

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Saturday 13th April 1:30pm

Cheshire Cheese, Buxton

Minutes

1. **Present:** Ben Zwierink (chair), Peter Mitchell, Colin Phillips, Kevin Wilson, John Pasiecznik, Kath Murray, Geoff Caine, Daniel Szechi, Geoff Williamson, Ralph Luxon, Bernie Brownsword, Stuart Jamieson, Dave Sharpe
2. **Apologies:** Frank Wood, Lisa Wood, Rodney Oliver, John Robinson, Nick Earle
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were *agreed*. No matters arising.
4. **Pub and Brewery news**
 - a. Four Kings Brewery has closed, and Bridge Beers are moving their brewing operation to the site in Newton (Hyde). They will also have the brewery tap space.
 - b. Geoff Oliver is back running the Sportsman in Hyde. 30p /pint discount for CAMRA members
 - c. Farmers Arms, Poynton is closed for refurbishment
 - d. Dog & Pheasant, High Lane, now completely demolished
 - e. Tapsters are to open a new bar in Ashton
 - f. White Horse, Disley reopens today
 - g. Steelworks, Bredbury has opened with three handpumps. Small room upstairs, which could house a committee, but not a branch, meeting
 - h. White Lion, Disley, reopened and closed again
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. New CAMRA regions will be confirmed at next NE meeting. Still no progress on branch changes which affect us
 - ii. Requested to invite local branch to our socials when out of area. Agreed to do so
 - iii. Next Area Meeting at Real Crafty, Wigan, 13th July
 - iv. We are hosting the October Area meeting at the Angel, Dukinfield, with a social following in Ashton and Droylsden
 - v. CAMRA HQ (Office and Warehouse, currently on 2 sites) is relocating to one site in Luton, which will save the campaign money
 - vi. Could use an additional branch judge for GM PotY
 - b. Treasurer: Balance at year end £704.79. Cheque for £45 not yet presented
 - c. Membership secretary 1040(-3). Down 60 from April 2023
 - d. Beer Scoring Coordinator: Watch list: Whaley Nook, Church Inn (Mossley)

- e. Social secretary: Socials proposed for
 - i. May 25th Stalybridge
 - ii. June 22nd Thornsett Brewery (may need to re-arrange to avoid Stockport Beer Festival clash)
 - iii. July 20th Chelmorton via TransPeak bus
- f. Secretary:
 - i. Branch Pub of the Year presentation 27/4/24 – it would be good to have a good turn-out of members
 - ii. Next two meetings in new venues:
 - 1. May – 3 Drinks Behind, Gee Cross
 - 2. June – Traders, Marple
 - iii. Volunteers needed to help with Manchester Beer Festival revival
 - iv. Mild Magic 12/4 – 19/5/24. Support participating pubs
 - v. Volunteers needed for Stockport BCF – sign up online
 - vi. Vodafone TV commercial opportunity. Real Ale drinkers wanted

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
April 27 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch PotY presentation	Northumberland Arms, Marple Br.
May 4 th 2pm	Saturday	Social in Mossley	Gillery, Mossley
May 13 th 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	3 Drinks Behind, Gee Cross
May 25 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Social around Stalybridge	Station Buffet Bar
June 8 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Traders, Marple
June 22 nd 1:30pm	Saturday	Visit to Thornsett Brewery Tap	Outside Beer Shed (shared taxi)
July 6 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Half Way House, Ashton
July 13 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Area Meeting	Real Crafty, Wigan
July 20 th TBD	Saturday	Social to Chelmorton	Trans Peak bus TBD
July 27 th 1:30pm TBC	Saturday	Pub of the Summer presentation	TBD
August 10 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	TBD
September 16 th TBC	Monday	Branch Meeting	TBD
October 12 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Area Meeting	Angel, Dukinfield
October 19 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting	TBD

7. **The branch sent Best Wishes to Tom Lord**, after his recent operation

8. Branch Pub of the Summer selection

Nominations brought forward from last selection: [6 pubs]

Brief cases were made for each. A vote decided that Kingfisher is the PotSummer

It was *agreed* that in future failed nominations for PotSeason will be carried forward for only two seasons.

9. Branch Golden Jubilee Celebrations

On Tuesday 22nd April 2025, the branch will be 50 years old. Any ideas welcome. Please contact Rodney Oliver

10. Branch Cider Pub of the Year and branch Club of the Year

It was *agreed* to ask members via the branch newsletter if they wish to nominate clubs for branch CotY, and cider pubs for branch Cider PotY. Branch nominations will be made if there is enthusiasm and an element of competition

11. Branch Trip Abroad Autumn 2024

After hearing cases for Lisbon and Munich, the vote of those members present who intend to go was: Munich 4; Lisbon 3. Munich will be the destination

12. Handpump Hijack

Carlsberg Marstons have launched a range of their brewery-conditioned keg ales, which will be served through a handpump, long known as the signifier of cask ale. Members were asked to keep a look-out for any such misleading dispense. Any pubs serving these beers will be withdrawn / barred from the Good Beer Guide, and banned from receiving any CAMRA awards.

13. Geoffrey Lees Memorial Dinner

Geoffrey Lees RIP, a long-standing and valued branch member, died last year. Geoff Williamson, Ben Zwierink and Rodney Oliver will organise, probably around 7/8/24 (GL's Birthday). The Fox and Pine, Oldham, was suggested as a possible venue

14. Star, Glossop

There is a complaint against the branch being processed by CAMRA, in connection with the GBG25 selections

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 13th May 7:30pm at 3 Drinks Behind, Gee Cross

Peter Mitchell, Secretary