

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm

Traders, Marple

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Geoff Williamson, Geoff Caine, John Robinson, Kevin Wilson, Frank Clayton, Frank Wood, Nick Earle, Tom Lord, Peter Broadbent, Bernie Brownsword, Stuart Jamieson, Ben Zwierink (chair)
2. **Apologies:** Ian Kerr, Steve Wright, Phil Moss, Dan Szechi, Rodney Oliver
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed. No **Matters Arising**
4. **Pub and Brewery news**
  - a. Prince of Orange, Ashton, re-opened 24/5/34
  - b. Chapel-en-le-Frith Craft Brewing has a new BLO (NE)
  - c. Flash Brewery, Flash (Staffordshire) sells bottle-conditioned beers
5. **Officers' reports**
  - a. Chair: Trafford & Hulme CAMRA visiting Buxton 18/6/24
  - b. Treasurer: Balance £659.79
  - c. Membership secretary: 1030(-6). Hoping for boost from Stockport BCF
  - d. Beer Scoring Coordinator
    - i. # branch members scoring beers in branch by month: Jan 28; Feb 23; Mar 21; Apr 17; May 23
    - ii. Watch List: Top Astley, Dukinfield & Kings Head, Droylsden, both need more scorers
  - e. Social secretary
    - i. Trip to Chelmorton 29/6/24: meet Buxton Market Place 1:15pm
    - ii. Social after this meeting to include bus (358) to Strines Nightingale
  - f. Secretary
    - i. Mild Magic – another successful year
    - ii. Fresh Ale now confirmed at the Tame Valley (picture of Wainwright Gold pump clip circulated – “Brewery Conditioned”)
    - iii. Geoff Lees memorial dinner- votes for the three suggested venues: Kambuja 0; Sportsman, Hyde 0; Armenian Taverna 5

## 6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
June 29 <sup>th</sup> 1:18pm	Saturday	Social to Chelmorton, and Buxton Brewery	TransPeak bus, Buxton Market Pl
July 6 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	<b>AGM</b> , Branch Meeting & Social	Half Way House, Ashton
July 13 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM County Meeting	Real Crafty, Wigan
July 20 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm TBC	Saturday	Visit to Thornsett Brewery Tap TBC	Outside Beer Shed (shared taxis)
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Pub of the Summer presentation & social	Kingfisher, Poynton
August 10 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Saturday	Geoff Lees Memorial Dinner	Armenian Taverna, Manchester
August 17 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Sportsman, Hyde TBC
September 4 <sup>th</sup> – 11th	Wed-Wed	Munich trip	TBD
September 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	TBD
October 12 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	GM County Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield
October 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting	TBD

## 7. AGM 6<sup>th</sup> July

All branch positions are up for election. In addition to those currently filled, we still need an Awards Officer, and a Young Members' Contact.

## 8. Branch Trip to Munich, 4<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Recommended hotel will be announced next month

## 9. CAMRA North West Region

The branch was content with the plans for the new North West CAMRA region

## 10. Proposed new Buxton CAMRA branch

The Regional Director for East Midlands CAMRA, Rob Hamnett-Day, has proposed a new "Buxton" branch, including all of the Derbyshire part of our current branch, plus Edale, the Hope Valley and Tideswell area (currently Sheffield branch), and Bakewell area (currently Chesterfield branch).

Nobody spoke in favour of the proposal. Arguments against included:

- Too few members in the area to form a viable branch
- Devised by drawing lines on a map, taking no account of local geography, transport and community arrangements
- Creating a branch dependent on driving for meetings and socials
- Would damage existing HPTNEC branch – needs a solution as a whole
- Original branches were formed "bottom up". This "top down" plan won't work

The branch *agreed* unanimously to object to the proposal (13 votes to none)

**11. Harewood Arms, Broadbottom**

Broadbottom Community Pub Group are aiming to buy the Harewood Arms. They will shortly be issuing a share prospectus, and are now seeking pledges to buy between £100 and £25,000 of shares. Updates available [here](#). Facebook page [here](#). Forms available online to make a pledge.

**12. Stockport Beer and Cider Festival 20<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

Volunteers still needed. Volunteer forms available.

**13. GM Pub of the Year Judging** is now underway. Results will be known in July.

**14. Date of next meeting** – AGM and branch meeting, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30pm, the Half Way House, Ashton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary