



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: **Aug – Oct 2016**

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AUGUST

- **Thursday 4th 8.15pm - Champion Mild Pub.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW.
Bus: 168/9, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 11th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - with summer quiz.**
Arden Arms, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.
Bus: 300, 384.
- **Friday 12th arrive 7.30 to 8pm - Stockport Beer Festival Silver Award.**
Track Brewing, 5 Sheffield Street, Manchester, M1 2ND. *Places very limited: book via stocam@btinternet.com.*
- **Friday 19th 7.30pm - Stagger: Cale Green and Higher Hillgate.**
Plough, 197 Shaw Heath, Cale Green, SK2 6QZ. (8.30pm **Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU). Bus: 309, 310, 313, 374; Train: Stockport.

Keep up-to-date via Social Media

Follow the branch on **Twitter** via **@SSMCAMRA** for all the latest news on pubs, bars, real ale and cider in the branch area. If you'd like to get a Twitter account, but aren't sure how, contact **Brendon Hall** via

SocialMedia@ssmcamra.co.uk and he'll help.

You can also follow us on **Facebook** at

www.facebook.com/SSMCAMRA.

- **Thursday 25th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
White Hart, High Street, Cheadle, SK8 1PX.
Bus:11(A), 44, 130, 157, 309/10/12, X57.
- **Sunday 28th Meet 12 noon - Social.**
Manchester Brewing Tap, Unit 66, North Western Street, Manchester, M12 6DX.

SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday 1st 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Queens Arms, 177 Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2DP.
Bus: 11(A), 307/8/9/10/12.
- **Thursday 8th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, M20 5PG.
Bus: 23(A), 42, 50, 84, 130, 141/2, 157, 171, 370, X57;
Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
- **Friday 16th 7.30pm - Stagger: Ladybarn, Fallowfield and Rusholme.**
Ladybarn Social Club, 13 Green Street, Ladybarn, M14 6TL (8.30pm **Friendship**, 353 Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield). Bus: 22, 44; Train: Mauldeth Road.
- **Thursday 22nd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Railway, 74-76 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HF. Bus: 22, 192, 364.

OCTOBER

- **Thursday 6th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Armoury, 13 Shaw Heath, Edgeley, SK3 8BD.
Bus:11(A), 309/10, 313, 328, 368/9; Train; Stockport.
- **Thursday 13th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Railway, 74-76 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HF. Bus: 22, 192, 364.
- **Friday 21st 7.30pm - Stagger: Didsbury Centre.**
Parrswood, 356 Parrs Wood Road, M20 6JD. (8.30pm **Milson Rhodes**, School Lane, M20 6RD).
Bus:23(A), 42, 50, 84, 142, 157, 171, 370, XX57;
Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
- **Thursday 27th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
To be decided at the August Branch meeting.
- **Stockport Beer of The Festival Gold Award.**
Trip to Neepsend Brewery, Sheffield.
See website for date and final details. Places will be very limited; book via stocam@btinternet.com.

NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 3rd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Heaton Hops, 7 School Lane, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5DE.
Bus: 42A, 84, 173, 191/2, 329; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 10th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - includes new faces evening.**
Stockport Brewing Co, Arch 14, Heaton Lane, Stockport, SK4 1AQ. Bus: 192; Train: Stockport

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This will be the last CAMRA Calling that is posted to everybody. We've talked about this for some time and it's becoming too resource intensive to carry on as we were. So, if we have an email address for you, we will move you to CAMRA Calling Online. Every three months we will send you an email with a link to the online version or you can sign up to the CAMRA Calling Newsgroup by emailing CamraCalling-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

The current email address we have for you is shown below the address box overleaf. If it's wrong (or we don't have an email address for you and you'd like to receive the online version) then you can update this yourself. Please go to <http://www.camra.org.uk/> where the menu option at the far right allows you to sign in. If you've never used this facility before then your membership number is your user name and you will need to reset your password using the appropriate link. Once logged in you can access a number of membership resources and alter your personal details including your email address.

If we don't hold your email address, we will continue to send you a paper copy. Similarly, if you still prefer to get a paper copy then you can opt into that by emailing membership@ssmcamra.co.uk.

30th Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

Jim Flynn writes

The 2016 Festival was a great success with 5,000 people through the door, cask beer sales per head up, only 50 bottles unsold on the bottled beer bar, record Saturday cider sales and for the first time an incredible 100 new CAMRA members recruited. I have received wonderful comments about the Festival overall, as well as specifically about the quality of the beer, cider and entertainment, all saying that it was a really great event. Everybody who contributed should be very satisfied as it was due to your efforts that people enjoyed themselves so much. I would particularly like to thank the organising committee who worked so hard to put the festival on.

Subject to contract the Festival is returning to Edgeley Park for 2016 but we need a new organising committee to rise to the challenge. In particular Chris Wainwright, our illustrious **Chief Beer and Bar Manager**, will be stepping down after next year's festival. We need to replace him if we are to continue with future beer festivals, and we would like his replacement(s) to act as his apprentice(s) in 2017. If you volunteer for this vital, interesting and stimulating role (ideally we need more than one person) not only will you be trained but also Chris will be there to guide and mentor you even after he steps down.

On a wider note, quite a number of our management team are in their sixties and seventies and we must have new people coming through to learn from, and eventually replace, them. I promise you will receive training, guidance and mentoring, so please volunteer.

If you are interested in joining us please contact me on 0161 432 1816 or 07917 596751 and come along to first meeting of that committee at the **Armoury, Shaw Heath on Monday 26th September at 8.15pm.**

CONTACT US

Secretary	Paul Felton Tel 0161 442 3143 Email: Secretary@ssmcamra.co.uk
Other committee member	See the website at www.ssmcamra.co.uk and use this format for email address < Committee position >@ssmcamra.co.uk eg. Chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk or PublicAffairs@ssmcamra.co.uk

CONTACT US BY POST: Stockport CAMRA, 5 Craig Close, Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK4 2BH.

NEW FACES EVENING

This social event is your chance to meet other members from the branch, as it combines a much-abbreviated Branch Meeting, and a social gathering. Buy a raffle ticket, and you may go home with a bottle of beer!

Join us at the **Stockport Brewing Co, Arch 14, Heaton Lane, Stockport** from 8.15pm onwards on Thursday November 10th.

Contact Membership Secretary for details.

Good Beer Guide 2017

The 2017 Good Beer Guide will be out in September and promises to be bigger and better than ever before. With more and more new breweries and the rapidly changing pub scene can you afford to be without the most up-to-date Guide?

The cover price is £15.99, the official CAMRA member price is £11.00 (plus £1.50 p&p) but the branch is selling copies at £10.00 each. These prices apply if you pick up the Guide from Jim Flynn at a branch event or at his home address (please ring first to check availability). All copies posted will cost £11.00 each (which is still a £1.00 saving on the official members' price including p&p). For postal sales please send a cheque made payable to 'CAMRA, Stockport and South Manchester' to Jim at his home address, 66 Downham Road, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5EG. Please don't send in your postal requests until mid-September.

Volunteers Wanted

There are members who can't make events or work at festivals but who would like to do their bit for the Campaign, and there may be others who would like to do a little more.

All sorts of things happen behind the scenes. If you would like to help, please attend one of the meetings or contact Paul Felton at: secretary@ssmcamra.co.uk

Stockport Beer Week 2016

Coming soon: **Stockport Beer Week 2016!** This will be a celebration of all good things relating to pubs, beer and brewers in Stockport - both past and present. The week runs from **Thursday 22nd September to Sunday 2nd October** and will include beer festivals, tap takeovers, meet the brewer events, brewery visits and more. Keep an eye on ssmcamra.co.uk for more details!

Keep in touch through our Twitter page: @SSMCAMRA