

WEST BERKSHIRE CAMRA

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BRANCH MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2022 (7.30pm)

COW & CASK, NEWBURY

Attendees: Andy Pinkard (Chair), Mike Avery, Paul Worsley, Tim Thomas, Richard Lock, Richard Marshall, Chris Marriage, Chris Reynolds, Tommy Webb

Apologies: Andy Pavey, Tony Girling, Jeremy Harding, Shaun Yeo

Item	Topic	Action By:	Status:
01.01	BRANCH MEMOS AND MAILOUTS All members are able to view Branch Memos and Mailouts in the volunteer section of the national CAMRA website. Committee members are asked to review content of mailouts relevant to their post and give an update at the meeting on how they are addressing them. <u>Mailouts since last meeting include:</u> 2022-02-18 Pub viability and property guardians 2022-02-18 Pint glasses available from the warehouse 2022-02-18 IDE Review – reminder of consultation sessions for branch/festival officers and survey form 2022-02-11 United Kingdom of Beer advertising resources 2022-02-11 Copyright infringement 2022-02-04 CAMRA central office update 2022-02-04 Working Group on Import and Export of Beer and Cider 2022-01-28 Online interactivity at 2022 Conference 2022-01-28 Summer of Pub 2022 – Start planning branch activities 2022-01-25 Covid-19 Working Group Update		Info, unless otherwise specified

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01.02	<p>ULLAGE MAGAZINE Deadline for Summer Issue – 5 May 2022. The Spring (online only) issue will include features on West Berkshire Brewery Timeline, Beer in Malta & Gozo with Quinno, New Zealand Beer Collective, PubCos (part 2), Roy Bailey (CAMRA Golden Award winner).</p> <p>Editorial: Please send any news to Tim Thomas.</p> <p>Advertising: Paul Worsley is the Ullage Advertising Manager. He can be contacted at pr@westberkscamra.org.uk In preparation for a return to printed copies of Ullage, advertising costs will be decided and rate cards will be produced.</p> <p>Pub Profiles <u>Summer:</u> Bunk Inn, Curridge – Richard Marshall and Chris Marriage <u>Autumn:</u> Any offers? – see below For future consideration: Queens Arms, East Garston ; Royal Oak, Yattendon; Dundas Arms, Kintbury</p>	Paul W Tim T Richard L	Info Ongoing

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01.03	<p>CAMPAIGNING TOPICS</p> <p><u>Good Beer Guide 2023</u> At the meeting we selected our shortlist of pubs to be surveyed prior to our final selection meeting in March. Email to be sent to committee, meeting attendees and active members asking for surveys for the 3 pubs that need further scores. <u>Timeline:</u> 18th April 2022 - Branches to sign off all entries to Area Organiser / Regional Director. 3rd May 2022 - Area Organiser / Regional Director to sign off entries to GBG.</p> <p><u>Branch Pub, Cider & Perry Pub and Club of the Year 2022</u> We have selected our pubs and club. RD to be notified of our choices. Winners to be notified The certificates ordered from HQ. We now need to arrange the presentation evenings. <u>Timeline</u> 20 March - Branch notification to Regional Director 31 July - Regional Winners to the National PotY Coordinator via RD 30 September - Super Regional Winners to National PotY Coordinator November - Announcement of National Winner</p> <p><u>CAMRA 50th Anniversary Awards</u> Two people from the Central Southern Region are listed in the Golden Award, People Category. They are: Roy Bailey (West Berkshire Branch) and Paul Hexter (White Horse Branch). Roy will be presented with his certificate by the branch at the Catherine Wheel, Newbury on Wednesday 23 February. 7pm start, presentation at 8pm</p> <p><u>Regional & National Matters</u> No update</p>	Mike Mike A Andy P Mike A	Done Done Ongoing Done

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01.04	BRANCH DIARY DATES		
	<p>Dates and venues listed below are those planned at the meeting so may be subject to change. Please ensure that you check our Branch Website, Facebook page and Twitter feeds for the latest info on events.</p> <p><u>Diary Dates:</u></p> <p>Mon 21 Feb. Branch Meeting and GBG Selection Meeting at the Cow & Cask, Newbury. (7.30pm). Wed 23 Feb. CAMRA 50 Years People Award Presentation to Roy Bailey at Catherine Wheel, Newbury. 7pm start for 8pm presentation. Thu 10 Mar. Lunchtime Social at the Catherine Wheel, Newbury. (12.30). Wed 16 Mar. Branch Meeting and final GBG Selection Meeting at the Lamb, Newbury. (7.30pm). Fri 25 Mar. Social in Newbury. Details TBC Thu 14 Apr. Lunchtime Social at the Cow & Cask, Newbury. (12.30). Wed 11 May. Branch Meeting at Bowlers Arms, Newbury. (7.30) TBC May. Ale Trail - Thatcham/Upper Bucklebury to Yattendon (West Berkshire Brewery Taproom). Date and Details TBC.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to consider disabled access when arranging meetings / events. 2. Nominated person should contact the venue a week prior to meeting / social to confirm the booking. 		

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01.05	COMMITTEE REPORTS		
	<p><u>Social Secretary</u> Please contact Andy Pavey social@ewstberkscamra.org.uk if you have any suggestions for a social event. Andy has suggested some socials for later in the year including: 25 March: Evening social in Newbury April: Eastbourne Members Weekend for anyone attending May: Ale Trail - Thatcham/Upper Bucklebury to Yattendon (West Berkshire Brewery Taproom) June/July: Ale Trail - location TBC September: Newbury Real Ale Festival</p>		
	<p><u>Treasurer</u> We currently have £973.39 in our Lloyds Account. We are still owed £45 for an Ullage advert .I phoned their accounts department earlier this week and left a message. I will try again next week.</p>		
	<p><u>Membership Secretary</u> We have 323 members in our branch.</p>		Info
	<p><u>Pubs Officer</u> Farewell party at The Butt, Aldermaston on 19th March, Punch still seeking Management Partner. Prince of Wales Kintbury conversion to housing approved. Freeholds of Swan Inkpen and Three Horseshoes Brimpton still showing as under offer. Document House closed in November but is about to reopen as XOXO Sports Bar. The Mill, Thatcham has reopened, Admiral still advertising for a Tennant and advising refurb planned.</p>		

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	<p>The Rowbarge has announced a Summer Ale Festival 20-21 August. The former Blackbird at Bagnor has lost it's Michelin Star. In North Hampshire, the licensees at the George and Dragon in Hurstbourne Tarrant are leaving to open an English Tapas Bar at the former Arigato on The Bridge in Newbury. The pub being taken on by the licensees that are leaving The Pheasant at Highclere.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> See WhatPub, Branch website and our social media posts for the latest pub news.</p>		
	<p><u>Pubs Database Co-ordinator & NBBS Co-ordinator</u> Members are encouraged to score cask beers as these will all count towards the scores used for GBG selection. Scoring is available to all CAMRA Members through "WhatPub"</p>		
	<p><u>Press & Publicity Officer</u> Paul Worsley can be contacted at pr@westberkscamra.org.uk Roy Bailey Press Release about his Golden Award was sent to a number of publications with no response, did however get some nice comments on CAMRA Discourse. Press Release mentions pictures from the night being added to the article on our website. It would be great if this could be done immediately so I can send an update the next day</p> <p>Paul will liaise with local media regarding the upcoming branch presentation to Roy Bailey.</p>		
	<p><u>Webmaster</u> Our Branch Website hosting is sponsored by Mornington Software. At our January meeting Tony kindly agreed to renew sponsorship for a further year.</p> <p>Our Branch website address is: www.westberkscamra.org.uk</p> <p>The beer scores table is active again on the website available to the core scorers. This will help people target the pubs that are having the fewest scores.</p> <p>I have removed the 'catch-all' email account due to excessive spam email. The purpose for the account was that I receive any emails that are incorrectly addressed and then I can forward them onto the relevant person. After several years now I have never received an incorrectly addressed email but getting hundreds of spam emails a month.</p>		
	<p><u>Cider Liaison Officer Report</u> Shaun Yeo is the Branch Cider Representative and can be reached at cider@westberkscamra.org.uk</p>		

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01.06	<p>AOB</p> <p>Paul Worsley suggested that we produce an A7 card to be displayed in pubs. On one side there would be note saying "Please score our beers" and a QR code which would direct the reader to What pub. On the other side there would be a message and QR code directing the reader to our branch website and on line Ullage.</p> <p>Richard Marshall has volunteered to host an informal taste training event for the branch.</p> <p><u>Social Media stats</u></p> <p>Facebook:</p>		

	<p>@WBCAMRA 468 (463) like / 559 (552) follow</p> <p>Twitter (followers): @WBCAMRA 1929 (1927) @WBCAMRAcider 118 (116) @UllageBeer 3164 (3160) @BerkshirePubs 1201 (1203) @NewburyBeer 525 (519)</p>		
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