

WEST BERKSHIRE CAMRA

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BRANCH MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL (7.30pm)

DUNDAS ARMS, KINTBURY

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

Apologies: Andy Pinkard, Chris Marriage

Item	Topic	Action By:	Status:
1	CAMPAIGNING TOPICS		
	<u>Good Beer Guide</u> The deadline for all entries to be completed and uploaded to the GBG National Online Submissions System from WhatPub was achieved.		
	<u>POTY / CPOTY / COTY 2026</u> Our winners are: Branch Pub of the Year – Weirside, Newbury. (Goes forward into the county round of judging). Branch Cider Pub of the Year – Bell, Aldworth Branch Club of the Year – Hungerford Club County judging is now underway. Members have been sent details of the voting procedure and copies of the required forms. The pubs to be judged are: West Berkshire - The Weirside, Newbury Reading & Mid Berks - The Bell, Waltham St Lawrence Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead - The White Horse, Hedgerley Berkshire South East - The Crispin, Wokingham		
	<u>Pubs & Pints</u> The first edition of the quarterly Berkshire wide CAMRA Magazine, 'Pubs & Pints', was printed and distributed in March. Issue 2 is expected early June. We discussed various items which could be put forward for inclusion in the next edition. No feedback yet received from distributors on suggested changes to the branch allocation.		

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	An "e" copy of the magazine needs to be uploaded to our branch website.		
	<u>Regional</u> The Chairman gave a brief update on the regional meeting he attended on Saturday 14th March, which included the following: - Voting for the next Regional Director took place but the result needs to be ratified. - Beer scoring process is being updated - Vacancies for BLO positions need to be filled - Transparent process for branch POTY selection needs to be published The next regional meeting will be held on Saturday 27th June. We considered possible venues should our branch wish to host the September meeting.		

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2	BRANCH DIARY DATES		
	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. <u>Diary Dates:</u> Tue 19 May Tutored Beer Tasting at The Castle Inn, Cold Ash. Please arrive prior to 6pm start time. Sat 23 May Hungerford Town FC Beer & Music Festival. Free entry. From 1pm till late. Mon 8 June Branch Pub of the Year Presentation at The Weirside, Newbury. (7pm Start) Wed 10 Jun Branch Meeting at Craven Arms, Enborne. (7.30pm start) <u>Notes:</u> 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		
	<u>Membership Secretary</u> Branch membership is 257.		
	<u>Treasurer</u> There is £1201.80 in our account. There are no outstanding debts and we are owed no money.		
	Beer Scores Co-ordinator Tommy Webb is our Beer Scores Co-ordinator. 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.		Info
	<u>Cider Officer</u>		

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	Pat Kyle is our branch cider representative. He can be contacted by email at cider@westberkscamra.org.uk		
	<u>Social Secretary</u> We discussed possible future pub visits both within and outside our branch area, local pub and club beer festivals, and joining with other Berkshire branches for shared social events. 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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