



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## *Branch Diary & News for:* **Feb – April 2020**

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### FEBRUARY

- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.15pm - Stockport Beer and Cider Festival Organising Committee Meeting.**  
**Armoury**, 31 Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BD.  
Bus: 11, 309, 310, 313, 328, 368; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Arden Arms**, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.  
Bus: 384.
- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Day Out in Wigan.**  
Catch 11.05 train to Southport from Stockport (11.16 from Piccadilly). First stop is Raven Hotel, 5 Wallgate at 12noon.  
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.  
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.  
*Includes selection of entries for the 2021 Good Beer Guide.*
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Stagger: Northenden.**  
**7.30pm Farmers Arms**, 26 Longley Lane, M22 4JR.  
**(8.30pm Lounge About**, 424 Palatine Road, M22 4JT.)  
Bus: 11A, 41, 43, 101-3, 178, 270, X5.  
*Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).*
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Archive Bar & Bottle**, 2 Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AU.  
Bus: 42B, 313, 368; Train: Cheadle Hulme.

### MARCH

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm - Winter Warmer Wander Prize Giving and Social.**  
**Angel Inn**, 20 Market Place, Stockport, SK1 1EY.  
Train: Stockport
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Moortop**, 172 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4DU.  
Bus: 25, 42A, 197.

- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Day Out in Old Glossop.**  
Details on branch website nearer the time.  
<http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374, 378; Train: Davenport.  
*Includes guest speaker: David Bremner Robinsons Director of Marketing*
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Moss Nook and Heald Green.**  
**7.30pm Tatton Arms**, 2 Trenchard Drive, Moss Nook, M22 5LZ.  
**(8.30pm Heald Green Beefeater**, Finney Lane, SK8 3QH.)  
Bus: 200, 103; Train: Heald Green; Metro: Shadowmoss.
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Chiverton Tap**, 8 Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AU.  
Bus: 313, 368/A, X57; Train: Cheadle Hulme.

### APRIL

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Rising Sun**, 2 Buxton Road, SK7 6AD.  
Bus: 192, 199, 373, 392/4, P1; Train: Hazel Grove.
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mild Magic Launch Social.**  
**7.30pm Ford Madox Brown**, Unit 1, Wilmslow Park, Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, M14 5FT.  
**(8.30pm Victoria**, 438 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 3BW.)  
Bus: 41, 42/A/B, 43, 53, 111, 142, 143
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting and AGM.**  
**Magnet**, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.  
Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Great Moor and Heaviley.**  
**7.30pm George and Dragon**, 14 London Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 4AH  
**(8.30pm Travellers Call**, 351 Buxton Road, SK2 7NL.)  
Bus: 192, 199; Train: Hazel Grove.  
*Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).*
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
**Queens**, 11 Great Portwood Street, Stockport, SK1 2DW.  
Bus: 324/5, 330, 380, 381.
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Plough**, 927 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB.  
Bus: 7, 150, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.

### MAY

- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are advised that the Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**. The venue is

**Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 1HJ and the meeting starts at 8.15pm.**

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.**

### Mild Magic 2020

Our fantastically successful mild pub passport scheme 'Mild Magic' 2020 (previous winner of the Campaign's national Beer Style of the Year award) will run from **3<sup>rd</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Please put these dates in your diary and support 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 participate you only need to drink 12 halves of mild in a dozen pubs in just over 6 weeks and to start you off we have even arranged a bit of a crawl on **3<sup>rd</sup> April** starting at **7.30pm** at **Ford Madox Brown**, so by the end of the first day you could be almost half way there!

### Good Beer Guide 2020

With the summer approaching the Good Beer Guide will be invaluable to find a decent pint, somewhere to have a meal or even stay overnight.

We still have copies left at the special branch members' price of £10.00 each if you pick up the Guide from Jim Flynn at a branch event or his home (please ring first – 0161 432 1816). All copies posted to an address in the branch area will cost £11.00 each (still a saving on the official price including p&p). For postal sales send a cheque made payable to "CAMRA, Stockport & Sth Manchester" to: **Jim Flynn, 66 Downham Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5EG**.

### 34<sup>th</sup> Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

The last Festival was a real success, with numbers of festival goers well up during most sessions and we aim to maintain this performance, or even better it in 2020.

**Please put these Festival dates in your diary:**

<b>Setting up</b>	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> till Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – 6pm
<b>Trade Session</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30 – 5.30pm
<b>Drinking sessions</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Noon – 11pm <b>Open all day</b>
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Noon – 11pm <b>Open all day</b>
<b>Knock-down</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	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 [www.stockportfestival.org.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk) (or complete the enclosed form and return it to our **Staffing Officers, Pete Farrand and Mike Wilson**).

Resist the temptation to wait; this will make Mike and Pete's job much more challenging! Complete on-line or send in your form 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 - Send in your staffing form NOW!

We urgently need deputy bar managers and a deputy membership manager - training will be given in both cases. If you are interested in getting involved please ring Jim Flynn or come along to our next festival meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the Armoury, Shaw Heath, Edgeley.

Remind your friends to put the Festival dates in their diaries. With the unique atmosphere and well over 200 cask beers, ciders, perries and bottled conditioned beers (from across Europe) to choose from, there is no better way to start the summer!

- **Staffing** – contact Pete Farrand on 07710 878796
- **Information** – contact Jim Flynn on 0161 4321816 or 07917 596751
- **Website** – <http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk>

### 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 [www.whatpub.com](http://www.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](mailto:pubsofficer@ssmcamra.co.uk)

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