



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: **Nov – Jan 2018**

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NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 2nd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Heaton Hops, 7 School Lane, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5DE.
Bus: 42A, 173, 191/2, 329; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 9th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Burnage & Heaton Mersey.**
7.30pm **Farmers Arms**, 254 Burnage Lane, M19 1EN.
8.30pm **Sun in September**, 588 Burnage Lane, M19 1NA.
Bus: 25, 50, 130, 169, 171, 197; Train: Mauldeth Road.
- **Saturday 18th - Launch of Winter Warmer Wander.**
7.30pm **Railway**, 1 Avenue Street, Portwood, SK1 2BZ
8.30pm **Remedy Bar and Brewhouse**, 10-11 Market Place, Stockport. SK1 1EW.
Bus: 7A, 324/5, 330, 380, 381
- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Reasons To Be Cheerful, 228 Fog Lane, Burnage, M20 6EL. Bus: 44, 50, 130, 169, 172, 179;
Train: Burnage; Metro: Didsbury Village.

DECEMBER

- **Sunday 3rd 3pm - Cider Circuit Prizes Presentation.**
Cheshire Ring, 72 Manchester Road, Hyde, SK14 2BJ.
Bus: 201, 330; Train: Hyde Central.
- **Thursday 7th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Swan with Two Necks, 36 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY. Bus: 300, 330, 192; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 14th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting, includes Christmas Quiz.**
Arden Arms, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.
Bus: 300, 384.

- **Friday 22nd - Stagger: Hillgate.**
7.30pm **Queens Head**, 12 Little Underbank, SK1 1JT.
8.30pm **Red Bull**, 14 Middle Hillgate, SK1 3AY.
Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 28th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Ladybrook, Fir Road, Bramhall, SK7 2NP.
Bus: 307/8, 378.

Social Media

Our **Twitter** and **Facebook** accounts are currently dormant. We need tech-savvy people to ensure that all the latest news on pubs, bars, real ale and cider in the branch area is posted on social media. **Interested?** Please contact Chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk for more information.

JANUARY

- **Thursday 4th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Alexandra, 195 Northgate Road, Edgeley, SK3 9NJ.
Bus: 309, 310; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 11th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting, includes vote for Pub of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and Club of the Year.**
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
- **Saturday 13th 7.30pm - Branch Anniversary Meal, includes guest speaker and a great raffle.**
NB. The date given above has yet to be finalised as has a venue; further details will be announced soon.
- **Friday 19th - Stagger: Gatley & Cheadle West.**
7.30pm **Prince of Wales**, Gatley Green, SK8 4NF.
8.30pm **White Hart Tavern**, 90 High Street, Cheadle, SK8 1PX. Bus: 11/A, 44; Train: Gatley.
- ***Tuesday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Vale Cottage, Kirk Street, Gorton, M18 8UE.
Bus: 7, 168/9, 171/2, 201-5; Train: Ryder Brow.
*Note change of day.

FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 1st 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW. Bus: 168/9, 178, 192, 197;
Train: Levenshulme.
- **Thursday 8th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting, includes selection of entries for Good Beer Guide 2019.**
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>

Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2018

Stockport Beer and Cider Festival will be back at Edgeley Park from **31st May to 2nd June**, subject to contract. After our success in the face of adversity following the Manchester bomb we are determined to build again.

We need new, enthusiastic people to come along to help us organise the festival, including trainee or assistant managers for several positions. So give **Jim Flynn** a ring (see next column for his number) and come along to our next meeting. Please put the evening of **27th November** in your diary as the date of the next organising committee meeting at the **Armoury on Shaw Heath** when the budget will be finalised and some really crucial decisions will be made.

Beer Scoring Reminder

Beer scores are part of our selection process for our **22 entries** in the **Good Beer Guide**, and they also help us to keep track of the rest of our pubs. For valid comparisons we'd like lots of scorers each to visit lots of different pubs, not just "the usual suspects". Your scores will be appreciated. It's easy to score your beers via www.whatpub.com - or you can still score on paper, or in an email to PubsOfficer@ssmcamra.co.uk. Scores observed in **2017** need to reach me by **20th January 2018** to be counted. Enjoy your research!

Peter Butler, Pub Survey Officer.

Manchester Beer & Cider Festival

The Manchester Beer and Cider Festival will held be at the **Manchester Central Convention Centre (formerly GMEX)** from **Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th January 2018** (set up from the 21st onwards and knock down the 28th). The 24th is a trade and CAMRA only session and you will be able to try the beers in advance of the general public. So if you haven't already done so please put those dates in your diary.

The Manchester Beer & Cider Festival has established itself as one of the top beer festivals in the UK, with one of the largest ranges of beers and cider. Up to 15,000 visitors are expected to travel from all over the country and beyond to attend the festival. With the massive response we had from the public of Greater Manchester in 2017, we have great plans to maintain that momentum and we are looking forward to another marvellous festival.

Please go to the festival web site at www.mancbeerfest.uk for more information and to complete a staffing form or email volunteer@mancbeerfest.uk, even if you can only work for three or four hours during the one of the sessions. Remember volunteers are urgently required for the set up and the knock down. There is **free beer and cider for all volunteers** and later there will also be a **staff party** (in our branch area at the **Gateway!**) with even more **free beer and food**. Please volunteer to help us to make this a great success.

Good Beer Guide 2018

The Good Beer Guide provides a comprehensive guide to the nation's best pubs and to all of its breweries. Have you got your copy yet? Remember that Good Beer Guides also make excellent **Christmas gifts** for the pub goer, the beer drinker and the traveller.

The Cover price is £15.99, the official CAMRA member price is £11.00 (plus p&p) but the branch is selling copies at **£10.00** each. This price applies if you pick up the Guide from **Jim Flynn** at a branch event or at his home address (please ring first on **0161 432 1816**). All copies posted to an address in the branch area will cost £11.00 each (which is still a 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 at his home address, 66 Downham Road, Heaton Chapel, SK4 5EG.

PUB MONITORING

Have you got any news about pubs in our branch area? It could be a change in the beer range, the pub has closed, pub re-opened, demolished, change of licensee, refurbishment, etc. We really need to know this in order to keep www.whatpub.com up-to-date. Just hit the "**Submit Update**" button on the WhatPub page of the pub you have news for, or send your news in an email to **Paul Felton** on Whatpub@ssmcamra.co.uk. Thank you.

Winter Warmer Wander

Christmas is already drawing near, so it must be time for the **Winter Warmer Wander!** As ever there are lots of prizes to be won, including T-shirts, bottled beers and bottled-beer hampers, plus loads of new beers to try.

This year's **Winter Warmer Wander** launches on 17th November and continues until 31st December. For more information see the **November/December issue** of **Opening Times** or <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/winter.htm>

Branch Anniversary Meal

This year's **Branch Anniversary Celebration** should take place on **Saturday 13th January**, although at the time of writing the date, and venue had yet to be finalised. We aim to start at **7.30pm**, but you can arrive from 7pm onwards. A guest beer and a traditional cider should be available along with the venue's own range. Our speaker this year is planned to be **Tom Stainer**, who is editor of What's Brewing and Beer, as well as being CAMRA's Head of Communications. There will be a buffet, a quiz if there's time, and a prize raffle - lots of beery and cidery prizes. The **cost should be £12.50** each but please remember that this **includes a free pint**. Book with John Clarke at chairman@ssmcamra.co.uk or call 0775 383 6898.

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