



CAMRA Calling

Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: **Nov – Jan 2020**

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NOVEMBER

- **Saturday 2nd from 1pm - Social at Didsbury Beer Festival.**
St Catherine's Community Centre, School Lane, Didsbury, M20 6HS.
- **Thursday 7th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Blue Bell, 170 Barlow Road, Levenshulme, M19 3HF.
Bus: 169, 178, 192, 197; Train: Levenshulme.
- **Friday 8th - Winter Warmer Wander Launch Stagger.**
7pm Railway, 1 Avenue Street, Portwood, SK1 2BZ.
(8pm Bakers Vaults, Market Place, SK1 1ES.)
Bus: 7A, 324/5, 330, 380, 381
- **Thursday 14th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Sun and Castle, 54 Middle Hillgate, Stockport, SK1 3EH.
Train: Stockport.
Includes 'Meet the Brewer' with Jane Kershaw from Holts.
- **Friday 22nd - Stagger: West Didsbury (Burton Road).**
7.30pm George Charles, 246 Burton Road, M20 2LW.
(8.30pm Folk Cafe Bar, 169 - 171 Burton Road, M20 2LN.)
Bus: 84, 111, 172; Metro: Burton Road.
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Saturday 23rd – Beer of the Festival presentation.**
1.30pm Marble Beers Tap Room Unit 7 Boston Ct, Kansas Ave,
Manchester M50 2GN. Tram: Broadway; Bus: 50.
- **Thursday 28th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Crown, 81 High Street, Cheadle, SK8 1AA.
Bus: 11/A, 130, 309/10/12, 42B; Train: Gatley.

DECEMBER

- **Sunday 1st 2pm - Cider Circuit Prize Giving and Social.**
Cheshire Ring, 72 Manchester Road, Hyde, SK14 2BJ.
Bus: 201, 204, 330; Train: Hyde Central.
- **Monday 2nd 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 5th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Alexandra, 195 Northgate Road, Edgeley, SK3 9NJ.
Bus: 309, 310; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 12th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.
Bus: 25, 192, 364.
Includes Christmas Quiz.
- **Friday 20th - Stagger: Hillgate and Market Place.**
7.30pm Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.
(8.30pm Red Bull, 14 Middle Hillgate, SK1 3AY.)
Bus: 192, 199, 378.
- **Friday 27th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
George and Dragon, 1 High Street, Cheadle, SK8 1AX.
Bus: 11/A, 130, 309/10/12, 42B.

JANUARY

- **Thursday 2nd 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley, SK2 6NU.
Bus: 192, 199, 309, 374/5, 378; Train: Davenport.
- **Thursday 9th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Hope, 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris,
SK4 2LL. Bus: 25, 192, 364.
*Includes selection of Pub of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and
Club of the Year.*
- **Saturday 11th 7pm for 7.30pm start - Branch Meal.**
Moor Club, 35 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB.
Bus: 25, 42A, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Edgeley and Shaw Heath.**
7.30pm Alexandra, 195 Northgate Road, SK3 9NJ.
(8.30pm Royal Oak, 124 Castle Street, SK3 9AL.)
Bus: 309, 310; Train: Stockport.
Contact Jim Flynn on the night (07917 596751).
- **Thursday 23rd to Saturday 26th**
Manchester Beer and Cider Festival. Manchester Central
Convention Centre, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX.
- **Thursday 30th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Sandbar, 120 Grosvenor Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, M1 7HL.
Bus: 15, 42/3/4, 85/6, 111, 142/3, 42A/B; Train: Manchester Oxford
Road; Metro: St Peters Square.

FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 7th 8.15pm - Committee Meeting.**
Arden Arms, 23 Millgate, Stockport, SK1 2LX.
Bus: 203, 325, 330, 384; Train: Stockport.
- **Thursday 14th 8.15pm - Branch Meeting.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
Includes selection of entries for 2021 Good Beer Guide

Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2020

Stockport Beer and Cider Festival will be back at Edgeley Park from 28th to 30th May 2020, subject to contract. 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.

This locally is our marquee, premier event of the year and we still need new, enthusiastic people to come along to help us organise the festival. In particular, we need an assistant/deputy Bar Manager and a deputy Membership Manager; training will be given. So, give Jim Flynn a ring and come along to our next meeting. Please put the 2nd December in your diary as the date of the next organising committee meeting at the Armoury on Shaw Heath, Edgeley, when the budget will be finalised, and some really crucial decisions will be made.

Manchester Beer & Cider Festival

The Manchester Beer and Cider Festival is back at Manchester Central this January. Running from **Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th** (with a preview evening for CAMRA members on 22nd), the festival will be the biggest yet.

Please go to the festival website for more information at <https://mancheerfest.uk/volunteer/> and to complete a staff form even if you can only work 3 or 4 hours during the festival. Remember volunteers are urgently required for the set up and the knock down. There is free beer and cider for all volunteers and a staff party.

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 **Mark McConachie** on Whatpub@ssmcamra.co.uk. Thank you.

Branch Anniversary Meal

Our annual Branch Anniversary Meal will be held at the **Moor Club, Heaton Moor** on **Saturday 11th January**, 7pm for 8pm. Our guest speaker is Rick Thomas, head brewer at the **Donkeystone Brewery** up in **Greenfield** (as usual, there will be a grand raffle with many deluxe prizes). There will be three beers on, hopefully including one from Donkeystone, and a cider. The price will be a very economic **£6.50** for hot food and a cold buffet with vegetarian options available. For those who don't know it the Moor Club is our current Club of the Year. It is by bus 42A as well as being very conveniently close to Heaton Chapel station and the 25, 197 and 192 bus routes. Please book with **John Clarke**.

Good Beer Guide 2020

The Good Beer Guide provides a comprehensive guide to the nation's best pubs and to all 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 (plus p&p) but the branch is selling copies at **£10** 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 & South Manchester** to Jim at his home address, 66 Downham Rd Heaton Chapel, SK4 5EG.

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 **2019** need to reach me by **25th January 2020** to be counted. Enjoy your research!

Peter Butler, Pub Survey Officer.

Winter Warmer Wander 2020

Following the success of the last **Winter Warmer Wander**, the Branch is again organising a trail of pubs to promote the drinking of cask conditioned stouts, porters, barley wines, old ales (and other stronger beers if no stout, porter, etc available).

Sponsored by Robinsons' Old Tom, the promotion will run from **8th November until 31st December**. To take part, simply buy half a pint of cask-conditioned winter beer of from participating pubs, obtain a sticker and fix it to the entry sheet. For more information see the **November/December issue of Opening Times** or the Branch website www.ssmcamra.co.uk.

Successful participants will each gain free entry to the Manchester Beer & Cider Festival 2020 and there will be prizes including top class bottles of beer and "Winter Warmer Wander" T-shirts.

Why not get your participation in Winter Warmer Winter off to a flying start by joining us on the WWW Stagger around the participating pubs in Stockport town centre on **Friday 8th November** - 7pm at the **Railway** in Portwood or 8pm at the **Bakers Vaults** in Stockport Market Place. By the time the evening is finished you could be halfway to the first level prize and well on the way to a T-shirt!

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