



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## *Branch Diary & News for:* **Aug – Oct 2017**

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### AUGUST

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Includes summer quiz.  
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Heald Green & Cheadle Hulme North.**  
7.30pm **Griffin**, Wilmslow Road, SK8 3BE.  
8.30pm **Kenilworth**, Cheadle Road, SK8 5DX.  
Bus: 130, 312, 368/A.
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Grove Ale House**, 145 London Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 4HH. Bus: 192, 199, 375, 392/4;  
Train: Hazel Grove.
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm - Mild Magic Champion (Out of Stockport) Award.**  
**Reasons to be Cheerful**, 228 Fog Lane, Burnage, M20 6EL. Bus: 44, 50, 130, 169, 172, 179; Train: Burnage; Metro: Didsbury Village.

### SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Blue Bell**, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.  
Bus: 169, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Day out in Buxton.**  
12noon - **Buxton Tap House**, 11-16 The Old Court House, George Street, SK17 6AT.  
Train: 11.01am Stockport to Buxton.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Gateway**, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.  
Hopefully to include Meet the Brewer.

Bus: 23/A, 42, 42B, 50, 130, 141/2, 171, 370;  
Train/Metro: East Didsbury.

- **\*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.
- **\*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Hazel Grove North.**  
7.30pm **Anchor Inn**, 62 London Road, SK7 4AF.  
8.30pm **Crown**, 416 Buxton Road, SK2 7JQ.  
Bus: 192, 199, 375, 392/4; Train: Hazel Grove.  
\*Note that dates vary from the normal monthly timetable.
- **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Mild Magic Champion (Stockport) Award.**  
**Remedy Bar and Brewhouse**, 10-11 Market Place, Stockport. SK1 1EW  
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.

### OCTOBER

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Armoury**, 31 Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BD.  
Bus: 11/A, 309, 310, 313, 328, 368/A; Train: Stockport.
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Award Presentation to Ramsbottom Craft Brewery**, 1 Heapworth Ave, Ramsbottom, BL0 9EH, To receive a bronze award from Stockport Beer & Cider Festival. Details nearer time.  
Bus: 472, 474 from Bury bus station.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Magnet**, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Reddish & Heaton Chapel.**  
7.30pm **Fir Tree**, 257 Gorton Road, SK5 6LL. 8.30pm **Union**, 93 Broadstone Road, Reddish, SK5 7AS.  
Bus: 7/A, 42A, 203, 329; Train: Reddish North.
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Crown**, 6 Vale Close, Heaton Mersey, SK4 3DS.  
Bus: 23/A, 24, 42/A, 370.

### NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Heaton Hops**, 7 School Lane, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5DE.  
Bus: 42A, 173, 191/2, 329; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.

## Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

### The Future is at Stake

*Jim Flynn writes*

The 2017 Festival was a real success despite the very sad event in the days before that put a cloud over the whole area. I have received marvellous comments about the Festival overall, as well as specifically about the quality of the beer, cider and entertainment, all saying that it was a really great event. Everybody who contributed should be justly proud as it was due to your efforts that people enjoyed themselves so much. I would particularly like to thank the organising committee who worked so hard to put the festival on.

Subject to contract the Festival is returning to Edgeley Park for 2018 but we need a new organising committee to rise to the challenge. As I said last year, quite a number in the management team are in their sixties (including me!) and their seventies and we must have people coming through to learn from them and eventually replace them; I would urge everybody to consider joining the organising committee. In particular Dave Sharpe, our logistics and site manager, is in his eighties and would like somebody to share the load. I promise you, you will receive training, guidance and mentoring, so please volunteer.

If you are interested in joining us please contact me on 0161 432 1816 or 07917 596751 and come along to first meeting of that committee at the **Armoury, Shaw Heath on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8.15pm.**

#### Volunteers Wanted

There are members who can't make events or work at festivals but who would like to do their bit for the Campaign, and there may be others who would like to do a little more.

**All sorts of things happen behind the scenes. If you would like to help, please attend one of the meetings or contact Paul Felton at: [secretary@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:secretary@ssmcamra.co.uk)**

## Good Beer Guide 2018

The 2018 Good Beer Guide will be out in September and promises to be bigger and better than ever before. With more and more new breweries and the rapidly changing pub scene can you afford to be without the most up-to-date Guide?

The cover price is £15.99, the official CAMRA member price is £11.00 (plus £1.50 p&p) but the branch is selling copies at £10.00 each. These prices apply if you pick up the Guide from Jim Flynn at a branch event or at his home address (please ring first to check availability). All copies posted will cost £11.00 each (which is still a £1.00 saving on the official members' price including p&p). For postal sales please send a cheque made payable to '**CAMRA, Stockport and South Manchester**' to Jim at his home address, 66 Downham Road, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5EG. Please don't send in your postal requests until mid-September.

## Social Media

Our **Twitter** and **Facebook** accounts are currently administered on a caretaker basis but we really do need a permanent manager for our social networking channels.

**Interested? Please contact**

[Chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk) for more information.

## Stockport Beer Week 2017

We are organising the third Stockport Beer Week to coincide with National Cask Ale Week, which runs from 21st September until 1st October.

As well as offering discounts for brewery tours, Beer Week sponsors Robinsons Brewery will be holding a beer festival of local beers in their Visitors Centre. Stockport Market Place will be a hub of activity with cellar tours, beer related tours of the 15th Century Staircase House and historic pub walks. Also returning this year will be the very successful ale trail around a number of Stockport's pubs with T-shirts on offer for those who complete the course.

The Remedy Bar in the Market Place will also hold a beer festival and you will be able to watch a brewing day there. Expect to find a number of tap takeovers, a special Beer Week beer, meet the brewer evenings, a pub quiz, and beer and cider tastings. A bit more unusual will be a talk by Brew historian, Dr James Sumner, who will take us through the stranger practices of 19th century beer making with a live demonstration of the old-style art of the 'beer doctors'. There's something for everyone, so put the dates in the diary and check out the details on the website and social media.

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