

SPBW NI MEMBERSHIP LIST PROBLEM

As you are no doubt aware, the SPBW National Membership Secretary has not been very good with sending branches their membership details. This makes it extremely difficult to keep in touch with members and make sure lapsed members can be contacted about renewal.

Since the last list was created and sent out months ago we have had several new members - and a very big welcome to them all!

Some of you may not know that your membership has lapsed so I will enclose a note regarding that in the hope that you feel you would like to support SPBW NI by renewal of your membership.

I will also include a spare membership form in case you may know somebody who would consider joining.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Each member of SPBWNI receives a specific NI membership card which gives them access to special discounts at various places:

<http://www.http://spbwni.co.uk/benefits.html>

THE SUNFLOWER BAR - 10% off cask ales

THE JOHN HEWITT - 10% off bar meals

THE HOUSE OF HOMEBREW - 5% off brewkits & equipment

GET 'er BREWED - 5% off brewkits & equipment

THE BREWERS DEN - 5% off brewkits & equipment

THE HUDSON BAR - 10% off drinks & food (except specials) until 8pm

HILDEN BREWERY & MOLLY'S YARD - Free glass of ale with a main meal

THE HORATIO GROUP - £10 one-off voucher plus ongoing offers.

PLEASE NOTE:

When a new member joins SPBWNI, and confirms their details can be passed to the Horatio Group, then they will receive a £10 voucher which can be spent on food or drink at any of the Groups nine premises, including off-licences. If you do not wish your details to be registered with the Group then it will not be given out. The Horatio group reserve the right to contact eligible members about specials offers.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED AND GIVEN THEIR CONSENT BUT NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR VOUCHER, PLEASE CONTACT ME RIGHT AWAY AND I WILL GET IT CHECKED WITH THE GROUP



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AN OCCASIONAL MAILOUT



Alan And father Jim Henderson at the Sulwath Brewery

SULWATH BREWERY VISIT

It has been quite some time since any of us have been to the Brewery in Castle Douglas so it was good to be back there and meet old friends, have a tasting session of their range of eight beers and enjoy the odd Scotch pie made locally.

Jim is interested in producing a bottled beer for the SPBW and I am hoping to chat with him about this come September, maybe even go back again to the Brewery at the start of October.

Most likely this could be a daytrip as foot passengers from the Belfast Ferry Terminus. It would be a great advertising coup if we could have a specific SPBWNI beer bottled for us. The huge outlay for the Brewery would be the cost of the labels, so no profit for the branch, just good publicity.

MEET THE BREWER EVENT

During August I am hoping to get in touch with each of the 20+ brewers we now have in the province to see if we can meet up, discuss the relevant breweries, their brew processes and (hopefully) have some of their range of beers to sample and compare.

This may not happen at the brewery premise itself as many are too far away for convenient travel. Plus, Belfast makes a convenient local gathering spot. With this in mind I am hoping that one or two of the bars will come onboard and help with this. Obviously, brewery logistics demand that the Brewer maximises public contact so this will undoubtedly include other members of the public. Still, this makes it an excellent opportunity for SPBWNI members to chat, let themselves be known and, possibly, gain new members.

SPBWNI PRODUCTS

Don't forget, you can always purchase our own SPBW NI products locally:
Insignia Embroidery & Printing
23 Bruce Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT2 7JD
028 9023 5115

T-shirts (printed) - £10:
Rugby style (embroidered) - £25: Sweatshirt (embroidered) - £18
Alternatively, bring along your own clothing and pay for the stitching/printing.

<http://spbwni.co.uk/products.html>

GREAT NEWS!

We are now at 22 members, proving everyone renews their membership. However, we do need more members as it is important to be active, and for the public and licensed trade to be aware that we are still supporting good cask ales.

MAILOUTS:

This is another of the occasional postal mailouts to members (as well as email) to make sure all members get a view of what is happening. I know a couple of members do not have email and thus would seem to be a bit isolated otherwise.

For those who do not have email, if you would like notification by mobile text please get in touch with me - initially by TEXT please - at **07791762823**. I can then keep you up to date about any forthcoming events or meetings. Or write to me at

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INFORMATION:

SPBW NI information can be found as follows:

- On the SPBW Forum - www.spbw.com/bb/ - in the branches section - please logon!
- On the website - spbwni.co.uk
- On Twitter - #spbwni - get Tweeting now!
- In Pint in Hand magazine (quarterly).

BENEFITS:

Members using their SPBWNI card can get 5-10% off certain items. PLUS! A one time offer of a £10 voucher from the Horatio Group for food/drink in any of their establishments. All offers are listed on the website, and back page of this issue, or contact me for more information.

HELP & ASSISTANCE:

I do a lot of the background housework & campaigning and this takes up a lot of my time. I am hoping that there would be some people who would have the time to volunteer to assist me in some of the work. It is all very simple: leave membership forms into pubs and off-licences, talk to people, Tweet, generally spread the word.

PLEASE HELP!

COMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

N.B.

All events are shown on: <http://www.http://spbwni.co.uk/events.html>

AUGUST EVENTS

Nothing has been formally planned for August except for the usual Friday night meet and chat. However, some background work will be done to try to arrange meetings and (hopefully) tastings with several of our local Brewers

11-15th August: Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London

If anyone is attending please do let us know and we can meet up in the hall.

28-30th August: Hilden Beer Festival, Hilden Brewery. If anyone is attending do let me know - I will supply membership forms and flyers.

DATES NOT SUIT? TELL ME DAYS/TIMES WHEN YOU CAN ATTEND.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SATURDAY, 12th:

DUBLIN WETHERSPOON PUBS VISIT

The itinerary for this has yet to be worked out and it depends on the proximity of pubs to transport, plus how many members will be going.

FRIDAY, 4th & 18th:

MEMBERS NIGHT

Members meet at the JDW Bridge Bar from 7pm for general chat.

SUNDAY, 20th: Midday onwards.

BBQ/LUNCH:

This really depends on the weather, but will follow the usual agenda. Free food, but bring your own tittle. It is organised at the Chairman's house.

If members have ideas or requests do get in touch via EMAIL please.

MEET THE BREWER

This all depends on how talks go with the various local Brewers. Some may be interested, some may not. Members will be informed of such events. **PLEASE MAKE A POINT OF ATTENDING AND BEING SEEN!**



The branch has opened up a twitter page - this has been gaining quite a few followers and has been of value with publicising the branch and its endeavours. If you are on Twitter make sure you "follow", but especially, please tweet to us!

<https://twitter.com/SPBWNI>

