

WEST BERKSHIRE CAMRA

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BRANCH MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 5 JANUARY (7.30pm)

HIGH HORSE, NEWBURY

Attendees: Richard Marshall (Chair), Mike Avery (Sec), Jeremy Harding, Tommy Webb, Pat Kyle, Andy Pavey, Tim Thomas, Trevor Coles

Apologies: Richard Lock

Item	Topic	Action By:	Status:
1	CAMPAIGNING TOPICS		
	<u>Good Beer Guide</u> We reviewed beer scores received to date and selected 8 pubs that will need further surveys between now and our February meeting. <u>Timeline</u> 2 March 2026 - Deadline for branches for all entries to be completed and uploaded to the GBG National Online Submissions System from WhatPub. 16 March 2026 - Deadline for Area Organisers / Regional Directors to have all entries signed off to GBG.		
	<u>POTY / CPOTY / COTY 2026</u> We will select a short list of pubs to be considered for Pub of the Year at our February meeting. A communication will then be sent to branch members via the comms tool asking them to rank the pubs. <u>Timeline</u> Branches to notify Regional Director or Competition Coordinator of their winning Pub, Cider Pub and Club by Sunday 15 March 2026 .		
	<u>Pubs & Pints</u> It is planned that the first edition of the upcoming quarterly Berkshire wide CAMRA Magazine, to be called 'Pubs & Pints', will be available in spring 2026. The editor is Zoe Andrews who has been editor of 'Mine's a Pint'. The deadline for copy for the first issue is 25th January 2026 . We have agreed the number of copies for our branch area. This can be amended based on experience with the first issue. Pick up and distribution details are being arranged.		

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	<p><u>Regional & National</u></p> <p>An election for South Central Regional Director is underway. Details are contained in the Mailout which was sent to all members via the Coms Tool.</p> <p>Peter Bridle, South West Regional Director, is covering our region until we can fill the South Central RD role.</p> <p>Allan Willoughby is the Berkshire County Co-ordinator (CC).</p> <p>A London Ale Ramble will take place in March. Likely dates are Saturday 21st or 28th. More details to follow.</p>		

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2	<p>BRANCH DIARY DATES</p> <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 and social media feeds for the latest updates on events.</p> <p><u>Diary Dates:</u></p> <p>Mon 2 Feb Branch Meeting (GBG Selection 2) at the Cow & Cask, Newbury. (7.30pm start)</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to consider disabled access when arranging events. 2. Nominated person should contact the venue a week prior to meeting / social to confirm the booking and ensure that the venue has their contact details. 		

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3	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>		
	<p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>Branch membership: 254</p>		
	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>There is £1,232 in the branch account. We do not owe any money.</p>		
	<p>Beer Scores Co-ordinator</p> <p>Tommy Webb is our Beer Scores Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to score cask beers each time they visit a pub as these will count towards the scores used for GBG selection. Scoring is available to CAMRA Members via the national CAMRA website.</p>		Info
	<p><u>Cider Officer</u></p> <p>Pat Kyle is our branch cider representative. He can be contacted by email at cider@westberkscamra.org.uk</p>		
	<p><u>Social Secretary</u></p> <p>Please contact Andy Pavey by email at social@ewstberkscamra.org.uk if you have any suggestions for a social event.</p>		

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	<u>Pubs Officer</u> Post vacant.		
	<u>Webmaster</u> Post vacant.		

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4	AOB <u>Promotional Items and Clothing</u> Richard Lock has sent details regarding design and cost of promotional materials and clothing for the branch. Jeremy will liaise with him regarding quantities and sizing for polo shirts. Feedback on the proposed banner design will be forwarded to Richard.		