

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 11th September 7:30pm

Tapsters, Ashton

Minutes

1. **Present:** John Robinson, Frank Wood, Mark Taylor, Aaron Parkinson, Ian Kerr, Rodney Oliver, Martyn Ardern, Steve Mason, Phil Moss, John Clarke (SSM CAMRA), David Bridge, Dave Edwards, Glenn Hall, Anthony Sumner, Graham Privett, Peter Mitchell, Ben Zwierink (chair), Nick Earle, Neil Hay, Steven Wright
2. **Apologies:** Colin Phillips, Kevin Wilson, Geoff Williamson, Steve Parsons, Sue Lightfoot (SSM CAMRA)
3. **Minutes** of the meeting of 12th August were *agreed*. The secretary *agreed* to put a link to the minutes, which are published on the branch website, in the branch newsletter. ACTION There were no matters arising.
4. **Pub news**
 - a. **Harewood Arms** may have management changes on the way
 - b. **Crown, Glossop** is closed pending the appointment of new managers
 - c. **Traders** have expanded into the neighbouring shop, and are serving Mexican food
 - d. **Browtons** bottle bar, Ashton, is changing hands
 - e. **Corner Cupboard, Glossop** has a second hand pump with changing guest beer
 - f. **Distant Hills** beers are now being brewed elsewhere
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. CBOB voting now open until 1/11/23
 - ii. GM PotY is Fox and Pine, Oldham; second was Blackedge Brewery Tap, Horwich
 - iii. Propose to keep the same judging system for the branch PotY
 - b. Treasurer: Balance £616.87
 - c. Membership secretary: 1072 (-4); 33 U30s (3%)
 - d. Beer Scoring Coordinator – position vacant
 - e. Pub Protection officer
 - i. New team in place and monitoring all branch planning portals
 - ii. Fickle Mermaid case ongoing. May have planning permission on appeal
 - f. Social secretary
 - i. Arrangements for the Buxton rail line social on 24/9/23 issued
 - g. Secretary
 - i. Ideas for meeting venues canvassed – Angel, Dukinfield; Stalybridge Labour Club; 3 Drinks Behind (Mondays); Snug, Droylsden were suggested
 - ii. Regions Review – Implementation group will look at our case this calendar year, and will discuss any proposal for change with us before making their recommendation to the NE

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue

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
November 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Bridge Beers, Stalybridge TBC
January 13 th 2024 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Atherton Arms, Atherton

7. Winter Warmer Wander

John Clarke (SSM CAMRA) said that Robinsons, main sponsor of WWW23, would celebrate “Old Tom Day”, with 125th anniversary in 2024. Their “Tom and Berry” winter beer (4.4% ABV) will qualify. There will be some bias to “outlying pubs”, to encourage participants to get outside of main city and town centres.

8. Kraków Trip

Any member not already booked to come may still make arrangements to join us for all or part of the time – 19/11-26/11/23. If interested, speak to Rodney Oliver.

9. **Curry Night** – No date fixed yet. May be combined with Christmas Party.

10. Opening Times

(a) New plastic customised display stands now available for distributors.

(b) *Agreed* to distribute to Lord Sheldon, Ashton, and Hatters, Marple, to ensure all participating pubs have copies of Nov-Dec OT, which will contain printed "cards" for WWW23. ACTION

11. GBG24

a. Licensee Packs

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. ***Everything is strictly embargoed until publication date.***

b. Branch copies of GBG24

We have ordered 20 copies for sale to members at £12 per copy. Members signed up for copies. There are still some left.

12. **Date of next meeting** – Saturday 7th October 1:30pm at The Gillery, Mossley