

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 September 2021.

Well, the good news is that we are going on our first SPBW West Riding coach trip of the year to Scarborough and Malton on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

You should, by now, have received the itinerary, maps and pub list from Gerv Wright.

I hope you all have a fantastic day.

Even better news is that beer festivals are starting to happen again.

There is a comprehensive list of upcoming beer festivals and events attached showing CAMRA festivals, Yorkshire festivals and others.

The SPBW Events are included in the main body of the newsletter, at the end.

As ever, if you hear of a local beer festival, let me know and I will include in the appropriate month's newsletters.

Unfortunately, I don't manage to pick them all up.

The bad news is that that horrible virus is still out there, and I know several people who have become ill, despite being vaccinated twice.

Some more sad news is the loss of another SPBW member, Mike Field – more details below.

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

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**Charlie Cavaye**

**Mike Field R.I.P.**

Unfortunately, we have lost another member of the SPBW West Riding Branch.

I have received the following update from John Gibson:

I regret to inform you of the death of Mike Field who was a member of West Riding SPBW as well as a major force in the Heavy Woollen Branch of CAMRA.

Mike was a founder of the West Riding Brewery and the Beerhouses group, starting with the West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms in Dewsbury.

The group later took over the Sportsman, in Huddersfield, the Cricketers in Horbury, the Stalybridge Buffet Bar, Idle Beerhouse in Idle, Bradford and the Old Turk in Dewsbury.

All fantastic pubs and a great legacy.

A private funeral took place on Tuesday 17th August.

The family extended a welcome to all Real Ale drinkers to join them afterwards in a celebration of Mike's life at the West Riding pub, Dewsbury Railway Station.

Mike also part-owned Anglo Dutch Brewery in Dewsbury, which later became Partners Brewery.

On behalf of the branch, I would like to express our sincere condolences to Mike's family and friends.

He will be sadly missed.

*Charlie Cavaye*

### **Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival**

The Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival is at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground this year, from 13 - 16 October *see link*.

[NBF2021 Home \(nottinghamcamra.org\)](http://nottinghamcamra.org)

and **tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the Trent Bridge ticket website** *see link*

[Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club - Online ticket sales \(trentbridge.co.uk\)](http://trentbridge.co.uk)

Dave Fell

### **SPBW Branch Clothing Orders**

Graham will soon be ordering SPBW West Riding Branch logo clothing items.

If you would like to order anything, please look at the website [www.hudsonsports.co.uk](http://www.hudsonsports.co.uk) and go to the embroidery clothing range.

Hundreds of styles and colours in all sizes are available.

Prices are shown but please remember to add 20% VAT.

Let Graham know the product code, size and colour please by e-mail [graham-hewitt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:graham-hewitt@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 07890 208314.

Orders can also be made at the next branch meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September and last date for orders is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Any questions give Graham a call or see him at the meeting.

Thank You.

### **Bishop's Castle**

On a recent visit to Shropshire, I visited the Three Tuns Inn, which has the Three Tuns Brewery right next door.

The town itself is very pleasant, as is the pub.

As the weather was quite nice, we sat outside on the trestle tables next to the brewery.

The brewery, under separate ownership to the pub since 2003, supplies all of the pub's beer.

Both were established in 1642, and the pub appeared in the first CAMRA Good Beer Guide in 1974.

The beers available on the day of our visit were:

XXX Pale Ale 4.3%  
Cleric's Cure IPA 5%  
Solstice 3.9% Light Zesty Ale  
Stout 4.4%

I had the Solstice, which was a lovely refreshing floral beer, just right for sitting outside in the sunshine before a long walk along the Ridgeway.

I also tried the Stout, which was a traditional dark & creamy example of the style with deep flavours.

Whilst we were sitting outside, the brewery was going through the process of cleaning the mash tun, with the spent grains being washed out of a chute in the small tower brewery into a trailer.

We had a discussion with the assistant brewer, who said that the spent grains were going for animal feed.

After a well-deserved rest, they were going to start a new brew of the Cleric's Cure, which was going to be sent to Holden's Black Country Brewery in Dudley for bottling.

We also visited the Six Bells, which was previously a brewpub – Six Bells Brewery closed in 2018.

They now mostly sell beers from Ludlow Brewery.

After our walk, we visited the White Horse Inn at Clun, which is home to the Clun Brewery.

I had a pint of the Clun Pale Ale 4.1%, which was a pleasant way to finish our visit.

*Charlie Cavaye*

### **SPBW Events**

[28<sup>th</sup> August Branch Trip to Scarborough and Malton](#)

[5<sup>th</sup> September, Branch Meeting, Nomadic Brewery](#)

[11<sup>th</sup> September Branch Trip to Nottingham and Hucknall](#)

[25<sup>th</sup> September Branch Trip to Ambleside](#)

[3<sup>rd</sup> October, Branch Meeting, Venue TBC](#)