

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 11th June 1:30pm Half Way House, Ashton

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, Allan Stone, Graham Privett, Geoff Williamson, Neil Hay, Mark Taylor, Aaron Parkinson, Steve Parsons, Andy Booth, Nick Earle, Richard Chanin
2. **Apologies:** Ian Kerr, Phil Moss, Ralph Warrington, Tom Lord, Rod Oliver, Frank Clayton, Frank Wood, Lisa Wood, Geoff Lees
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 10th May** were agreed.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. Item 8: Watch list – the Kingfisher already exceeds 5 scorers, so not added.
 - b. Item 11(d) Sunday walks – agreed to ask in newsletter if anyone is interested in organising Sunday morning walks ending in a pub, 5 miles max. ACTION
5. **Pub news**
 - a. The Station in Ashton has re-opened Thu – Sun with 2 cask ales
 - b. The Dog and Partridge in Ashton now closed
 - c. The Broadoak Hotel in Ashton is now closed
 - d. The Swan, Kettleshulme now has cask ale
 - e. The Church Inn, Mossley is changing landlord
 - f. In Hyde the Cotton Bale, the Albion, the Clarkes Arms and the Gardeners no longer have any cask ale
 - g. 53degrees North will end their arrangement to run the Buxton Tap House and Cellar Bar. Team will take over the George, Hayfield.
6. **Brewery News**
 - a. Mouselow Farm brewery has been sold and the equipment removed
 - b. Rising Sun Mossley, recently brewed an extra strong version of Brewer's Craic
 - c. Chapel-en-le-Frith Craft Brewing- Cracken Edge now brewed using local Phoenix hops from Brook House Farm. Mail order range will probably be available for Christmas season
 - d. Bridge Beers is expanding with a third fermentation vessel. New single hopped beer called Galaxy
 - e. Torrside open weekends will continue as planned after jubilee opening cancelled
 - f. P-noot (Lowes Arms brewery) has donated 2 beers to the Stockport Beer Festival charity, including a BIPA

7. Officers' reports

- a. Chair
 - i. East Midlands branches have suffered membership reductions, but beer festivals should attract new members
 - ii. Pub turnover in Northern England is up, with lower footfall, but higher prices
 - iii. This branch could be asked to find a venue for an EM regional meeting
 - iv. Lawrence Devaney (SSM CAMRA) suggested another joint branch social, possibly Mossley or Buxton In October
 - v. GM PotY judging almost completed
- b. Treasurer – balance £722.09; no final statement from HSBC yet
- c. Membership secretary – 1141 (-6) (Oct 2020 was 1332); M:F, U30 unchanged
- d. Beer scoring coordinator – 4392 scores from 200 scorers, 47 from HIP. Under the current GBG policy, 108 pubs are eligible
- e. Social secretary
 - i. Local social 15/7 will be publicised to all on 330 bus route ACTION
 - ii. Schedule presented for Number 60 bus social on 20th August, the bus starting at Hayfield 11:50, arriving at the Swan at 12:26
- f. Secretary
 - i. Doubt over the branch meeting in August [Note added later: there will be no branch meeting in August. 13/8 social in Buxton meeting at 1pm at RedWillow.]
 - ii. New home needed for branch stillaging [Note added later: Aaron Parkinson offered to house it in the Half Way House cellar ACTION]
 - iii. Mild Magic shirts and beer tokens will be available at Stockport Beer Festival

8. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
June 18 th 11:18am	Saturday	Branch trip to Horwich	P14 Man Picc
July 2 nd 1pm	Saturday	Stalybridge social	Old Hunters Tavern, Acres Lane
July 11 th 8pm	Monday	AGM	Harewood Arms
July 15 th 8pm	Friday	Local Social Woodley & Bredbury	Joshua Bradley
July 16 th 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Petersgate Tap
July 23 rd 2:30pm	Saturday	Pub of the Summer presentation and social	Beer Shed
August 13 th 1pm	Saturday	Social	RedWillow, Buxton
August 20 th 12:30pm	Saturday	60 / 60A bus route social	Swan, Kettlethulme

August 30 th 10:31am	Tuesday	Branch trip to Shrewsbury	Man Picc 10:31am / Stockport 10:39am
September 19 th 8pm	Monday	Branch meeting	Carters Arms, Denton TBC
October 1 st 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Manchester TBD
October 13 th – 20th	Thursday	Branch trip to Antwerp	TBD

9. Opening Times

- a. Material for July/August to Tom Lord by Monday.
 - b. Volunteers to take on OT: Geoff Williamson, Tom Lord could still pick up, Neil Farrell and Colin Allsobrook. Secretary will arrange a meeting to sort it out.
- ACTION

10. Antwerp Trip

- a. Will be 13th – 20th October 2022
- b. Costs will be about £50 flight/train, plus hotel
- c. Members signed up at the meeting – Allan Stone

11. AGM – 8pm Monday 11th July Harewood Arms, Broadbottom. Request for it to be on a Saturday was discussed.

12. Date of next meeting – AGM 8pm Monday July 11th Harewood Arms Broadbottom, followed by a branch meeting.

Peter Mitchell, Secretary