

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm

Half Way House, Ashton

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, Neil Hay, Steven Wright, Frank Wood, John Robinson, Rodney Oliver, Ben Zwierink (chair), Martyn Ardern, Steve Mason, Phil Moss, Nick Earle, Ian Kerr, Mark Taylor, Glen Hall, Aaron Parkinson, Geoff Williamson
2. **Apologies:** Graham Privett
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.** No matters arising
4. **Pub news–**
  - a. Fickle Mermaid, Chapel, now closed
  - b. Royal Hotel, Hayfield closing from 20/3/23 as the landlord is retiring
  - c. Traders, Marple is planning to expand into the next door shop. CAMRA discount not now offered
  - d. Boar's Head, Stockport has closed and reopened after the management and staff resigned
  - e. Platform One, Romiley under new management
  - f. Gun Inn, Hollingworth under new management
  - g. Angel, Dukinfield is now serving real cider
  - h. Strines Nightingale is open 4 days a week, and will soon have a new kitchen
  - i. Many pubs, which had reduced numbers of cask beers, seem to be reverting to using all handpumps e.g. Gillery, now back to 4 cask ales, from 3
5. **Brewery News –**
  - a. Runaway Brewery is moving to Astley Street, Stockport
  - b. Bridge Beers are now brewing a golden mild
  - c. Neighbourhood Brew Co, a new business, on the same site as Poynton Brewery, at the Poynton Legion Club
  - d. Millstone now brewing Millstone Edge
6. **Officers' reports**
  - a. Chair
    - i. National CAMRA membership down slightly (-400) to 152,000
    - ii. Gareth Stead is acting Area Organiser for North Derbyshire
    - iii. Stockport Beer and Cider Festival needs volunteers – sign up online at <https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/volunteer>
    - iv. Mild Magic has 100 pubs signed up. 31/3 – 14/5/23
  - b. Treasurer - £818.05 balance, with 3 payments outstanding
  - c. Membership secretary – 1113 members (no change from Feb); M:F 82:18; 27 U30 (2.4%)
  - d. Beer scoring coordinator – 4177 scores from 200 scorers, 41 members of this branch
  - e. Social secretary
    - i. Poynton social moved to 25/3 to avoid train strike day on 18/3

- ii. Will take numbers at the next meeting for a possible pre-booked taxi to Thornsett Brewery from New Mills on 6/5.

f. Secretary

- i. Schedule now firm up to May branch meeting. Later venues may change, but dates are firmer.
- ii. Gary Chester is new Area Organiser for Cheshire. Will invite to any Cheshire events
- iii. Trains to the CAMRA Members' Weekend in Sheffield:
- Friday 21st: Piccadilly 13:48; Marple 14:09; Sheffield 15:05
  - Saturday 22nd: Piccadilly 10:48; Marple 11:10; Sheffield 12:06
  - Sunday 23rd; Piccadilly 10:45; Marple 11:06; Sheffield 12:05
  - We'll plan to return on the last-but-one train each day.

## 7. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup> 1pm [Note date]</b>	Saturday	Social around Poynton	Kingfisher, Poynton
April 7 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Friday	Local Social Compstall & Marple Bridge	Andrew Arms
April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional AGM	Town Hall Tavern, Manchester
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup> 1pm [Note change of date]</b>	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Cheshire Cheese, Buxton
April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Pub of the Spring presentation and Social	The Angel, Dukinfield
May 6 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Saturday	Thornsett Brewery tap	Thornsett Brewery
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Commercial, Glossop
May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch PotY presentation	The Silly Country, Droylsden
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch CotY presentation	Legion Club, Poynton
June 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting & Social	Gillery, Mossley TBC
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1:30pm TBC	Saturday	Branch Cider PotY presentation	TBD
July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch AGM & Social	Chalkers, Newtown TBC
July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Salford TBC
July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm TBC	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Summer presentation	TBD
August 12 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Angel, Dukinfield TBC
October 14 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Trafford & Hulme TBC
October TBD	TBD	Branch trip to Kraków	TBC

8. **Branch Pub of the Year result** – The Silly Country, Droylsden

9. **Branch Club of the Year selection** – The Legion Club, Poynton

**10.Branch Cider Pub of the Year selection** – The Station Buffet Bar, Stalybridge

**11.Kraków trip October 2023**

Provisional dates are 17/10 – 24/10/2023. Cost will be around £500 ph, including flights and hotel.

**12.Curry night**

Looking at a Friday booking at the Cheshire Ring. We will need to have at least 20 people. SSM CAMRA members to be invited.

**13.Opening Times update and discussion about holders.**

- a. Need to check numbers needed by distributors ACTION
- b. The plastic holders seem to be well-received. Committee will cost options for buying more ACTION

**14.AOB**

The members present drank a toast to Bill Tidy, RIP

**15.Date of next meeting** – 1pm Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Cheshire Cheese, Buxton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary