

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1:40pm

Poynton Legion Club

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Broadbent, Frank Wood, Tom Lord, Peter Hallmark, Nick Earle, Allan Stone
2. **Apologies:** Rodney Oliver, Graham Privett, Bernie Brownsword, Colin Phillips
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** There were no matters Arising
4. **Pub news**
  - a. To the Moon and Back, Ashton, currently craft keg only, intends to put cask on, and to install a brewery (Juggernaut)
  - b. Shrub Club, New Mills is closing 9/7/23
  - c. Old Hall, Whitehough will hold beer festival 15-17/9/23
  - d. Wharf Tavern, Stalybridge: the Grainger family, who have run it for 74 years, will be leaving in September 2023. The meeting *agreed* to make a Branch Special Award to the Grainger Family.
5. **Brewery news**
  - a. Thirst Class Brewery is closing
  - b. Rock Mill, currently closed, is still looking for a new home to continue brewing
  - c. Globe brewed Outlaw Ale (4.8% amber) to coincide with Outlaw Rock'n'Roll weekend, selling well. Three regular beers being served
  - d. Big Stone brewing suspended, hoping to restart in 2024
  - e. Buxton continues to support cask and other dispense beers; new beers include Hop Development Ales (HAD) using rare old English hops Ernest, Mystic, Citra Floe, Harlequin; barrel-aged beers and collaborations also popular; tap rooms all concentrating on beer, with food incidental.
6. **Officers' reports**
  - a. Chair
    - i. Greene King will supply more beer in pins
    - ii. Black Sheep Brewery acquired by an investment company
    - iii. 45 breweries gone out of business over the last year (15 previous year)
    - iv. Kraków trip: it was *agreed* that members will book flights and accommodation individually or in pairs; Rod Oliver will be asked to arrange brewery trips etc.
    - v. Geoffrey Lees memorial meal will be held annually on his birthday
    - vi. Stockport BCF still need volunteers 22-24/6/23

- vii. Interested members are invited to be branch judges for Greater Manchester PotY – talk to Ben
- viii. Salford CAMRA re-boot meeting 1pm 17/6/23 in the Kings Arms, Salford, and a presentation 5pm 17/6/23 at the New Oxford. Branch officers invited to attend to encourage Salford members to take up positions
- b. Treasurer: Balance £616.87
- c. Membership secretary: 1079 (-13); M:F 82:18; U30s 29 (+1) (2.7%)
- d. Beer scoring coordinator: 4086 scores from 208 scorers, of whom 46 are branch members
- e. Social secretary
  - i. 22/6/23 3:30pm social at SBCF preview session
  - ii. 22/7/23 2pm at Piccadilly Tap or 2:30pm at Sureshot Brewery
  - iii. 9/9/23 Bakewell Social – take the 10:35 TransPeak bus from Buxton Market Place
  - iv. 23/9/23 Buxton rail line social, to coincide with Cask Ale Week, and to create a rail trail guide
- f. Secretary
  - i. June, July & August branch meetings all Saturdays
  - ii. Autumn Pot Season will be selected at July meeting, with previous nominations (Bar 2, Cheshire Ring) carried forward

## 7. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 3:30pm	Thursday	Branch social at Stockport Beer & Cider Festival preview session	Stockport Masonic Guildhall
July 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>12noon</b>	Saturday	Independents' Day Treasure Hunt	New Oxford, Salford
July 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:15pm ( <b>note later start time</b> )	Saturday	Branch AGM, Branch Meeting & Social	Chalkers, Newtown
July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Lamb Hotel, Eccles
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2pm	Saturday	Manchester breweries tour (Sureshot, Track, Cloudwater and Temperance Street)	Piccadilly Tap
July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Summer presentation & Social	Ale Stop, Buxton
August 12 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Norfolk Arms, Marple Bridge
September 9 <sup>th</sup> 10:35am	Saturday	Bakewell Social	Market Place, Buxton (TP3 bus)
September 11 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	TBC
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> TBC	Saturday	Buxton line rail social	TBC
October 14 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Trafford & Hulme TBC
October 17 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Tue - Tue	Branch trip to Kraków	

## **8. CAMRA Regions Review**

Support received from 3 RDs. Expecting Tony Millns, chair of implementation group, to be in touch to arrange to discuss branch submission.

## **9. Salford CAMRA Independents' Day Treasure Hunt 1/7/23**

We are fielding a branch team, and we need members! Just turn up for 12noon at the New Oxford, or speak to Ben Zwierink, team captain.

## **10. High Street Rental Auctions**

Members are encouraged to contact their MP, using the [CAMRA template letter](#).

## **11. AGM preparations**

Next month, on 8<sup>th</sup> July, we hold our branch AGM. We will be electing all of the branch officers and committee members for the coming year. We particularly need:

- Beer scoring coordinator
- Pubs protection officer
- Awards officer (including write-ups of awards for the website & Opening Times)
- Clubs officer
- Social secretary (jobshare)
- Ordinary committee members

If you would like to find out more about what any of these involves, ask now, or speak to any current committee member afterwards. Nominations can be made any time up until the AGM.

It was also *agreed* to review the awards we make, including possible runner-up for PotY, and to discuss possible limits on consecutive awards to the same pub. ACTION

## **12. Opening Times** for July & August will be late (2<sup>nd</sup> week of July), because of SBCF

## **13. Date of next meeting** – 2:30pm Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, after the AGM at Chalkers Pool and Snooker Club, Newtown

Peter Mitchell, Secretary