

The Newsletter of  
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**THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION**  
**OF BEERS FROM THE WOOD**  
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Welcome to the SPBW West Riding Branch Newsletter for August 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

### **New Members Welcome**

Welcome to SPBW West Riding Branch to the following new members, who all joined at the July meeting at the Starling in Harrogate:

Adam Wilson  
Andy Haddlesey  
Harry Brecken  
Megan Brecken

### **Call's Landing, Leeds**

I was recently intending to visit the Call's Landing in Leeds City Centre which is part of the Stew & Oyster chain of pubs.

Unfortunately, it was apparent that the pub has been damaged by fire.

All I've managed to ascertain at present is that there was a small fire there on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at about 4am, which was started deliberately.

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### **Beer Festival Update**

Thanks to John Hartley for this update on the **Halifax & Calderdale CAMRA Beer Festival**:

The Calderdale Beer and Cider Festival has served beers in the wood for many years but has recently increased the number served.

The 2022 Calderdale Beer and Cider Festival will take place at The Viaduct Theatre, D Mill, Dean Clough, Halifax HX3 5AX from the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive).

We will be serving 14 beers in the wood in larger casks (55 litre American, 11-gallon casks and 9-gallon casks) and 6 beers from pins and half anchors.

In addition, there will be a further 40 beers and at least 12 ciders and perries.

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There is still no further information on the national CAMRA website regarding **Durham Beer Festival**.

Furness CAMRA are asking for volunteers to work at the **Ulverston Beer Festival**, and there is no further information at present.

Norwich Beer Festival, should it go ahead, is likely to have some beers available in wooden casks.

**Sheffield Beer Festival** is pencilled in for the 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Kelham Island Industrial Museum, but no further information available.

There is only limited information on the **Nottingham CAMRA** website regarding their beer festival.

The **Independent Manchester Beer Convention** is SOLD OUT for Friday evening and all-day Saturday.

*Charlie Cavaye*

### Yorkshire Day 1<sup>st</sup> August

The annual SPBW West Riding John Buckle memorial Yorkshire Day crawl will this year take place on Yorkshire Day Monday 1st August.

We will first visit Taylors on the Green in Keighley.

This is their new flagship pub (previously Lord Rodney), that is also planned to open for the first time on Yorkshire Day, with a full range of Timothy Taylors beers.

Onwards to a couple of others in Keighley, possibly to include Red Pig, Boltmakers and Livery Rooms.

Then to Bingley where options are Potting Shed, Myrtle Grove, possibly more.

Onwards to Saltaire for Boathouse, Salt / Hop, Salt Cellar and making way down to Shipley to Groove Pad, Sir Norman Rae and Fox.

Being a Monday, many places are closed but those mentioned here are all open and give us plenty to go at.

There will not be a set timetable for visiting each pub.

You can choose to do as many or as few as you wish.

Plenty of trains run on the route all day so it will be a great day out.

Suggested departure train from Leeds is the 10.56am calling at Shipley 11.10am.

This should get us to the first pub by about 11.30am and it's due to open from 10.00am.

Should you wish to join in later in the day you can phone Graham on 07890208314 to see where we are.

I am sorry for the late notification for this event, but I hope that some of you will be able to come along and join in this popular event.

*Cheers*

*Graham Hewitt.*

### SPBW National Weekend

Rob Shacklock has posted an article on the SPBW Facebook Page:

### National Weekend

East Sussex

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September

The weekend will be based around the Lewes, East Sussex area.

Events planned are:

Friday: Bluebell Railway Beer Festival

Friday, also under consideration:  
360 Degrees Brewery, Sheffield Park  
Heathen Brewery Tap, Haywards Heath  
Hairy Dog Brewers, Wivelsfield

Saturday: Tour of Lewes pubs and a visit to the Beak Brewery and Tap in Lewes.

Sunday: Visit to Eastbourne and a possible visit to the Long Man Brewery.

The Saturday and Sunday excursions may be swapped around.

### **Sam Smith's Swearing Ban**

Thanks to Neil Jameson for bringing this article to my attention:

A Samuel Smith's pub in Worcestershire is to reopen, three years after it was closed suddenly by Sir Humphrey Smith after he heard a customer use a swearword.

The brand-new pub had only been open for seven weeks.

The Fox & Goose in Droitwich was closed in October 2019.

Customers have been warned that the company's strict rules still apply.

Their zero-tolerance policy includes a ban on using mobile 'phones and tablets inside.

Also, no jukeboxes or laptops are allowed.

Children are also banned from entering their pubs unless they are using the toilet.

The pub added that if they do hear any customer swearing, they are given a gentle warning, and if they do it again, they are asked to leave.

### **New Brighton and Liverpool**

We set off on time, or maybe slightly early with a totally full coach with 53 members (or members' friends) on board.

We made good time on the M62 with no traffic delays.

After driving through the Mersey Tunnel and along part of the New Brighton coastline, we arrived about 20 minutes early.

We parked up near the local Wetherspoons pub, which was closed due to an ongoing refurbishment.

Although the Master Mariner is due to reopen in August, it is looking unlikely.

There were 6 pubs in New Brighton close to the coach drop off point and a further 6 further down the coast.

The Bow-Legged Beagle and the Homebrew Tap didn't open until 1pm, so we started off at the James Atherton.

Three Beers available, Ossett White Rat, Brimstage Trappist's Hat and Hawkshead ITI, from which I chose the Brimstage, which was very nice and a good start to the day.

We were informed that there was no real ale in the Harbour pub and a limited choice in the Perch Rock, so we decided to make our way down the main road, Rowson Street, to Stanley's Cask on Rake Lane.

There were 4 beers available from Ossett (2), Robinson's and also Courage Directors. I had the Ossett Butterley Bitter which was very good.

The customers were very friendly and interested to hear about our society,

especially Tony, who had a lot of local beer knowledge and went to University in Leeds and used to live in Headingley.

They were showing the rugby on the television and had a Welsh flag displayed over the bar, a reminder of how close we were to the principality.

A lovely pub with lots of wooden furniture and interesting artefacts.

Given the limited time available, we decided to give the Telegraph Inn a miss and headed straight to the Magazine Hotel which is in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

Beers from Bristol Beer Factory, Spitting Feathers (2), Ossett and Brimstage.

We were informed that the Pilot Boat only had Sharps Atlantic available, so decided to head back towards the coach pick up point to try the 2 pubs due to open at 1pm.

We had a very pleasant walk along the promenade, which was busy with families enjoying the pleasant summer weather.

The Homebrew Tap had a lot of craft keg beers available, but nothing on the blackboard listed under their real ale section.

Not being ready for a keg beer, we moved on to Bow-Legged Beagle.

The pub was very busy, mainly with our members, queuing patiently at the bar.

I never got close enough to the bar to see which beers were available, but I enjoyed my half pint, and it was soon time to leave.

On arrival in Liverpool, we headed to Doctor Duncan's.

This really is a lovely pub with lots of individual small rooms and alcoves.

The former flagship pub of the Cains Brewing Company is now selling beer from Cain's once again, who have been revived in Liverpool.

Beers from Brains and Lancaster Brewery were also available.

We next visited the Ship & Mitre, which was very busy, with quite a few beers running off.

This pub was formed from two previous drinking establishments on this site, the Flagship and the Mitre.

Their own beers are brewed at Stamps Brewery under the name of Flagship Brewery.

Up to 15 beers are available and beers are served in lined glasses.

Just up the road is the Excelsior which was one of the better pubs of the day with the beer in excellent condition.

The pub felt light and airy after the crowded and noisy visit to the Ship & Mitre.

Beers from Timothy Taylor (2) and Liverpool Brewing were available, and I had the Liverpool Brewing Company Cascade, which was excellent.

Next pub was the Vernon which used to be renowned for inexpensive good quality food.

Beers available were Cumbrian Ales Loweswater Gold, Ossett White Rat, Brains Reverend James Original, Beartown Kodiak and Coach House Old Porter.

I chose the Beartown Kodiak, which was comfortably the worst beer I had all day.

On to Thomas Rigby's which is run by Okell's Brewery from the Isle of Mann.

This pub was busy but had a pleasant atmosphere.

Thomas Rigby's shares an outside courtyard with the Lady of Mann, which was our next intended destination.

This is another Okell's pub which had Mobberley Brewhouse Bunji, Purple Moose Elderflower Ale and Okell's Bitter available. Unfortunately, the Bunji was undrinkable, and the Elderflower Ale ran off as it was being poured.

As we didn't fancy the Okell's Bitter, we left and headed for the Lion Tavern.

This is another lovely pub which is Grade II listed and is recognised by CAMRA as having a nationally important historic interior.

We then headed to the Denbigh Castle, which was quite pleasant and a new pub for me.

The final pub on the way back to the coach was the Carnarvon Castle which had a fairly standard beer selection: Theakston's Best Bitter, Wells Bombardier and Courage Directors.

Another really good day out and we had good weather too.

Liverpool is always good for real ale, and we made good use of the four hours we were there.

The coach made good time on the way back again and we arrived back in Leeds slightly ahead of schedule.

Cheers!

Charlie Cavaye

### SPBW West Riding Branch Events

#### Branch Meetings

Meet 12 noon for a 12:15pm start unless otherwise stated

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Black Horse, 2 Westgate, Otley LS21 3AS

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Cross Keys, 3 Whitegate, Siddal, Halifax HX3 9AE

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Junction, Carlton Street, Castleford WF10 1EE

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Branch Meeting and **Annual General Meeting**  
Guiseley Factory Workers Club, 6 Town Street, Guiseley LS20 9DT

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
**Possibly** Salamander Brewery, 22 Harry Street, Dudley Hill, Tong, Bradford BD4 9PH

Coach Trips  
Meet 10:00am at bottom of Kirkgate, Leeds unless otherwise stated

Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stamford & Retford

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Whitby

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Grasshopper, Hillside, Southport & Ormskirk

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
**To be confirmed**  
New Inn at Cropton Beer Festival & Selby