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Welcome to the SPBW West Riding Branch Newsletter for February 2022.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles this month.

Please let me know if you hear about any local beer festivals.

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

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*Charlie Cavaye*

**Beer Festival Update**

Beer Festivals continue to be cancelled or postponed.

The following beer festivals have been cancelled:

PENDLE BEER FESTIVAL

NATIONAL WINTER ALES FESTIVAL

FLEETWOOD BEER FESTIVAL

BRADFORD BEER FESTIVAL

BURTON BEER FESTIVAL

The following beer festivals have been postponed or rescheduled:

BENT & BONG'S BEER BASH

ROTHERHAM BEER FESTIVAL

HUCKNALL BEER FESTIVAL (now end of July)

The following beer festivals have yet to be confirmed or have provisional dates:

HULL CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL

STOCKPORT BEER FESTIVAL

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

YORK BEER FESTIVAL

Barnsley Beer Festival was postponed from September 2021.

No new dates yet, but I have heard that the first Bank Holiday weekend in May is a possibility.

Thanks to John Hartley, Graham Hewitt and Ken Taylor for their help in compiling the attached beer Festival list.

*Charlie Cavaye*

### **February Meeting**

Goose Eye Brewery Tap is still the venue for the February meeting.

Bus number 60 from Leeds. and number 662 from Bradford stop nearby

Also, Crossflatts Railway Station is nearby.

We have arranged for the Tap to open at 12 noon but have suggested to Dave a 12.30 for 12.45pm. start as the buses arrive about 12.20.

There will be no food provided, but people are very welcome to bring their own.

The address is:

Unit S Castlefields Industrial Estate  
Crossflatts  
Bingley  
BD16 2AF

Directions: Get off bus at Crossflatts Railway Station, walk forward a few yards and turn left onto Castlefields Lane.

Follow the road then turn right onto Castlefields Road.

The brewery is on the right

### **SPBW West Riding Branch Subscriptions**

#### **Membership Renewals**

Just a reminder that subscriptions for renewal of membership of the branch for 2022 are now overdue.

We still have quite a few members who have not yet paid.

The amount payable remains at £12 and can be paid at the February meeting or via bank transfer to:

Sort Code 30-96-26

Account Number 47324560

### **The Pubs and Beers of Selby**

Selby is a market town on the River Ouse in North Yorkshire, although it was previously in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Selby Abbey was founded by a French monk, Benedict, who had a vision telling him to build an Abbey in England.

His vision included three swans, and he is reputed to have seen three swans on the River Ouse, close to where the abbey now stands.

Indeed, one of the pubs is called the Three Swans.

I had not been to Selby since lockdown, so decided to have a day out.

I travelled by train and arrived about midday on quite a fresh but dry day.

After a stroll around the town centre, I went to the Giant Bellflower for my first pint.

This is a long narrow Wetherspoons on the main shopping street.

There were six real ales available: Bradfield Steel Cow, Sharps Doom Bar, Greene King IPA and Abbott, Goose Eye Spring Wells and Bridgehouse Tequila Blonde.

I chose the Tequila Blonde, which was very good.

My next pub was the Cricketers, a traditional Sam Smith's pub.

The Old Brewery Bitter “from the wood” was in excellent condition and good value at £3 a pint, payable by cash only.

I had a good chat with the couple who run the pub who are originally from Edinburgh.

They confirmed that there are no plans to stop brewing cask ale, but the brewery now also provides Old Brewery Bitter in metal casks.

However, the Cricketers only ever take the 18-gallon wooden barrels.

Just over the road is the New Inn, with Timothy Taylor’s Landlord available.

The other handpump had the pump clip turned around, which would have been Cross Bay “The Blonde”, if it was available.

I was the only customer, but had a good chat with the landlady, who was preparing the pub for a double birthday celebration later that day, blowing up balloons and putting up streamers.

She mentioned that the building was listed and pointed out the stained-glass windows.

She said the pub was usually very lively with a mix of ages and they even have a nightclub at the back.

They also run the New Inn at nearby Barlby.

The next pub was No. 1 The Crescent, previously called the Albion Vaults.

Just one beer available here, too, Old Mill Styrian Wolf which was excellent.

They usually have three beers on, but the recently delivered beer was still settling in the cellar.

This is a modern café bar with the bar itself at the back of the building.

Attractive floor tiles, metal beams with industrial lighting hanging from them, exposed brickwork and wood panelling all add to the ambience.

There is a variety of seating including some swings hanging from the ceiling.

My next port of call was the Nelson.

I chose the Brown Cow Brewery White Dragon which was only £2.70 and in great condition.

Also available was Theakston’s Black Bull Bitter, with Wells Youngs Bombardier having run out.

I asked whether Sue and Keith Simpson were still running Brown Cow Brewery, and it was confirmed that they were.

Brown Cow are based at nearby Barlow, and their beers are always available when I come to this pub.

This is a comfortable, friendly locals pub which is very handy for nearby Selby Railway Station, which a plaque says is Yorkshire’s first railway station.

The Three Swans has reverted to its original name after a period of being called Number 23.

The real ales available were Black Sheep Bitter, Timothy Taylor’s Landlord and Boltmaker and Small World Long Moor Pale.

I had the Long Moor Pale which was only £2 a pint.

It was quite cloudy and took a while to settle, however it was drinkable.

The pub itself is long and narrow with the bar on the left-hand side. It was quite busy, but most of the other customers appeared to be drinking lager.

Over the swing bridge, it is about a 5-minute stroll to the Olympia, home of the Jolly Sailor Brewery.

I had a half each of the Jolly Sailor Pale and Blonde.

The Blonde was very good.

Back over the bridge to the George Hotel, formerly the Londesborough Arms Hotel, which is next to Selby Abbey.

Only one beer available, Black Sheep Bitter, although they have four handpumps.

They said they were struggling to get beer delivered.

The Bay horse Hotel only had Sharps Atlantic on, which was undrinkable.

It was only the second one served that day.

I changed it to a half of Caffreys, which wasn't too bad.

The best pub of the day was Doghouse which is described as a craft beer café.

The four beers available were Saltaire Red Dawn, Salamander Snake Hips, Hop Studio Update and Frisky Bear Grizzly Bear.

I had half a pint of each apart from the Saltaire Red Dawn.

They were all in great condition especially the Hop Studio Update, which is a 4.5% Mocha Milk Stout.

The last pub, the Abbey Vaults had Courage Directors Bitter and Wychwood Hobgoblin Ruby.

I had a taste of the Courage Directors, but wasn't keen, so finished with a pint of the Hobgoblin.

There are plenty of pubs in Selby, and it is easy to get to by train.

A good day out.

**Charlie Cavaye**

### **SPBW West Riding Branch Events**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### **Branch Meeting**

Goose Eye Brewery Tap

Unit S  
Castlefields Industrial Estate  
Crossflatts  
Bingley  
BD16 2AF

Meet from 12 noon for a 12:45pm start

Near Crossflatts Railway Station

Both 60 and 662 buses stop nearby

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### **Branch Meeting**

Exchange Craft Beer House  
14 Market Street  
Bradford  
BD1 1LN

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start

#### **Meeting venue to be Confirmed**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **Branch Meeting**

Hooper Micropub  
209 High Street  
Wibsey  
Bradford  
BD6 1JU

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start