

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 7th October 1:30pm

Gillery, Mossley

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, Neil Hay, Geoff Caine, Rodney Oliver, Phil Moss
2. **Apologies:** John Robinson, Steve Wright, Geoff Williamson, Kath Murray, Nick Earle, Tom Lord
3. **Minutes** of the meeting 11th September 2023 were *agreed*. Matters Arising: Item 10(b) Extra copies of the November-December Opening Times have been ordered for the Hatters and the Lord Sheldon, which will incorporate the Winter Warmer Wander cards.
4. **Pub news**
 - a. Dysarts Arms, Mossley, has re-opened
 - b. Hartshead Inn, Mossley is closed for refurbishment
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Loyal branch member Allan Stone died 21/9/23. Six branch members attended the funeral at Dukinfield Crematorium, and raised a glass to Allan afterwards at the Angel, Dukinfield.
 - ii. All members welcome to attend the GM CAMRA regional meeting at 1pm on Saturday 14th October at Dulcimer, Chorlton
 - iii. No news on the regions review, and possible changes to the branch
 - b. Treasurer: Balance £600.97
 - c. Membership secretary: 1065 (-7); U30 31 (2.9%)
 - d. Social secretary: socials as in the schedule below. Timings for the breweries social on 4/11/23 are on the branch website
 - e. Secretary: meetings as in the schedule below

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
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)	Piccadilly Tap
November 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Bridge Beers, Stalybridge
November 18 th 2pm	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 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Atherton Arms, Atherton
January 15 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield
January 27 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Winter presentation	TBD
February 10 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Commercial, Glossop
February 16 th – 19 th	Fri-Mon	Weekend away	TBD

7. Twitter and Instagram

A quick survey of members present revealed 2 users of Facebook, one user of X, and none of Instagram. No-one volunteered to provide X content for a branch account

8. Club of the Year 2024; Cider PotY 2024

It was *agreed* to suspend these awards.

9. Judges for branch Pub of the Year 2024

It was agreed to appoint Dave Edwards, Nick Earle (both Greater Manchester) and Phil Moss (Derbyshire) as the judges to assess PotY nominations against the national PotY criteria.

10. Branch Pub of the Winter selection

It was agreed to decide at the November meeting, when it was hoped, more members would be present. Presentation Saturday 27th January TBC.

11. Curry Night and Christmas Party

From 5pm on Saturday 16th December at the Cheshire Ring. There will be an alternative to curry. The cost is to be decided, and then members will be invited to sign up, with or without a +1. ACTION RO & PM

12. Brewery Liaison Officers (BLOs) needed: It was *agreed* to invite members to express an interest in becoming BLO for either Chapel-en-le-Frith Craft Brewing or Juggernaut. Decision on nominations to BLCs to be taken at November meeting.

13. Kraków Trip

Any member not already booked to come may still make arrangements to join us for all or part of the time – 19/10-26/10/23

14. Branch Weekend Away February 2024

Dates are 16th – 19th February. The decision will be taken at the November branch meeting. Norwich, Grimsby, London, Bristol and Plymouth have been nominated so far.

15. Opening Times - New plastic customised display stands were distributed to Opening Times distributors.

16. Branch copies of GBG24

We still have a few copies for sale to members at £12 per copy.

17. AOB

The policy on PotSeason was raised. Should we limit the choice of previous winners?
Referred to the committee, to bring back to the branch at a later meeting.

18. Date of next meeting – Monday 15th November 7:30pm at Bridge Beers, Stalybridge

Peter Mitchell, Secretary