

WEST BERKSHIRE CAMRA

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BRANCH MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY (7.30pm)

COW & CASK, NEWBURY

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

Apologies: Richard Lock, Trevor Coles, Ian Herdman

Item	Topic	Action By:	Status:
	<p>Prior to the start of business, our Chairman noted the sad passing of Chris Reynolds, a long-standing branch member. A wake was held for Chris at the Weirside, Newbury on 4th February which was attended by a number of branch members.</p> <p>An obituary will be published in the new Berkshire wide CAMRA Magazine "Pubs and Pints"</p>		
1	CAMPAIGNING TOPICS		
	<p><u>Good Beer Guide</u></p> <p>We agreed the final list of entries and reserves at the meeting. The list will be emailed to the allocated surveyors.</p> <p><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.</p>		
	<p><u>POTY / CPOTY / COTY 2026</u></p> <p>We agreed a shortlist of pubs to be considered for Pub of the Year at the meeting. A communication will be sent to branch members via the comms tool asking them to rank the shortlisted pubs.</p> <p>We also selected our branch Cider Pub of the Year and Club of the Year.</p> <p>Presentations will be arranged in due course.</p> <p><u>Timeline</u> Branches to notify Regional Director or Competition Coordinator of their winning Pub, Cider Pub and Club by Sunday 15 March 2026.</p>		

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	<p><u>Pubs & Pints</u></p> <p>It is planned that the first edition of the quarterly Berkshire wide CAMRA Magazine, 'Pubs & Pints', will be printed and be available for distribution in March.</p> <p>Pick up and distribution details are being finalised.</p>		
	<p><u>Regional</u></p> <p><u>Election for South Central Regional Director</u> Norman Clinnick of the Southern Hampshire branch is the only applicant for the Regional Director role.</p> <p>At the meeting the Chair read out the applicant's statement. He will communicate this to branch members via the comms tool.</p> <p>There will be one vote per branch, through the branch chairmen, at the next regional meeting to be held on Saturday 14th March at the Ox Row Inn, Salisbury.</p> <p>A London Ale Ramble will take place on Saturday 21st March. It will cover Maida Vale and Paddington area.</p>		

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2	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 and social media feeds for the latest updates on events.</p> <p><u>Diary Dates:</u></p> <p>Sat 21 Mar Central Southern London Ramble. Covers Maida Vale and Paddington area and commences at Carlton Tavern, Kilburn at 12 noon.</p> <p>Wed 15 Apr Branch Meeting at Dundas Arms, Kintbury (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	COMMITTEE REPORTS		
	<p><u>Membership Secretary</u></p> <p>Branch membership is 256.</p>		
	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>There is £1228.25 in the branch account. We have no outstanding debts. We pay Lloyds Bank £4.25 per month as a service charge.</p>		
	<p><u>Beer Scores Co-ordinator</u></p> <p>Tommy Webb is our Beer Scores Co-ordinator.</p>		Info

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	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.		
	<u>Cider Officer</u> Pat Kyle is our branch cider representative. He can be contacted by email at cider@westberkscamra.org.uk		
	<u>Social Secretary</u> Please contact Andy Pavey by email at social@ewstberkscamra.org.uk if you have any suggestions for a social event.		
	<u>Pubs Officer</u> Post vacant.		
	<u>Webmaster</u> Post vacant.		

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4	AOB <u>Social Media</u> Following a mailout from HQ on the subject we agreed that the branch will no longer post on X (Twitter).		