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Welcome to the SPBW West Riding Branch Newsletter for October 2021.

I'm pleased to say that we are starting to get back to "normal" following the Coronavirus.

We've already had two meetings and three coach trips.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles this month.

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

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Charlie Cavaye

SPBW Trip to Scarborough & Malton

We finally had another SPBW West Riding Coach Trip on Saturday 28th August, to Scarborough and Malton.

This was the first trip since November 2019, when we visited the New Inn Beer Festival in Cropton.

The coach was late, and when it turned up, it was a Shearings coach, rather than the expected Hunters coach.

The driver later explained that there was a problem with the air conditioning on the original coach, and he thought we might overheat, so he arranged the replacement coach.

We were further delayed by heavy traffic on the A64, partly due to Leeds Music Festival at Bramham, and subsequently Malton Food Festival.

The decision was made to have an extra hour in Scarborough because of our late arrival.

We started off at the North Riding Brew Pub, where the following beers were available:

Peasholm Pale Ale 4.3%
Mosaic Pale 4.3%
Rum & Raisin Dark Mild 4.3%
Cascade Pale 4.3%
Nectar 4.5%
Almasty Believe IPA 6%

These were all from North Riding Brewery apart from the Almasty Believe IPA.

I had the Mosaic Pale and the Cascade Pale.

We next visited the Scarborough Borough Council Employees Welfare Club, where we met up with some of the Scarborough CAMRA members.

The club is known locally as the Corporation Club.

There were three beers available, at the bargain price of £2.50 a pint.

With time running out before the coach left, we had a final beer at the Scarborough Arms.

When we arrived at Malton, it was a race to get to the Brass Castle Tap, but my friends were locals, so knew all of the back streets and the quickest way there.

John Dyson had arranged for us all to have a free pint which we had pre-ordered on the coach.

Most people, including me, went for the Brass Castle Bad Kitty.

It was in great condition, so I had another.

When we arrived back in Leeds, I had a beer in Wapentake and then finished up in the Duck & Drake.

Yet another great day out, which went too quickly, and hopefully we will have many more during the rest of this year, and into 2022.

Cheers!

Charlie Cavaye

Barrow Hill Roundhouse Festival 2021

This year's Barrow Hill Roundhouse Festival was 9th to 11th September, an unfortunate clash with the Nottingham trip but there you are.

For me it meant two, consecutive, fairly heavy sessions!

The festival is usually mid-May but was put back for obvious reasons!

Barrow Hill Roundhouse is an old railways engineering work shop.

Much of it is still in original (rough) condition.

Locomotives would be brought in, pushed to whatever location, worked on and then put back into service.

Some restoration work is still carried out there, on old machines.

There's a lot to see and would be of interest to most people, if you are into railways then that's a bonus!

Most certainly a very atmospheric venue.

The festival always has an extensive range of beers and a cider bar plus such as wine and gin, so something for everyone.

They do have a stage and live music, covering a range of tastes.

A wide range of good food is available on site.

It's easy to travel to and from the festival.

Train to and from Chesterfield Station and then by a shuttle bus to the venue.

The bus is included in the entrance price.

Assuming Covid and Johnson both play the game, next year's dates are 19th to 21st May.

It's already pencilled into my diary, date dependant on SPBW coach trip dates!

Doug Skinner

Nottingham and Hucknall

On Saturday 11th of September, we departed at 10:00am for our latest SPBW West Riding trip to Nottingham and Hucknall.

We arrived on time, just before noon, and our first port of call was the Roundhouse.

Unfortunately, although the doors were open, the morning hoovering was taking place and they were not yet ready to serve us.

However, I took a picture of the pump clips and can report that the beers available were Shipstones Original and Gold Star, Castle Rock Preservation and Black Gold and Hollow Stone Sorbetto.

Moving on, our first beer was in the Crafty Crow.

It was warm enough to sit outside, as it remained all day.

Beers available were Magpie Brewery Cherry Raven Stout, Thieving Rogue and Best Bitter, Potbelly Crazy Daze, Weal Ales Wealy Hopper and Limestone Brewery Cherry Stone.

We decided to drink half pints in order to fit in more pubs.

We started with half a pint of Thieving Rogue, a good start.

Next, we visited the Bridge, which was just a short walk away.

Two real ciders, Timothy Taylor Landlord and Shiny Brewery Glamour Muscles, which was our beer of choice.

Quite a cloudy one, and unfortunately, not in great condition, but it was drinkable.

On to the classic Olde Trip to Jerusalem, which is ancient and built into Nottingham Castle's walls.

Not quite so many tourists as on my previous visits, and plenty of seating available outside.

Beers available were Nottingham Rock Mild and Extra Pale Ale, Shipstones Original, Pheantry Dancing Dragonfly, Black Sheep Best Bitter and Greene King IPA.

We chose the Dancing Dragonfly.

We then moved on to Canalhouse, which was busy both inside and outside.

Beers available were Castle Rock Preservation, Harvest Pale and IPA, Titanic Last Porter Call and Buxton Brewery Gold.

We moved on to Newshouse, where Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Totally Brewed 4 Hop Men of the Apocalypse and Slap in the Face and Blue Monkey BG Sips were available.

In search of some food, we next visited Annie's Burger Shack, which only had one real ale available and was table service only.

We finished up in King William IV, known as the King Billy.

Beers available were Kent Brewery KGB, Bristol Beer Factory Milk Stout, Atom Prism, Oakham Citra, Black Iris Snake Eyes and Lenton Lane Brewery 200 NOT OUT, brewed to celebrate their 200th Gyle.

Back to the coach and on to Hucknall.

Quite a few of us went to Byron's Rest first, which had Shipstones Original and IPA, Titanic Plum Porter and Woodforde's Wherry available.

We next visited the Station Hotel which is operated by Lincoln Green Brewery and serves up to 15 changing beers, including 5 of their own beers as regulars.

Still warm enough to sit outside, and a great end to our day out.

Charlie Cavaye

SPBW Greater Manchester Branch

Some of you may be aware that a group of National SPBW members in and around Manchester are in the process of setting up a SPBW Greater Manchester Branch.

To this end, a meeting was held for interested parties at The Angel pub in the northern quarter of Manchester, just off Rochdale Road on Wednesday 22nd of September.

Colin Phillips, Ian Roper and Charlie Cavaye from our branch attended the meeting to lend our support.

There were also two members from the Isle of Mann branch.

Altogether there were about 18 people present.

There are, apparently, about 70 national members in and around the Manchester area, so it makes sense for them to get together as a group.

The branch constitution was circulated.

All attendees had a chance to introduce themselves.

The dates and venues for their monthly meetings was discussed, and other administrative matters such as the amount payable for subscriptions.

They are in the process of electing their committee, and have their Annual General Meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in October.

They all seemed to enjoy getting together and are keen to make their new branch a success.

Charlie Cavaye

SPBW West Riding Branch Events

3rd October, Branch Meeting, Meandering Bear, 21-23 Union Street, Halifax HX1 1PR

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start

Meandering Bear is close to the Piece Hall and Westgate Arcade.

From the railway station, cross the main road (Church Street), and walk up Horton Street past the Railway pub.
Turn right into Union Street.

16th October Branch Trip to Congleton and Macclesfield

10am departure from Duck & Drake, Leeds

7th November Branch Meeting and AGM at Guiseley Factory Workers Club, 6 Town Street, Guiseley LS20 9DT

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start

Number 27 bus from Leeds stops nearby

13th November Branch Trip to Whitby and New Inn, Cropton Beer Festival (provisional)

10am departure from Duck & Drake, Leeds

5th December Branch Meeting at Hullabaloo, 37-41 Westgate, Shipley BD18 3QX (venue TBC)

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start