

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 June 2021.

With social restrictions easing, it will hopefully be possible to have a real meeting in July, rather than a virtual meeting.

With this in mind, our Branch Chair, Dave Hardcastle has booked the **Jacobs Well** in Bradford for the **4<sup>th</sup> of July from 12 noon for a 12:15pm start.**

Pubs have now reopened for service inside, so I hope you are all enjoying getting back to the pub.

The rule of six and table service still apply inside.

Unfortunately, two of our members have recently passed away, David Grant and Dylwyn Gibson.

More Details appear below.

On behalf of the branch, I would like to pass on our condolences to their families and friends.

Both members will be greatly missed.

Thanks to Malcolm, once again, for setting up the Monthly Zoom Meeting.

Thanks to all other contributors, including John Dyson who has provided three articles and John Rowe who has sent details of two items of interest.

If you have any items for next month's newsletter, please e-mail me at:

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*Charlie Cavaye*

**Dylwyn Gibson**

Dylwyn Gibson, a fairly new member passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> of May in St James Hospital, Leeds.

Dylwyn joined at the start of 2020 but had previously been on a few of the trips.

Despite his Welsh forename, Dylwyn was a born and bred Yorkshireman.

I knew Dylwyn to say hello to from drinking around the pubs of Horsforth before he joined SPBW.

I saw Dylwyn as recently as the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, enjoying a pint outside the Old Kings Arms.

Janet mentioned that he knew David Grant as they ere both big Leeds Rhinos Rugby League fans.

Rest in Peace.

**Charlie**

### **David Mark Grant**

David Grant passed away on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at St. James Hospital, Leeds, where he had been an inpatient for the previous three weeks.

I knew David fairly well, as he went to Roundhay School with some of my friends and would sometimes join us on our regular Monday night out.

I believe he was a pharmacist when he was still working.

As mentioned, David was a big Leeds Rhinos fan.

He also went on regular skiing holidays around Europe.

He was a larger-than-life character with a great sense of fun and will me greatly missed.

Rest in Peace.

**Charlie**

### **Tripping**

Just a reminder that there will be a make-your-own-way trip to Sheffield on Saturday 17th July.

I'd like us all to congregate in the Sheffield Tap on the railway station platform after opening time at noon and then after one o'clock head to the Triple Point Brewery Tap.

I'll contact them after lock-down restrictions have, hopefully, been lifted in June to advise them of our plans.

The first coach trip will be to Scarborough and the Beertown festival in Malton on August Bank Holiday Saturday.

After forwarding the email Pint in Hand I contacted Rob Shacklock, the National SPBW Chair, to enquire if the proposed weekend in and around Ambleside was going ahead over the last weekend in September and, if so, whether an itinerary had been compiled.

As yet it's all still up in the air.

My plan would be to join our fellow Members on the Saturday afternoon and stop off in Kirkby Lonsdale on our return.

The town proved a successful stop after a previous trip to Lancaster.

I'm still hopeful we can run our delayed Nottingham and Hucknall trip in September, probably on the 11th.

Finally, I phoned the New Inn at Cropton to enquire if the beer festival is taking place and they're still hopeful.

I've sent an email asking to be kept in the loop.

I'd like to visit Whitby, first so we'd arrive at the Festival later for a different atmosphere.

I realise I've used the word hopeful a few times but, at present, that's all we can be!

**John Dyson.**  
**Joint Social Secretary.**

### **Roosters Brewery**

A brewery is looking for volunteers to label cans of beer by hand after new equipment got stuck on the Ever Given cargo ship in the Suez Canal.

A new labelling machine was due to arrive at the Rooster's Brewing Company in Harrogate earlier this month but remains on board the ill-fated vessel.

The ship blocked the canal for six days in March and is now impounded in Egypt.

Ian Fozzard, a brewery director, said: "It's stuck along with goodness knows what else bound for the UK."

Mr Fozzard said: "It's not the end of the world, we won't go bust but it is just an irritant."

The automatic labelling machine for the canning line was due to arrive in mid-April but is marooned about 3,600 miles (5,800km) away.

**John Rowe**

### **White Swan, Otley**

The White Swan on Boroughgate in Otley has re-opened after seven months of closure and a complete refurbishment.

**John Rowe**

### **Update from Brighton Bill**

Brighton Bill has been out and about.

The Goose Eye Brewery on the Castlefields Industrial Estate in Crossflatts has choice of 6 Goose Eye Beers at only £3 a pint.

It has an excellent outdoor area which can be a real sunspot if we ever get any decent weather.

It must be good as bill has visited three times already.

In Idle, the Alexandra only has one beer on at present, and can get busy, but again, nice outdoor area.

The Idle Draper has a lovely outdoor area, good service and two real ales.

The Idle Beerhouse, previously Symposium Ale and Wine Bar (Market Town Taverns), has no real ale at present, but also has a nice outdoor area.

### **Inside Drinking**

Hello, and welcome to inside drinking.

I'm sure most of you will be taking the opportunity to visit a pub and actually take your coat off.

With that in mind, I've been asked by a couple of Members to pass on the following:

Firstly, Paul Titley has confirmed that the Guiseley Factory Workers Club on Town Street will be opening from today, 17<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be table service, and the usual Rule of Six applies, but all SPBW Members are welcome, subject to signing-in.

Mallinsons, Goose Eye and Saltaire Blonde beers will be on the bar. The prices have also been slightly reduced.

I've heard there's been some exciting developments at the Club so I'm looking forward to seeing for myself.

Opening times during the week are 1pm to 11 pm with an extension to midnight on Fridays. Saturday is 11am to midnight and Sunday 11am to 11pm.

Secondly, Tony O'Brien has advised that our friends at Nomadic Brewery in Sheepscar will be opening from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Walk-ins are available but booking is recommended.

Initially the Taproom will open from noon to 8pm on Saturdays and then also noon to 10pm on Fridays.

If any Members have pub news that they wish to share, then Charlie will gladly add this to our monthly Newsletter.

The Society email address is [spbw63@gmail.com](mailto:spbw63@gmail.com).

Hopefully today will mark a return to some sort of normality.

Happy drinking!

**John Dyson - Joint Social Secretary.**

### Nomads

Our Member Tony O'Brien had asked me to invite other Members to join him at Nomadic Brewery on their first opening date on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

I arrived late as, unbeknown to me, the Harrogate Road was being resurfaced with plastic bags and the buses had been diverted.

You'd think, with today's technology, they'd be able to update the digital board in the bus shelter.

Anyway, Tony was there with his daughter Jen and Member Nigel Latimer.

The beer was excellent as usual and we were joined by Members Andy Carey, Alayne Day and Mick Atkinson.

Nigel had booked a table later in the afternoon at Springwell, the new North Brewing Co brewery and tap at a former tanning mill on Buslingthorpe Lane, which is a relatively short walk from Sheepscar.

We walked past Ridgeside Brewery which, sadly, is closed at the weekend.

Disappointingly only one cask ale was available, but I find North's craft beers are pleasantly carbonated and if I'd been told that the stout I had was cask I wouldn't have disagreed.

An enjoyable afternoon - thank you Tony.

**John Dyson**

### June Zoom Meeting

Malcolm Townend is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Malcolm Townend's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jun 6, 2021 12:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73737603636?pwd=Rk00aTZ6NjNjbHJNYVBiWm9tSFpCUT09>

Meeting ID: 737 3760 3636

Passcode: Z5ZPzE

**Malcolm Townend**