

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 11th July 2022, 8:20pm

Harewood Arms, Broadbottom

Minutes

- 1) **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, Neil Hay, Peter Broadbent, John Litt, Mark Taylor, Aaron Parkinson, John Robinson, Steve Mason, Phil Moss, Bernie Brownsword, Frank Wood, Geoff Lees, Rod Oliver, Steven Wright, Nick Earle, Tom Lord
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Geoff Williamson, Colin Phillips, Graham Privett, Frank Clayton, Ralph Warrington, Martyn Ardern, Ian Kerr
- 3) **Minutes** of the meeting of 11th June were approved.
- 4) **Pub news**
 - a) The former Sportsman (Strines) is to re-open on 10th August as “The Strines Nightingale”. The taproom will be renamed “The Sportsman Bar”
 - b) Kings Arms in Chapel has re-opened, selling Holts Mild and IPA
- 5) **Officers' reports**
 - a) Chair
 - i) GM regional meeting on Saturday 16th July 1pm Petersgate Tap all welcome. Guest speaker Ash Corbett-Collins
 - ii) Mild Magic 2022 very successful with 110 completed entries, 2278 pub visits, and 66 different cask milds on offer
 - iii) Stockport BCF signed up only 22 new members, which was disappointing
 - iv) The committee is recommending that the branch stillage, currently stored at Mouselow Farm, go to the GM CAMRA equipment store. The meeting did not dissent. Aaron Parkinson, who had offered to store it at Half Way House was thanked for the offer. Graham Donning needs a photo ACTION PM
 - b) Treasurer
 - i) Current balance is £722.09
 - c) Membership secretary – no new figures after AGM update
 - d) Beer scoring coordinator – Watchlist now includes (pub name, number of scorers): Butchers Arms (Mossley), 4; Carters Arms (Denton), 2; Dog & Pheasant (Ashton), 4; Hatters Arms (Marple), 4; Heroes of Waterloo

(Ashton), 4; Traveller's Call (Bredbury), 2. It was agreed to add the Cheshire Cheese (Newton), if the number of scorers is below 5.

e) Social secretary

- i) There is a local social on 15th July, going to the Joshua Bradley, the Navigation (Woodley) and the Traveller's Call (Bredbury), using the 330 bus
- ii) Buxton social on 13th August – start point may change.
- iii) #60 bus social on 20th August – meet at the Swan, Kettlethulme 12:30

f) Secretary

- i) Buxton social only (no branch meeting) as no room available on 13/8
- ii) National call for interested members to join a working group on NBSS. The meeting suggested Graham Privett might be interested.

6) Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
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
October 1 st 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Manchester TBD
October 8 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Flute and Firkin, Poynton TBC
October 13 th – 20 th	Thu-Thu	Branch trip to Antwerp	
October 22 nd 2:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Autumn	Harewood Arms

7) Branch Pub of the Autumn

The criteria for branch pub of the season was clarified (**changes in red**) as follows:

- (a) Must serve good real ale, **with average beer score greater than 3.0**
- (b) A pub which may be especially deserving of an award for some other reason. We are not asking you to just nominate your favourite pub, but to think about any in the branch that you

know where a branch award would be particularly appropriate, encouraging and appreciated.

Nominations for branch Pub of the Autumn were: Samuel Oldknow (Marple), Harewood Arms (Broadbottom), Kingfisher (Poynton). After an elimination ballot, the Harewood Arms was selected. The presentation will be on Saturday 22nd October 2022 at 2:30pm

8) Opening Times update

- a) July / August edition due out this week
- b) Meeting of volunteers to be convened for future editions, after Tom Lord steps down

9) Antwerp Trip update

- a) Need firm commitments by 1st August
- b) 9 definites, 2 possible members going
- c) Travel will be left to each member
- d) Likely to book Ibis Hotel, which is well situated and looks reasonable

10) AOB

RO has acquired a copy for the branch of “Beer Breaks” by Tim Webb, a new CAMRA book about continental beer destinations, which members may borrow.

- 11) **Date of next meeting** – Monday September 19th 8pm Carters Arms, Denton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary