



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: **Feb – April 2017**

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Register your email on <http://www.camra.org.uk/>

- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.
Bus: 23/A, 42, 50, 84, 130, 141/2, 171, 370; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.

Social Media

Our **Twitter** and **Facebook** accounts are currently dormant. We need tech-savvy people to ensure that all the latest news on pubs, bars, real ale and cider in the branch area is posted on social media. **Interested?** Please contact Chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk for more information.

FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 2nd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW. Bus: 168/9, 178, 192, 197;
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 9th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - includes GBG 2018 selection.**
Petersgate Tap, 19 St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Bus:300; Train: Stockport.
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Hazel Grove West & Bramhall, 7.30pm Three Bears**, Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 5JH. (8.30pm **Ladybrook**, Fir Road, Bramhall, SK7 2NP.) Bus: 307/8, 374.
- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Mounting Stone, 8 Woodford Road, Bramhall, SK7 2JJ
Bus 307/8, 378, 42B; Train: Bramhall.

MARCH

- **Thursday 2nd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Blue Bell, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.
Bus: 169, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 9th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Railway, 84 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HW. Bus: 22, 192, 364.
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Stockport Market Place. 7.30pm Calverts Court**, 13 St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. (8.30pm **Boars Head**, 2 Vernon Street, Stockport, SK1 1TY.) Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.

APRIL

- **Saturday 1st 2.00pm - Pub of the Year Award.**
Chiverton Tap, 8 Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AU.
Bus: 130, 313, 368/A, 42B; Train: Cheadle Hulme.
- **Thursday 6th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Moor Club, 35 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB. Bus: 22, 42A, 84, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 13th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting and AGM.**
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ. Bus: 22, 192, 364.
- **Friday 21st - Stagger: West Didsbury Burton Road. 7.30pm George Charles**, 246 Burton Road, West Didsbury, M20 2LW. (8.30pm **Saison**, 236 Burton Road, West Didsbury, M20 2LW.)
Bus: 84, 111, 169; Metro: Burton Road.
- **Thursday 27th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
To be decided at the February Branch meeting.

MAY

- **Thursday 4th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Plough, 927 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB.
Bus: 168/9, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.
- **Thursday 11th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Crown, 416 Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2 7JQ.
Bus: 192, 199, 375; Train: Woodsmoor.

Want to go Paper-Free?

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31st Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

The last festival went extremely well cementing our position as one of the premier festivals in the North and we intend to maintain that momentum in 2017. We will be running the home brewers' competition again and will continue the 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:

Setting up	Fri 26 th and Tues 30 th May till Thurs 1 st June	9am – 6pm
Trade Session	Thursday 1 st June	3.30 – 5.30pm
Drinking sessions	Thursday 1 st June	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 2 nd June	Noon – 11pm Open all day.
	Saturday 3 rd June	Noon – 11pm Open all day.
Knock-down	Sunday 4 th June	9am onwards

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

Resist the temptation to wait as this will make Mike and Pete's job much more difficult! Send in your form immediately to ensure you won't double-book that week. Remember **free beer and food** is on offer at all open sessions and on Sunday's knock-down day. 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 on 6th February at the Armoury, Shaw Heath.

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** – contact Pete Farrand on 07710 878796
- **Information** – contact 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

Mild Magic 2017

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 is sponsored by **Moorhouse's Black Cat** and will run from **14th April to 21st 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 13th April at the **Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.**

This will include election of the Committee for 2017/18.

Membership cards are required to vote.

Good Beer Guide 2017

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 22 **Good Beer Guide** entries by scoring your beers at a wide range of branch pubs. You can do this online via 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, 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

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