



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: **Feb – April 2018**

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FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 1st 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW. Bus: 168/9, 278, 192, 197;
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 8th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - includes selection of entries for Good Beer Guide 2019.**
Petersgate Tap, 19 St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Bus:300; Train: Stockport.
- **Friday 16th - Stagger: West Didsbury East,**
7.30pm Woodstock Arms, 139 Barlow Moor Road, M20 2DY (8.30pm **Wine & Wallop**, 97 Lapwing Lane, M20 6UR.) Bus: 23/A, 41, 43, 143, 169, 370;
Metro: West Didsbury.
- **Thursday 22nd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
James Watts, 13 High Street, Cheadle, SK8 1AX.
Bus: 11/A, 44, 130, 309/10/12, 42B.
- **Saturday 24th 8pm - Branch Pub of the Year.**
Blue Bell, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.
Bus: 169, 278, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.

MARCH

- **Thursday 1st 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Railway, 74-76 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HW. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Saturday 3rd - Day Out in Liverpool.**
Train: 11.26am Stockport or 11.37am Piccadilly.
12.45pm Dispensary, Renshaw Street,
13.15pm Fly in the Loaf, Hardman Street.
See website for full itinerary.

- **Thursday 8th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Blue Bell, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.
Bus: 169, 278, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Friday 16th - Stagger: Heaton Moor.**
7.30pm Elizabethan, 33 Heaton Moor Road, SK4 4PB.
(8.30pm **Plough on the Moor**, 82 Heaton Moor Road, SK4 4NZ.) Bus: 25, 42A, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 22nd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Flying Coach, 120 London Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 4DJ. Bus: 192, 199, 375, 392/4, P1;
Train: Hazel Grove.

APRIL

- **Thursday 5th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Moor Club, 35 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB. Bus: 25, 42A, 84, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Friday 6th - Mild Magic Launch Stagger.**
7.30pm Ford Madox Brown, 1 Wilmslow Park, Wilmslow Road, M14 5FT. (9pm **Victoria**, 438 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 3BW.) Bus: 41/2/3/4, 53, 111, 141/2/3, 42B. *See website for more details.*
- **Thursday 12th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting and AGM.**
Hope, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Saturday 14th 2pm - Cider Pub of the Year Winner, Branch Pub of the Year Runner-up Presentations.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.
- **Friday 20th - Stagger: Cheadle Hulme Central.**
7.30pm Kenilworth, Cheadle Road, SK8 5DX.
(8.30pm **Church Inn**, 90 Ravenoak Road, SK8 7EG.)
Bus: 42B, 313, 368; Train: Cheadle Hulme.
- **Thursday 26th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Victoria, 438 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 3BW.
Bus: 41/2/3, 111, 141/2/3, 42A/B; Metro: Burton Road.

MAY

- **Thursday 3rd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Plough, 927 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB.
Bus: 168/9, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.
- **Thursday 10th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.

For up-to-date details of our Branch Diary, check our website at <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk>

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32nd Stockport Beer and Cider Festival

Last year's festival was a real success, particularly in the terrible context of the Manchester bomb the week previous and we intend to up that momentum in 2018. We will be running the home brewers' competition again and this year we hope to improve the variety of the food offering for both staff and customers.

So please put these Festival dates in your diary:

Setting up	Fri 25 th and Tues 29 th till Thurs 31 st May	9am – 6pm
Trade Session	Thursday 31 st May	3.30 – 5.30pm
Drinking sessions	Thursday 31 st May	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 1 st June	Noon – 11pm Open all day.
	Saturday 2 nd June	Noon – 11pm Open all day.
Knock-down	Sunday 3 rd 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, Graham Privett, Mike Wilson and Pete Farrand** today or go online at www.stockportfestival.org.uk.

Resist the temptation to wait as this will make Graham, 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 5th February at the Blossoms, Heaviley (note the change of venue).

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 or 07917 596751
- **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 2018

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 **6th April to 13th 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 a half of mild in a dozen pubs in just over 5

weeks! To start you off we have arranged a bit of a crawl on **6th April** commencing **7.30pm at Ford Madox Brown**, so by the end of the first day you could be almost half way there.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.15pm on Thursday 12th April at the **Hope, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL.**

This will include election of the Committee for 2018/19.

Membership cards are required to vote.

Good Beer Guide 2018

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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