bar has opened here because he wanted Castleford to have craft beer.

At the brewery they have just moved to bigger premises and hope to open a brewery tap in time for Easter.

**DEEP DROP OUTWOOD**

The Deep Drop on Leeds Road in Outwood is selling regular Robinsons Dizzy Blonde and Trooper.



**BRADLEY ARMS NORTH FEATHERSTONE**



The Bradly Arms in North Featherstone is now under the operation of Dean Smith who runs the Robin Hood in Pontefract.



With Revolutions and Henry Smith Breweries on board also the pub is a tap room for both and as seen below you can find the range of excellent Henry Smith beers available.



The 177 from Pontefract stops outside and from Wakefield the 157 stops a five minute walk away.

## THE BLACK ROCK NAMED BEST FOR CASK ALE IN NATIONAL AWARDS

The Black Rock on Cross Square has beaten off competition from 2,500 pubs around the country to be named Best Cask Ale pub in national awards run by Heineken-owned Star Pubs & Bars.



Licencee Shaun Slater - who is Wakefield city centre's longest serving publican - was presented with the prestigious prize by actor, comedian and presenter Joel Dommett at a gala ceremony at the five-star Luton Hoo hotel in Bedfordshire.

The pub's cask ale was judged against stringent criteria from its taste and smell to its temperature and freshness and received full marks in every area. The judges described The Black Rock as a "brilliant cask ale experience" and its six cask ales as "perfection and like velvet".

The judges put the win down to the hard work and passion of Shaun, who recently celebrated his 20th anniversary at the pub's helm and started working there nearly 40 years ago cleaning the cellar at the age of 14.

The judges praised Shaun for his varied range of cask ales and for seeking out seasonal, one-off and quirky beers to please customers. Shaun and his staff were also commended for going out of their way to educate people about their beers and helping them find their ideal pint with their 'try before you buy' policy.

One of the city centre's last traditional pubs, The Black Rock is a much loved Wakefield institution, known for its extensive choice of snacks and crisps as well as its beers. Whilst some regulars have been frequenting for more than 50 years, it is increasingly sought out by a younger crowd who love its old-fashioned atmosphere and the new fruit and chocolate flavoured ales.

Says Shaun: "There was so much competition, it felt like a tremendous achievement just to be nominated for this award. It's a real honour to win and a tribute to the bar team, who are all cask enthusiasts. We couldn't have done it without our customers' support. They helped us have our busiest year ever in 2019 and by keeping the beer flowing ensure it's in the freshest condition. There are some great local breweries springing up round Wakefield, it's an exciting time to be specialising in cask."

Comments Lawson Mountstevens, Star Pubs & Bars managing director: "The competition was stiff but the Black Rock's cask ale is exceptional. Combined with the staff's warm welcome, banter and knowledge, it makes for the perfect pint. It takes high standards, great skill and lots of care to produce such outstanding cask ale. Well done to Shaun and the team, it's no wonder The Black Rock is more popular than ever."

## THE STATION CRIGGLESTONE

A fantastic building The Station in Crigglestone has excellent quality real ale with Bradfield Blonde and Tetley available when we paid a recent visit.

Situated on Cliff Road, which you can find off Denby Dale Road just past the M1 junction. You can get to it with the 435/436 Yorkshire Tiger bus service going close by. The pub is signposted.

There are multiple rooms to use and food is available with a 5 star hygiene rating.



## Ackworth from David Oates

All the Ackworth Real Ale Pubs and Club reported a good trade over the festive period. I am sitting writing this update at the beginning of February with the evening temperature approaching double figures in degrees centigrade. However, I don't think 'we can count our chickens' yet weatherwise as there may well be a sting in the winter's tale still to come. As an ex Miners son, it's got me thinking back to huddling round the coal fire to keep warm on cold winter nights or as I grew older in the pub with a roaring open fire warming my backside. Onto present day, I have realised that all the Real Ale pubs in Ackworth have at least one, and in one case three, fireplaces. On my recent visits for information for this report, a real fire, either log or solid fuel, were burning in three of the six pubs and I was shown a recent photo of a fire burning in another on a colder night. So I have decided upon a fireplace feature in this edition's update.



**Rustic Arms:** Timothy Taylor's Landlord has quickly become a popular permanent real ale since Ant and Jonny took over running the Rustics at the beginning of October.

There is a changing guest on the second hand pump.

Ant reported that they had had a 'Brilliant' first Christmas period in the pub. The real ale 'was going down very well' with the customers. There is a singer on every Friday evening and a tribute band or singer on the last Friday in every month. February tribute is 'The Kylie M Show', March is Bohemian Rhapsody and April is Michael Buble. A pool room addition has proved very popular. Ant reported that they are looking to put on a series of music events over the coming warmer months. A roaring log fire was in the fireplace on my last visit.

**Boot and Shoe:** Paul Fullarton is now the Pub Manager at the 'Boot'. However, the lease of the pub is still held by the Ackworth based Merrill Family. Paul took over running the pub in mid



December. Paul has worked in local pubs and was a pub manager in Cornwall. White Rat remains a very popular permanent real ale. Sharp's Doom Bar has replaced the Sharp's Atlantic. There is a changing guest on the third hand pump.

A recent guest, Swoon, a chocolate fudge milk stout from the Castleford Revolutions Brewery proved to be a big hit. Paul reported 'a good Christmas period' and is planning a number of new events for the spring and summer months. There are no less than three fireplaces in the Boot, with a fine example of a cast iron range often surging out heat from the real fire.



**Masons Arms:** Tony reported a very busy Christmas and New Year in the Masons. Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Brown Cow are the long established permanent real ales and remain as popular as ever. A guest pump, and quite often two,

serve real ales from a wide range of local, regional and national breweries.

The Christmas guest real ale, Bradfield's Belgian Blue remained on from mid November to mid January by popular demand. Saturday night bands, duos and soloists now start at the earlier time of 8:30. An addition to the music scene is the Northern Soul/Rocking Roll Saturday Nights in the upstairs bar. It is planned to have 4/5 of these new events over the coming year. The next NS/RR night is on 22 February at 8:00.

The Mason's has two fine stone fireplaces, one in each room, that are always a light with logs in the winter months.



**Brown Cow:** Black Sheep remains the permanent real ale. A second regular real ale, Sharp's Atlantic, will be added shortly. A third hand pump serves a changing guest which recently was a good quality Ossett Brewery Silver King.

Claire reported 'A very good Christmas and New Year'. The Brown Cow recently acquired a SKY TV licence and plans to have special boxing nights when they are broadcast on SKY. There are two fireplaces at either end of the large open plan room. The fireplace near the pool table has an occasional fire in it (particularly on cold evenings).



**Angel:** Black Sheep Bitter remains as popular as ever as the permanent real ale. The rotating guest real ale changes on a two week basis and is sourced both nationally and regionally. There has been a wider range of guest real ales

since the Angel has had access to beers on the

SIBA list in the Autumn. Julie reported a very busy festive period. Dean, the Landlord, was an enthusiastic supporter of the Pontefract Beer Fest in November and reported the Timothy Taylor's in the Blue Bell and Farmers Blonde in the Hope and Anchor were his favourite two real ales available at the Fest. There is a fine stone breast fireplace in the room to the right on entering the Angel.

**Ackworth Cricket Club:** Continues to serve 5 permanent real ales in a bottle ('bottle conditioned'), ranging from blondes, pale ales, bitters and stronger dark ales and an occasional changing guest. Todd's Blonde and Withen's Pale Ale from the Little Valley Brewery are very popular. Brian Lord, in conjunction with a local micro brewery(s) is hoping to have a cask real ale on for one or more of main events in the summer months. I had a very pleasant New Year's Eve with Brian and some of his locals....cracking company!



**Ego at the Beverley Arms:** Ossett Yorkshire Blonde remains the permanent real ale. Another rotating guest from Ossett is occasionally available on the second hand pump. A 1950's style period tiled fireplace is located on the far

right hand wall in the 'Bevs'.

## Drinks Retailing Awards 2020

Bier Huis the award winning specialist drinks retailer based in Ossett town centre were proud to attend The Drinks Retailing Awards 2020 on Tuesday 4th Feb 2020 held at The Dorchester Hotel in London's Mayfair.

Bier Huis was nominated for the Independent Cider Retailer of the Year award.

Owner David Jones stated that "Being based in Yorkshire we are up against it as we are not in the cider heartlands of the South West. But we work hard to promote cider providing a showcase for small batch cider producers of Yorkshire as well as the best from around the UK and the world."

Although Bier Huis won the prize in 2017 they missed out this time with Pilango Cider from London who also make their own cider, winning the prize for the second year running.

To be a finalist is an honour in it's self at the trades biggest night of the year the judging process is one that is most rigorous where we are questioned about everything of the business



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### From pint to print the Good Beer Guide journey

#### The Brief

To list and report on beer quality and pubs across the UK to record the best of the best for entry into the Good Beer Guide

STEP 01



The Survey  
Members of CAMRA visit pubs across the UK to drink and score their beer. These scores are input on the Good Beer Guide App and website!

STEP 02



The results  
Winners submit their final results and enter pubs for entry into the guide. These are checked and submitted by CAMRA Regional Officers

STEP 03



The Production  
The submissions are edited by a small team of editors and proofreaders and formatted for the four guide along with a few articles by some notable contributors

STEP 04



The Delivery  
The Good Beer Guide is produced in time for a September release and all pubs are told the happy news before publication. Many CAMRA members celebrate by having a pint of quality beer in their local Good Beer Guide pub!

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Near Wakefield you can get to Alverthorpe on either the 104 or 212 buses. There are two excellent real ale venues so not as many as some other places but well worth a visit.

**Alverthorpe WMC**



A multiple winner of our Club of the Year you are welcome here with your CAMRA card.

Always a decent selection in here, on the day visited there was Westgate Brewery Classic Blonde (renamed as Alverthorpe Blonde) and only £2, Copper Dragon Golden Pippin and Leeds Pale.



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**The New Albion**



There are 5 real ales and a real cider on in here. Ainsty Flummoxed Farmer, Adnams Ghost Ship, Bradfield Farmers Blonde and two from Blue Bee on the day visited. Quality excellent.



**The Crown**

Sadly this pub has recently closed, the rumour is that its days as a pub are over. Let's hope not.



## Brewers Pride, Ossett

Looking back through the archives, I discover that I last visited the Brewers Pride, Ossett in 2008. The front cover of O to K reads "Fine Dining at Healey Mills". My visit was not without controversy. We received an anonymous letter from a disgruntled reader protesting that CAMRA is not about "fine dining" and bemoaning the lack of pie and peas at £1.80. So if you find yourself in agreement with that particular customer, "look away now", as they say.

The Brewers Pride is walkable from the 116 and 117 bus routes alighting at Healey Road, although your return is a bit of an uphill trek. There's a limited service on the 102 which terminates very near the pub but only runs until around 1400 Mon-Fri and 1700 Saturday. If catching it at Ossett Bus Station, watch out carefully as on this occasion it left from the wrong stand leaving me to walk.

Well the beer board was certainly worth the walk. There was White Rat and 2 others from the Ossett stable, along with 6 guests including JHB, Cwtch, Rudgate Ruby Mild and Wilde Child

Opaque Reality. However, being a bit of a Vocation fan, I selected their Heart and Soul, weighing in at a most reasonable £3.25 a pint. Indeed, all the beers are very reasonably priced. As expected, the Heart and Soul was delicious. I could happily have chosen several of the others.



And so to the menus: There are separate lunch and evening menus, there's a Sunday menu and there are also themed nights: pie on Monday and tapas on Tuesday for example. Serving times are Mon-Fri 1200-1430 and 1730-2030. Weekend times vary, check out [brewers-pride.co.uk](http://brewers-pride.co.uk) for



more information. The famous Millers Kitchen restaurant still operates at certain times to add to the choices on offer.



What was written on the lunch board was not quite the same as on the website but this was not a worry as there were plenty of appealing choices. I think you could sum up the menu as traditional pub food done with an interesting twist. There were some appealing ciabattas for £7, served with skin-on fries or a side dish.

Illustrating the theme of something a bit different, there was tandoori fish and chips (£11), “smokey” burger (£10) and an interesting selection of pies (£11), probably similar to what is available on pie night. I liked the sound of the “chicken, ham and chorizo pie served in a creamy tomato sauce”. I was told there would be around 25 minutes wait, which is usually a good sign and there was still plenty of time until the last bus at 1426.

It was worth the wait. It came with chips and mushy peas although I could have had mash and garden peas. It was certainly no ordinary pie; the

combination worked extremely well, even the gravy was tasty and I am sure the lamb and mint steak and blue cheese pie would have been just as good. Pie night looks worth investigating on this evidence.

A meal at the Brewers Pride could well be combined with a visit to the adjacent taproom at Ossett Brewery, open Fridays from 1800 Saturdays 1300-1800. Remember that there are even buses on a Saturday afternoon! And, although it’s not in our area, I can also recommend a meal at Ossett Brewery’s Salt Bar and Kitchen in Saltaire. It’s a brilliant conversion of a former tram shed and, amongst many other things, they do great pizzas.



Brewers Pride, Low Mill Road, Healey, Ossett, WF5 8ND, 01924 262077



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*Please note: At the time of writing, no fewer than five pubs I have featured in the last few years are not currently serving food, although one may reopen soon. If this concerns any of our local pubs, please feel free to ask me to stay away!*

### Real Cider And Perry In The Wakefield District

Alverthorpe WMC  
Bier Huis, Ossett  
Blue Bell, Hemsworth  
Boot And Shoe, Ackworth  
Brewers Pride, Ossett  
Broken Bridge, Pontefract  
Cherry Tree, Horbury  
Cricketers Arms, Horbury

Doghouse, Castleford  
Fernandes, Wakefield  
Glass Blower, Castleford  
Harry’s Bar, Wakefield  
Hope & Anchor, Pontefract  
Junction, Castleford  
New Albion, Altherthorpe  
Old Grocers, Pontefract

Polka Hop, Wakefield  
Prop ‘ur Baa, Ossett  
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### Pub Of The Season

Winter	December, January	February
Spring	March, April	May
Summer	June, July	August
Autumn	September, October	November

### Most Improved Pub

July, August	September
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### Pub Of The Year

November, December	January
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### Club Of The Year

January
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### Tetley Dave Award

January, February	March
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### Cider Pub Of The Year

May
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The latest Pub Of The Season vote will always be available at [wakefield.camra.org.uk/pots](http://wakefield.camra.org.uk/pots) and will either be a nomination vote or a selection vote to pick the winner.

You can also vote by sending an email to Albert Bradbury or come along to the branch meeting of the month shown above.

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Do also tell CAMRA!

If you have a concern about any aspect of hygiene in a Wakefield District pub, ring Food & Consumer Safety on 0345 8 506 506.

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined us since the last edition of O to K :

David & Sarah Brown, Frank & Diane Coldwell, Michael Crawshaw & Suzanne Bradbury, Bradley Gearey, Bryn Green, Robert Greenwood, Christopher Grundy, Chris Haywood-Poole, Jordan & Richard Hemingway, Stephen Hirst, Kean Hiscock, Richard Holling, Martin & Linda Jackson, Luke & Ashleigh Jones, Bart McKenna, Michael Oates, Hazel & Martin Randall, Stephen Reeves, James Shaw, Andy Turner, Michael Vary, Luke West, Martin Wilson & Linda Jackson.

Members moving into our Branch :

Robert Fraser, Andy & Patti Waugh, Ian Morris, Simon Barker.

I hope you all enjoy your time in CAMRA and get as much out of being a member as I have,

***Cheers and Happy Drinking, Albert.***

**Mark Goodair is our Events Secretary. If you want to come on any of our trips, just phone Mark on 07908 553206 or email [markgoodair@gmail.com](mailto:markgoodair@gmail.com)**

Coach trips pick-ups at South Kirkby (Browns Coaches), Pontefract (Golden Ball) & Wakefield (Red Shed)

## NATIONAL AGM YORK

**4th APRIL**

**We will be running a bus to York leaving Wakefield at 8.30am and Pontefract at 9.00am**

## PROPOSED BRANCH MEETINGS

**10th Mar AGM** Alverthorpe WMC

**2nd April** Junction, Castleford (TBC)

**14th May** Kinsley Hotel (TBC)

From now assume all branch meetings start at 19:30 unless otherwise stated.

## PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**25th Feb** Kings Arms, Heath

**24th Mar** Hill Top Tap, Hemsworth

**21st Apr** Robin Hood, Pontefract (TBC)

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# Get Involved With Wakefield CAMRA

Saturday 1st Feb saw a good turnout of Wakefield CAMRA members for one of our public transport days out.



The first stop was Cusworth Hall near Doncaster where we were able to visit The Old Brewhouse. It's sympathetically located in the hall's original brewhouse which, although rather small, manages to serve beer and food as well as housing the small 1086 brewery, which you will find first on any

alphabetical list of Britain's breweries.

The hall and grounds look well worth a visit too; check the Old Brewhouse opening times beforehand.

We then moved on to sample the many real ale delights of Doncaster town centre. Some chose to check out the Hallcross pub, famous in the old days for its Stocks Old Horizontal ale. The Stocks

beers have been revived and are brewed by Welbeck Abbey Brewery. Thank you to Ian & Karl from Doncaster CAMRA for attending and showing us round Doncaster.



They were holding a "legends" beer festival featuring names like Sarah Hughes, Skinners, Exmoor and Harviestoun. Your correspondent was rather thrilled to see that his all-time favourite ale was making a rare Northern appearance, namely Harveys Sussex Bitter.

The Cricketers, Horbury, held a similar "legends" event recently; it would be great to see more such mini festivals to remind us of all the great breweries who kept us going through the dark days.

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## 27-29 February (Thu-Sat)

### ROTHERHAM REAL ALE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Magna Way, Rotherham S60 1FD.

Featuring beers from the glorious white rose county of Yorkshire, there will also be guest beers from other counties celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

250+ real ales, wines, ciders, perries, and food. This year for the first time there will be a gin bar as well as a craft keg bar and a Prosecco cocktail bar. 2 different entertainment areas featuring rock, blues, pop, folk, brass band and more, entertainment, quiet bars and great fun.

Bus service number X1 to and from the Festival from both Sheffield and Rotherham, running every 10-20 minutes.

Admission: Thu 6pm-11pm CAMRA entry on door free, £8 for non-members advance ticket & on door; Fri 6pm-11pm & Sat 12noon-11pm £5 for CAMRA members inc non-returnable glass & programme, £10 for non-members advance ticket & on door. Free re-entry to festival on Saturday at any time with 2020 Fest Glass.

Vols needed, use wbsite or write to Sarah at 5 Stafford Drive, Rotherham. S60 3DQ. Tickets from various pubs in Rotherham & S Yorks (see wbsite) [www.magnarealale.uk](http://www.magnarealale.uk). Call 01709 360972 for further details.

### ACKWORTH BEER FESTIVAL

The Ackworth Beer Festival will take place on Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September at Rory's Return in Ackworth. Last year 19 very well kept local and Yorkshire real ales were on offer. NOT One To MISS...put it in your diaries, in your phones or on your calendars now. More details to follow in the Spring edition of the O to K.

The Beer Festival will again raise funds for the Rory Embling Foundation as part of the Charity, Cardiac Risk in the Young(C.R.Y.).

The screening of over 100 young people between 14 and 35 will take place in the Mason's Arms in Ackworth on Sunday 19th July. If you or a young relative or friend want to register for a free screening, again more details will be in the spring edition of the O to K.

**David Oates**

## 7 - 10 May (Thu-Sun)

### EAST VS WEST BEER FESTIVAL

Wakefield Labour Club (Red Shed), 18 Vicarage St S, Wakefield WF1 1QX



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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

Thursday 7th May 5pm-11pm

Friday 8th May 12pm-11pm

Saturday 9th May 12pm-11pm

Sunday 10th May 11am-4pm

Event created by Five Towns Brewery with the help from Jim Cullen, volunteers and sponsors.

The money raised will be donated to different charities including Candlelighters

### NATIONAL BASS DAY



April 2027 is the 250th anniversary of William Bass founding his first brewery in 1777.

To start the festivities a campaign has started to get this April 11th which is Easter Saturday as National Bass Day.

Once the premier ale in the UK the brand is now largely ignored by owners InBev although still brewed under contract by Marston's in Burton.

So if you are out an about on that day make sure you seek out this classic English pale ale.

It is still, when found in good condition, an excellent ale.

## 20-22 February (Thu-Sat)

### BRADFORD CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL

Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Saltaire, West Yorkshire, BD18 3JS.



Approx. 130 real ales plus real ciders and perries. Foreign beer, KeyKeg bar, country wines and soft drinks also available. Live entertainment in the main hall all sessions excluding Friday afternoon. Hot & cold food and snacks available all sessions.

Open: Thu 4-10.30pm; Fri & Sat 11-4pm & 5.30-10.30pm. Admission: Thu £3; Fri aft £3 (free for CAMRA members); Fri eve £5; Sat aft & eve £5.

Advance tickets available for all sessions except Fri aft. Ticket applications by post from 1 Dec 2019: BBF Tickets, 12 Moorhead Terrace, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 4LA (inc. suitably sized SAE).

Tickets available from the following local pubs from 1 Jan 2020: Corn Dolly and Fighting Cock (Bradford), Cap and Collar, Fox and Salt Cellar (Shipley), Chip n Ern (Bingley) and Bulls Head (Baildon). Ticket applications online from 1 Jan 2020 from Ticketsource.

If you wish to volunteer to work at the festival, please send an email to: [bbfstaffing@bradfordcamra.org.uk](mailto:bbfstaffing@bradfordcamra.org.uk). Previous volunteers will be contacted automatically. More info: [www.bradfordbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.bradfordbeerfestival.co.uk)



A reminder that our very own Colin Williams will be performing on the Wurlitzer cinema organ on Thursday evening.

## 5-7 March (Thu-Sat)

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More info [scarboroughbeerfestival.camra.org.uk](http://scarboroughbeerfestival.camra.org.uk)  
Enquiries to Stewart Campbell: 07500 543199 / [bfo@scarboroughbeerfestival.camra.org.uk](mailto:bfo@scarboroughbeerfestival.camra.org.uk)

### LOCAL NON CAMRA FESTIVALS

Fri 6 - Sat 7 Mar Harrogate Round Table. Crown Hotel, Crown Place, Harrogate HG1 2RZ [www.harrogatebeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.harrogatebeerfestival.co.uk)

Fri 8 - Sat 9 Mar Indie Beer Feast. Abbeydale Picture House, 387 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1FS [www.indiebeerfeast.co.uk](http://www.indiebeerfeast.co.uk)

Fri 17 - Sat 18 Apr Rothwell Parish Church Rooms. [www.rothwellbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.rothwellbeerfestival.co.uk)

Thu 7 - Sun 10 May East vs West Fest at the Red Shed. See opposite.

Thu 14 - Sat 16 May Barrow Hill Rail Ale [www.railalefestival.com](http://www.railalefestival.com)

Fri 5 Jun - Sat 6 Jun Ossett Beercart Ossett Town Hall

Fri 4 - Sun 6 Sep Ackworth Beer Festival. See opposite.

For more detailed information visit the Wakefield CAMRA website which is now [www.wakefieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.wakefieldcamra.org.uk) and always check with the venue first before visiting that the event is on.

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It is a double sided mat with the brewery logo on the front and details of the brewery on the reverse.

Steve Wesley purchased the Wisewood Inn in October 2015, with the vision to create a great pub to serve the local community.

In mid 2017, with the pub fully established, attention turned to the idea of brewing the pub's own beer. The first beer was brewed in January 2018 by Steve and Peck (the Head Brewer) and was aptly named Wisewood One, a refreshing blond ale. 4 further excellent ales were brewed by the end of July 2018 and a 6th, an American Pale Ale, followed shortly after. 2019 saw the release of Wisewood 7 & 8, a Five Hop Pale and a Session XPA respectively.

In April 2019 a micro bottling plant was established inside the brewery. August 2019 saw the purchase of the Palm Tree Pub in the Walkley district of Sheffield. We were fortunate to visit the

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We wish Steve all the best for the future,

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rounded end around £29. A back dresser unit with mirror is £39.50.

Many of these could be adapted from the miniature furniture you can get in Sue Ryder shops, but a poseable winsome barmaid (she's a bit dear) is a must along with some handpumps just £4.



The rest can follow in time; get friends and family to treat you to some glasses and tankards, a filled snack cabinet and of course some customers – they can give them names!

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# Beer On DVD 67 - The Public Enemy (1931)



Prohibition in the USA was a nationwide constitutional ban on the production, import, transporting, and sale of alcoholic beverages from 1920 to 1933. It didn't just cover spirits but all kinds of hooch including cider, wine and beer which came as a surprise to many brewers.

The film actually begins in 1909 Chicago with kids growing up on streets awash with booze, side family entrances to saloons and off-sales of beer being delivered in billy cans. I didn't know that as well as saloons, towns also had social clubs like ours.

Tom Powers and Matt Doyle, two tough young kids growing up poor in Chicago, work for Putty Nose, a fence. I liked a vending card shaped like a big pocket watch with six watches on it which they bring to Putty Nose! By 1920 the lads are working as draymen for a dodgy city brewery. This is where the mob comes in because with prohibition came protection rackets., which are just a tad more stringent than our tied-house system. Putty Nose sets up a robbery deal for them, promising to get them out of trouble if anything goes wrong, but when they bungle the job he abandons them.

With the rise of home distilled alcohol, careless distilling led to the deaths of many citizens. During the ban upwards of 10,000 deaths were due to wood alcohol (methanol) poisoning. Ultimately,

during prohibition, use and abuse of alcohol ended up higher than before it started.



Three scenes from the film were cut in the 40s because of America's notorious new Production Code. One is of a rather affected tailor measuring Cagney (Tom) for a suit, another with Woods (Matt) and Joan Blondell (Mamie) writhing around in bed, and the third showing Tom being led astray when hiding out in a woman's apartment.



The movie stars Cagney as Tom Powers, Jean Harlow as Gwen Allen, Edward Woods as Matt Doyle, Joan Blondell as Mamie and Donald Cook as Mike Powers. Music includes "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" (several versions), "Hesitation Blues", "Toot Toot Tootsie

Goodbye", "Maple Leaf Rag", "Brighten the Corner Where You Are", "Smiles" and "I Surrender Dear" performed by the Vitaphone Orchestra, led by conductor David Mendoza.

The movie was cited as a prime justification for the then-new code, which kept major films sanitized for many years to come. One more thing, Cagney doesn't actually use the expression "You dirty rat" (pronounced "You doidy radd")

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From an early age, my parents took me, and my siblings, walking. I don't mean a stroll round the shops, or a walk round the municipal park. It was a hard core "get your boots on, pull on your thermals" hike. With hindsight, I know why they did it now: other than getting fresh air and exercise, it didn't cost anything, and with a large family of six to feed, clothe and educate, weekend activities were fairly limited.

As I grew into a teenager, I HATED it. Hated it with capital letters, when they announced "Right, we're going to tackle Holme Moss on Saturday". For those if you not familiar with how challenging Holme Moss is, imagine walking up 120 flights of stairs. Just when you think you've reached the summit, another 100 flights of stairs appears.

With the truculence and apathy of Kevin the Teenager, I would trudge up fells, hills and ridges furiously emitting waves of adolescent loathing towards my parents, continuously muttering "Is it much further?" Even the promise of a cheese and pickle sandwich followed by a mini Mars bar did nothing to curb my resentment about the whole exercise. I would rather have been hanging round a shopping precinct, or practicing my Farah Fawcett flick than been on a wild moor looking like a total dork. "It's not a fashion show, you know", my Mum would say, which would infuriate me even more.

Perhaps if I could have seen into the future, I might not have been so miserable. Emerging into adulthood, I realised that the reward at the end of a long day hiking for most walkers, (or mountain biking if that's your thing), is a pint of cask ale, brewed in the county you've spent the last few hours exploring.

There are very few pleasures in the world as great as a glass of beer at the end of a long endurance hike or bike. The thought of that beer spurs you on, incentivises you to put one foot in front of the other, go that further mile. The first sip is nectar, and more than anything else, it feels well earned.

I've walked all over the UK, and found something special in the landscape of every county. But Yorkshire takes some beating. Forget the Swiss Alps, this area of our country, with a population bigger than Scotland, is stunning. It offers hundreds of walking routes for beginners, intermediaries and experienced walkers, and welcomes them all back into one of the many dog-friendly pubs in the county with well kept ales, nourishing food and warm friendly snugs.

My Ma and Pa passed on a good legacy. Far from hating walking now, I relish putting on my boots, gearing myself up to a long walk and escaping from the rat race for a few hours. Even though over the past few years I've been accompanied by two teenage children who frequently asked if Dad can bring the car to the summit to drive them back. One day they'll realise, the reward at the end of a long walk is every bit as special as the experience itself. That's a pint of locally brewed ale.

**@Annabel Smith**

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First up is Mandarina in January. It is 4% and golden in colour. Late hopping in the boil with Mandarina Bavaria hops result in citrus, tangerine and marmalade aromas.

Following this in February is Admiral which is 4% also and described as a Crisp dry, blonde bitter with citrus and pine aromas.

The series continues in March with Citra (4.2%) an American style pale which will have citrus and tropical fruit flavour and aroma.

April is Amarillo (4.0%) which is pale, fairly bitter with citrus and marmalade character.

In May it is Ekuantot (4.0%) which will be straw coloured with flavours of Lime and Papaya.

And in June there is Eagle (4.0%) which is pale with caramel and red berry notes

### TREACLE STOUT RETURNS!



Treacle Stout made a return in January. A rich and robust stout, the addition of black treacle gives intense depth and roasted malts imparts a coffee flavour.



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Upcoming specials from Old Mill



### March Mist 4.0%

Available March: A balanced malty bitter with a refreshing hop finish.



### Chinook 3.9%

Available April: The American hop of Chinook gives the beer strong grapefruit character and a fruity aftertaste. A refreshing pale ale.

## Chin Chin, South Kirkby Tel: 07896 253650 @ChinChinBrewing



There are three new beers which are

All Nighter - 3.8% Session Pale made with Citra & Simcoe hops.

Off The Hook - 4.7% Pale Ale made with Azacca and El Dorado hops.

Mad Thing - 5.0% Strong Dark Mild, this a stronger version of Mild Thing.

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## OLD MILL BREWERY, PUBS AND STAFF RAISE CASH FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN

Christmas jumper day returned on the 13th December 2019 and Old Mill Brewery joined in with people all over the country, wearing Christmas jumpers to help save Children's lives.

As many people enjoy the festivities over Christmas they often do it in their Christmas jumper in the pub! So why not get as many of our pubs involved as possible and raise money for such a worthwhile cause at the same time. The money we raised was then generously topped up by Managing Director Mark Wetherell bringing the total to £300.00



"We thought we'd do something different this year and alongside our brewery tap the Brewers Arms in Snaith we held a Christmas Jumper Day brewery tour, with every guest donating £5.00 to the charity. It was a huge success and almost 40 people turned up all in their festive wear!" said

Kelly Wood of Old Mill Brewery.

The money raised will go towards Save the Children's life-changing work with the world's poorest children. Every year 7.6 million children under five die from easily preventable causes like pneumonia and malnutrition.

Save the Children is working to stop this happening and ensure more children get the chance to grow up and fulfil their potential, no matter where they live.

With this in mind we'd like to say a huge thank you to all involved including the pubs that organised events and everyone who turned up to on the night and donated, cheers!

If you would like to find out more about Christmas Jumper Day, visit [savethechildren.org.uk/jumpers](http://savethechildren.org.uk/jumpers)

To find out more about Old Mill Brewery visit their website [www.oldmillbrewery.co.uk](http://www.oldmillbrewery.co.uk) like them on Facebook: /Oldmillbrewerysnaith Twitter: @oldmillbrewery or Instagram: oldmillbrewery



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Jack's Batch 34, created with Yorkshire cricketer Jack Leaning in support of The Three Bears Foundation, is now available in bottles!

Jack said "I'm really pleased that Jack's Batch 34 will now be accessible to everyone. I think we've created a beer that can be enjoyed at home or in your local."

Head Brewer Ryan Truswell added, "We'd be foolish not to bottle this fantastic ale. Demand has been high since it went national with Heineken UK, and we are also raising even more money for the Three Bears Foundation, moving towards a cure for pancreatic cancer."



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# Brewery News

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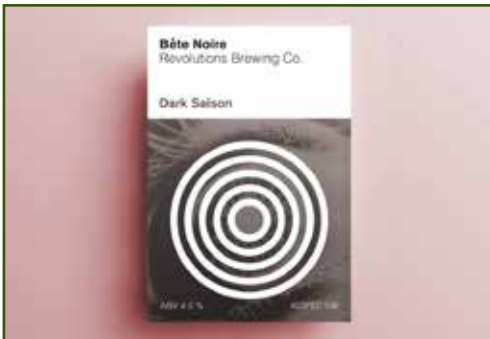
Switch #18 was been made with Cascade, Ekuanot and Summit hops.



Switch #19 was been made with Sarachi, Wai-iti and Ernest Pale hops.



The February special is Bête Noire, a Dark Saison.



## Five Towns, Outwood

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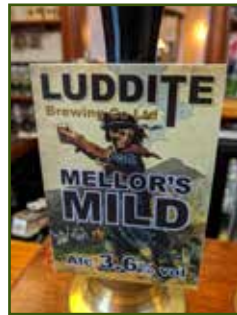
The Peanut Butter Conspiracy is a new Salted Caramel Peanut Butter Stout.

There was another tap takeover at Harry's Bar during February

Five Towns beers are now regularly available in Henry Boons.

## Luddite Brewing Co, Horbury Junction

Tel: 078797 23207 (Ian)



A new beer is Mellor's Mild at 3.6%.

George Mellor was one of 3 Luddites executed in York on 8th January 1813.

There is also a new Chocolate Orange Stout at 5.1%



There was a double presentation in December at the home of Luddite, the Calder Vale Hotel.

We presented the pub with the Autumn Pub Of The Season award and Calderdale CAMRA presented an award for Bitter/Mild for their festival.

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Can you help deliver OKs to local pubs?  
why not suggest it to them?

### Thank you for putting up with us!

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