

## Fox & Goose Shareholders' Newsletter: Autumn 2022

*As a new Director of the Fox & Goose I'm delighted to offer an update of where the pub and co-operative are after a few difficult years through the Covid-19 pandemic. The intention is for this to become a regular newsletter 3-4 times a year, blending news of goings on at the pub with important communications from the Board of Directors about the activities of the co-operative. We do also need your help to share the load and offer your expertise and knowledge on a number of matters (more details below). I do hope to see you in the pub over the coming months and welcome your feedback on this newsletter or any other matters.*

Chris Goddard

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## CAMRA Pub of the Year 2022!

**In April the Fox & Goose was presented with CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale's top award, Pub of the Year 2022, for the second time since becoming a community-owned co-operative pub.**

Branch Chair Richard Lee commented on the pub's high quality customer service, knowledgeable staff, excellent ales and the range and diversity of beer styles. He also referred to the extensive refurbishment of the outdoor area and the range of musical and other events put on. In the past few months, we have also had beers supporting Ukraine and commemorating the great industrial strike of 1842, as well as adding to our range of alcohol free beers and cider. We would like to commend our wonderful staff for this achievement.



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## Refreshing the F&G Website

We are seeking to freshen the look and feel of the Fox and Goose website, and for that we would like your help! We would like to work with a group of members to help develop the website further.

We have already set up a prototype website on Wix, whose simple 'drag & drop' interface will allow anybody to easily update and maintain the site, as well as adding the Members' Area functionality that was mentioned at this year's AGM. We also have an accessibility tool which will confirm compatibility with screen readers and magnifiers to ensure the website will be available to everyone, but if anyone has particular experience in this area then we'd like to hear your opinions.

If you are interested in becoming part of a small team to look at the design of the site or have any feedback on the existing website, please get in touch with us via [info@foxandgoose.org](mailto:info@foxandgoose.org). No web building experience is necessary, but someone who is good with layouts, colours, and general information presentation would be ideal. We have already had one member express an interest at the AGM, but would like to get a few others on board too.

## Welcome to The Fox And Goose, Hebden Bridge (test site)

The first community owned pub in West Yorkshire.  
CAMRA Good Beer Guide, Halifax and Calderdale Pub of the Year 2022.  
Good Beer Guide 2022.



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### The Fox And Goose is a real community pub.

We serve real ales from microbrewers, real ciders, craft lager on draught, a range of continental bottled lagers and beers plus craft beer in cans. We also serve quality wines, spirits, pork pies, vegan pasties, quality teas, barista coffees and tempting fresh cake.  
At The Fox and Goose we believe in fairness which is why we only serve draught beer in lined over-size glasses. That way when you order a pint of beer you get a pint of liquid refreshment plus a creamy head. Most other pubs and bars serve a pint in a "brimful" glass so you don't get a full pint of beer.  
We pride ourselves in being at the centre of the community. The pub is owned by its users – over 300 of us. We are the first co-operative pub in West Yorkshire and proud of what we do.

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## Co-operation Calderdale

The Co-operatives Work! event was held around Hebden Bridge on Saturday 2nd July to celebrate the International Day of Co-operatives. Speakers saluted the Calder Valley's thriving solidarity economy in the context of its significant role in co-operative history. The Fox and Goose was proud to be part of the event and feature in the film *Co-operation Calderdale* that was produced as a result.

The film can be seen at <https://youtu.be/vJSNpS6PK2w> and stars our own Hannahs, Thurman and Nadim.

## Calder Grub Hub & Community Food

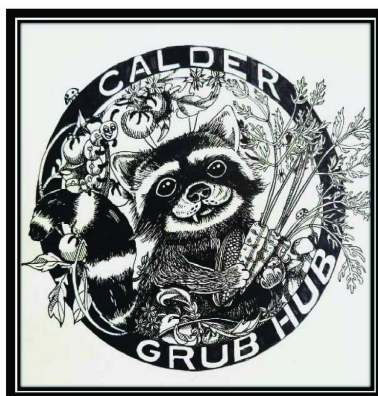
The Fox and Goose is getting involved with [Calder Grub Hub](#), who will be supplying a free supper for anyone in need on Wednesday evenings 5-7pm at Hope Baptist Church. There is now a food donation box in the pub for anyone to drop off canned or dry goods to be donated to the project, with any surplus going to Calder food support.

The pub will also be arranging free coffee mornings on Sundays 11am-midday, where we will supply free tea, coffee or juice to anyone with a voucher supplied at the Grub Hub. The first one on Sunday 11th September will be supported by [Kitchen 91](#), who will be donating some baked goods. If anyone wants to donate cake or biscuits for the Sunday coffee mornings that would be much appreciated.

We also receive bread and food donations from St



James Church on Sunday mornings which will be available for anyone to collect from the pub on Sundays.



## Apple Pressing & Cider Making Day

Join [Calderdale Local Orchard Group](#) in the beer garden on Sunday 30th October for the annual Apple Day. Bring along any apples for pressing (before 2pm please) and containers in which to take away the juice. If anyone is interested in cider making, you can learn more about the process and try a range of ciders on sale. There will also be a pumpkin carving competition on Hallowe'en itself, Monday 31st October.

We also have a small orchard of three or four trees on the hillside above the Fox & Goose and will be looking for potential volunteer involvement in managing the area and assisting in pruning. We would like to thank those who volunteered to help clear the Himalayan balsam from the woodland alongside the pub recently, as well as those involved in our spring clean event earlier in the year.

If you would like to volunteer to help us out at the pub, including glass collection, tidying up and other jobs in the garden, do contact Lorel on 07704 356051. We are always grateful for any assistance.

## Regular Events & Sessions

**Quiz Night:** Every Monday from 9pm

**Hebden Bridge Birders:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm (Get together to share knowledge about birds and other wildlife spotted around Calderdale)

**Town Folk:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 8pm (Bring along an instrument and join in, or just turn up to listen)

**Pennine Piperholics:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 8pm

**Irish Session:** Last Thursday of the month, 8pm (Open session with Marc and Fran)

**Shabbycats:** Every Sunday except 3rd of the month, 8pm (Live music from local acoustic duo specializing in popular pub songs from the 20s/30s/40s/50s & music hall era)

**Valley Euro:** 2nd Sunday of the month, 2pm (Breton folk session)

**Blues Jam:** Last Sunday of the month (Come along and enjoy our Blues Jam hosted by Paddy - sit and watch or join in)

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## Keep in touch on social media

We're aiming to make this newsletter quarterly, but remember you can keep up to date with what's happening at at the Fox & Goose via Facebook, Twitter and the website.



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