



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: Feb – April 2022

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FEBRUARY

- **Friday 18th - Stagger: Hazel Grove North.**
7.30pm **Grove Ale House**, 145 London Road, SK7 4HH.
(8.30pm **Flying Coach**, 120 London Road, SK7 4DJ.)
Bus: 192, 199, 375, 391/2; Train: Hazel Grove
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Thursday 24th 8pm - Pub of the Month and Cider Pub of the Year Presentation.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
- **Saturday 26th 2pm Presentation - Thirty Five Years in The Good Beer Guide.**
Davenport Arms, 550 Chester Road, Woodford, SK7 1PS.
Bus: 42B

MARCH

- **Wednesday 2nd - Weekday Wander - Altrincham.**
Meet **Stockport** train station 11.45am for 11.52am train for Altrincham.
First pub is **Pi**, 18 Shaws Road, WA14 1QU.
- **Thursday 3rd 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Milliner, 179 Bramhall Lane, Davenport, SK2 6JA.
Bus: 374, 378/A, 379; Train: Davenport.
- **Thursday 10th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.
Bus: 23/A, 42[A,B], 50, 141/2, 171; Train/Metro: East Didsbury.
- **Friday 18th - Stagger: Levenshulme.**
7.30pm **Blue Bell**, 170 Barlow Road, M19 3HF.
(8.30pm **Station Hop**, 815 Stockport Road, M19 3BC.)
Bus: 150, 171/2, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Monday 21st 8pm - Festival Organising Comm. Meeting.**
Gateway, 882 Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PG.
- **Thursday 24th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Nursery, 258 Green Lane, Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK4 2NA.
Bus: 25, 364.

- **Saturday 26th Day Out in Preston.**
Train from **Stockport** station at 11.11am, arriving in **Preston** at 12.23pm.
12.25pm - **Old Vic** 79 Fishergate, PR1 2UH
13.00pm - **Plug and Taps**, 32 Lune Street, PR1 2NN.
Full details on branch website nearer the time.
<http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 31st 8pm - Delayed Pub of the Month (December 2021).**
Moortop, 172 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4DU.
Bus: 25, 42A, 197

APRIL

- **Friday 1st - Mild Magic Launch Social.**
6.45pm - **Grey Horse**, 80 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 4QX. (7.40pm - **Britons Protection**, 50 Great Bridgewater Street, M1 5LE.)
Full details on branch website nearer the time.
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- **Tuesday 5th - Weekday Wander - Hyde.**
Meet **Stockport** Mersey Square (TFGM Travel Shop) 11.15am, then to Little Egerton Street for 330 bus arriving Hyde 12noon.
First pub is **Queens**, 23 Clarendon Place, SK14 2ND.
- **Thursday 7th 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Alexandra, 195 Northgate Road, Edgeley, SK3 9NJ. Bus: 309, 310; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 14th 8pm - Branch Meeting and AGM.**
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.
Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Friday 22nd - Stagger: Stockport North and Portwood.**
7.30pm **Midway**, 263 Newbridge Lane, SK1 2NX.
(8pm **Queens**, 11 Great Portwood Street, SK1 2DW. Includes delayed April 2020 **Pub of the Month Award**)
Bus: 330, 383, 384; Train: Stockport.
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Thursday 28th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Vale Cottage, Kirk Street, Gorton, M18 8UE.
Bus: 7, 201, 202, 203, 205

MAY

- **Wednesday 4th - Weekday Wander - Stalybridge**
Meet **Stockport** train station 11.10am for 11.14am train for Piccadilly.
First pub is **Station Buffet Bar**, Rassbottom Street, Stalybridge SK15 1RF Details on branch website
<http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 5th 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 12th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>

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34th Stockport Beer & Cider Festival

The all new 34th Stockport Beer and Cider Festival will be held at Edgeley Park from 16th to 18th June 2022, subject to contract. NB note the new June dates - with this being a summer Festival, we are very optimistic that it will be a great success.

Setting up	Mon 13 th to 6 th till Thurs 16 th June	9am – 6pm
Trade/CAMRA Members Session	Thursday 16 th June	3.30 – 5.30pm
Drinking sessions	Thursday 16 th June	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 17 th June and Saturday 18 th June	Noon – 11pm Open all day
Knock-down	Sunday 19 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 www.stockportfestival.org.uk

Resist the temptation to wait, which will make Mike and Pete'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 & food is on offer at all open sessions & on Sunday's knock down day. So come on, do your bit & we guarantee you will enjoy it.

DON'T DELAY - Send in your staffing form NOW!

We urgently need Deputy Managers including on CAMRA Games 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 & well over 200 cask beers, ciders, perries & bottled conditioned beers (from across Europe) to choose from. There is no better way to start the summer!

- **Staffing** – contact Pete Farrand on 07786 283990
- **Information** – contact Jim Flynn on 0161 4321816 or 07917 596751
- **Website** – <http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk>

Mild Magic 2022

Our fantastically successful mild pub passport scheme 'Mild Magic' 2022 (previous winner of the Campaign's national Beer Style of the Year award) will run from 1st April to 15th 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 1st April starting at 6.45pm at Grey Horse, so by the end of the first day you could be almost half way there!

Good Beer Guide 2022

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 (NB nationally this is a sell-out edition, so our stock is the last left in the country!) 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 & South Manchester to Jim's home address.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are advised that the Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on

Thursday 14th April. The venue is

Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 1HJ 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.

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 - 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

Weekday Wander

This is for people who are available mid-day and fancy a few leisurely beers mid-week in an afternoon outing. For those who don't fancy going out late on dark Friday evenings when pubs are likely to be populated by more raucous individuals this may be especially appreciated.

Designed to depart Stockport 11 to 11.30am (train/bus time dependant), arriving at a local destination around 12 to 12.30pm. We will then visit three or so worthy pubs, spending a leisurely hour in each before moving on. The emphasis is on good talk, a pleasant pint and even pub games in a local – it is not a swift half in all ten Good Beer Guide pubs in a locality!

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