

FORTHCOMING SPBWNI BRANCH EVENTS

JULY EVENTS:

NATIONAL BRANCHES VISIT TO BELFAST

Thursday 21st July to Sunday 24th.

All set to go - details on the website: <http://spbwni.co.uk/events2016.html>

Meet The Brewer:

Salty Dog, Bangor. Starts 8pm.

Tuesday 5th.

Pokertree Ales

Brewery Visit:

Boundary Brewing

Newtownards Rd, Belfast

Saturday 30th.

Starts at 4:00 pm

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

AUGUST EVENTS:

Meet The Brewer:

Salty Dog, Bangor. Starts 8pm.

Tuesday 2nd.

Barrahooley Brewery

Brewery Visit

Boundary Brewing

Newtownards Rd, Belfast

Saturday 20th.

Starts at 4:00 pm

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS PAGE ON THE SPBWNI WEBSITE FOR ONGOING UPDATES.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Meet The Brewer:

Salty Dog, Bangor. Starts 8pm.

Tuesday 2nd.

MaltMeister Brewery

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AN OCCASIONAL MAILOUT

NORTHERN



IRELAND

SPBW BRANCHES VISIT

22-24 JULY

<http://spbwni.co.uk/events2016.html>

EVENTS FINALISED

UK BRANCH MEMBERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THE SPBWNI MEMBERSHIP OVER THE WEEKEND.

This is a MAJOR event for the branch. 16 people have shown interest in this event, with the majority already having booked travel and accommodation. The events have been posted on the website and, barring any last minute hitches, everything is ready. Check out the details on the SPBWNI website. Please make a point of wearing your SPBWNI branded clothing at the events



WOODEN PINS ARRIVE FILLED WITH TWO BEERS - ONE OF WHICH IS A LAGER!

Yes, they finally made it. Two pins (36 pints) filled with beers from the Cheshire Brewery. Pedro at The Sunflower Pub wants to have them on the bar counter and ready for the Branches Pub Tour on Friday 22nd July. Along with the casks are two jackets and wet-liners to keep them cool, two wooden racks for holding them on the counter along with taps, spiles etc.

SPBWNI PRODUCTS

Don't forget, you can always purchase our own SPBW NI products locally:

Insignia Embroidery & Printing
29 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>

MAILOUTS:

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 - admin@spbwni.co.uk Or write to me at

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BT10 0GL

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 - <http://www.spbwni.co.uk/>

On Twitter - @spbwni - get Tweeting now!

In Pint in Hand magazine (quarterly).

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

Each member of SPBWNI receives a specific NI membership card which gives them access to special discounts at various places. I would like to get more but this is proving somewhat difficult. CAN ANYONE HELP?

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

THE SUNFLOWER BAR - 10% off cask ales
THE HOUSE OF HOMEBREW - 5% off brewkits & equipment
GET 'er BREWED - 5% off brewkits & equipment Use code **SPBW5%**.
THE HUDSON BAR - 10% off drinks & food (except specials) until 8pm
HILDEN BREWERY & MOLLY'S YARD - Free glass of ale with a main meal
SALTY DOG - Free pint of ale with a main meal

WE ALSO HAVE NATIONAL BENEFITS: <https://spbw.com/benefits.html>

RED LETTER DAYS <https://www.redletterdays.co.uk/home> CODE = **SPBW15** (15%)
ADP PHOTOGRAPHY <http://www.a-d-p-photography.com/> CODE = **SPBW** (15%)
CANAL CRUISING <http://www.canalcruising.co.uk/> (10%)

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Due to some changes in the constitution at the March AGM new cards will be printed and sent out to current members. These will be a change of colour and old cards will not be of use. Please make sure you renew your membership to receive the new membership cards. Membership can be renewed by contacting me direct or sending a renewal to the address quoted above.

SPBWNI VISITS THE COOPERAGE



This is one excellent and entertaining day out and well worth the time taken on the bus down winding country roads to get to the White Rose Cooperage. It has to be said though that the countryside is quite pleasant, even if the roads are extremely narrow at times. We got picked up by Alastair Simms in the Cooperage van and made our way to the industrial site where the Cooperage is situated in ex military building, there to meet the rest of the team and be given a guided tour

It really is fascinating to be told all about this ancient craft, while smelling the lovely aroma of freshly worked wood. We were treated to a display of taking a few pieces of raw wood and seeing them be worked into a barrel head and then that head being placed into a reconditioned barrel. We also got to see some wooded furniture take shape. Such a pity I could not bring it home with me. We ended up relaxing over a few beers and chatting with Alastair about this & that until suddenly realising it was time to get the bus. An experience to repeat!



WOODFEST 2017:

This is like a dream come true. The first time that SPBW holds its own beer festival instead of attending festivals run by other group. This one however also has a big difference - all the beers will be entirely be served from wooden barrels.

While it may seem like a long time to be organising a festival, the time goes in so fast and people do need advance warning to make sure they can arrange the time for this ever so special event. One of the sticking points was to get a suitable premise. Even in a place the size of Leeds this proved daunting: too large, too small, too expensive for our first venture.



Luckily Neill from the Junction Bar in Castleford, famous for serving beers from the wood, came to the rescue. We now have two premises and the car park to host the Festival 6-9 July next year. <https://spbw.com/woodfest2017/>

Volunteers are needed for many jobs. Contact **ROB SHACKLOCK** - festival@spbw.com

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>

