

The SPBW began in 1963 on 6th December when seven disgruntled beer drinkers gathered in the Rising Sun in Epsom. Their concern was the growing decline in both quality and palatability of beer. This they felt was due to the increasing use of gas pressure and the introduction of keg beers. These seven drinkers formed the SPBW with the purpose of drawing attention to their plight.

Why SPBW? In 1963 wooden casks were still regarded as being synonymous with traditional draught beer in contrast to the metal ones which contained a processed and artificially carbonated product. For this reason the name seemed ideal.



After a few years, realising that metal casks were rapidly replacing wooden ones, the Society decided to relax its principles accordingly. However the original name has been retained for the sake of tradition.

In recent years there has been a resurgence in the use of wood for maturation and dispense of beer. We aim to gather information about this and publicise such developments.

Today we recognise and applaud naturally conditioned beer, drawn by gravity, traditional hand-pump or electric pump, but reject the use of gas pressure dispense.



We aim to promote the best beers and pubs. Thus, our aims are similar to those of CAMRA, but because of our entirely voluntary set-up the emphasis is mainly on social activities within the local branches - brewery visits are particularly popular.

There are also regular centrally organised events. These include our annual National Weekend, for which members gather from around the country to visit breweries and drink good beer in the finest pubs.

Our quarterly magazine, ***Pint in Hand***, sent free to members, has news of national and local events and members' articles of a generally beery interest.

Our website - WWW.SPBW.COM - includes a discussion forum that enables members to keep in touch, exchange information, and play the odd online game or two. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Members can fly the SPBW flag by wearing our high quality branded products.



**OVER FIFTY YEARS
PROMOTING GOOD
BEER**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

In the knowledge that the aims of the Society are to stimulate the brewing and encourage the drinking of traditional draught beer, that is to say, beer drawn directly from the cask by gravity or through a beer engine without the use of gas pressure, I hereby apply for membership of the Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood and do formally undertake at all times and all places to abide by the aims of the Society as listed on this page.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year £5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years £9.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years £13.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 years £16.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 years £19.00 | |

(Add £1.00 per year for overseas membership - Please make cheques payable to SPBW).

Send to:
**SPBW National Membership Secretary,
70 Chalfont Road,
Seer Green, Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire, HP9 2QP**

Name, address and membership expiry date are stored for mailing Purposes and are not passed on to a 3rd party.

Alternatively, supply the above details and complete the standing order form, overleaf, for a more convenient way of payment.

The SOCIETY for the PRESERVATION of BEERS from the WOOD

(founded 1963)



The original beer consumer organisation.
More than 50 years old and counting.
Still promoting and drinking the best
beer in the best pubs.

BEERS FROM THE WOOD?

When the Society was founded in 1963 traditional draught beer drawn from wooden casks was under threat from the major brewers. This time the customers fought back! The SPBW was formed to encourage the brewing and drinking of traditional draught beer.

Our name may now be a little misleading and it is certainly a bit of a mouthful - so call us the "SPBW".

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SPBW TODAY

The SPBW is a small but thriving organisation. We have branches throughout the UK and a large and active chapter based in Baltimore, USA.

We produce a quarterly magazine, Pint in Hand, free to all members.

Our 'National Weekends' bring together SPBW members for visits to interesting breweries and good pubs.



The Junction, Castleford, West Yorkshire, specialises in beer from wooden casks.

AIMS OF THE SPBW

The aims of the Society are to stimulate the brewing and encourage the drinking of traditional draught beer, drawn direct from the cask by gravity, or by a hand pump, or by other methods approved by the National Executive Committee. (This includes bottle conditioned beer).

Find our website:

(WWW.SPBW.COM)

SCAN THE CODE



Please complete, in BLOCK CAPITALS and black ink, the appropriate boxes.

Please note that it takes up to 5 working days to set up a standing order.

1 Details of the account where payment will come from.

Account name: _____
Bank Address: _____
Account number: _____ Sort code: _____

2 Details of the account where payment will be sent.

Account name: Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood
Name of Bank: Santander
Branch: Boole, Merseyside, L30 4GB.
Account number: _____ Sort code: _____

3 Payment details.

Regular amount (in figures) and annually thereafter until further notice

£5.00

4 Complete below and return to SPBW.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature if joint account _____

Email address _____

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Return this form to: The Membership Secretary,
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