



# CAMRA Calling

# Stockport & Sth Manchester



## *Branch Diary & News for:* **May – July 2017**

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### MAY

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Plough**, 927 Hyde Road, Gorton, M18 7FB.  
Bus: 168/9, 171/2, 201, 203/4/5.
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Crown**, 416 Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2 7JQ.  
Bus: 192, 199, 375; Train: Woodsmoor.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Stagger: Edgeley & Shaw Heath.**  
**7.30pm Olde Woolpack**, 70 Brinksway, SK3 0BY.  
**8.30pm Royal Oak**, 124 Castle Street, SK3 9AL.  
Bus: 312; Train: Stockport.
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - Manchester Beer Audit.**  
See box below.
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month..**  
**Hope**, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 22, 192, 364.

#### Manchester Beer Audit

On 20<sup>th</sup> May, **local drinkers** will set out to see where Manchester fits in the real ale tables. Teams of surveyors will set out to try to log every beer on sale in every pub across the city of Manchester before handing over to the boffins to crunch the numbers. With over 250 pubs to check, the area has been broken down into manageable groups of pubs with each team allocated around 10 pubs to record the beers available on sale that day.

If you'd like to join in, either to join one of the teams, or become a team of your own with your mates, more details can be found at [McrBeerAudit.co.uk](http://McrBeerAudit.co.uk) or contact [info@McrBeerAudit.co.uk](mailto:info@McrBeerAudit.co.uk)

### JUNE

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Stockport Beer & Cider Festival.** Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Road, SK3 9DD.  
**Set up:** 26<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June.  
**Knock down:** 4<sup>th</sup> June.

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Ladybarn Social Club**, 13 Green Street, Ladybarn, M14 6TL. Includes presentation of Club of the Year Award.  
Bus: 22, 44; Train: Mauldeth Road.
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Blossoms**, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.  
Includes guest speaker, David Bremner, Robinsons Director of Marketing.  
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Stagger & Exploration: Northenden.**  
**7.30pm Farmers Arms**, 26 Longley Lane, M22 4JR.  
**8.30pm Lounge About**, 424 Palatine Road, M22 4JT.  
Bus: 41, 43, 99, 101-3, 143, 178, 370.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month..**  
**Crown**, 98-100 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4NZ. Bus: 22, 42A, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.

#### 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.

### JULY

- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**  
**Fred's Ale House**, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3AW. Bus: 168/9, 178, 192, 197;  
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Hope**, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 2LL. Bus: 22, 192, 364.
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Stagger: Stockport South & Hillgate.**  
**7.30pm Nelson Tavern**, 98 Wellington Road South, SK1 3UH. **8.30pm Spinning Top**, 20 Wellington Road South, SK4 1AA. Bus: 192; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Pub of the Month.**  
*To be decided at the **May Branch** meeting.*

### AUGUST

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Day Out in Macclesfield.**  
Look for details nearer the time.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**  
**Petersgate Tap**, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.  
Bus: 300; Train: Stockport.

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

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## **31<sup>st</sup> Stockport Beer & Cider Festival**

**STAFFING – A VERY WARM WELCOME.**

Stockport Beer and Cider Festival has grown to be one of the largest local CAMRA festivals in the North and we need over 160 volunteers to run the Festival. This year we are opening **all day Friday and Saturday** so our need is even greater. **WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Please don't leave it to others** - we have a role for you - on the bars, customer care, reception, glasses, CAMRA shop, tombola or membership. It's especially important that we have help at our busiest times: Friday and Tuesday set-up (there's free food and beer/cider vouchers for all set-up volunteers), on Friday evenings / Saturday, and especially on Sunday's knock-down (free beer/cider and food). **You can really make the difference.**

**'Why should I help?'** It's a great opportunity to enjoy yourself while making an important contribution to the Campaign. During the festival itself you receive a free T-shirt, food and drink, and a subsidised taxi home if you work until 11.30pm. All volunteers are invited to the **staff party** at the **Gateway, East Didsbury**, where you will be royally treated to free food and drink (beer, from a range of breweries, and cider). Most of all though, it's great fun and a chance to meet new people!

Fill in your form online at:

<https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/volunteer> (a paper version is enclosed for those receiving a paper copy of CAMRA Calling). If you need additional forms, please contact **Pete Farrand** or go online.

**Remember this is your Festival!  
Please complete your staffing form NOW**

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

<b>Setting up</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9.00am – 6pm
<b>Trade Session</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	3.30 – 5.30pm
<b>Drinking sessions</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	5.30 – 11pm
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Noon – 11pm
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Noon – 11pm
<b>Knock-down</b>	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am onwards

### **PUBLICITY – HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

While there can be no Festival without staff, equally we need customers. **You can help bring in those extra drinkers by displaying** the enclosed poster prominently at work, your local pub/club/shop/library or even in your front window. If you need extra copies (or receive the online version) please contact **Jim Flynn** or print them off from the website. Help spread the word!

**Please tell your friends, relatives, work colleagues and neighbours. Encourage them to come along. Word of mouth is very powerful!**

**CUSTOMER CARE TEAM – THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE FESTIVAL**  
Our new Customer Care Team will be very important to the festival and we need volunteers to help our customers have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

The team will be the friendly, welcoming, first point of contact when customers need assistance and the eyes and ears of the festival. The primary responsibility of the team is caring for the welfare of our customers from the moment they walk through the door. So, if you enjoy working with the public then our Customer Care Team will welcome you with open arms. Please contact **Mike Flynn**.

### **TOMBOLA**

If you have any pub/brewery/real ale memorabilia (e.g. glasses) please phone **Dave Platt** or bring them down to the Festival.

All contacts can be found at

<https://www.stockportfestival.org.uk/volunteer>

- **Staffing** – Pete Farrand on 07786 283990
- **Information** – Jim Flynn on 07917 596751
- **Customer Care Team** – Mike Flynn on 07588 605606
- **Tombola** – Dave Platt on 0161 2561166
- **Website** – [www.stockportfestival.org.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk)

### **Mild Magic 2017**

Our mild pub passport scheme 'Mild Magic' runs until 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please support it by taking part, it's very easy, plus there are great prizes, including beer tickets, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces. See April's 'Opening Times' magazine or contact **Margaret O'Brien** or **David Platt** for details.

### **Good Beer Guide 2017**

The special £10 branch price (if you pick it up from Jim Flynn) **will cease at the end of May** - copies posted to an address in the branch area cost £11.00 send a cheque made payable to "CAMRA Stockport & South Manchester" to Jim's home address - **66 Downham Rd, Heaton Chapel, Stockport SK4 5EG.**

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