

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 13th November 7:30pm

Bridge Beers, Stalybridge

Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Steven Wright, Neil Hay, Frank Wood, John Robinson, Glenn Hall, David Bridge, Dave Edwards, Malcolm Booth, Rodney Oliver, Nick Earle, Ben Zwierink (chair), Kevin Wilson, Geoff Williamson
2. **Apologies:** Phil Moss, Steve Mason, Ralph Warrington, Ian Kerr
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed, with a change from “Lord Sheldon” to “Sheldon Arms”. No Matters Arising.

4. **Pub and brewery news**
 - a. Hartshead Inn, Ashton, re-opened 9/11/23
 - b. Fletchers Arms, Denton, now re-opened, with food reported as good
 - c. Navigation, Marple closed for refurbishment
 - d. Bulls Head, Marple, food reported as good
 - e. Big Stone Brewery is brewing again. Beer on at Whaley Nook
 - f. Buxton Brewery has had some changes of personnel
 - g. New Inn, Buxton is up for sale
 - h. Distant Hills beers are now being brewed in Nottingham

5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Regions Review – No progress to date
 - ii. Winter Warmer Wander starts 17/11/23. WWW mentioned in MEN
 - iii. National CAMRA membership 150,318 (+15); Regions: Greater Manchester 7355 (-33), Cheshire and Merseyside 5935 (-38), W Pennines 6959 (-23). 250 recruited at Norwich Beer Festival
 - iv. Mistake in current Opening Times; Terence Grainger has not been the landlord at the Wharf Tavern, Stalybridge for 74 years – it’s the Grainger family, including Terence’s parents
 - b. Treasurer: Balance £472.97. Owed some for GBG24 sales to members
 - c. Membership secretary
 - i. Branch membership 1057(-8)
 - ii. Nationally, new members are increasing again
 - iii. Support bigger beer festivals, which are good for recruitment
 - d. Social secretary
 - i. Winter Warmer Wander launch wander 18/11/23 in Marple Bridge (Northumberland)
 - ii. Branch social 2pm Saturday 25/11/23 Bredbury and Denton
 - e. Beer Scoring coordinator: Scores issued. Some editing needed (too many 5s)
 - f. Secretary

- i. GBG selection meetings will be January (Greater Manchester) and February (Derbyshire and Cheshire) branch meetings

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
November 18 th 6:45pm	Saturday	Winter Warmer Wander launch wander	Northumberland Arms, Marple Bridge
November 25 th 2pm [note change of date]	Saturday	Social in Bredbury and Denton	Arden Arms, Bredbury
December 9 th 2pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Harewood Arms, Broadbottom
December 16 th 5pm	Saturday	Curry & Christmas party	Cheshire Ring, Hyde
December 28 th 12noon	Thursday	“Drown the Turkey” social	Piccadilly Tap
January 13 th 2024 TBD	Saturday	Social	New Mills, TBC
January 13 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Atherton Arms, Atherton
January 15 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield
January 27 th 1:30pm, TBC	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Winter presentation	Northumberland Arms, TBC
February 10 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Commercial, Glossop
February 16 th – 19 th	Fri-Mon	Weekend away	Norwich

7. Branch Pub of the Winter selection

Northumberland Arms, Marple Bridge was selected

8. Curry Night and Christmas Party – If you’re planning to come, please notify Rodney Oliver

9. Brewery Liaison Officers (BLOs) needed: Chapel-en-le-Frith Craft Brewing & Juggernaut. No volunteers

10. Branch Weekend Away February 2024

Norwich was selected. Dates are 16th – 19th February.

11. Good Beer Guide 2025 – Branch Policy and Procedure

The committee’s recommendation of no change to the policy from last year was *agreed*.

12. Branch copies of GBG24

We have a small number of copies for sale to members at £12 per copy.

13. AOB

14. Date of next meeting – Saturday 9th December 2pm at the Harewood Arms, Broadbottom

Peter Mitchell, Secretary