

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 14th November 7:30pm

Bridge Beers, Stalybridge

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Steven Wright, Frank Wood, Dave Edwards, David Shaw, Neil Hay, Martyn Ardern, Ian Kerr, Mark Taylor, Aaron Parkinson, David Hanson, Arnold George, David Bridge, Glenn Hall, John Robinson, Graham Privett, Phil Moss, Kevin Wilson, Steve Wyllie, Nick Earle, John Litt, Steve Parsons
2. **Apologies:** Geoff Williamson, Colin Phillips, Geoff Lees
3. **Minutes of 8th October** were agreed. No Matters arising.
4. **Pub news**
 - a. White Lion, Hyde: Now serving Taylors Landlord
 - b. Shepherds Call, Hyde: New extension opening 1/12/22
 - c. Bar 2, Glossop: Opening a cocktail bar next door
 - d. Old Fire Station, Ashton: Now serving J W Lees beers
 - e. Angel, Dukinfield: Local cask beers and Doom Bar; kitchen to be fitted soon
 - f. The Victoria, Dukinfield: now closed
 - g. British Protection, Stalybridge: no real ale
 - h. Crossings, Furness Vale; now run by the people who run Chalkers
 - i. Railway, Woodley: opening soon
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. New GM RD is Ralph Warrington
 - ii. MBCF not taking place early 2023. Sugden Centre suggested as possible venue, to pass on to GM CAMRA ACTION BZ
 - iii. Stockport BCF moving to Masonic Guildhall, June 22nd – 24th 2023
 - iv. Branch stillage now in CAMRA Northern Store. Store may have to move because of rent hike
 - v. National PotY now down to last 4 – none in GM
 - vi. Branch PotY criteria – should we use national guidelines for selection at branch level? Should we do more formal judging against criteria? Should all candidates be required to meet GBG qualification criteria? *Agreed* to ask committee to produce a specific proposal. ACTION
Agreed to continue with only one branch PotY (could have three).
 - b. Treasurer: Balance £707.09. Some cheques to clear

- c. Membership secretary: 1118(-11); M:F 82:18; 29 U30s (2.6%) Largest age group is 61-70
- d. Beer scoring coordinator:
 - i. 4203 scores (down 100)
 - ii. GP will write an article for newsletter to encourage scoring
 - iii. Some members have trouble scoring with GBG app if no wi-fi
- e. Social secretary
 - i. Branch diary is now a google calendar on the branch website
 - ii. Drown the Turkey social to start at Salisbury Ale House, very close to Oxford Road Station
- f. Secretary
 - i. Interest in curry evening in the New Year- names to Rod Oliver
 - ii. Stockport Beer and Cider Festival are looking for volunteers for: Health and Safety Manager – John Sutcliffe would mentor; Reception, deputy manager; Finance, deputy manager; Games, deputy manager
 - iii. 2 copies of GBG23 remaining
 - iv. Branch meetings agendas may need to change, because fo a change in GBG24 publication schedules. Likely GBG selections in January (GM) and February (Derbyshire and Cheshire), with PotY etc in March

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
November 18 th 8pm	Friday	Local Social in Disley	White Horse
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 5:30pm	Saturday	Christmas Party	Petersgate Tap
December 29 th 12noon	Thursday	Drown the Turkey social	Salisbury Arms
January 14 th 2023 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Ukrainian Social Club, Bolton
January 16 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch meeting	Sportsman, Hyde
January 28 th TBC	Saturday	Pub of the Winter presentation	Jake's Ale House
February 11 th 1pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Rems, Chapel-en-le-Frith
February 24 th – 27 th	Fri-Mon	Branch weekend away	TBD
March 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Half Way House

7. Branch Pub of the Winter

Nominated pubs: Bar 2, Glossop; Flute and Firkin, Poynton; Jake's Ale House, Romiley. After an elimination ballot, Jake's Ale House was selected as branch Pub of the Winter. The presentation will be on Saturday 28th January 2023 at a time to be agreed.

8. February weekend away (24th – 27th Feb 2023)

- a. Nominations: Norwich, Glasgow (note added later – Grimsby also nominated)
- b. Decision will be taken at December branch meeting

9. Christmas Party from 5:30pm, Saturday 17th December, Petersgate Tap, Stockport

Several members signed the sheet. Please let the secretary know, or sign the sheet at any social or meeting before 17/12/22 .Numbers needed for food order.

10. Opening Times

- a. November/December issue now with distributors
- b. The new plastic holders were issued to OT distributors on a trial basis.
- c. Branch events will be included up to two weeks into the next edition's time

11. Volunteer needed for branch Pub Protection Officer

Dave Shaw volunteered.

12. Posters for pubs about CAMRA local activities: deferred

13. Problems with CAMRA's national membership system: deferred

14. AOB

- a. Discussion about real ale – how can we increase its popularity? Is the new definition (live beer) confusing matters? Does the adoption of cider cloud the picture? Noted that HPTNEC policy continues to require GBG entries to sell cask-conditioned ale
- b. Frank Wood offered to give up BLO position for Green Mill Brewery. Steve Wright offered to take it on. ACTION

15. Date of next meeting – 1pm Saturday 10th December, Carters Arms, Denton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary