

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 15th January 7:30pm

Angel, Dukinfield

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Kevin Wilson, John Robinson, Martyn Ardern, Phil Moss, Anthony Sumner, David Bridge, Glenn Hall, Geoff Williamson, Mark Taylor, Aaron Parkinson, Tony Linney, Neil Hay, Nick Earle
2. **Apologies:** Tom Lord, Steve Wright, John Litt, Rodney Oliver, Steve Mason, Ian Kerr
3. **Minutes of the December meeting** were *agreed*.
4. **Matters Arising** – Item 4(b): White Horse Disley are now advertising for a new tenant.
5. **Pub news**
 - a. Sportsman, Hyde now closing all day Tuesday
 - b. Astley Arms, Dukinfield (“Top Astley”) has a new, temporary landlord
 - c. Bridge Beers, Stalybridge, will be closing Tuesdays
 - d. Rising Sun, Bredbury, up for sale, is having work done
6. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Some rail tickets are available for a trip to Sheffield on 17/1/24
 - ii. New CAMRA region (North West, incorporating Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cumbria and the Isle of Man) will be in place from April
 - iii. Branch Christmas party went well. 34 attendees
 - iv. Post-Christmas social also went well
 - v. GM PotY coordinator is now Beverley Gobbett
 - b. Treasurer: Balance £781.97 after GBG24 sales and including a surplus from the Christmas party
 - c. Membership secretary: 1054 (no change)
 - d. Social secretary
 - i. Pub walks now on branch website
 - ii. Bring boots for the Chinley walk on 30th March
 - iii. Other socials as listed on agenda
 - e. Secretary
 - i. There will be a social after the Pub of the Winter presentation
 - ii. February branch meeting in Glossop is important – GBG25 selections for Derbyshire & Cheshire parts of the branch
 - iii. Winter Warmer Wander forms may be returned via the secretary today
 - iv. Stockport Beer and Cider Festival are seeking a volunteer Deputy Cider Bar Manager
 - v. Any member is welcome to join the branch trip to Norwich 16-19/2/24. Details from the secretary. Some train tickets Norwich to Stockport on 19th Feb are available free from Dan Szechi
7. **Meetings schedule**

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
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January 27 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Winter presentation	Northumberland Arms
February 10 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Commercial, Glossop
February 16 th – 19 th	Fri-Mon	Weekend away	Norwich
February 24 th TBD	Saturday	Social	Chapel & Whaley TBD
March 11 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Snug, Droylsden
March 16 th TBD	Saturday	Social	Rochdale TBD
March 30 th TBD	Saturday	Pub walk around Chinley	Chinley TBD
April 6 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Meeting	Flying Horse, Rochdale
April 13 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Cheshire Cheese, Buxton
May 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	TBC
June 8 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Traders, Marple

8. Branch Pub of the Year 2024

Nominations: [5 pubs]

Our appointed judges (Nick Earle, Phil Moss and Dave Edwards) will score all shortlisted pubs against the national Pub of the Year criteria, and the pub with the highest aggregate score from all three judges will be declared our branch PotY at the March branch meeting.

9. Branch Pub of the Spring 2024

Nominations: [7 pubs]

After an elimination ballot, the Snug, Droylsden was chosen

10. Good Beer Guide 2025 – Selections for Greater Manchester

Members voted for qualified pubs, and the following were selected: [24 pubs selected and 3 reserves]

11. **AOB:** Neil Hay raised a concern that some card-only pubs' card machines are now asking automatically for a tip. Aaron Parkinson said that some card machines do this and can not be changed.

12. **Date of next meeting** – Saturday 10th February 1:30pm at the Commercial, Glossop

Peter Mitchell, Secretary