



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for:

Feb - Apr 2023

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Bus: 41, 42/A/B, 43, 111, 142, 143; Train: Mauldeth Road; Metro: Burton Road.

- **Friday 17th - Presentation - 2022 Pub of the Year Runner Up.**
This will take place after the Withington Stagger.
9.45pm Fletcher Moss, 1 William Street, Didsbury, M20 6RQ.
- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Wellington, 59/61 Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3RU.
Bus: 192, 199; Train: Stockport.
- **Monday 27th 8pm - Beer Festival Committee Meeting.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
Just turn up or contact Jim Flynn if you would like to be involved.
(0161 4321816 or 07917 596751).

APRIL

FEBRUARY

- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Cheadle Hulme North.**
7.30pm Cross Keys, 10 Adswold Road SK8 5QA; (8:30pm; **March Hare**, Mill Lane, SK8 5PG; final pub **Archive Bar & Bottle**, 2 Mellor Road, SK8 5AU).
Bus: 313, 328, 368.
- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month – Grey Horse,**
99 Broadstone Road, Reddish SK5 7AS.
Bus: 7, 42A (203)
- **Tuesday 28th Weekday Wander - Northern Sixteenth.**
A tour round some of the pubs in Manchester's Northern Quarter. We will be meeting at the **Edinburgh Castle** (17 Blossom Street M4 5AN) just after noon and will also take in the **Crown & Kettle, Bar Fringe** and the **Smithfield Market Tavern**.
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>

MARCH

- **Thursday 2nd 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Milliner, 179 Bramhall Lane, Davenport, SK2 6JA.
Bus: 374, 378A; Train: Davenport.
- **Thursday 9th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.
Bus: 23, 42/A/B, 50, 142; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
- **Sunday 12th 2pm - Presentation -**
2023 Pub of the Year and 2023 Cider Pub of the Year.
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Withington.**
7.30pm Orion, 8 Burton Road, M20 3ED; (8:30pm **Victoria** 438 Wilmslow Road, M20 3BW; final pub **Red Lion**, 532 Wilmslow Road, M20 4BT.)

- **Saturday 1st - Mild Launch Stagger** south along Wilmslow Road. Probable start point – Old Monkey, Portland St. See article on the next page for more details.
- **Tuesday 4th - Weekday Wander - Altrincham**
Meet **Stockport Train Station** at 11.15am. Start in **Unicorn**, Ashley Road. Come along and pick up two Mild Magic stickers. Full details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 6th 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Ladybarn Social Club, 13 Green Street, Ladybarn, M14 6TL. Bus: 25, 50; Train: Mauldeth Road.
- **Thursday 13th 8pm - Branch Meeting and AGM.**
Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heavily, SK2 6NU.
Bus: 192, 199, 374, 378A; Train: Davenport.
- **Friday 21st - Stagger: Stockport South and Underbanks.**
7.30pm Wellington, 59-61 Wellington Road South SK2 3RU; (8:30pm **Queens Head**, 12 Little Underbank, SK1 1JT, final pub **Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, SK1 1EB)
Bus: 192, 199; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 27th 8pm - Pub of the Month – Cross Keys,**
10 Adswold Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5QA.
Bus: 313, 328, 368.

MAY

- **Wednesday 3rd Weekday Wander - Stalybridge.**
Meet **Stockport Train Station** at 11.10am. Return visit with the potential of three Mild Magic stickers. Start in **Wharf Tavern**. Details via branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 4th 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Cross Keys, 10 Adswold Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5QA.
Bus: 313, 328, 368.
- **Thursday 11th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Venue still to be confirmed.
Details via branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>

For up-to-date details of our Branch Diary, check our website at <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk>

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35th Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

The 35th Stockport Beer and Cider Festival will be held at our new venue, the Guild Hall on Wellington Rd South (A6 opposite Stockport College) from 22nd to 24th June 2022. The Festival venue is right on the 192 bus route with the railway station just down the road, and with plenty of outside drinking available, we are very optimistic that it will be a great success.

Setting up	Monday 19 th to Thursday 22 nd June	
Trade/CAMRA Members Session	Thursday 22 nd June	3.30 – 5.30pm
Drinking sessions	Thursday 22 nd June	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 23 rd and Saturday 24 th June	Noon – 11pm Open all day
Knock-down	Sunday 25 th June	9am onwards

We really do need your help; this is our local Campaign's flagship event so please don't leave it to others, complete the staffing form on-line today at <https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/>

Resist the temptation to wait, which will make Pete and Anne's job much more challenging! Complete on-line or send in your form in immediately to ensure you won't double book that week. Remember free beer and food is on offer at all open sessions, and on Sunday's knock down day. So come on, do your bit and we guarantee you will enjoy it.

DON'T DELAY go online NOW at <https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/>

We still need Deputy Managers NB training will be given. If you are interested, please ring Jim Flynn or come along to our next festival meeting.

- **Remind your friends to put the Festival dates in their diaries. With the unique atmosphere, in this multi-roomed Grade II listed building and well over 200 cask beers, ciders, perries & bottled beers (from across Europe) to choose from there is no better way to celebrate the summer solstice!**
- **Staffing** – contact Pete Farrand on 07786 283990
- **Information** – contact Jim Flynn on 0161 4321816 or 07917 596751
- **Website** – <https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/>

Mild Magic 2023

The country's longest running and biggest promotion of the mild beer style, Mild Magic, is back for 2023. Taking place between 31 March and 14 May, there are no fewer than 100 pubs involved this year. Please put these dates in your diary and support both the participating pubs and the Campaign by taking part. It is extremely easy to complete and there will be great prizes, including free beer tickets, T-shirts, polo shirts etc. To join in, you only need to drink 12 halves of mild in 12 different areas in just over six weeks (go to <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/> for more information on participating pubs). On **Saturday 1 April**, there will be a bit of a crawl down the A34 Wilmslow Road corridor, and there will also be a social day out visiting pubs in Hyde, Dukinfield and Ashton during April. For full details of these and the trail, see the branch website or Opening Times.

Beer Scores - We Need You!

Please help us to choose our 22 Good Beer Guide entries, and to keep track of all 200 or so cask ale pubs in our branch, by scoring your beers at a wide range of pubs. You can do this online via <https://whatpub.com/> - log in, search for the pub by name and location, then score it on the page (you need to be logged-in to score). With a smartphone you can score your beers from the pub!

Scoring of real ale ranges from 0.5 for very poor beer to 5.0 for a (very rare) perfect pint, with 3.0 meaning "good" as in "Good Beer Guide". Scores of 4 and over should only be given sparingly. Don't go to extremes without very good reasons (add a comment to explain why), but don't give nearly all your beers the same score as it gives us little information.

Poor beer should be taken back – if it's replaced and taken off sale, score only the replacement. If there's no cask ale on your visit, put in a notional zero score (**WhatPub** takes this to mean "no real ale available"). You're not actually scoring keg beer as worthless, just saying there was no cask to score.

If you prefer to score on paper, scorebooks (for **SSM CAMRA** pubs) are available at meetings or branch events. (Ignore the out-of-date beer scoring scale.) Enjoy your research! Peter Butler, pubsofficer@ssmcamra.co.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are advised that the Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th April**. The venue is **Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU** and the meeting starts at 8pm.

Can all members please come along to hear reports from the committee, approve the branch accounts and also elect a new committee.

This is an important meeting so please make every effort to come along if you can.

The AGM will then be followed by a regular branch meeting.

Membership cards are required to vote.

Are you Subscribed?

CAMRA is an amalgamation of individuals with a common interest. Your membership together with tens of thousands of others contributes to the organisation's strength and reputation as a lobbying body. On the other side of the coin, locally CAMRA is a social circle coordinating events, outings and providing information for the members. To do this the Campaign needs to communicate with the membership but recognises that information overload is an issue in modern times. However, each member can dictate what they receive from CAMRA. We want you to manage the information that we send and it's simple to do. You only need to take this action once and it will remain the same until you decide to change it. You have to sign into the CAMRA website <https://camra.org.uk/>

There you will find the **Login** link, top right in the menu tabs. Just below that you will see **Members' area**; clicking on that gets you to an area where you can manage how you interact with CAMRA. This will probably result in you being asked to sign in again. I know, a bit of a nuisance, but it's to protect you, and you can enable '**remember me**' here. You will see one of the options is '**My Membership**'. Clicking on this reveals the **Dashboard** page, it has '**Marketing Preferences**' as an option. A left click on this gives access to all your alternatives for how and on how you would like CAMRA to communicate with you. Simply click on the green or grey sliders to allow or to prevent communications. We hope that you value the information that we can supply particularly at a Branch level but ultimately, **it's up to you**.

CAMRA does not take advantage of its ability to communicate with members, and we do try to limit what we send out to the membership, but if you want to know what is going on and what we are doing locally, please allow us to email you.

We are aware that some of our members have never tried to sign in to the CAMRA website or have found it impossible to do. If this is your situation, you need to let us know so that we can activate your log in.

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