

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 12th August 1:35pm

The Norfolk Arms, Marple Bridge

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Nick Earle, Neil Hay, Kevin Wilson, Geoff Williamson, Colin Phillips, Tom Lord, Rodney Oliver, Ian Kerr
2. **Apologies:** Steve Parsons, Phil Moss, Frank Wood
3. **Minutes** of the branch meeting of Saturday 8th July were *agreed*. There were no Matters Arising
4. **Pub news–**
 - a. Jake's Ale House, Romiley, has changed its name to Hop Haus
 - b. Beer Shed, New Mills: the owner, Russ Degnan, is leaving. The pub will be run by Torrside Brewery
 - c. Dysarts, Mossley is closed for six weeks for refurbishment
5. **Brewery news**
 - a. Chadkirk Brewery has closed
 - b. Neighbourhood Brew Co is increasing its cask production and is seeking CAMRA beer festival outlets
 - c. Buxton Brewery is running this year's Buxton Beer Festival, and would welcome CAMRA involvement. NB CAMRA cannot supply equipment. CP to find out exactly what it would like from CAMRA. ACTION CP
6. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Mild Magic 2023 had +45% people, making 3200 visits. £1285 income; £1170 expenditure. Some pubs did not live up to expectations.
 - ii. Winter Warmer Wander (CAMRA event, not just SSM) will include Greater Manchester area only. 55-60 pubs, will be charged £15 to take part. Robinsons are sponsors. Pubs in HPTNEC so far: Angel, Dukinfield; Bridge Beers; Half Way House, Ashton; Jack's; Silly Country; Station Buffet Bar, Stalybridge; Tapsters. Next meeting 7:30pm 30/8/23 Swan with Two Necks.
 - iii. Scott Walker, landlord of the Dog and Partridge, Ashton, has asked to meet. Has a meeting room for 25 people. ACTION BZ & PM will visit.
 - iv. Summer Ale and Music Festival at the Strines Nightingale 25-28/8/23
 - v. National membership 152,420 (-420)
 - b. Treasurer: Current balance £616.87

- c. Membership secretary:
 - i. Branch 1076 (-12); M:F 81:17; U30s 34(+4) 3.2%
 - ii. GM 7504; M:F 81:18; U30s 244 3.3%
 - iii. National 152,318; M:F 79:19; U30s 4315 2.8%
- d. Beer scoring: 4084 scores from 227 scorers, of which 2906 scores were submitted by 45 branch members
- e. Social secretary
 - i. Thornsett Brewery visit (26/8/23) to be cancelled (train strike)
 - ii. Buxton Rail line social 23/9/23 – meet for 12:04 train from Stockport towards Buxton. Various stops and pubs will be sampled, with a view to writing a “rail ale trail” leaflet.
- f. Secretary
 - i. Branch positions vacant:
 1. Pub Protection Officer: Kevin Wilson offered to cover Tameside. Ben Zwierink will be overall PPO, and will cover High Peak and Peak District National Park planning authorities. Stephen Ridge (SSM CAMRA) will continue to assist with Stockport and East Cheshire planning and licensing info).
 2. Beer Scoring Coordinator: Ian Kerr offered to look into what it involves. He will talk to Graham Privett. ACTION IK
 3. Awards Officer. No offers yet.
 - ii. Pub of the Autumn presentation to Bar 2 has been moved to Saturday 28th October, to accommodate the breweries social on 4th November.

7. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
August 26th	Saturday	Thornsett Brewery visit	CANCELLED
September 9 th 10:35am	Saturday	Bakewell Social	Trans Peak 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, & (8:30pm) Wharf Tavern, Stalybridge
September 23 rd 12:04pm	Saturday	Buxton line rail social	Stockport station for train towards Buxton
October 7 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting & Social	Gillery, Mossley
October 14 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Dulcimer, Chorlton
October 19 th -26 th	Thu - Thu	Branch trip to Kraków	Polonia Hotel
October 28th 1:30pm [changed date]	Saturday	Pub of the Autumn presentation and Social	Bar 2, Glossop
November 4 th 2pm	Saturday	Manchester breweries tour (Sureshot, Track, Cloudwater and Temperance Street)	Piccadilly Tap
January 13 th 2024 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Atherton Arms, Atherton

8. Kraków Trip

Will be staying at Polonia Hotel. Anyone not yet signed up is welcome to join us.

9. Opening Times

(a) New plastic customised display stands were taken by distributors.

(b) September-October edition should be available around the beginning of September. Tom Lord will coordinate distribution, as Geoff Williamson will be away

10.GBG24 Licensee Packs

Distributed to members. Ideally, these will be taken to pubs around 2 weeks before publication on Thursday 28th September, to give licensees time to prepare their own publicity, celebratory events etc. Deliver them between 11th and 22nd September if you can. Everything is strictly embargoed until publication date.

11.AOB

We need some ideas to encourage members to attend branch meetings.
ACTION committee

12.Date of next meeting – 7:30pm Monday 11th September Tapsters, Ashton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary