



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: Aug – Oct 2019

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AUGUST

- **Thursday 1st 8pm - Mild Magic Presentation.**
Britons Protection, 50 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, M1 5LE.
Bus:33, 255, 256, X50; Train/Metro Deansgate.
- **Saturday 3rd - Day out in Lancaster.**
Catch 10.30 train from Stockport (10.50 from Piccadilly). Details on branch website at <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 8th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Hope, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
Includes summer quiz.
- **Friday 16th - Stagger: Bramhall.**
7.30pm Three Bears, Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 5JH.
(8.30pm – Shady Oak, final pub – Mounting Stone.)
Bus: 307/8, 374.
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Saturday 17th 2pm Regional Cider Pub of the Year Presentation.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 22nd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Station Hop, 815 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3BC.
Bus: 172, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Friday 30th - Mild Magic and Branch Trip to Outstanding Brewery.**
See **Mild Magic Outing** section on branch website at <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/index.htm> for details..

SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday 1st 5pm - Mild Magic Presentation.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport

- **Thursday 5th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Cross Keys, 10 Adswold Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5QA.
Bus: 309, 310, 313, 368
- **Thursday 12th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.
Bus: 23/A, 42, 50, 42A, 130, 142; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
Includes 'Meet the Brewer' – see website nearer the time.
- **Thursday 19th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Angel Inn, 20 Market Place, Stockport, SK1 1EY.
Train: Stockport.
The first event of Stockport Beer Week.
- **Thursday 19th to Sunday 29th - Stockport Beer Week.**
Keep up-to-date via: <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/BeerWeek.htm> for more details.
- **Friday 20th - Stagger: Stockport Market Place.**
7.30pm Bakers Vaults, Market Place, Stockport, SK1 1ES.
(8.30pm - Project 53, final pub - Arden.)
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).

OCTOBER

- **Thursday 3rd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW.
Bus: 172, 178, 192, 197;
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Saturday 5th - Day out in Chorley.**
Details on branch website nearer the time at <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>.
- **Thursday 10th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.
Includes guest speakers from Howard Town Brewery.
- **Friday 18th - Stagger: Hazel Grove North.**
7.30pm Three Tunnes, 194 London Road, SK7 4DQ.
(8.30pm – Grove Ale House, final pub - Anchor.)
Bus: 192, 199, 375; Train: Hazel Grove.
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Thursday 24th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Nelson, 3 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, M20 6TN.
Bus: 23, 42/A/B, 142, 171, 270; Train: East Didsbury; Metro: Didsbury Village

NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 7th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Blue Bell, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.
Bus: 169, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 14th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Sun & Castle, 54 Middle Hillgate, Stockport, SK1 3EH. Train: Stockport.
Includes guest speaker, Jane Kershaw, Joseph Holt Brewery.

Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

The Future is at Stake

Jim Flynn writes

Until just before the Champions League Final started on Festival Saturday we were very significantly up on last year's numbers through the door (including a record number of advance ticket sales) and in front on sales. The match did dampen things somewhat but nevertheless the Festival was a tremendous success and all our members who contributed should be justifiably proud, as it was due to their efforts that festival goers had such a great time. I would particularly like to thank the organising committee who worked so unstintingly to put the festival on. Thank you all.

Subject to contract, the Festival is returning to Edgeley Park for 2020 but we need a new organising committee to rise to the challenge. We must have new people coming through if the Festival is going to continue to prosper and so I would urge everybody to consider joining the organising committee. We are particularly keen to increase our number of deputy bar/beer managers as well as deputies in areas such as finance, staffing and reception.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me on **0161 432 1816** or **07917 596751** and come along to first meeting of the committee at the **Armoury, Shaw Heath** on **Monday 30th 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 John Abrams at: secretary@ssmcamra.co.uk

Good Beer Guide 2020

The 2020 Good Beer Guide will be out in September and promises to be bigger and better than ever before. Now in its 47th edition, the beer-lovers' bible is fully revised and updated with a forward by none other than Professor Brian Cox.

The cover price is £15.99, the official CAMRA member price is £11 (plus £1.50 p&p) but the branch is selling copies at **£10** 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** 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 Flynn, 66 Downham Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5EG**. Please don't send in your postal requests until mid-September.

Stockport Beer Week 2019

As the nights draw in, it's time for you and your friends to appreciate your local pubs and bars and what better way to do it than to come to some of the events during **Stockport's 5th annual Beer Week**. It runs from **19th to 29th September** in conjunction with National Cask Ale Week, run by beer quality organisation Cask Marque.

The events and experiences are concentrated in and around the town centre and are designed so that there is something for everyone – from Meet the Brewers, and educational presentations, to heritage pub cellar visits, and an ale trail with prizes from **Robinsons** brewery.

Beer Sommelier, **Annabel Smith**, who was the first female Cask Marque Inspector, will lead a tutored tasting of seven **Beer Styles through the Ages** and let us know what sorts of foods best accompany them. **Dan Hasler** from the **Orchard Project** will be holding a **tasting of nine ciders and perries** and the ideal cheeses to complement them.

TV comedian **James Dowdeswell**, who was brought up in a pub, is coming up from London to do a stand-up gig to promote his CAMRA book "**The Pub Manifesto**". Some of you will know **Dave Porter** who runs the **Outstanding Brewery**; he also builds micro-breweries around the world and he will tell us some of the stories about his travels. And for something completely different, **Mike** at the **Spinning Top** will be organising a **Beer, Blues and Cider Weekend**.

One of the regular CAMRA staggers will be round the Market Place, so you can pick up some of those ale trail stickers; meanwhile **Darren Berry** will accompany a bus trip to guide you round some of the best pubs in **Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall**. And speaking of transport, look out for an event involving **Bobek and Mojo**, the **Robinson's Shire Horses**.

At the time of writing, there are a few events still to be confirmed so please keep an eye out on the branch website and social media for up-to-the-minute details.

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