

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Saturday December 9th 2pm

Harewood Arms, Broadbottom

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Steven Wright, Steve Parsons, Phil Moss, Nick Earle, Martyn Ardern, Lisa Wood, Frank Wood, Neil Hay, Geoff Caine, John Pasiecznik, Geoff Williamson, Rodney Oliver, Phil Wild, Peter Mitchell (in the chair)
2. **Apologies:** Kevin Wilson, Ben Zwierink
3. **Minutes** of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November were agreed. No Matters Arising
4. **Pub news**
  - a. Railway, Newton: re-opening, although slightly delayed by state of the cellar
  - b. White Horse, Disley: closed. Electricity failure not so far addressed by Robinsons. Secretary to ask Robinsons, via John Clarke (BLO), when it will re-open. ACTION
  - c. White Lion, Disley: landlord leaving in January or February, due to state of building (Stonegate)
  - d. Navigation, Marple: now re-opened after re-fit
  - e. Goyt, Whaley Bridge: landlord to retire in the spring
  - f. Harewood Arms, Broadbottom: sale has fallen through. Meeting about possible community buy-out Monday 11/12/23 8pm at the pub
5. **Officers' reports**
  - a. Chair: no report
  - b. Treasurer: £427.97 balance. Money to come from GBG24 sales
  - c. Membership secretary:
    - i. Branch 1054 (-3)
    - ii. GM 7322 (-33)
    - iii. National 150728 (-623)
  - d. Social secretary: "Drown the Turkey" meet at Piccadilly Tap, then to Northern Monk Refectory, then to Port Street Beer House. Further calls TBD
  - e. Secretary
    - i. New RD for new North-West region: nominations by 17/2/24. Ralph Warrington is expected to stand
    - ii. RW will be contacting members for help with reviving the Manchester BCF
    - iii. Next two branch meetings – please try to attend – GBG25 selections: Greater Manchester in January, Derbyshire and Cheshire in February

### 6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
December 16 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Saturday	Curry & Christmas party	Cheshire Ring, Hyde
December 28 <sup>th</sup> 12noon	Thursday	"Drown the Turkey" social	Piccadilly Tap
January 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Saturday	Social	Masons, New Mills
January 13 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Atherton Arms, Atherton
January 15 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield

January 27 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Winter presentation	Northumberland Arms
February 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Commercial, Glossop
February 16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri-Mon	Weekend away	Norwich
March 11 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	TBC
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Flying Horse, Rochdale
April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	TBC
April 20 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Spring presentation	TBD

#### 7. Curry Night and Christmas Party

2 curries available; Rod Oliver will negotiate price of food for revised numbers attending. Pub will depend on beer sales to make a profit on the event

#### 8. Branch Weekend Away: Norwich 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Book your own train and hotel (Norwich Nelson City Centre Premier Inn). Meet 16/2/24 4pm at the Murderer's (aka Gardeners Arms).

#### 9. Good Beer Guide 2025 – Nominations

Nominated previously: (names redacted)

Nominated at the meeting:

Nominations can also be made by email to the secretary up until three days before the relevant selection meeting.

#### 10. Branch Pub of the Year 2024

Nominated at the meeting:

Nominations may also be made by email to the secretary before the January branch meeting, or in person at the January branch meeting. If more than 5 nominations are received, we will vote for a shortlist of 5 at the January meeting. Our appointed judges (Nick Earle, Phil Moss and Dave Edwards) will then score all shortlisted pubs, and the pub with the highest aggregate score from all three judges will be declared our branch PotY at the March branch meeting.

11. **Facebook Users** are encouraged to submit items, especially about pubs in your area, to the branch facebook page. GW will do so. For access details, see Nick Earle

12. **Branch copies of GBG24.** All remaining copies were sold.

13. **AOB:** Any pubs using “misleading dispense”, e.g. Otter Amber Fresh on a keg tap made to look like a hand pump, to be excluded from GBG

14. **Date of next meeting** – Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Angel, Dukinfield

Peter Mitchell, Secretary