

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 8th October 2022

Flute and Firkin, Poynton

Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell (chair), Paul Rickard, Alan Stone, Graham Privett, Nick Earle
2. **Apologies:** Kevin Wilson, Ben Zwierink, Geoff Williamson, Frank Wood, Lisa Wood, Tom Lord, Frank Clayton, Kath Murray, Rodney Oliver
3. **Minutes of the meeting 11/06/22 were agreed**
4. **Meet the Brewer** – Colin Bavins and Jake Astbury of Neighbourhood Brew Co (fka Poynton Brewery) joined the meeting. Colin described the history of Poynton Brewery, now called Neighbourhood Brew Co, and the Flute and Firkin. They will be focusing on keg beers, but still producing a number of core and seasonal cask beers, as there is a good customer base and demand for cask, while keg allows more experimentation. They do not favour keykegs, because they are not recyclable and environmentally unfriendly.
5. **Pub news–**
 - a. Rock Mill “The Pits” brewery tap is to close, as the landlord requires vacant possession.
 - b. Platform 1 in Romiley is being sold, but remains open for now.
 - c. There is a new Buxton Brewery tap in the Pavillion Gardens in Buxton.
6. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. New RD for Greater Manchester, Ralph Warrington
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Balance remains £722.09
 - c. membership secretary
 - i. 1129 members (-11 on month, -70 on year); M:F 82:18; U30 2.7%.
 - d. beer scoring coordinator
 - i. 4324 scores (-29 on month) from 203 scorers (43 branch members)
 - ii. Watchlist:
 1. Dog & Pheasant, Ashton
 2. Heroes of Waterloo, Ashton
 3. Pack Horse, New MillsCould all do with more scorers (currently 4 each)

- e. social secretary
 - i. 22/10 social to include the Star, Distant Hills Brewery tap, and others in Old Glossop
 - ii. 12/11 joint social in Mossley with SSM CAMRA
 - iii. Xmas party 17/12/22, will charge £12 per head, at Petersgate Tap again, following a successful event there last year
- f. secretary

7. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
October 13 th – 20 th	Thu-Thu	Antwerp trip	
October 22 nd 2:30pm	Saturday	Pub of the Autumn presentation and social (Old Glossop)	Harewood Arms, Broadbottom
October 28 th 8pm	Friday	Local Social in New Mills	Rock Tavern
November 12 th 1pm	Saturday	Social with SSM CAMRA	Gillery, Mossley
November 14 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Bridge Beers, Stalybridge
November 26 th 1pm	Saturday	Social in High Lane	Red Lion
December 10 th 1pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Carters Arms, Denton
December 17 th 6pm	Saturday	Christmas Party	Petersgate Tap
December 29 th 12noon	Thursday	Drown the Turkey social	Salisbury Ale House
January 14 th 2023 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Bolton Ukrainian Social Club
January 16 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch meeting (PotY, CotY etc)	Sportsman, Hyde
January 28 th TBD	Saturday	Pub of the Winter presentation	TBD
April 8 th 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	TBD

8. Volunteer needed for branch Pub Protection Officer

Deferred to next meeting

9. GBG23 licensee pack distribution

Graham Privett will do Denton and Gee Cross, Allan Stone will do Romiley, Nick Earle will do Marple etc, Paul Rickard will do Poynton. Others to be agreed.

10. Posters for pubs about CAMRA local activities

Deferred to next meeting

11. Pub of the Year criteria

Deferred to next meeting

12. Branch Pub of the Winter

One more nomination was made – Flute and Firkin.
Decision will be postponed to the next meeting.

13. Opening Times update

- a. Items for Nov/Dec to BZ by 21/10/22
- b. Plastic holders were demonstrated. It was agreed that it would be better to have a sheet specifying what they are, and some contact information, pasted to the back. If John Clarke does not have any [Note added later – he doesn't] then NE agreed to design one.

14. AOB

15. **Date of next meeting** – 7:30pm Monday November 14th Bridge Beers, Stalybridge

Peter Mitchell, Secretary