



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## Branch Diary & News for: May – July 2016

Thank you for using the Email opt-out version of CAMRA Calling.

### MAY

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Plough**, 927 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB.  
Bus: 168/9, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - with guest speakers from Robinsons.**  
**Crown**, 416 Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2 7JQ.  
Bus: 192, 199, 375; Train: Woodsmoor.
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Presentation of Stockport Beer Festival "Silver" Award - limited to 20 places; book via stocam@btinternet.com.**  
**Squawk Brewing**, Tonge Street, Manchester, M12 6LY.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Stagger: Offerton.**  
**Puss In Boots**, 147 Nangreave Road, SK2 6DG (8:30pm **Fingerpost**, 434 Hempshaw Lane, SK1 4QA).  
Bus 307/8, 317, 192.
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Wine & Wallop**, 97 Lapwing Lane, West Didsbury, M20 6UR. Bus: 41, 43, 143, 169, X41; Metro: West Didsbury.

#### 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**.

### JUNE

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Stockport Beer and Cider Festival**, Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Street, Edgeley, SK3 9DD.
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Ladybarn Social Club**, 13 Green Street, Ladybarn, M14 6TL. Includes Regional Club of the Year Runner-up 2015 award presentation. Bus: 22, 44; Train: Mauldeth Road.
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Stagger: Gorton.**  
**Plough**, 927 Hyde Road, M18 7FB (8:30pm **Royal Oak**, 114 Cross Lane, M18 8NZ).  
Bus: 168/9, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Heaton Hops**, 7 School Lane, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5DE.  
Bus: 42A, 84, 173, 191/2, 329; Train: Heaton Chapel.

### JULY

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Fred's Ale House**, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3AW. Bus: 168/9, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Hope**, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 22, 192, 364.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm - Stagger: Hazel Grove South.**  
**Rising Sun**, 2 Buxton Road, SK7 6AD (8:30pm **Wilfred Wood**, 204 London Road, SK7 4DQ).  
Bus: 192, 199, 373, 392/4, P1; Train: Hazel Grove.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
*To be decided at the **May Branch** meeting.*
- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 1pm - Social: West Didsbury**  
**George Charles**, 246 Burton Road, M20 2LW, followed by two or three other bars in the village. (12.30pm start if eating at **George Charles**; confirm in advance via [stocam@btinternet.com](mailto:stocam@btinternet.com) who will try to book tables).  
Bus: 84, 111, 169; Metro: Burton Road.

### AUGUST

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting - with summer quiz.**  
**Arden Arms**, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.  
Bus: 300, 384.

**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**

**STAFFING – A WARM WELCOME.**

Stockport Beer and Cider Festival has grown to be one of the largest local CAMRA festivals in the North and we need over 160 volunteers to run the Festival. This year we are opening **all day Friday and Saturday** so our need is even greater. **WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Please don't leave it to others** - we have a role for you - on the bars, stewarding, reception, glasses, CAMRA shop, tombola or membership. It's especially important that we have help at our busiest times: Friday and Tuesday set-up (there's free food for all set-up volunteers), on Friday evenings / Saturday, and especially on Sunday's knock-down (free beer/cider and food). **You can really make the difference.**

**'Why should I help?'** It's a great opportunity to enjoy yourself while making a significant contribution to the Campaign. During the Festival itself you receive a free T-shirt, food and drink, and a subsidised taxi home if you work till 11.30pm. All volunteers are invited to the **staff party** at **Cryptic Brewery**, Hillgate, where you will be royally treated to free food and drink (beer, from a range of breweries, and cider). Most of all though, it's great fun and a chance to meet new people!

Enclosed is a **staffing form** for you to complete and send to our Staffing Manager or **fill your form in online**. If you need additional forms, please contact **Pete Farrand** or go online.

**Remember this is your Festival!  
Please send in your staffing form NOW**

**Please put these dates in your diary:**

<b>Setting up</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> then Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> May till Thur 28 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am – 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
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Noon – 11pm
<b>Knock-down</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am onwards

### **PUBLICITY – HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

While there can be no Festival without staff, equally we need customers. **You can help bring in those extra drinkers by displaying** the enclosed poster prominently at work, your local pub/club/shop/library or even in your front window. If you need extra copies please contact **Jim Flynn** or print them off from the website. Help spread the word!

**Please tell your friends, relatives, work colleagues and neighbours. Encourage them to come along. Word of mouth is very powerful!**

### **STEWARDS – THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE FESTIVAL**

Stewarding is very important to the festival and we need volunteers to help our customers have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

The stewards are the eyes and ears of the festival and are the friendly, welcoming, first point of contact when customers need assistance. Aside from looking out for (thankfully extremely rare) inappropriate behaviour, broken glass or spillages our stewards' primary responsibility is customer care from the moment our clients walk through the door. So if you enjoy working with the public then our stewarding/customer care team will welcome you with open arms. Please contact **Mike Flynn**.

### **TOMBOLA**

If you have any pub/brewery/real ale memorabilia (e.g. glasses) please phone **Dave Platt** or bring them down to the Festival.

- **Staffing** – Pete Farrand on 07786 283990
- **Information** – Jim Flynn on 07917 596751
- **Stewarding** – Mike Flynn on 07588 605606
- **Tombola** – Dave Platt on 0161 2561166
- **Website** – [www.stockportfestival.org.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk)

### **Mild Magic 2016**

Our mild pub passport scheme 'Mild Magic' runs until 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please support it by taking part, it's very easy, plus there are great prizes, including beer tickets, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces. See April's 'Opening Times' magazine or contact **Margaret O'Brien** or **David Platt** for details.

### **Good Beer Guide 2016**

The special £10 branch price (if you pick it up from Jim Flynn) **will cease at the end of May** - copies posted to an address in the branch area cost £11.00 send a cheque made payable to "CAMRA Stockport & South Manchester" to Jim's home address - **66 Downham Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5EG.**

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