

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm

Snug, Droylsden

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Ian Kerr, John Robinson, Mark Taylor, Dave Bridge, Glenn Hall, Aaron Parkinson, Rodney Oliver, Dave Birtles, David Allen (Central Manchester branch), Geoff Caine, Ray Leigh, Kevin Wilson, Katherine Hay, Neil Hay, Graham Privett, Nick Earle, Ben Zwierink (chair)
2. **Apologies:** Frank Wood, Lisa Wood, Geoff Williamson, Simon Miller, Steve Parsons
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed. There were no Matters Arising
4. **Pub and Brewery news**
  - a. Bar15, Ashton, now has cask. One handpump, with a second planned
  - b. Four Kings Brewery is closing. Party at the brewery 23/3 1pm til late
  - c. Nico Ditch micropub to open in Ashton
  - d. Steel Works, Bredbury, opening Friday 22/3 with four handpumps
  - e. Foresters Call, Ashton will have a second handpump for Mild Magic
  - f. Prince of Orange, Ashton, closing this week
5. **Officers' reports**
  - a. Chair
    - i. CAMRA national AGM voting now open on the website
    - ii. Membership reduction nationally only 2.5%
    - iii. GBBFWinter made a surplus
    - iv. GBBF itself lost money
    - v. Overall CAMRA accounts in surplus, and reserves now around £4M
    - vi. AGM in Dundee in April
  - b. Treasurer: £781.97 balance, but cheque for £45 made out to Rod Oliver
  - c. Membership secretary: 1043(-7); M:F 81:18; U30 27 (2.6%)
  - d. Beer Scoring Coordinator: 45 branch scorers in last year, with 357 open pubs in branch area, 3037 scores from branch scorers. Some pubs have had only one scorer, and we could do with more.
  - e. Social secretary
    - i. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March branch trip to Rochdale.
    - ii. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Pub walk around Chinley & Buxworth
    - iii. Details on branch website
  - f. Secretary
    - i. Derbyshire County meeting 23/3/24 12noon at the Victoria Inn, Derby
    - ii. Mild Magic pub packs going out now (MM 12/4 – 19/5/24)
    - iii. A dozen spare copies of Opening Times (taken for Steel Works)

## 6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
March 16 <sup>th</sup> 11:20am	Saturday	Social in Rochdale	Mc/r Victoria
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 12noon	Saturday	Derbyshire CAMRA County Meeting	The Victoria Inn, Derby
March 30 <sup>th</sup> 12noon	Saturday	Pub walk around Chinley (start walk at 1pm)	Green Lane Social, Chinley
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional / County Meeting	Flying Horse, Rochdale
April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Cheshire Cheese, Buxton
April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch PotY presentation	Northumberland Arms, Marple Bridge TBC
May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Saturday	Social in Mossley	Gillery, Mossley
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	3 Drinks Behind, Gee Cross
June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Traders, Marple
July 6 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	TBD
July 13 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM County Meeting	Real Crafty, Wigan TBC
August 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	TBD
October 12 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM County Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield

## 7. Branch Pub of the Year is the Northumberland Arms, Marple Bridge

## 8. Branch Golden Jubilee Celebrations: Working group volunteers: Rodney Oliver & Tom Lord

## 9. Branch Trip Abroad Autumn 2024

Three possible destinations being considered are Toronto, Lisbon and Bavaria (to include visits to Munich Oktoberfest, Bamberg, Nuremburg, Andechs Monastery Brewery, Augustiner Brewery Salzburg). We will decide on the destination at the April branch meeting (by a vote of members who intend to go).

## 10. Brewery Liaison Officers

Nick Earle volunteered to be BLO for Chapel-en-le-Frith Craft Brewing. BZ to notify Gillian Hough (BLC). ACTION BZ

It was *agreed* not to appoint BLOs for breweries registered in our branch area, but brewing elsewhere (e.g. Juggernaut and Distant Hills)

## 11. Date of next meeting – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm at the Cheshire Cheese, Buxton