



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## Branch Diary & News for: Feb – Apr 2016

Paper-saving Email edition.

### FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** — Branch Meeting: **Hope Inn** includes selection for *Good Beer Guide 2017*, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 22, 192.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** — **Stagger: Levenshulme:** 7:30pm Kingsway, Moseley Road, M19 2LJ; 8:30pm Post Office Deli, 30 Albert Road, M19 2FP. Bus 50, 130, 168/9, 171, 197.
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** — Pub of the Month: **Chiverton Tap**, 8 Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AU. Start 8pm. Bus: 130, 157, 313, 368/9, X57; Train: Cheadle Hulme.
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** — Presentation of “Pub of the Year” Award: **Boars Head**, 2 Vernon Street, Market Place, Stockport, SK1 1TY. Start 8pm. 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](mailto:SocialMedia@ssmcamra.co.uk) and he'll help.

You can also follow us on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/SSMCAMRA](http://www.facebook.com/SSMCAMRA).

### MARCH

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Committee Meeting: **Heaton Hops**, 7 School Lane, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5DE. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 7, 42A, 84, 192, 239; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** — Presentation of Stockport Beer Festival “Bronze” Award: **Thirst Class Ale**, Unit 16, Station Road Industrial Estate, Reddish, SK5 6ND. Start 8pm. Limited to 20 places: book via [chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk) Bus: 7, 42A, 84, 203, 317, 328; Train: Reddish North.

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** — Branch Meeting: **Railway** (incl *Meet the Brewer – Rock Mill Brewery*), 74 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HF. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 22, 192.
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** — Presentation of “Club of the Year” Award: **Moor Club**, 35 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB. Start 8pm. Bus: 22, 42A, 84, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** — **Stagger: Didsbury East:** 7:30pm Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, M20 5PG; 8:30pm Old Cock, 848 Wilmslow Road, M20 2RN. Bus: 23/A, 42, 50, 84, 130, 141/2, 157, 171, 370, X57; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
- **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** — Pub of the Month: **Sun & Castle**, 54 Middle Hillgate, Stockport, SK1 3EH. Start 8pm. Train: Stockport.

### APRIL

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** — Committee Meeting: **Moor Club**, 35 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 22, 42A, 84, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** — Branch Meeting: **Magnet** (incl *AGM*), 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 22, 192.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** — **Stagger: Heaton Norris East:** 7:30pm Carousel, 158 Reddish Road, SK5 7HR; 8:30pm Silver Jubilee, 21 Hamilton Square, SK4 1JG. Bus: 7, 203, 317.
- **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** — Presentation of “Cider Pub of the Year” Award: **Railway**, 1 Avenue Street, Portwood, SK1 2BZ. Start 8pm Bus: 324/5, 330, 374, 383/4.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** — Pub of the Month: *To be decided at the February Branch meeting.*

### MAY

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** — Committee Meeting: **Plough**, 925 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 168, 169, 171, 172, 201, 203, 204, 205; Train: Ryder Brow.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** — Branch Meeting: **Crown** includes guest speakers from *Robinsons*, 416 Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2 7JQ. Start 8:15pm. Bus: 192, 199, 375; Train: Woodsmoor.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** — **Stagger: Offerton:** 7:30pm Puss in Boots, 147 Nangreave Road, SK2 6DG; 8:30pm Fingerpost, 434 Hempshaw Lane, SK1 4QA. Bus: 358, 383, 314.

**We are undertaking a review of CAMRA Calling. Each quarter we distribute around one thousand issues by post. That's a lot of folding A4 sheets and stuffing, sealing and stamping envelopes; a lot of work for a few willing volunteers. Please help us to reduce the workload by electing to receive future issues electronically.**

**Send an "OPT-OUT" email to: [Membership@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:Membership@ssmcamra.co.uk)  
Telling us your Name(s) and Membership Number(s)**

**Also, please ensure your email address is up to date on CAMRA's membership system.**

### **30<sup>th</sup> Stockport Beer & Cider Festival**

As the Festival reaches a massive milestone we are determined to keep it as the premier event in the Stockport social calendar and are working on fresh marketing ideas including opening all day Friday, a home brewers' competition, better beer and a tie up with the Stockport County Supporters Co-operative on the Thursday of the Festival (County Night).

**So please put these Festival dates in your diary:**

<b>Setting up</b>	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> May till Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9am – 6pm
<b>Trade Session</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3.30 – 5.30pm
<b>Drinking sessions</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Noon – 11pm <b>Open all day.</b>
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Noon – 11pm <b>Open all day.</b>
<b>Knock-down</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9am onwards

We really need your help; this is **our** local Campaign's foremost event so don't leave it to others, please complete the Staffing Form enclosed and return it to our **Staffing Officer, Pete Farrand**, today or go online at [www.stockportfestival.org.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk).

Resist the temptation to wait as this will make Pete's job far harder! Please send in your form in immediately to ensure you won't double-book that week. Remember **free beer and food** is on offer at all open sessions and on knock-down Sunday. So come on, do your bit and we guarantee you will enjoy it.

#### **DON'T DELAY - Send in your staffing form NOW!**

If you are interested in getting involved in a deputy management position please ring **Jim Flynn** or come along to our next festival meeting.

We are also looking for **new sponsors** for the Festival. It is through the involvement of our sponsors that the Festival has gained the enviable reputation of being one of the **lowest-priced** in the UK. If your organisation would be interested in being a sponsor please contact **Jim Flynn** (see below).

**Remind your friends to put the Festival dates in their diaries. With the unique atmosphere and well over 200 cask beers, ciders, perries and bottle-conditioned beers (from across Europe) to choose from, there is no better way of starting the summer.**

- **Staffing** – Pete Farrand on 07710 878796
- **Information** – Jim Flynn on 0161 4321816
- **Website** – <http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk>

**All the info is on the Website!!**  
All you need to know is at – [www.ssmcamra.co.uk](http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk)

#### **Mild Magic 2016**

Our mild pub passport scheme 'Mild Magic' is a previous winner of the Campaign's national **Beer Style of the Year** award. This year it will run from **8<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Please put these dates in your diary and support the participating pubs and the Campaign by taking

part. It is extremely easy to complete and there will be **great prizes including free beer tickets, T-shirts, polo shirts etc.** To participate you only need to drink **12 halves of mild in a dozen pubs in just over 5 weeks!**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.15pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at the **Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.**

This will include election of the Committee for 2016/17.

**Membership cards are required to vote.**

#### **Good Beer Guide 2016**

With the summer approaching the Good Beer Guide will be invaluable - to find a decent pint, somewhere to have lunch, or even stay overnight.

We still have a few copies left at £10.00 each if you pick up the Guide from Jim Flynn at a branch event or his home (please ring first). All copies posted to an address in the branch area will cost £11.00 each (still a saving on the official price including p&p). For postal sales please send a cheque made payable to "**CAMRA, Stockport & Sth Manchester**" to: **Jim Flynn, 66 Downham Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5EG.**

#### **Beer Scores - We Need You!**

Please help us choose our 25 **Good Beer Guide** entries by scoring your beers at a wide range of branch pubs. You can do this online via [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com), log in, look up the pub, then score it on the page (you need to be logged-in to score). With a smartphone you can score your beers from the pub!

All of our cask ale pubs are on the database and can be selected by name and location. Scoring of real ale is in halves from **0.5** for **very poor** beer to **5.0** for a (very rare) **perfect pint**, with **3.0** meaning "good" as in "Good Beer Guide".

- *Poor beer should be taken back - if it's replaced and taken off sale, score only the replacement.*
- *Scores of 4 and above should only be given sparingly.*
- *If there's no cask ale on your visit, put in a notional **zero** score (WhatPub takes this to mean "no real ale"). On [beerscoring.org.uk](http://beerscoring.org.uk), tick the "No Real Ale" box. You're not actually scoring keg beer as worthless, just saying there was no cask to score.*

If you prefer to score on paper, scorebooks (for **SSM CAMRA** pubs) are available at meetings or branch events. Enjoy your research! - Peter Butler, [pubsofficer@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:pubsofficer@ssmcamra.co.uk)

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