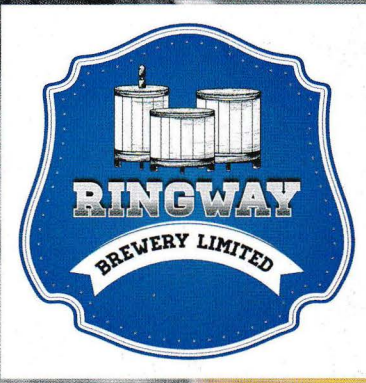


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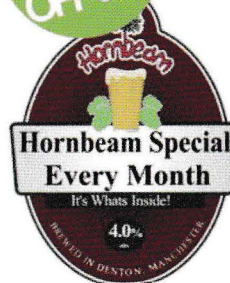
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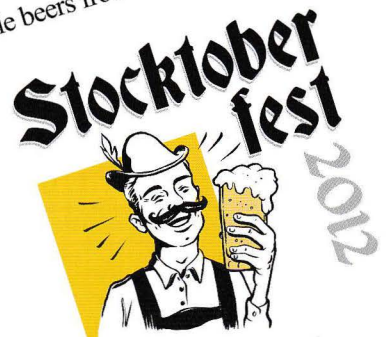
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Comment & What's On

Index, Notes and Local CAMRA Branch Events

Sorry for the break

You may have noticed that we didn't have a July issue of *Opening Times*. This was due to the sudden death of John Tune who set our pages and liaised with our printer. John was something of an unsung hero in the Stockport & South Manchester Branch who will be sorely missed. There is an obituary and appreciation on page 13.

John's work has been taken on by Dave Hanson for this issue and the September issue will be set by Alan Gent. My thanks to both of these local members for stepping into the breach. You will see that we have also had a redesign. As ever with *Opening Times* this remains a work in progress so please do let us know what you think.

This month's issue is therefore something of a catch up so apologies if any of our regular features are missing or truncated. As we approach the late summer we enter beer festival season and you will see in these pages large adverts for some forthcoming events – do please give them your support.

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Your Local CAMRA Events

Local CAMRA branches organise regular events in pubs across the region. Members of other branches and the general public are welcome to attend except some branch business meetings (call/email branch contact if in doubt). Organising branch shown in brackets.

Wednesday 8th – Social at the Star Inn, Back Hope Street, Higher Broughton. Starts 8pm. (NM)

Thursday 9th – Branch Meeting at the Arden Arms, Millgate, Stockport including Summer Quiz. Starts 8.15pm (SSM)

Monday 13th – Branch Meeting at the Cotton Bale, Hyde. Starts 8.30pm. (HPNC)

Wednesday 15th – Branch Meeting at the Royal Oak, Eccles. Starts 7.30pm. (NM)

Friday 17th – West Didsbury Stagger. Start Woodstock, Barlow Moor Road at 7.30pm; Four in Hand, Palatine Rd 8.30pm. (SSM)

Saturday 18th – Grand Cheshire Day Out: A summer stroll or cycle around our Cheshire Pubs, culminating with a barbecue. See website for details. (TRH)

Saturday 18th – Wilmslow Crawl. Start Kings Arms, Fulshaw Cross 12.30pm. (MEC)

Wednesday 22nd – Please contact Phil Booton for details of this evening's event. (NM)

Thursday 23rd – Pub of the Month presentation to the Arden Arms, Millgate, Stockport. From 8pm (SSM)

Tuesday 28th – Macclesfield community pubs visit. Start Chester Road Tavern at 7.30pm. (MEC)

Wednesday 29th – Salford Crawl: Crescent 7.30pm; Old Pint Pot 8.15pm; Hyde Park Corner 8.50pm; New Oxford 9.30pm. (NM)

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Pub of the Month

The Stockport & South Manchester Awards for July & August



The Crown, Heaton Moor

The Stockport & South Manchester CAMRA Pub of the Month award for July 2012 was won by the Crown, Heaton Moor, writes Jim Flynn.

In an area which is definitely on the up as far as pubs and beer are concerned when Martyn Clowery and his manager Stuart Davies took over the Crown in Heaton Moor 12 months ago they recognised that something had to be done to ensure that this ex Boddington's house stayed in front of the competition. Their plan was simply to ensure that the pub played to its strengths as a traditional boozery while improving its range of beers.

Stuart describes the pub has having all the best attributes of the Grapes in the sitcom *Early Doors* written by local writer Craig Cash. You can see his point not only for the setting but also for the wide range of characters who populate the three rooms (including the last traditional vault in the area). Although very popular for sport, horse racing as well as football, the televisions are not intrusive and there are no food menus, no jukeboxes, no fruit machines and no pool tables; just people enjoying a drink and having a conversation.

With the demise of cask Boddingtons the beer range has widened to include Copper Dragon Golden Pippin, Marston's Pedigree, Wells Bombardier, John Smiths and one or two guest ales. Having signed up for the Spirit Master Brew Range and also SIBA Direct Stuart hopes to find something to please his old Boddies drinkers as well as enabling him to choose a variety of interesting guest beers.

Stuart has been running pubs from North Wales (his home) to London and back for 14 years and this experience certainly shows. The bar staff are very attentive and service is always prompt even at the busiest of times. The beers are kept very well and the Stuart has ensured that the pub has supported CAMRA's local campaigns, most recently Mild Magic.

The pub is less than 5 minutes from Heaton Chapel Station, 5 minutes from the 192 bus route, the 22 and 197 stop a few hundred yards away and the 84 passes the door. A pub not to be missed!



The Arden Arms, Millgate, Stockport

The Pub of the Month winner for August is the perennial favourite, the Arden Arms on Millgate, just off the town's historic Market Place. Dave Platt went along.

Steve King and Joe Quinn have been running the Arden Arms for something like 12 years now and during that time have won an impressive clutch of awards, from both CAMRA and other organisations, all hugely well deserved.

This Grade II listed pub had many historic features which have gained it a listing on CAMRA'S National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors. The interior is always kept in excellent order with brown and cream décor, lots of wood, real fires and chandeliers. All topped off by a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Unseen by the regular patrons, are a number of body niches in the cellar walls attesting to its former use as a mortuary for the coroners' courts nearby.

The pub is known for its excellent food which is now served in the evenings as well as at lunchtimes. The pub buzzes at all times with quiz nights, wine tastings, jazz on Mondays and even a knitting club! Outside there is a superb courtyard showing off the old outbuildings and stables, and features a new stage which will feature a range of live music. An outside bar is being planned to accompany this. The beers are from Robinsons and the Arden sells a wide selection from the range, with quality being top notch.

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The 8th Chorlton Beer and Cider Festival came through fears that the worst weather in its eight year history would keep the people of Chorlton away to end up selling more beer, cider and perry than ever before.

A full day of torrential rain meant that as the festival opened, parts of the grounds of St Clements Church were under several inches of water. A week of beer disturbing storms leading up to the festival had already meant the cellar team from Trafford & Hulme CAMRA used all their skills to get the 82 cask ales ready for serving and then volunteers from the church braved the elements preparing the grounds for opening time.



The festival started with the judging of the North West Round of the Champion Specialty Beer Of Britain Competition with judges including John Leech MP and the appropriately named Reverend Ken Flood joining local publicans, journalists and trained beer tasters on the nine man blind tasting panel. The eight finalists in the competition selected by an online vote of 16,000 CAMRA members across the North West included a cask conditioned Pilsner, beers made with honey, a German style Alt bier, ginger beers, cloudy wheat beers and a fruit flavoured mild.

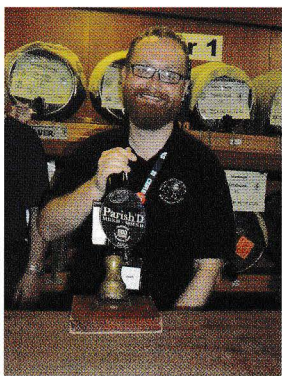
When the judges' votes were counted, the beer selected as the North West region's entrant in the Champion Specialty Beer Of Britain Competition was Marble Brewery's Ginger. Runner up was another Manchester brewer, Dunham Massey and their Chocolate Cherry Mild with the bronze going to Lonesome Pine from Cumbria's Ulverston Brewery.



The rain finally stopped at 7pm and the crowds started to flock in to join the brave souls who had come out early. By the end of the night 1,300 visitors had drunk over 3,000 pints of ale and hundreds of pints of cider and perry. Dunham Massey brewery added to their Silver award in the competition with the honour of also having the first beer to sell out with 18 gallons of their Summer Meadow lasting just three hours.

With the festival in recent years having gained a reputation for running out of beer before closing time, organisers had increased the beer order by over 20% to try and break the cycle. Opening on Saturday morning with 4,500 pints of 73 different beers still on sale, they believed they were on target to keep the festival open to 10pm.

Yet again the people of Chorlton had other ideas, buying beer at an incredible 11 pints a minute throughout the afternoon so by 6pm almost 2,500 pints had been sold. As the sun came out, Friday's puddles disappeared and the customers kept coming. With queues at the two bars up to 10 people deep at times, every available hand was drafted in to help serve - so much so that the Rector himself even spent an hour behind the bar.



By 8pm the by then inevitable sell out loomed as the last of the 2,000 pints of cider and perry was sold and the final bottle of Belgian beer was opened. Full casks of beer were being drained in less than 30 minutes and by 8.45 it was all over and the handpump on the last beer standing,

Stockport's Quantum Stout, ran dry. Despite 1,200 pints more available, the festival had run dry an hour earlier than in 2011. The band played on, but with nothing more to drink the crowds slowly moved on to Chorlton's pubs and bars as the volunteers set about preparing the church for its regular Sunday morning engagement.

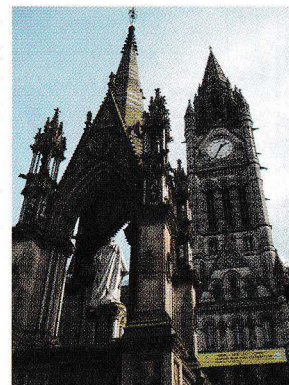
Another successful festival had been completed with around 3000 people through the gate over the two days enjoying a wide range of traditional real ale, ciders and perries. With packing the church with as much beer as could physically be squeezed in still not enough to satisfy the thirst of Chorlton, it's back to the drawing board for 2013.

All Change?

A new structure for CAMRA in central Manchester

Are you a CAMRA member living in Manchester City Centre or do you consider city pub(s) to be your local? Have your say on how CAMRA in Central Manchester is organised.

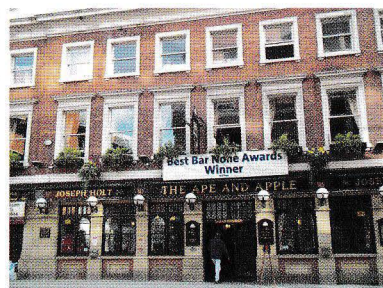
Manchester is unique amongst major British cities (outside of London) in not having a single branch covering its city centre. Currently CAMRA members living in central Manchester will be placed in one of three branches who cover the city centre (Trafford & Hulme, North Manchester or Stockport and South Manchester) and receive communications about events across the branch area.



Some local activists also believe that the split up of the city centre dilutes effectiveness of campaigning for the city's pubs and makes the Campaign seem disjointed. Examples often quoted include; a pub on one side of the street being a member of the LocAle campaign while a pub over the road can't join; pubs within yards of each other being CAMRA Pub Of The Month/Pub Of The Season at the same time; not speaking with a united voice to politicians and planners.

Greater Manchester CAMRA is therefore consulting all interested members to determine whether there is interest in a new body to cover the city centre. This could be a formal liaison committee with remit to decide which events and campaigns will be run in the city centre, a new sub-branch with its own structure while members remain part of their original branch, transfer of the whole centre to one of the existing branches or a complete new branch.

As the first stage of the consultation, an open meeting is to be held to which all CAMRA members with an interest in the city centre's pubs are invited. The meeting will be held on Thursday 25th September in the first floor restaurant of The Ape & Apple, John Dalton Street from 7.30pm. The agenda will be flexible but will include reviewing the issues with the existing structure and potential benefits from change, defining what constitutes the city centre (provisionally proposed to be roughly the area enclosed by the inner ring road) and determining if there are members willing to run the new structure. If there is genuine interest then a working party will be formed to develop proposals further.



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Stockport Beer Festival

The ups and downs of this year's event

Well, it was always going to be different this year. While the Festival stayed put in the calendar, everything else moved. There was a double bank holiday immediately afterwards, foul weather, an England football match and lots of competing Diamond Jubilee events. What would happen?



Unsurprisingly attendance dropped to just under 6,000. But those who came along had a great time. Funnily enough the lunchtime sessions took a greater hit than those at night – and the smaller crowds meant that people could get around more so beer and cider sales did not drop as much as the reduced attendance might have suggested. The great range of entertainment certainly helped keep numbers up across the board, with notably good feedback received for storming performances by Merry Hell and Connie Lush.

One of the highlights of the festival in recent years has been for Stockport & South Manchester CAMRA to celebrate a landmark number of branch members. The previous three years have seen presentations made to the 900th, 1,000th and 1,100th members. Such has



been the rate of increase that this year we marked the 1,260th members. Why the odd number – well, 1260 was the year that Stockport gained its Market Charter. Pictured above are (left to right) Stockport & South Manchester Membership Secretary Alex Keenleyside, new members James Shaw and Caroline Tyson (joint 1,260th members), and national Membership Director Keith Spencer.

Beers of the Festival

As usual there was considerable interest in the contest for the much sought after Beer of the Festival Award, voted on by our customers. They are clearly a discerning bunch, choosing three excellent but very different beers in the top three.

The winning beer was Nectar Pale from Sheffield's Blue Bee Brewery. This four per cent ABV beer is a superbly quaffable pale ale "brewed with copious quantities of New World hops". Head brewer Richard Hough was suitably pleased to be told of this latest award for one of his beers and plans are in hand for a visit to present the award in early September.



Runner up was Jinja Ninja, a four per cent ginger beer from Peerless Brewery in Birkenhead. Our customers have a habit of voting for beers that are slightly out of the mainstream and this excellent refreshing ginger beer really fits the bill. Third place went to another beer from Merseyside way – the excellent American Red Ale (five per cent ABV) from the Liverpool Craft Brewery. This quite new company really nailed the style with this one – with a big malt base off-set by a huge amount of US hops.

Finally, we made a special Best Newcomer award to the very new Blackjack Brewery for the exceptionally good Aces High IPA. This will be the first award Rob Hamilton will have won for his beer but we suspect it won't be the last, such was the quality of the beers he supplied to the festival. Well done all.

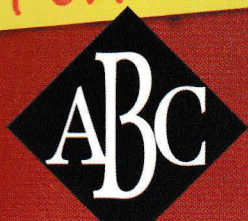
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Cider & Perry News

Getting to the core of the matter



Regional Cider Festival

The Second Regional Cider and Perry Festival was another success although the numbers were down due to the atrocious weather over the weekend. There were 450 people through the door of which 110 were members of CAMRA.

The winners of the Cider & Perry of the Festival with 113 votes cast were Springfield Red Dragon Cider and Oliver's Perry. Arrangements will be made to present these awards.

The Moss Cider Project, a community project making cider and planting apple trees with the profits retained in Moss Side, made a festival

debut at the Regional Festival; it was also available at Chorlton Festival too. It's quite dry this year but do look out for it. The donors of the apples receive cider back, so if you have spare apples contact them via Facebook for more details of this worthwhile project.

Regional Cider Pub

As usual there was much jostling for position in the voting for the Greater Manchester Cider Pub of the Year. Strong entrants from the *Opening Times* area included such stalwarts as the Woolpack in Stockport, the Font in Manchester and the New Oxford in Salford. However the winning pub has been announced as the High

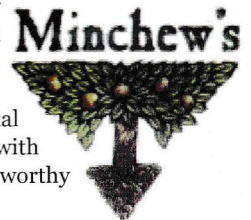
Peak CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year, the excellent Rising Sun in Mossley. As we went to press the award was due to be presented on 29 July. Look for a report in future issues of *Opening Times*.

Stockport Winners

As ever the Cider and Perry bar at the Stockport Beer & Cider Festival was hugely successful. Although sales were down this year the best part of 500 gallons were still sold to our very discerning customers.



The results of the voting for cider and perry of the festival are always eagerly awaited and this year the awards went to two classics. Cider of the Festival was Port Wine of Glastonbury made by long established makers Hecks, of Street near Glastonbury. This was an unsurprising winner as Port Wine is a cider that almost everyone seems to like. Perry of the Festival went to a newer but still well established maker. Kevin Minchew is based near Tewkesbury and is an award winner in the past. His Stinking Bishop single varietal perry was a huge hit with our customers and is a worthy winner.

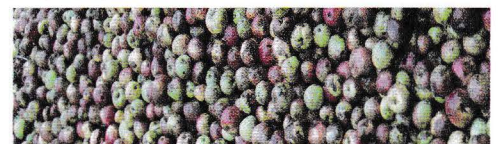


This year there were a number of local ciders available so the Cider Bar team also decided to make an award for the best Local Cider and this went to Stockport producers Mad Hatters for Ding Dong, an excellent quaffable product.

Coming Up

The August Bank Holiday weekend usually sees a number of local pub based beer festivals. However the **Railway** on Portwood in Stockport will be holding its annual cider festival that weekend. This is an essential date for local cider lovers as Sue Hitchens always has an interesting range of guest ciders and perries for the event.

Events are also in the planning stage for CAMRA's Cider & Perry Month in October. The annual *Opening Times* Cider Circuit will be running again and a cider trip to London is being mooted. *Opening Times* is also in early discussions with Manchester's Marble Arch pub about a couple of cider and food related events. Hopefully more on all of this next time.



Pick of the crop

- Skilfully crafted by our Master Cider Maker each has it's own characteristic rich style and a flavour simply bursting with fruit. Cloudy or clear, vintage or organic, there's something for everyone.
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