

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 10th February 1:30pm

Commercial, Glossop

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Frank Wood, Lisa Wood, Colin Phillips, Steven Wright, Daniel Szechi, John Robinson, Phil Moss, Nick Earle, Neil Hay, Ali Warrington, Rodney Oliver, Morris Beeson, Geoff Caine, John Pasiecznik, Geoff Williamson
2. **Apologies:** Kevin Wilson, Kath Murray, Ian Kerr, Ralph Warrington
3. **Minutes of the Meeting on 15th January were agreed. No Matters Arising**
4. **Pub news**
 - a. Cask & Kitchen, Glossop, is moving to Norfolk Square
 - b. Star, Glossop, has an Ossett Tap Takeover from 6pm Tuesday 20th February
 - c. Church Inn, Mossley, closed briefly but is open again
 - d. New Bridge Inn, Mossley, has closed because the landlord has died
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Winter Warmer Wander was a success, generating at least 3220 pub visits. 47 participants submitted 12 stickers; 35 did 24; 30 did 36; 8 did all 65
 - ii. National membership now declined to 148k. Regions Review hasn't helped. Chester and South Clwyd branch has been split into an English and a Welsh part
 - b. Treasurer: £784.97 balance, with about £45 due to Rod Oliver for "Beer Breaks" book and Christmas Party raffle prizes
 - c. Membership secretary: 1050(-4) – a slow, steady loss of members
 - d. Beer Scoring Coordinator: 46 branch members have entered beer score in 210 pubs
 - e. Social secretary
 - i. Chapel & Whaley social 24/2/24 meet 2pm at Rems
 - ii. Rochdale social 16/3/24 meet for the 11:20 train from Victoria
 - iii. Chinley & Buxworth pub walk 30/3/24 meet at 12 Green Lane Social
Details on the branch website at <https://highpeak.camra.org.uk/branch-diary>
 - f. Secretary
 - i. Considering moving start time of Saturday meetings to 2pm. A vote was taken, and it was agreed to leave Saturday start times at 1:30pm
 - ii. Dave Edwards has withdrawn from Branch PotY judging for personal reasons, and has been replaced by Ben Zwierink
 - iii. Phil Moss will represent to branch at the Regional Director election in Preston on 30/3/24

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
February 16 th – 19 th	Fri-Mon	Weekend away	Norwich
February 24 th 2pm	Saturday	Social in Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge	Rems, Chapel-en-le-Frith
March 11 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting and Pub of the Spring presentation	Snug, Droylsden
March 16 th 11:20am	Saturday	Social in Rochdale	Mc/r Victoria
March 30 th 12noon	Saturday	Pub walk around Chinley (start walk at 1pm)	Green Lane Social, Chinley
April 6 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional / County Meeting	Flying Horse, Rochdale
April 13 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Cheshire Cheese, Buxton
May 4 th 2pm	Saturday	Social in Mossley	Gillery, Mossley
May 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	3 Drinks Behind, Gee Cross
June 8 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Traders, Marple

7. Good Beer Guide 2025 – Selections for Derbyshire and Cheshire

Members discussed and then voted for qualified pubs, and the following were selected:

Derbyshire

[13 pubs and 3 reserves]

Cheshire

[2 pubs and 1 reserve]

8. Branch Weekend in Norwich 16th – 19th February

Meet up at the Murderer's at 4pm on Friday 16th.

9. AOB

Neil Hay indicated that he would invite some branch members to his 80th birthday celebration in July.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 11th March 7:30pm at the Snug, Droylsden

Peter Mitchell, Secretary