

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 8th July 2:30pm, following the AGM

Chalkers Pool & Snooker Club, Newtown

Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Ben Zwierink (chair), Geoff Williamson, Colin Phillips, Tom Lord, Steve Parsons, Bernie Brownsword, Phil Moss, Frank Clayton, Allan Stone
2. **Apologies:** Nick Earle, Kevin Wilson, Graham Privett, Clare Rowbotham Williams, Neil Hay, John Litt, Stephen Webster, Frank Wood, Kath Murray, Ralph Warrington
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed. No matters arising.
4. **Pub news**
 - a. Dog & Pheasant, Ashton, is now serving cask ale
 - b. To the Moon and Back, Ashton, is now serving cask ale
 - c. There is a campaign to keep the Royal, Hayfield, open as a pub
 - d. Shrub Club, New Mills is closing this month
5. **Brewery news**
 - a. Distant Hills are still running the bar, with food
 - b. Rising Sun, Mossley. Brewery is still in use, but cask only produced sporadically
 - c. Robinsons will be moving to Bredbury in 2024, ahead of schedule
 - d. Chadkirk no change
 - e. Stockport Brewing no change
 - f. Neighbourhood Brew Co supplied SBCF with 6 firkins of the Festival Beer
6. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Thirst Class Brewing is now closed
 - ii. SSM CAMRA Winter Warmer – HPTNEC will take part this year. The Silly Country wish to participate
 - b. Treasurer: £616.87 current balance
 - c. Membership secretary: 1088 (+9); M:F 81:17; U30 30 (+1)
 - d. Beer scoring coordinator (BSC):
 - i. 4015 scores from 222 scorers, 44 of whom are HPTNEC members
 - ii. 87 pubs are currently eligible for GBG selection
 - iii. 3 watch-list pubs need more scorers
 1. White Horse, Disley
 2. Bulls Head, Glossop
 3. Pack Horse, Hayfield
 - iv. GP has prepared notes for his successor on the role of BSC

7. Meetings schedule

| Date and time | Day | Meeting | Venue |
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| July 15 th 1pm | Saturday | GM Regional Meeting | Lamb Hotel, Eccles |
| August 5th 1:30pm [note change of date] | Saturday | Branch Pub of the Summer presentation & Social | Ale Stop, Buxton |
| August 12 th 1:30pm | Saturday | Branch Meeting and Social | Norfolk Arms, Marple Bridge |
| August 26 th 1:30pm | Saturday | Thornsett Brewery visit | Beer Shed, New Mills, for taxi to the brewery |
| September 9 th 10:35 | Saturday | Bakewell Social | TransPeak bus, Market Place, Buxton |
| September 11 th 7:30pm | Monday | Branch Meeting | Tapsters, Ashton |
| September 19 th 7:30pm | Tuesday | Branch Cider PotY presentation and Special Branch Award presentation to the Wharf | Station Buffet Bar, & Wharf Tavern, Stalybridge |
| September 23 rd TBC | Saturday | Buxton line rail social | TBC |
| October 7 th 1:30pm | Saturday | Branch Meeting & Social | TBC |
| October 19th-26th Note revised dates | Thu-Thu | Branch trip to Kraków | Hotel Wyspiański |
| October 28 th 2pm | Saturday | Manchester breweries tour (Sureshot, Track, Cloudwater and Temperance Street) | Piccadilly Tap, or at Sureshot 2:30pm |
| November 4 th 2:30pm | Saturday | Branch Pub of the Autumn presentation | Bar 2, Glossop |

8. Branch Pub of the Summer

5 members present said they could attend the PotSummer presentation to the Ale Stop, Buxton, on the afternoon of 5th August, so that date was agreed.

9. Branch Pub of the Autumn

Bar 2 and Cheshire Ring were nominated, having previously been nominated for PotSummer. In addition, Masons, New Mills was nominated. After an elimination ballot, Bar 2 was selected. Presentation Saturday 4th November TBC.

10. Kraków Trip

7 members definitely going; 3 possibly. Secretary to send Rod Oliver the email addresses. ACTION

Revised dates: Thursday 19th – Thursday 26th October

Wyspiański Hotel has twin rooms at reasonable rates, and package of room + flights is good value. Others offering value are the Grand Hotel and the Hotel Wawel.

11. Geoff Lees Memorial Dinner

Geoff Williamson will book the Angel, Dukinfield, for Thursday 10th August for around 7pm.

12. Opening Times

- (a) July- August edition will be ready for distribution in the next few days
- (b) New plastic customised display stands not yet available for distributors – some production delays. Will be ready for September – October edition

13.AOB

- a. Draught beer duty rate changes from 1st August will mean that pub take-outs of most cask beers, and take-outs at the end of beer festivals, will not be allowed. Members should talk to landlords to make sure they are aware
- b. Frank Clayton's problem with CAMRA's membership system has been resolved
- c. RO will contact John Clarke about the proposed branch curry night, to see whether any SSM members would be interested in joining us. ACTION RO

14. Date of next meeting – 1:30pm Saturday 12th August Norfolk Arms, Marple Bridge

Peter Mitchell, Secretary