

The Newsletter of  
**THE WEST RIDING BRANCH OF**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION**  
**OF BEERS FROM THE WOOD**  
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Welcome to the SPBW West Riding Branch Newsletter for February 2021.

I hope you are all keeping well and avoiding that nasty coronavirus.

Good luck to anyone who is expecting a COVID 19 vaccination in the near future. Hope all goes well.

Thank you to Colin Phillips for his update on the Fox & Goose, Hebden Bridge, the Puzzle Hall, Sowerby Bridge and Calderdale breweries.

Thanks once again to Malcolm Townend for organising the February Zoom Meeting.

Thanks to Janet Dyson for the update from Timothy Taylors Brewery.

If anyone has any news or information for next months newsletter that they would like to share, please e-mail me on:

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**Charlie Cavaye**

**Fox & Goose, Hebden Bridge launch Crowdfunding Appeal**

The Fox and Goose have, as with all other pubs, found operating as a thriving community pub during the Covid pandemic and Government restrictions very challenging and we need your help.

This crowdfunding appeal will raise money to develop our outdoor space further so that we have the capacity to accommodate our customers safely and comfortably while ongoing Covid restrictions are in place.

This appeal will enable us to build more permanent, heated structures so that we have a usable, warm, dry, but still ventilated, outside space.

Due to the hard work and dedication of the staff team and directors over recent months, the pub now has an expanded garden which enabled us to remain open over the summer and into the Autumn.

Our wonderful customers have enthusiastically and responsibly adapted to the new conditions, but the onset of winter and continuing Covid restrictions mean that without more robust shelter and heating, the

pub will not be able to accommodate the numbers of customers we need.

We are therefore asking customers, shareholder members, friends of the pub, and the wider community to help us raise funds to build permanent outdoor shelters with electric radiant heaters.

The electric heating options have been thoroughly evaluated in relation to their environmental impact.

Over the summer we were able to re-open the pub and utilise both the inside and outdoor space in a socially distanced way.

This meant customers who expected a Covid secure environment were comfortable returning to the pub and ensured we could serve enough customers to get by.

Despite the many adaptations which have been made, this further work is essential for the long-term sustainability of the Fox and Goose.

This is a community pub, with a strong co-operative ethos, and we are determined to find ways to ensure it is still here and available to our community during and post-pandemic.

We know that this is a difficult time for a lot of people and would not be asking for donations if we could achieve this without your help.

However, to ensure that we can provide a friendly community pub for the long term, we are looking to raise £16,000 through Crowdfunder for this project.

Please share this appeal and donate what you can.

The Fox and Goose is a special pub which brings us all together.

**Colin Phillips**

## **Calderdale Breweries**

All of the nine breweries in the Halifax & Calderdale CAMRA Branch area are open for beer delivery during the current lockdown.

Darkland Brewery, Halifax:

<https://www.darklandbrewery.co.uk>

Eagles Crag Brewery, Todmorden:

<https://www.eaglescragbrewery.com>

Elland Brewery, Elland:

<https://www.ellandbrewery.co.uk>

Halifax Steam Brewery, Hipperholme:

<https://www.halifax-steam.co.uk>

Hogs Head Brewery, Sowerby Bridge:

<https://www.hogsheadbrewhouse.co.uk>

Little Valley Brewery, Cragg Vale:

<https://www.littlevalleybrewery.co.uk>

Nightjar Brewery, Mytholmroyd:

<https://www.nightjarbrew.co.uk>

Stod Fold Brewery, Halifax:

<https://www.stodfoldbrewing.com>

Vocation Brewery, Cragg Vale:

<https://www.vocationbrewery.com>

**Colin Phillips**

## **Puzzle Hall Inn, Sowerby Bridge**

Campaigners who saved the Puzzle Hall Inn in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire have been recognised with the Campaign for Real Ale's prestigious Pub Saving Award for their efforts.

The Puzzle Hall Community Pub Ltd, a not-for-profit Community Benefit Society, raised £172,860 from the local community to purchase and refurbish the Puzzle Hall Inn, which was fast falling into a derelict state.

The pub, a 17th century building located between the canal and the river in Sowerby Bridge, once included a brewery which had since been turned into accommodation for the local area.

Crowdfunding to save the local launched in 2017 and campaigners received critical social investment and support from Big Society Capital, More than a Pub fund, the Plunkett Foundation, Calderdale and the Key Fund.

With their help, an offer was made on the pub the following year.

In December 2019 the pub re-opened after an extensive refurbishment, which one of the judges described as 'a great community effort to literally save both a local and regional presentation'.

Work to refurbish the pub is ongoing, with continual help and input from volunteers.

Sam Irvine from the Puzzle Hall Community Pub Limited said: "It is a real honour to be recognised in CAMRA's Pub Saving Award.

Obviously when we took on this project in 2017, we were in a very different situation to the one we face today with COVID restrictions.

My hope is that we'll be able to reopen the pub as soon as possible so that it can continue to serve as an intrinsic hub to the local community."

Colin Phillips

## **Timothy Taylors Brewery**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, which have resulted in all pubs in the UK being forced to close, we have ceased producing cask beer until further notice. We will continue to brew beer to support our bottled business – both for retail sales and our own online shop [timothytailorshop.co.uk](http://timothytailorshop.co.uk). During this period, the majority of our workforce will be furloughed, with only key members of our team working part-time to keep the business active. Paul Matthews, Sales Director for Timothy Taylor's stated: "Once the reopening of our industry is confirmed, we can assure you that we will be ready to meet demand and support our trade customers once again (as we were last summer).

Janet Dyson

## **February Zoom Meeting**

Malcolm Townend is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Malcolm Townend's Zoom Meeting  
Time: Feb 7, 2021 12:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75975206507?pwd=MTNVelBzN0pRWnROQmRFdkxKM1BqZz09>

Meeting ID: [759 7520 6507](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75975206507?pwd=MTNVelBzN0pRWnROQmRFdkxKM1BqZz09)

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Malcolm Townend

