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Hello and welcome to Issue 97.

"The move to 3.4% has become common amongst brewers and it's a shame to see beers reduced to this strength instead of new beers being made to take in this alcohol range."

Is how I started the last issue, then I went out delivering magazines and first call was the Black Rock in Wakefield where I had my usual Tetley's and it was the best pint of Tetley's I'd had in a long long time.

A few days later I was at Brewers 1841 in Ossett drinking an Ossett Butterley and thinking what a fantastic beer it was.

So I would like to say that I do indeed want 3.4% Bitter it seems! I take it all back!



In August I volunteered for the tenth time at the Great British Beer Festival and sadly it might be the last. This years event at the NEC Birmingham wasn't as well attended as hoped losing a significant amount of money. If it is to be the last one then my huge thanks to Ben, Robyn, Wok, Adam, Adrian, Alan, Andi, Brian, Bruce, Caz, Chris, Christopher, Dec, Gordon, Ieuen, Jen, Joe x 2, Kelly, Martin, Mike, Pete, Sandra, Tim and remembering Bernard, Dave and Ray all who I had the pleasure of volunteering with on Ben's Bar. Apologies to anyone I missed! I had the best of times.

Let's hope this isn't the end and CAMRA can work out how to run another national festival in a future year.

Congratulations to all our entries in the new edition of the Good Beer Guide, it's not easy to get in! On pages 6 and 7 you can see the 21 pubs in our area that made the cut.

Don't forget that if you are a CAMRA member you can influence the entries by visiting the CAMRA website and score the beers you drink.

BRANCH DIARY

Sat 1st Nov - Trip to Nottingham

Thu Nov 6th - Branch Social Meeting Black Rock

Our branch meetings are great way for an evening out, it isn't all formal and our committee meetings are open for all to attend.

We regularly go out and about having being to both the national CAMRA pub and clubs of the year and supported Chin Chin Brewery by visiting pubs like North Riding in Scarborough and Three B's in Bridlington that stock David's beers.

Some meetings are provisional, you can keep up to date on all events by following us on Twitter and Facebook or visiting our website wakefield.camra.org.uk/branch-diary

*Branch Meetings are Thursday 7.30pm unless stated
Committee Meeting are Tuesday 7.30pm unless stated*

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Ackworth Report From David Oates

There are 5 pubs that currently serve Cask Real Ale through hand pumps in Ackworth. The Angel, Boot and Shoe, Brown Cow, Masons Arms and the Rustic Arms. All of these, other than the Masons, also serve food. The Masons is hoping to start with food in the not too distant future.

The quite recently closed Electric Theatre in Brackenhill is being renovated and refurbished by Brett Stenton, off the Counting House fame in Pontefract, and will soon become the Prohibition 1915 Bar and Grill. Jabs, the appointed manager, is hoping the new venture will open towards the end of October. We at CAMRA wish them well and hope the Bar and Grill will add to the Ackworth Real Ale Scene.



Leah Taylor, the Bar and Entertainments Manager at the recently extended and refurbished Cricket Club reported back to me that the 4th Annual Ackworth Beer Festival that took place over the last weekend in September was very successful. It was 'steady on Friday night, busy all day Saturday and even

busier on Sunday'. There were 6 different Cask Ales on all the time over the 3 days. There were 2 different Casks from each of 3 different breweries: Ashover Brew Company, Clay Cross, Derbyshire; Imperial Brewing Company, Mexborough, South Yorkshire; and the White Rose Brewery, also from Mexborough.

News since the Summer O to K Edition:

Angel: Brett Stenton has taken over the lease. Local resident Becky, who worked in the Angel under previous long-time leaseholders, Julie and Dean, is the new bar manager. The very good news for the pub regulars, and other Ackworth and Wakefield District Real Ale drinkers, is that they have continued to have consistently very good quality Black Sheep Bitter available. The second handpump has served Black Sheep Blonde in recent weeks. The Blonde was good on my most recent visit. Becky says they intend to continue with a guest from different Yorkshire breweries changing on a two weekly basis. A new food menu has been introduced. A new decking area is now completed at the front and further improvements are to take place to the adjacent beer garden.



Boot and Shoe: Ossett White Rat continues to be the regular Real Ale available. There is usually a second Real Ale available. On my most recent visit it was Timothy Taylor's Landlord. The Christmas Pizza Menu runs from the 1st to the 24th December.

Brown Cow: Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker and Ossett Blonde are the 2 permanent Real Ales on the hand pump. A new food menu was launched in mid September.

Masons Arms: Congratulations to Neil and Bev, and all the team, on their re-entry in to the CAMRA National Good Beer Guide, that is covered in more detail elsewhere in this edition.



The popular Bradfield Blonde (4.0%) and Farmers Bitter (4.0%) are the 2 permanent Real Ales. Neil is currently continuing with a third 'seasonal' Bradfield beer on the other hand pump. Currently, it is Jack o' Lantern, a 4.2% bitter. The locals are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the festive season Belgian Blue. Live entertainment on Saturdays from 9:00pm and Sundays from 4:00pm have now again become well established and are proving to be very popular.

Rustic Arms: A weekly rotating guest Real Ale, regionally or nationally sourced, is usually available. Recent real ales have included Black Sheep Bitter, Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Wadsworth Horizon (4%). A Halloween quiz will take place on Friday 31st October, 8:30pm. A new Christmas Menu will start in late November.

Harry's Bar - Summer Pub Of The Season

We presented our latest award to this award winning one room traditional Real Ale pub, down an alleyway just off Westgate in the Centre of Wakefield.



Kieran and Shellie, who recently took over running of Harry's Bar were presented with the certificate by Mark Goodair, Wakefield and District CAMRA Chair.

The real fire, in the bare brick and wooden pub interior, adds to the warm, cosy welcome and will be most appreciated in the coming colder autumn and winter days and nights. Harry's bar is a long time, established entrant in the CAMRA National Good Beer Guide.

The Pub of the Season is a quarterly award, in line with the four seasons, voted for by Wakefield and District CAMRA Branch Members. A short list of the four top pubs is drawn up from the branch members nominations. All 600 plus branch members are then entitled and invited to vote on these four pubs, with the winner being crowned the Pub Of The Season. These all have consistently high quality Real Ale and a good and welcoming atmosphere for its regulars and visitors alike. The winners of the award are often nominated, and short listed, by branch members for the overall annual Pub Of the Year Award.

Harry's Bar was awarded the Pub Of The Year in 2017. The four Pubs Of The Season each year are automatic nominations for the National Good Beer Guide. The 2026 Good Beer Guide will be available online through the CAMRA website or in bookshops from the end of September 2025.

Scott Nightingale, Wakefield and District CAMRA Pubs Officer, spoke on behalf of all its members at the presentation evening in saying, 'Congratulations to Kieran and Shellie, and all the staff on continuing to keep Harry's Bar a great pub'

David Oates

The Brewers 1841

Having read the pub guide in Spring's O to K issue 95 and having read a review of the pub in this year's Good Beer Guide I wanted to provide an up to date review of The Brewers 1841 (as was the old Brewers Pride).

Now managed by Dom, the name changed following the completion of the refurbishment in late 2024. Since moving into Ossett from Bradford this was the stand out pub for me and became my regular. I was a bit nervous to see how the refurbishment would transpire and whether the pub would lose its character, however I was very pleased with the outcome which kept many aspects of the old pub, including the plaque to sadly missed regular Malcolm Poole.

As you'd expect, a wide range of the Ossett brewery ales are available alongside guest ales from Phoenix, Horbury and Rudgate at time of writing, real cider is also available (Lilleys Tropical at time of writing) and CAMRA members receive a 10% discount on real ale (unsure on the cider as I don't drink it).



In addition the pub is dog friendly and most importantly now has disabled access via a ramped entrance at the rear of the pub. Whilst toilets were moved upstairs as part of the refurbishment, there is an accessible toilet on the ground floor which is accessed via a RADAR key kept behind the bar.

The pub is also now a pizzeria and there's a wide selection of pizzas available along with other snacks.

There's a good quiz night every Monday, regular open mic nights and bands.

If you've not been I would recommend a visit.

Paul Nilen

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**Congratulations to Sally and staff.
Presentation is the 8th November at 4pm**

THE GOOD BEE



Bier Huis, Ossett



Black Rock, Wakefield



Boons, Horbury



Bradley Arms, North Fetherstone



Brewers 1841, Ossett



Calder Vale, Horbury



Cricketers, Horbury



George V, Glasshoughton



Harry's Bar, Wakefield



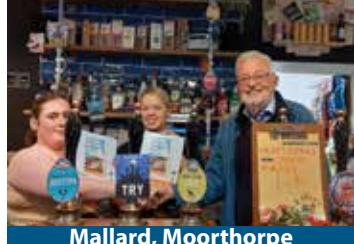
Inns Of Court, Wakefield



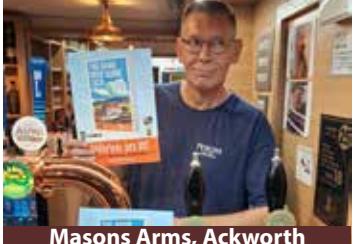
Junction, Castleford



Luis Bar, Wakefield



Mallard, Moorthorpe



Masons Arms, Ackworth



New Wheel, Wrenthorpe

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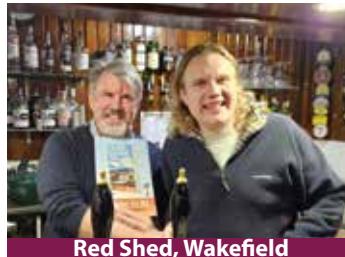
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Old Printworks, Wakefield



Prop'Ur Baa, Ossett



Red Shed, Wakefield



Robin Hood, Pontefract



Star, Sandal

CAMRA Good Beer Guide is a 'testament to the remarkable resilience of publicans' amid drop in brewery numbers and sky-high tax burden

CAMRA has published the 2026 Good Beer Guide along with a clear message to the Chancellor: it's a make-or-break moment for the future of independent brewers and consumer choice.

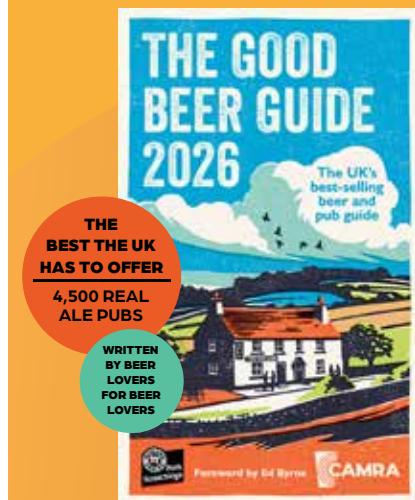
The Guide is the definitive guidebook to pubs that serve great cask beer across the UK, and uses an independent, volunteer-led selection process that makes it the authoritative and trusted voice of cask beer drinkers.

Ash Corbett-Collins, CAMRA Chairman, said:

"This really is a make-or-break Budget for the Chancellor. It's time for the Government to decide if they're pro pubs and independent brewers, or if they are going to reign over the demise of the Great British Pub. Consumers want decisive action to get independent beers onto bars and allow pubs to thrive.

"Each edition of the Good Beer Guide is a collectible snapshot of beer and pub culture that year. This year's Guide is a testament to the remarkable resilience of publicans, continuing to achieve excellence and choice for consumers despite a backdrop of sky-high tax bills and a lack of action from Government. The Chancellor needs to use the upcoming Budget to slash the tax burden on pubs, including VAT, duty and National Insurance contributions."

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A Good Meal And A Decent Pint - The Ninth, Castleford

A visit to the Ninth in Castleford was long overdue; in fact it may well have been the ninth time that I had said that we really must get there to sample the food. So I finally made it, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Chief Inspector Locale And Pubs Officer, Scott and Toni to you and me.



Did you know that the Ninth is named after the Roman Legion linked with Castleford, formerly Lagentium? Neither did I until I took the trouble to find out.



The Ninth is easy to find, located on Sagar Street just off the pedestrianised main street. It's a welcome addition to the Castleford ale scene. Several real ale outlets are needed to make a town an ale destination and that's what Castleford now has.

I am happy to describe the place a "quirky" since they themselves describe the Ninth as "quirky and cool". They have a varied selection of craft keg on offer but there are also 2 handpulls which at the time of our visit had Black Sheep and a collab between Abbeydale and

Loch Lomond called "Live, Laugh, Loch Lomond". The Black Sheep was more to our taste on this occasion. The cask selection does mix new brews and old favourites.

Sunday roasts are a bit of a speciality here. The main menu has a most impressive range of small plates at 3 for £20. These would make a good starter, a light meal or a sharing feast for 2 or more. Burgers (£15) and sharers (eg Ploughman's for 2) complete the selection.

It was a Thursday evening so the midweek deal was on offer and there were already quite a few in. On Wednesdays and Thursdays for £17 you can have a drink and a choice of three tempting main courses. The dishes do vary from week to week but on this occasion there was steak and Black Heart Stout pie, a Thai green chicken curry board with Thai vegetable cakes and garlic naan or Parmesan Crusted Cod. I selected the pie, Toni selected the Thai board and Scott preferred a choice from the burger menu. All three meals were first rate and I must say that the Thai board looked really special when it came. It certainly did not disappoint. With a drink thrown in, these quality midweek specials are very good value for money.



It's advisable to book for a meal, which is good to know. At the time of writing, Christmas and New Year are filling up quickly.

The Ninth, 27 Sagar Street, Castleford, WF10 4AG; 01977 367033; menus and information at ninthbarcastleford.co.uk.

Closed Mon and Tues; Weds-Thurs 1600-2100; Fri 1600-2300; Sat 1200-2300; Sun 1130-1930.

Colin Williams

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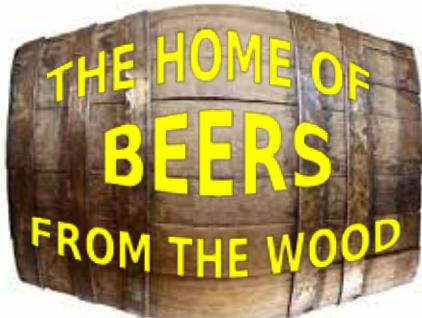


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Pub Index - Ackworth to Horbury Bridge

Ackworth

Angel Inn	A F
Boot & Shoe	L D F
Brown Cow	L A F
Mason's Arms	L D
Rustic Arms	D F

Altofts

Poplar Inn	
Alverthorpe	

Alverthorpe W.M.C.	L A F
New Albion	L C D

Calder Grove

British Oak Inn	D A F
Navigation	D F

Carr Gate

Malt Shovel Inn	L F
Castleford	

Albion Street WMC & Institute	
Flarepath Club	L D A
Glass Blower	M A F
Junction	L D
Ninth Bar & Kitchen	L F
Roundhill WM Recreation Club	A
Wheldale Hotel	
White Lion Hotel	L D
Yorkshire Craft Beers	I

Crigglestone

Crigglestone Allblacks ARLFC	D A
Crigglestone WMC	
Station Pub	L D A F

Crofton

Crofton (Wakefield) WMC	A
Darrington	

Darrington Hotel	F
Spread at Darrington	F

Durkar

New Inn	A F
Red Kite	M D A F
Swan & Cygnet	A F

Featherstone

Featherstone Hotel	A F
Fitzwilliam	
Catchpenny	D F
Gawthorpe	
Boot & Shoe	L D A F
Hammer & Stithy	A
Shoulder of Mutton	D A

Glasshoughton

Birchwood Farm	M A F
George V WMC	L D A
Houghton	L C D
Royal Oak	
Winter Seam	M A F

Heath

Kings Arms	L D A F
Hemsworth	

Blue Bell	M A F
Hilltop Brewery Tap	L C D

Horbury

Boons Horbury	C
Cherry Tree Inn	L D F
Cricketers Arms	M C D
Ego@The Bull's Head	L F
Horbury WMC	
Kings Arms	F
Malt House	A F
Old Halfway House & Stables Restaurant	M D F
Shepherds Arms	A F
øl Horbury	D F

Horbury Bridge

Bingley	L F
Horse & Jockey Inn	L

Key

- A - Disabled Access
- D - Dog Friendly
- F - Food Available
- I - Indie/Craft Beer Shop/Bar
- L - Locale
- C - Real Cider Available
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Pub Index - Horbury Junction to Sandal

Horbury Junction	
Calder Vale Hotel	L C D A F
Kirkhamgate	
Star Inn	C A F
Knottingley	
Foundry Lane Club & Institute	A
Knottingley Club	
Knottingley RUFC	
Steampacket Inn	D A F
Stoelzle & Rockware Sports & Social Club	A
Turnpike	A
Lofthouse Gate	
Sun Inn	A F
Lupset	
Lupset	A F
Whinney Moor Sports Bar	
Middlestown	
Little Bull	L D
Middlestown WMC	
Midgley	
Black Bull	A F
Moorthorpe	
Mallard	L D
Netherton	
Netherton Sports & Social Club	
Star Inn	
Newmillerdam	
Dam Inn	L A F
Fox & Hounds	D A F
Pledwick	L F
Normanton	
Craft Booze Co	I
Hark to Mopsey	L F
Normanton & Altofts Comrades Athletic Club	D A
Normanton Conservative Club	
St Johns Terrace WMC	
North Featherstone	
Bradley Arms	L D A

Ossett	
Bier Huis	M C D I
Brewers 1841 Tap House & Pizzeria	L D F
George	L D A
Holiday Inn	D A
Horse & Jockey Inn	
Kelly's Sports Bar	L D A
Mews Hotel	
Ossett Cricket & Sports Club	L A
Prop'ur Baa	L D
Red Lion Inn	L
Tap	L D A
Thorn Tree Inn	L D F
Vic	L C D A F
Weavers Arms	C D A F
Outwood	
Kirklands Hotel	L D A F
St Leger	
Victoria	D A F
Woodman	D F
Overton	
Black Swan Inn	L D A
Pontefract	
Broken Bridge	L M A F
Carleton	L M A F
Carleton Grange Club	A
Hope & Anchor Inn	D A
House Of Ales	I
Kings Croft Hotel	F
Ladybalk Recreation & Social Club	A
Old Grocers	L C D
Robin Hood	L D
Sandal	
Castle Inn	A F
Sandal RUFC	A
Star	L D A F
Walnut Tree	A F

Pub Index - Charlton to Wrenthorpe

Charlton

White Horse Inn	L D A F
South Elmsall	
Brookside Commercial & Social Club	A
Oak	A
United Services Club	L A

Stanley

Graziers Inn	D A
Stanley Rodillians RUFC	A
Wheatsheaf	

Thorpe Audlin

Fox & Hounds	A F
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Wakefield

Ale House	
Belle Vue Conservative Club Ltd	A
Black Horse Pub & Dining	F
Black Rock	
Bridge Inn	A F
Calder & Hops	A F
Calder Island in Wakefield	A F
College	A F
Damelio	F
Elephant & Castle	L C D A
Exchange Tap	L D A
Harry's Bar	L M C D A
Hogarth's	A
Holmfield Arms Pub & Grill	M D A F
Hop	L C D A
Inns of Court Hotel	D A
Luis Bar + Fernandes	L C D
Old Printworks	L D
Priory	L D
Queens Arms	F
Redoubt	D
Six Chimneys	M A
Talbot & Falcon	
Wakefield Labour Club	L D A
Wharf	L D A

Walton

New Inn	L D A F
Wentbridge	
Blue Bell Inn	A F
Wentbridge House Hotel	

Whitwood

Lost Cause	A
Prince William	A F

Wintersett

Anglers Retreat	L D A
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Wrenthorpe

New Pot 'Oil	
New Wheel Inn	L D A
Rhubarb Triangle	A F
Wrenthorpe Sports & Social Club	L A

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Paul Windmill



We are saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Windmill, the popular landlord of the Bradley Arms, North Featherstone. Under Paul the pub had become a superb real ale pub winning multiple awards from us.

Previously to that he had been at Revolutions Brewery featuring on a front page of this magazine.

We send our condolences to Alison and family and the friends who knew him.

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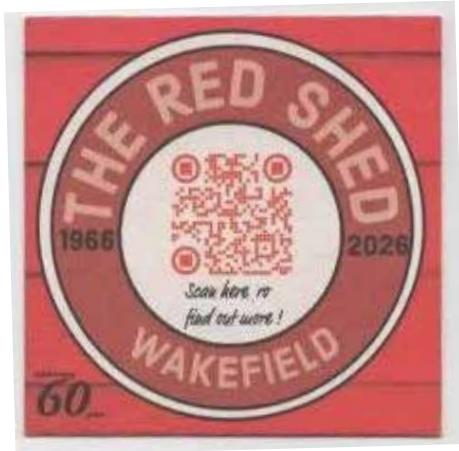
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The mat featured this time is not a brewery one but one celebrating the 60th Anniversary of an iconic Wakefield landmark.



The Wakefield Labour Club (affectionately known as "The Red Shed" has become a "Must Go To" destination

for Real Ale Lovers for many years, winning many CAMRA awards including Club of the Year on many occasions. It is also an Asset of Community Value establishment as it hosts many different types of events, meetings and groups.

Over the years it has seen many changes to its interior culminating in the new toilets, cellar, entrance and full disabled access.

There are always 4/5 ever changing Real Ales on offer from breweries both local and national as well as the usual range of foreign beers, spirits, and soft drinks. The weekly quiz is well attended as are the regular live entertainment nights.

It is a credit to the present Committee who work tirelessly to give the citizens of Wakefield and beyond something to be proud of and to enjoy.

I have had many happy visits to the "Shed" over many years but due to my advanced age I do not get there as much as I would like but would like to wish the Committee all the best for the future,

Cheers, Albert.

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National
FINALIST (TOP 4)

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WE'RE IN IT

Beer Online 6 - The Last Days Of Porter

In this issue we go back to 1973 and the BBC Archive on You Tube for a news report from Northern Ireland that is less news and more poetry.

For reporter Larry McCoubrey delivers a poetic send-off for Porter which had been stopped being brewed during that year.



In describing Porter he says how it is drawn from two barrels, "a high one first, to give it a bit of life, a good glass of gushing good cheer that settles slowly towards the bottom of the glass into a thick contented cream. It takes several minutes for that cream to substantiate towards the bottom of the glass when it's ready for the muscle and sinew, the real body of the drink itself and that comes from the other barrel and if it's all drawn

properly the way it should be done the cream is borne majestically above to form a clerical collar that proves the goodness in its heart and the true porter drinker would look upon such a glass with great reverence indeed"



He goes deep! But it is amazing to see how the beer is served from the two barrels, in these days when old styles are revived I wonder if any brewer would dare to try and recreate this.



It's a wonderful piece of history, of a completely different type of beer to what we drink today and well worth watching.

Just search for "the last days of porter" on You Tube and it's on the BBC Archive page.

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Wakefield CAMRA Days Out - Codsall and Burton September 20th

Codsall

After a two and half hour coach journey our first stop was to the Camra Club of the Year, The Firs in Codsall. Our branch received a warm welcome from Anna and her staff, five changing beers, Bushwacker from Wye Valley was my 1st choice and an excellent beer, refreshing to see they had homemade Scotch eggs on and some excellent sandwiches (cobs as they are known here) made on site, corned beef and onion and a cheese with black pudding followed by a Bunting's Blonde (Uttoxeter) also on fine form. A few Local CAMRA branch members met up with us and showed us round.



Next stop Codstall Station a converted waiting room run by Holden's, a really busy pub but a meeting point for Wolves fans who were playing Leeds at home on this day, time for some of us to keep quiet! Holden's Black Country Bitter for me with another 2 on offer from same brewery and a couple of guests.



Next Love & Liquor, a converted shop in the middle of Codsall with five wickets on here. I had to try my favourite beer here ,Titanic Plum Porter! It didn't disappoint. Ali the owner was very welcoming and it was great atmosphere in the bar.



Ali (Love & Liquor)



Back on the coach to our next stop.

Burton-Upon-Trent



Burton Brewery "Reservoir" 4.6% another excellent ale in a lovely pub.



Having done a quick toilet stop our next pub was The Burton Bridge Inn, seven beers on here also some ciders, I tried the Burton Bridge Brewery Classic Bitter a lovely drop and also the new Boddington's which is having a resurgence with JW Lees, still not to my taste however. Great pub, devoured a bag of BJ Pork Scratches before our next call.

Beeropolis – micropub renamed in 2021 two cask beers on and plenty of keg , I tried the 5% Vanilla infused Porter "Wot The Duck" from Dancing Duck Brewery , so smooth and tasty. Busy little bar.

Devonshire Arms- Four changing beers on here, very busy pub, Arbor Light 3.6% from Whim Ales and a tasty session ale.

Last Heretic – smart micropub with 5 changing beers on here, made very welcome by Pete the owner with another Dancing Duck beer for me the 4.5% Dark Drake, another winner for me . Also sampled the insanely hot pickled onions – not for the faint hearted and the slightly milder pickled eggs., I think Carolina reaper peppers spring to mind. Cracking pub.



Our final stop was the Roebuck Inn – friendly corner pub with Draught Bass on although I tried a Gates

Shame I missed Coopers Tavern (sadly closed), Elms Inn and Weighbridge Inn so another trip I will make. Burton never disappoints.



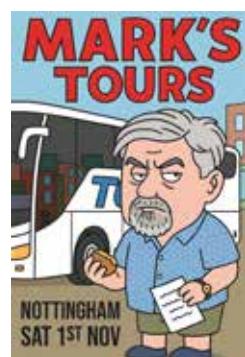
(Whist Russ ended at the Roebuck some of us made it to Outwoods Brewery under the bridge near to Roebuck, a fantastic new micro brewery. And I drank Bass wherever possible! Mark Editor)

Overall a fantastic day trip and looking forward to many more social days out.

The next trip is November 1st with a coach trip to Nottingham.

Next year we have more trips planned, please see our website for more information.

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Brewery News

Lost Cause, Castleford

The search for new premises continues and hopefully during the run of this magazine there will be some positive news. Good luck.

New beers have included the first DIPA (Night of the Big Wind 8%) released at the end of August. Mango, guava, sweet orange, berry candy, pineapple and lychee come tearing through, then ease off into soft herbal tea, pine, with a long orange-oil finish.



There are three more beers coming out in during September. A re-brew of Lorra, at 3.8% in cask, Psychic House Hunters is a 6% hazy IPA, plus Equals Pequals (5% hazy) and a new version of Stone Cold (5%) which is a Mango Mojito version.

Lost Cause Named Best New Brewery

Congratulations to Vik and Colin for being awarded Best New Brewery 2025 at the Brewers Choice Awards, organised by The Brewers Journal.



The awards ceremony was held in London with 400 guests from beer, brewing and hospitality sectors in attendance aiming to celebrate, toast and recognise the very best in beer and brewing.

Ossett Brewery

There are several new additions to the Rat range of canned beers.



These are Smog Rat, cloudy 8.4% Double NEIPA is packed to the brim with Amarillo and Nelson Sauvin hops, mixed with oats, to give a thick, creamy texture that's bursting with intense citrus fruit top notes.

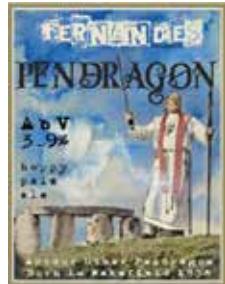
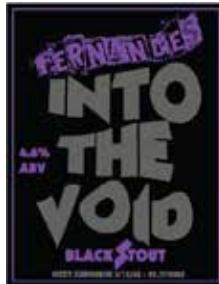
Punch Rat, a 6.7% Piña Colada NEIPA and Hazy Rat a 4.3% Session IPA.



Ossett have teamed up with masked metal band PRESIDENT to release a new beer in support of their first EP King Of Terrors.

The beer called King Of Terrors is a 7.2% Hoppy & Juicy NEIPA. The first run sold out requiring the beer to be brewed again. The beer is available in cans from the Ossett website.

Fernandes, Wakefield



Recent new beers have included:

Into The Void 4.6% 5 malt black beer brewed with Fuggles & Centennial hops.

Starless 4.6% Maple & vanilla 5 malt black beer brewed with Fuggles & Centennial hops.

Pendragon 3.9% Pale & hoppy bitter brewed with Cascade & Lemondrop hops.

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Tigertops, Wakefield

The SPBW (The Society for The Preservation of Beers from the Wood) came to Wakefield in October to present Barry with the certificate for winning Beer Of The Festival at their Woodfest beer festival.



In a packed Harry's Bar the SPBW's Angela Aspin presented the award to Barry for Edwardian Porter, a fine example of the style at 5.5%.

The beer was available in wood at the presentation. Next years Woodfest VI will be held Thursday 14th May to Saturday 16th May at the Magical Museum in Brentford, London.



An addition Barry also received an award on behalf of the Worshipful Company Of Coopers of a handmade, coopered, engraved tankard from the Coopers Company presented by former Master Leigh Johnson.

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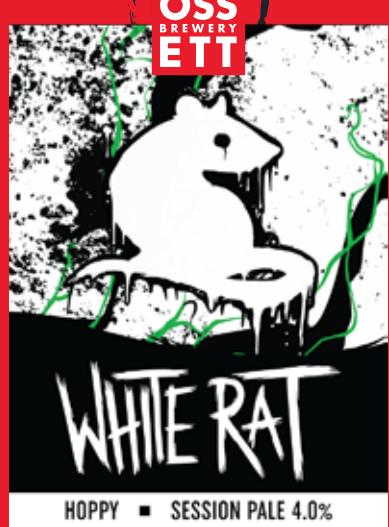
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