



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## *Branch Diary & News for:* **Nov – Jan 2019**

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### NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Swan With Two Necks**, 36 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY. Bus: 300, 330; Train: Stockport.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Day Out in Huddersfield via Stalybridge.**  
Train Departs **Stockport** at **9.45am/Stalybridge** at **10.40am**.  
First stop, **Lord Wilson**, King Street, HD1 2QB for food.  
See [www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm](http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm) for full details.
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.  
*Includes 'Meet the Brewer' with Bill Neagle, Soul Brewing Co.*
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Winter Warmer Wander Launch Stagger.**  
**7.30pm Railway**, 1 Avenue Street, Portwood, SK1 2BZ. (**8.30pm Bakers Vaults**, Market Place, SK1 1ES.)  
Bus: 7A, 324/5, 330, 380, 381
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Didsbury South.**  
**7.30pm Didsbury**, 852 Wilmslow Road, M20 2SG.  
(**8.30pm Crown**, 770 Wilmslow Road, M20 2DR.)  
Bus: 23/A, 42/A; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.  
*Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).*
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Ye Olde Vic**, 1 Chatham Street, Edgeley, SK3 9ED.  
Bus: 11, 309/10, 313, 328, 368; Train: Stockport.
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Stockport Beer and Cider Festival Meeting.**  
**Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.

### DECEMBER

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Beer of Festival Bronze Award.**  
**Fernandes Brewery**, Wakefield.  
*See website for more details.*

- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Arden Arms**, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.  
Bus: 300, 384.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Hope**, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 25, 192, 364.  
*Includes Christmas Quiz.*
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Stagger: Hillgate.**  
**7.30pm Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
(**8.30pm Sun and Castle**, 54 Middle Hillgate, SK1 3EH.)  
Bus: 192, 199, 378.
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Swan With Two Necks**, 36 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY. Bus: 300, 330; Train: Stockport.

### JANUARY

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Fred's Ale House**, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW. Bus: 168, 172, 178, 192, 197;  
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Magnet**, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ. Bus: 25, 192, 364.  
*Includes selection of Pub of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and Club of the Year.*
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Branch Meal.**  
**Robinsons Visitor Centre**, Apsley Street, Stockport, SK1 1JJ.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Offerton.**  
**7.30pm Puss in Boots**, 147 Nangreave Road, SK2 6DG.  
(**8.30pm Fingerpost**, 434 Hemphaw Lane, SK1 4QA).  
Bus: 307/8, 317.  
*Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).*
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Manchester Beer and Cider Festival.** Manchester Central Convention Centre, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX
- **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Head of Steam**, 653 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, M20 6QZ.  
Bus: 23/A, 42/A/B, 142, 171, 270; Metro: Didsbury Village.

### FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Armoury**, 31 Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BD. Bus: 11, 309, 310, 313, 328, 368; Train: Stockport.
- **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Day out in Wigan.**  
*See website for more details.*
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Hope**, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 25, 192, 364.  
*Includes selection of entries for 2020 Good Beer Guide.*

## Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2019

Stockport Beer and Cider Festival will be back at Edgeley Park from **30th May to 1st June**, subject to contract. The last festival went very well, cementing our position as one of the leading community-based beer and cider festivals in the North and we intend to build on that position in 2019.

This is our premier event of the year and we still need new, enthusiastic people to come along to help us organise the festival. In particular we need assistant/deputy bar managers; full training will be provided. So, give **Jim Flynn** a ring (see below for his number) and come along to our next meeting. Please put the evening of **26th November** in your diary as the date of the next organising committee meeting at the **Blossoms in Heaviley** when the budget will be finalised and some really crucial decisions will be made.

## Manchester Beer & Cider Festival

The Manchester Beer & Cider Festival will held be at the **Manchester Central Convention Centre (formerly GMEX)** from **Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th January 2019**. The 23rd is a trade and CAMRA only session and you will be able to try the beers in advance of the general public. If you haven't already done so, please put those dates in your diary.

The Manchester Beer & Cider Festival styles itself as the North's largest celebration of beer. Whatever your taste in beer, cider or perry, you'll find plenty of it at **#MBCF19**. With over 700 beers, ciders and perries you can make it whatever kind of beer festival you like – traditional or modern, hoppy or malty, bitter or sour – it has the lot!

Please visit the festival web site at <https://mancheerfest.uk/> for more information and to complete a staffing form even if you can only work for three or four hours. Remember volunteers are urgently required for the set up and the knock down. There is **free beer and cider for all volunteers** and later there will also be a **staff party**. Please volunteer to help us to make this a great success.

## Good Beer Guide 2019

The Good Beer Guide provides a comprehensive guide to the nation's best pubs and to all of its breweries. Have you got your copy yet? Remember that Good Beer Guides also make excellent **Christmas gifts** for the pub goer, the beer drinker and the traveller.

The Cover price is £15.99, the official CAMRA member price is £11.00 (plus p&p) but the branch is selling copies at **£10.00** each. This price applies if you pick up the Guide from **Jim Flynn** at a branch event or at his home address (please ring first on **0161 432 1816**). All copies posted to an address in the branch area will cost £11.00 each (which is still a saving on the official members' price including p&p). For postal sales please send a cheque made payable to **CAMRA, Stockport & South Manchester** to Jim at his home address, 66 Downham Road, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5EG.

## Beer Scoring Reminder

Beer scores are part of our selection process for our **22 entries** in the **Good Beer Guide**, and they also help us to keep track of the rest of our pubs. For valid comparisons we'd like lots of scorers each to visit lots of different pubs, not just "the usual suspects". Your scores will be appreciated. It's easy to score your beers via **www.whatpub.com** - or you can still score on paper, or in an email to **PubsOfficer@ssmcamra.co.uk**. Scores observed in **2018** need to reach me by **26th January 2019** to be counted. Enjoy your research!  
*Peter Butler, Pub Survey Officer.*

## PUB MONITORING

Have you got any news about pubs in our branch area? It could be a change in the beer range, the pub has closed, pub re-opened, demolished, change of licensee, refurbishment, etc.  
We really need to know this in order to keep [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com) up-to-date. Just hit the "Submit Update" button on the WhatPub page of the pub you have news for, or send your news in an email to **Mark McConachie** on [Whatpub@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:Whatpub@ssmcamra.co.uk). Thank you.

## Winter Warmer Wander 2019

Following the success of the last **Winter Warmer Wander**, the Branch is again organising a trail of pubs to promote the drinking of cask conditioned stouts, porters, barley wines, old ales and other stronger beers.

Sponsored by Robinsons' Old Tom, the promotion will run from **9th November until 31st December**. To take part, simply buy half a pint of cask-conditioned winter beer of 4.5% abv or higher from each participating pub, obtain a sticker and fix it to the entry sheet. For more information see the **November/December issue of Opening Times** or the Branch website [www.ssmcamra.co.uk](http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk).

Successful participants will gain free entry to the Manchester Beer & Cider Festival 2019 and there will be prizes including top class bottles of beer and "winter warmer wander" t-shirts.

## Branch Anniversary Meal

This year's **Branch Anniversary Celebration** should take place on **Saturday 12th January**. We aim to start at **7.30pm**, but you can arrive from 7pm onwards. A guest beer and a traditional cider should be available along with the venue's own range. Our speaker this year is planned to be **Jackie Parker, CAMRA Chair**. There will be a buffet, a quiz if there's time, and a prize raffle - lots of beery and cidery prizes. The **cost should be £12.50** each but please remember that this **includes a free pint**. Book with John Clarke at [chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk) or call 07753 836898.

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