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Hello and welcome to Issue 83

At last we have managed to bring out an edition of O – K after the trials and tribulations of the Covid Pandemic.

Our thoughts must go out to those who have lost loved ones and to those who have succumbed but recovered.

To everyone else I would like to apologise for not being in contact but hope to make amends in the future. I have been having problems with the Membership System but hope to resolve these so that I can get back to welcoming new members to Wakefield Branch.

As always I am available to assist any member with queries/problems they may have, my contact details are at the back of the magazine.

Listed below is the diary of events we have planned for the immediate future and I hope to see some new faces at these,

7th October

Branch Meeting in the Junction, Castleford starting at 7.30.

9th October

Brewery visit to the Howzat Brewery in the Cricketer's Arms, St. Helens then on to Liverpool. Bus departs Pontefract at 9.45 and Wakefield at 10.15.

21st October

Committee Meeting in Ossett starting at 7.30.

4th November

Branch Meeting in Harry's Bar starting at 7.30.

18th November

Committee Meeting in the Hark To Mopsey, Normanton starting at 7.30.

4th December

Branch Christmas Party in Henry Boons starting at 5pm.

11th December

Branch Meeting in the Reindeer, Overton starting at 12 noon.

Cheers, Albert
Branch Chairman

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From the Editor

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to pick up and read our magazine, the first one since January 2020.

In this issue I have tried to make it about pubs and the first part of the magazine is devoted to as many pubs as I could fit in with the limited space we have.

If your pub or club isn't here please get in touch with me and I will make sure you are featured in the next issue, it hasn't been possible for me to get to everywhere in the district so please accept my apologies.

You will notice that this magazine is less pages than previous magazines. Unfortunately as a self funded magazine we cannot operate at a loss and if you want to support our efforts then please consider placing an advert with us by contacting me by phone or email. As I work full time (I don't work for CAMRA, I do this in my spare time) I rely on you to contact me in many cases if I can't contact you.

Enjoy the issue and please "Don't go sober this October", pubs have had a hard time of it enough.

Mark

Words : Mark Gibson, Scott Nightingale (SN), Bob Wallis (BW), Colin Williams (CW)

ACKWORTH



Angel - The Angel was incredibly busy with takeaway Sunday lunches and they remain busy now they are fully reopened. Recently the real ales available were Black Sheep and Chantry New York Pale, the latter making a rare appearance in the village.

Boot And Shoe - The Boot and Shoe closed for



refurbishment and is looking very smart after its major facelift, boasting yet another well presented beer garden.

Ackworth drinkers really are spoilt for outdoor drinking choice.

Their menu is greatly expanded and includes a Wednesday Pizza and Prosecco Night and a Sunday roast wrap, which sounds interestingly different.

At the time of visiting, White Rat was available but Ossett Butterley and Sharps Atlantic are also listed on the drinks menu.



Brown Cow - Now fully open with longer hours than previously. There is a food offering from Tuesday to Sunday and special features including a Prosecco and Tapas Brunch on Saturdays (£30 for a 2 hour slot). Real ales are usually Black Sheep and Yorkshire Blonde but recently they have had a guest appearance from Henry Smith Blonde which has

been well received.

The very smart seating area outside the Brown Cow was seriously damaged by a drunk driver who ploughed through the benches and tables.

Fortunately this happened after closing time when nobody was sitting outside. The community have been quick to offer crowdfunding help to replace the damaged items and benches have been loaned as well.

Ego at The Beverley Arms - usually have a real ale from the Ossett stable and is another food choice in a village which has an exceptionally wide choice of real ale pubs and good pub food.



Masons Arms - During outdoor opening the Masons was able to benefit from its deceptively huge and very popular outdoor drinking area at the rear of the pub.

Real ales are Tetley Bitter, Farmers Blonde and Farmers Brown Cow, also John Smiths Cask when available.

Rustic Arms - The Rustic Arms are serving meals from Wednesday to Sunday. They are serving Landlord and a 3.8% "Ackworth Ale", believed to be brewed locally.

All Ackworth from Colin Williams.

ALVERTHORPE

New Albion - Selling five real ales including Ainsty Flummoxed Farmer always excellent. Has added Ainsty Cool Citra on keg also. There is excellent outdoor seating here.



Alverthorpe WMC - Had Bradfield Farmer's Blonde on a handpull.

We reported in our last issue that The Crown had shut, the building is now residential.

ALTOFTS

Easy to get to on the 147 or 188 buses Altofts hasn't always been a real ale destination but now with a brew pub and 3 of the 4 pubs on the same road all within walking distance of each other selling real ale you might want to pay the area a visit.

Horse And Jockey - A good interest in real ale here with three handpulls, although understandably not always on in the current climate. Tetley's, Pedigree and Hobgoblin Gold are available and they are looking to expand the offering.

The Robin - A recent Pub Of The Year the lockdown has been used to extensively refurbish the pub. The inside is spacious with two drinking areas and outside there is extensive seating and the new Tarn 51 Brewery providing additional indoor drinking space.



There are currently four hand pulls on featuring beers from the onsite Tarn 51 brewery but also other locals like Chin Chin. The plan is to go back up to six shortly now restrictions have lifted.

The Poplar - Spacious inside with some good outdoor seating also The Poplar sells Black Sheep Best Bitter.

CASTLEFORD

As we reported in the last issue Castleford had a new craft beer bar and since then it has only got better with bars opening adding to the already excellent real ale pubs including of course the beers from wood at The Junction.

Albion Street WMC - Has two handpulls serving a changing range of beer. This spacious club is open to all.

Doghhouse - 6 handpulls and 20 fonts serving craft beer, lager and cider.



Griffin - A short walk from the town centre and well worth a visit. Currently running with 2 handpulls serving a changing range of beers.

Junction - All the cask beer is from Wooden Casks with Stancill, the Barnsley Bitter is particularly good from wood, and Half Moon feature.

Market Tap - New craft beer bar opened last year with 10 craft keg beers on draught. A new upstairs part to the bar with more beer available has also been added since opening. There is also outdoor seating available.



Yorkshire Craft Beers - fantastic beer shop but also outside seating and 10 craft keg beers on draught on weekends.

CALDER GROVE

British Oak - Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Ossett Yorkshire Blonde.

Pub News

Navigation - Ossett Yorkshire Blonde is available. On Sept 5th they held Swampfest with live music and events with all proceeds going to local charity Kidz Aware.

CRIGGLESTONE

Station - Real ale going really well with Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Tetley along the excellent food offering.

DARRINGTON

The Spread At Darrington - Have bounced back with a new chef and a lot happening. Tuesday is quiz night, Wednesday sees 3 small plates for £9, accompanied by live music, Thursday is Taco night for £8 and Friday is Fish and Fizz with fish and chips for two and a bottle of fizz for £28. A top quality Sunday lunch is on offer and is often fully booked. Some weekends have also seen 40oz Tomahawk or T Bone steaks (£55) to satisfy the larger appetite.

All this can be enjoyed with the Spread's selection of popular cask beers such as Landlord and Farmers Blonde. There was actually a lot of support and a lot of car park seating capacity in the days of outdoor opening only but things are now running as they should be. The pub is looking very smart both inside and out. (CW)

FEATHERSTONE

Featherstone Hotel - Always one real ale available in this impressive pub, which when I visited on Bank Holiday was Copper Dragon 1816.

The pumpclip display behind the bar showed a good selection of recent beers.

GLASSHOUGHTON

The Houghton - One of a number of pubs that post regular on Facebook.

They always have two beers on with an excellent selection from breweries such as Ossett with Silver King and White Rat and also Abbeydale and Revolutions.

George V WMC - Real ale is popular in this club with Ossett White Rat, an Old Mill beer and Black Sheep or Marston's Pedigree also available.

As an ambassador for Castleford Tigers RLFC and you can purchase tickets for home games at the club.

HORBURY

Boons - Very busy pub selling a rotating range of up to 7 real ales in excellent condition with many breweries covered. One handpump is serving cider. The pub posts regularly on Facebook the beers available. There is a new covered outside drinking area also.



Cricketers - Our current pub of the year serving 6 real ales and a number of craft kegs. There is an Oktoberfest event on October 1st and on the 25th-28th November there will be a 10th anniversary party.

The presentation came just before the first lockdown so we never featured it in the magazine so here is Albert presenting Jo with the award in February 2020.



ØL - This is a new cafe bar serving one real ale which is typically from Horbury Ales.

Cherry Tree - The home of Horbury Ales features many of their beers gracing the bar with an excellent food menu also.



Quarry - Restaurant half way up Quarry Hill that sells one real ale which has been Nailmaker Chinook.

HORBURY BRIDGE

Horse And Jockey - Sells Ossett White Rat.

HORBURY JUNCTION

Calder Vale - At the home of Luddite Brewing there is a new upstairs drinking area.



The beer is Luddite's range with the rotating guests typically from North Riding.

KINSLEY

The Kinsley - Real ale continues with Revolutions one of the breweries supplying to the pub. The pub has been decorated inside.

KNOTTINGLEY

Foundry Lane Club & Institute - The Jolly has Abbeydale Deception as the resident cask with two other hand pulls at the moment serving a changing range which has included Phoenix Arizona, Titanic Plum Porter, Wainwright, Oakham JHB, Hobgoblin Gold, and Ossett Silver King.

MOORTHORPE

Mallard - Jolly Boys Brewery have plans to reopen the pub at the station to "Offer a safe, family-friendly environment where everyone will feel welcome and safe". Jolly Boys also "hope The Mallard will be of interest to the community as well as to the large real ale community beyond Wakefield"

However both the train operator Northern and the British Transport Police have objected the plans because of the past history of the venue.

MIDDLESTOWN

Little Bull - Continues with excellent real ales with a permanent Abbeydale (Moonshine or Deception) and a Timothy Taylor's also. There is also a third handpull serving a changing guest beer which can often be White Rat.

Food is served daily and there is a gin bar and cocktails on draught. There is a defibrillator on the outside of the pub.



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
Market Tap, Castleford
New Albion, Altherthorpe

Old Grocers, Pontefract
Polka Hop, Wakefield
Prop 'ur Baa, Ossett
Reindeer Inn, Overton
Robin Hood, Altofts
Robin Hood, Pontefract
Six Chimneys, Wakefield
Winter Seam, Glasshoughton

NORMANTON

Hark To Mopsey - Typically has three real ales on during week including a Black Sheep, Doom Bar and Ossett White Rat.



There is excellent outside seating available which customers Susan and Jane are enjoying.

NETHERTON

Star - Is selling cask Samuel Smith OBB.

OSSETT

Bier Huis - We presented Dave with our Cider Pub of The Year recently. They are back to selling beer inside again with 3 handpulls and kegs available.



George - Has an excellent pint of Tetley's.

Horse & Jockey - Is selling cask Samuel Smith OBB.

Prop Ur Baa - Sells an excellent selection of real ales on 5 handpulls.



OLD SNYDALE

Cross Keys - Real Ale sells well with two or three always available as shown in the photo below.



OUTWOOD

Deep Drop - Cask ale is going well here with Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Robinsons Trooper as regular rotating beers. There is music every second Saturday evening.

Kirklands - Old Mill Brewery from Snaith has a pub in our area and here you can drink the excellent Traditional Bitter.

St Leger - Timothy Taylor Landlord is on sale here and can be found in excellent condition.

Nightingale - Tracy and Pete, who used to be in The Duncan Leeds, have taking over this newly refurbished pub. They are trying to make real ale work here again after what was a period of stagnation for the pub before they took over.

Woodman - Has the most real ales on offer of all the pubs in Outwood. A changing selection of ales including Landlord and Ossett White Rat.

OVERTON

Black Swan - Has Ossett White Rat, Bradfield Blonde and usually a guest also.



Reindeer - Continues to sell excellent real ale.

Also in September the pub held a very successful beer festival which emptied around 15 casks over the weekend.

PONTEFRACT

Old Grocers - We finally got to present our Pub Of The Season for Winter 2019 at our recent branch meeting!



Printers Draft - This new bar on Market Place has an extensive gin menu but they do have real ale, recently featuring Landlord, White Rat and Theakstons Bitter.

Robin Hood - With Revolutions Brewery doing beer swaps including Neepsend, Kelham Island, Abbeydale and Wensleydale and this has enabled them feature a particular brewery's ales alongside the usual Henry Smith beers.



Our "Good Meal And A Decent Pint" writer Colin Williams was particularly pleased with the "Italian Cured Meat Bonanza" on a recent visit.

SANDAL

Cricket Club - Now has its own exclusive beer from Five Towns Brewery. Up The Royal is a 4.3% golden ale.

Star - Has 5 changing real ales including the in house Morton Collins beers and Ossett White Rat.



Three Houses - Has Timothy Taylors available.

PURSTON

White House - is fully open and serving a good pint of Samuel Smith OBB. It is a great shame that the Spread Eagle Wragby has been closed since well before the pandemic, along with many other Sam Smiths pubs. (CW)

SOUTH ELMSALL

Barnsley Oak - Now fully up and running again. When allowed to open, their safety precautions have been reassuringly thorough, including temperature checks on entry. Outdoor only proved not to be a good plan due to the fact that a minority of visitors found remaining seated in small groups too challenging. It turned out that the Oak was the only outdoor opening for miles around!



Anyway, cask ale is back. As with many pubs they have proceeded with caution, not wishing to end up having to close and pour good beer away. So far, Landlord, Acorn Barnsley, Farmers Blonde and Black Sheep have featured, all at £3.20 a pint. The highly successful food side of the business is also fully operational (12-3 and 4-7.45, not Sunday evening).

The prices remain extremely reasonable, especially for food that is sourced from local suppliers and prepared on site. When closed they ventured into the takeaway business and their takeaway Sunday roast at only £5 with free local delivery was a major success. It's still very good value served to your table in the pub for £7.50 and they still offer takeaways for those who still prefer not to venture out.

Let us wish this excellent community pub every success as they seek to bounce back from the uncertainty and disruption of the past 15 months. (CW)

Brookside - Continues to have real ale.

United Services Club - Has a regular real ale which often includes the local Chin Chin brewery.

UPTON

Upton Arms - Have had great success with takeaway food and inside the food offering is worth checking out along with the cask ales on offer including Landlord. The Carvery is Sunday 12-4 and the Curry and Quiz Night is Thursday at 8pm. (CW)



WAKEFIELD

Black Horse - Three handpulls including Farmer's Blonde and Landlord mostly available.

Black Rock - Six real ales all the time, and always in superb condition, with Tetley and Oakham Citra as regulars. To the delight of your editor they recently had Banks's Mild and Robinsons Trooper. The Rock continues to sell the best quality real ale in Wakefield city centre.



College - Has had a smart makeover inside and out just before lockdown. In the Marston's group and sells Wainwright and Oxford Gold.

Harewood Arms - Has has a makeover with a new painted front and is featuring up to 4 real ales at a time.

Harry's Bar - As lockdown restrictions ended they had a superb Five Towns tap takeover at the end of May. The range of beers is back to pre

lockdown levels and takeaway is still available, look up Harry's At Home on Facebook.

A new area outside has also been opened as well as upstairs adding greatly to the covered area. These are available to hire.



Henry Boons - Ossett White Rat and Taylor's Boltmaker and Landlord are regulars here along with a changing selection of guests with local Five Towns and Tigertops featuring regular. If you like your strong ales it is likely you will find something to like here.



It seems a long time ago but the pub won our most improved pub award just before the first lockdown and here is the photo of Albert presenting the award to Barbara and David.

The Hop - Selling the full Ossett range.

Inns Of Court - Selling 4 real ales from Marston's including 61 Deep, Oxford Gold, Hobgoblin and Wainwright.

Jolly Tap - Selling the Jolly Boys Brewery range plus changing guests.

Old Printworks - Six handpulls with a changing range of beers. Has big screens for sport and regular live music on Tuesday evenings.

Polka Hop - CAMRA member Jane-Marie is the new licensee and the pub is continuing in the same manner as before. A great atmosphere and fantastic beer. A permanent beer is Polka Hop Pale from Leeds brewery Sunbeam along 3 other changing beers.



Raven - Has Wadworth 6X as a regular cask beer.

Six Chimneys - Wetherspoon have purchased The Wakey Tavern next door and the two venues are to be merged. (BW)

Wakefield Labour Club - Five real ales on regularly with all 3 rooms opened out at the moment. The Red Shed is one of a number of our pubs using the Real Ale Finder app which you can use to find out what beers on.

WRENTHORPE

New Pot Oil - Landlord, in excellent condition, available here at £2.35 a pint when surveyed on the 3rd August.



New Wheel - Three handpulls with Tetley, Wainwright and Black Sheep on them. At the time of writing all beers were £2.50.

Wheel Inn - Sadly cask Old Brewery Bitter has been removed.

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Major relaunch For Fernandes Brewery Tap & Bierkeller

The much-loved Wakefield brew-pub is to take on a new lease of life following a major spend by the progressive Ossett Brewing Company. Since closure in July, Ossett has invested a significant amount to refurbish the Fernandes Brewery Tap and Bierkeller in the Old Maltings, Avison Yard, Kirkgate. A former winner of Yorkshire CAMRA Pub of the Year, Fernandes is steeped in brewing history and will be relaunched on Friday 24th September from 4pm as Luis Bar - a tribute to the Portuguese immigrant Luis Fernandes who constructed the three story maltings building in the 1800s.



With several uses during the 20th century, the building became a brewery and off-licence when local couple Maureen and Dave James acquired the property in 1994 and installed a 2.5bbl brewing plant. Ossett Brewing Co purchased the building in 2007 to create a popular cask ale venue with 10 hand pumps plus the Bierkeller with a wide range of authentic continental lagers.

Under a new management team, Luis Bar will remain a cask lover's paradise with Fernandes and Ossett ales to the fore while also offering selected craft beers and cocktails on tap. Former Ossett telesales manager, Liz Hughes will run the new look venue alongside Howard Hughes and Gerald Wood, local businessmen who have supplied the brewery with artwork and signage for years. They are the first

licensee's to enter into tenancy with Ossett Brewing Co. Howard and Gerald will also take over the brewing of the highly regarded Fernandes ales.

Jamie Lawson, Co-owner of Ossett Brewing Company says: "Fernandes is a much acclaimed brew-pub in the heart of Wakefield. However, a substantial refurbishment was needed to ensure it could continue to welcome its very loyal customers while also attracting new supporters in today's very vibrant and challenging pub scene.

Consequently we decided to make this key investment in a major uplift and makeover for the venue, while maintaining its highly valued ambience and character. It is a ground-breaking step for our pub estate, we are very pleased to welcome aboard the new management team under our first ever tenancy agreement. All three have a long association with us and will play an important role in an exciting future for this much-loved venue under its new identity as Luis Bar."

Joint licensee Liz Hughes said: "After working with Ossett Brewing Co for nearly 20 years in various roles, I am delighted to be carrying on a relationship in this exciting new role alongside Howard and Gerald, who also both know the company very well. We are very much looking forward to working with Ossett and tackling the challenges ahead to take the new Luis Bar forward as a top-class pub venue for the town"



Fernandes Brewery and Luis Bar have a long brewing history

Jose Luis Fernandes, born in Portugal 1790 founds the "Old Bridge Brewery" near Chantry Bridge in 1850

In 1920 Fernandes sells to John Smith's Brewery Ltd with estate of 67 pubs.

Malt store becomes part of Beverley's Brewery who are bought and closed by Watney in 1967.

1994 David and Maureen James set up M&D Homebrew in the building.

1997 Brewing starts
1999 Pub opens
2007 Business in sold to Ossett Brewery

Luis Bar opens in September 2021 with Liz and Howard Hughes becoming the first tenants.

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Well, it's ballet, Jim, but not as we know it, lifting the lid on "the straitjacket of what's deemed to be masculine" (as one British newspaper put it).

Pop music tumbles out of the jukebox, there is soccer on the TV at the same time, and the eight men lark

around, pint glasses in hand. But their blokish fun is balanced on a knife-edge of tension

These eight men in the confines of a city back street boozier called The Plough explore the violence and vulnerability of manliness - it's funny, yet moving and disturbing. Troubled, they seek to hide their insecurity behind their pints. They writhe and gyrate with pints in their hands – breathtakingly little gets spilt, as we are often told "Don't try this at home."

The only "woman" is upstairs with one of the lads in just shorts. He pulls his "date" on top of him, fondles her naked body, her legs flapping

in excitement only to be disturbed by his other girlfriend on the phone. They are both silent. Turning up the music to a thumping beat he slides on to the floor, joining his playful blonde playmate (inflatable and a cheap one I'd imagine).

He's a bit of a saddo, in a scene that's both clever and funny; this dancer explores the company of a doll to the real girl on the telephone. There's amazing juggling of laden pint glasses and weird yet gob-smacking dexterity with footballs. The men tread a thin line between reality and fantasy — and asks you to tell the difference. And wow! That dance-work on the rope in the pub yard.

We are told that men have historically oppressed women, but how oppressive have they been to themselves and one another?

Enter Achilles was once also a magazine for men.

Enter Achilles, the film, is on a DV8 compilation DVD "Lloyd Newson DV8 Physical Theatre" with Strange Fish/Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men.

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After two years without a physical event, hundreds of members have already registered to attend – to see what Sussex has to offer by way of great beer, cider and perry. The weekend is a chance to meet friends, make new ones, go on organised brewery trips and take part in activities.

It's free to attend and open to all CAMRA members.

The weekend is staffed by volunteers – with a range of opportunities to help on offer.

All the information is on the event page – where you can register to attend / sign up to help - go to

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They have produced 5 mats so far and all are square, double sided. All these mats depict Pale Ale (English, American and New Zealand) but they do produce a range of styles from Barncliffe Bitter at 3.7% to Thunderbridge Stout at 5.2% (my particular favourite).

A Core Range of 5 beers is supplemented by 8 or 9 Seasonal beers. Their proud boast is that their beers are brewed in Yorkshire with hops from around the world and fed by their own Barncliffe Spring.



We were lucky to have a visit to the brewery a few years ago and my abiding memory of the visit was that when you asked for a half pint you got it served in a glass that was semi-circular shaped. Fortunately they have come through the pandemic and I hope to be enjoying their excellent beers for many years to come.

Cheers, Albert.

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Ossett Brewery, Ossett
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Ossett have moved three of their brewpubs into the main Ossett range.

The fast growing trio of White Rat, Black Voodoo and Butterley will now all be brewed at the main brewery under the Ossett banner while retaining their own distinctive new look.



Ossett owner Jamie Lawson (left) with Nadir Zairi, Ossett Brewery MD launch the new look brews

Sales of the hoppy pale ale, White Rat (4.0%abv) - originally brewed at the Rat Brewery housed underneath the Rat and Ratchet pub in Huddersfield - have soared in recent times, gathering a cult-like following. To keep up with current demand for this excellent beer, White Rat has been successfully brewed at Ossett over the past three years.



Now, Fernandes' Black Voodoo-renamed Voodoo (5.0%abv) - chocolate orange stout and Riverhead's Butterley (3.8%abv) Yorkshire bitter, have joined White Rat from their respective homes in Wakefield at Fernandes Brewery Tap & Bierkeller and in Marsden, Huddersfield at the Riverhead Brewery Tap to increase production.

Owner, Jamie Lawson has stated that the brews will be faithfully replicated at the main brewery. He said: "These shining stars of our

microbreweries enjoy an ever-growing fan base, but increasing production in their home breweries was not possible. It was time to firmly place them under the Ossett portfolio.

"Demand for White Rat is now pretty much on par with our leading brew, Yorkshire Blonde, which is quite incredible. As true White Rat fans know, we have brewed it successfully at Ossett for over three years. So I can assure any doubting diehard fans that the beer remains as brewed previously. If anyone says differently, well, that's fantasy, just fake news.

"I can also reassure Black Voodoo and Butterley fans that the character of the brews will remain untouched. We have simply tweaked the design but certainly not the beer. The creative new branding is presented in a more clean and modern way, allowing the trio to sit alongside the ever so popular Ossett core range, Yorkshire Blonde, Silver King and Excelsius."

YØN Helles Lager



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Revolutions, Castleford

Tel: 01977 552649 @revolutionsbrew

Revolutions are back in full production with all staff retained. The full core range is being brewed but there will be no monthly specials for the time being.

They are still brewing for Henry Smith including the latest beer Spanish Porter 4.5%.

They are looking at developing their Key Keg offering.

There are some official celebratory Featherstone Rovers RLFC beers to celebrate the club's win at Wembley in the 1895 Cup



They were launched at the Bradley Arms, North Featherstone.

At the SIBA Regional Beer competition the Multi-award winning Swoon did it again winning Gold in its category and Silver overall.

Switch no.22 is out now 4.5% with Kiwi hops.

Tarn 51, Altofts

@tarn51brewing



Are collaborating with Chin Chin and Barry at Tigertops on new specials.

Beer Garden Party, a 4.5% Blonde Ale made in collaboration with Chin Chin was available over the summer.

The brewery is now housed in a new building at The Robin in Altofts.

Tigertops, Flanshaw

Tel: 07951 812986

Two strong beers **Barley Wine** and **Scotch Wee Heavy** have proven popular and will be brewed again.

4XL was a 4% pale ale brewed for the 40th anniversary of the Fat Cat in Sheffield but was available elsewhere.

Barry has plans for a 4% stout or porter in September.

Five Towns, Outwood

Tel: 07934 474180 @FBrewery



Malcolm is brewing with Wilde Child Brewing in Leeds. Demolition Man 2 will be a 11% Triple IPA.

Then on the 13th he will be at Marble Brewery in Manchester

to do a Belgian Tripel with Apricots which should be around 9%.

There will also be a new red ale at around 6-7%.

He was on Zoom for Salford Independent Beer Festival on the 1st October at ISBFHeroes 8 where Malcolm took people through a tasting of some of his beers including Bitter Summat, Indian Summer, Middle Un, Peculiar Blue, Tramlined, Fetch Me The Mallet 2 and Nightfinisher.

Fernandes, Wakefield

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As well as the refurbishment of the Brewery Tap into Luis Bar the beers have also been refreshed with new pumpclips for the existing beer range which is being continued to be made.



The beers include

Swift One 3.8%
Golden fruit ale.

Malt Shovel Mild 3.8%
Dark Mild.

Polaris 3.9%
Citrusy Pale Ale

Ale To the Tsar 4.1%

Pale hope ale.

Great Northern 5.1%

Strong golden ale.

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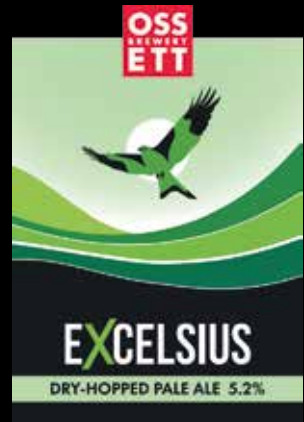
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