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Stockport & Sth Manchester



Branch Diary & News for: Nov - Jan 2023

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NOVEMBER

- **Thursday 24th 8pm - Pub of the Month -**
John Millington, 67 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7AA.
Bus: 42B, 313, 368; Train: Cheadle Hulme.
- **Tuesday 29th Weekday Wander - Bolton.**
Meet at **Stockport** Station for 11.11am train to **Blackpool** (arrives **Bolton** 11.50am). First pub – **One for the Road**, Ashburner Street Market Hall, BL1 1TJ.
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>

DECEMBER

- **Thursday 1st 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Swan With Two Necks, 36 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY.
Train: Stockport.
- **Monday 5th 8pm - Beer Festival Committee Meeting.**
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
Just turn up or contact Jim Flynn if you would like to be involved. (0161 4321816 or 07917 596751).
- **Thursday 15th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Includes Prize Quiz.
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, SK4 1HJ.
Bus: 25, 192.
- **Friday 23rd - Stagger: Hillgate / Market Place.**
7.30pm Blossoms, 2 Buxton Road, SK2 6NU.
(8.30pm Red Bull, 14 Middle Hillgate SK1 1AY;
final pub **Arden Arms**, 23 Millgate, SK1 2LX.)
Bus: 192, 199, 378A; Train: Davenport.

- **Thursday 29th 8pm - Pub of the Month.**
Fred's Ale House, 843 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 3PW. .
Bus: 150, 171-2, 192, 197;
Train: Levenshulme.

JANUARY

- **Tuesday 4th - Weekday Wander - Compstall and Romiley.**
Catch 11:29am **384** bus from stand H3 at **Stockport Bus Station**.
First pub **Andrew Arms**, George Street, Compstall, SK6 5JD.
Details on branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 5th 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Grey Horse, 99 Broadstone Road, Reddish SK5 7AS.
Bus: 7, 42A (203)
- **Thursday 12th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Will include votes for Club of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and Club of the Year 2023.
Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB.
Train: Stockport.
- **Friday 16th - Stagger: Heaton Moor.**
7.30pm Plough on the Moor, 82 Heaton Moor Road, SK4 4NZ;
(8:30pm Crown, 98-100 Heaton Moor Road, SK4 4NZ; final pub
Nursery, 258 Green Lane, Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK4 2NA)
Bus: 25, 42A, 197; Train: Heaton Chapel.
- **Thursday 26th 8pm - Pub of the Month – Swan With Two Necks**, 36 Princes Street, Stockport, SK1 1RY.
Train: Stockport.

FEBRUARY

- **Weekday Wander**
Date and destination still to be confirmed.
Details via branch website <http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Thursday 2nd 8pm - Committee Meeting.**
Chiverton Tap, 8 Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AU.
Bus: 42B, 313, 368; Train: Cheadle Hulme.
- **Thursday 9th 8pm - Branch Meeting.**
Includes pub selection for the 2024 Good Beer Guide.
Magnet, 51 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 1HJ.
NB - Provisional venue, check branch website nearer the time
<http://www.ssmcamra.co.uk/diary.htm>
- **Friday 17th - Stagger: Cheadle Hulme North.**
7.30pm Cross Keys, 10 Adswold Road SK8 5QA; **(8:30pm; March Hare**, Mill Lane, SK8 5PG; final pub **Archive Bar & Bottle**, 2 Mellor Road, SK8 5AU).
Bus: 313, 328, 368.
- **Thursday 23rd 8pm - Pub of the Month – Grey Horse**, 99 Broadstone Road, Reddish SK5 7AS.
Bus: 7, 42A (203)

Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2023

All change, Stockport Beer and Cider Festival is moving to the Guild Hall on the A6 (opposite Stockport College) from 22nd to 24th June 2023 (set up from 19th June and knock down on 25th June), subject to contract – put those dates in your diary to ensure you don't get double booked. The last festival was a real success, with the number of festival goers up but there were issues that arose at Edgeley Park, including a substantial price rise for 2023. The Guild Hall is a multi-roomed, characterful venue (a listed building) with extensive outside drinking available, right on the 192 bus route and close to the train station, so has a lot going for it.

This is our marque, premier local event of the year and we need enthusiastic people to come along to help us organise the festival in our new home. In particular, we still need deputy managers in a number of positions for which training will be given. So, please give Jim Flynn a ring on 07917 596751 and come along to our next meeting.

Please put the 5th December in your diary as the date of the next organising committee meeting at the Petersgate Tap on St Petersgate in the centre of Stockport, when the budget will be finalised, and some really crucial decisions will be made.

Good Beer Guide 2023

This the 50th edition of the Good Beer Guide, and it remains 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, especially as the forward is written by no lesser person than our new king, Charles III.

The Cover price is £16.99, the official CAMRA member price is £12.00 (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. NB. We have limited copies this year so please buy early.

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 reopened, 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.

Beer Scoring Reminder

Beer scores are part of our selection process for our **22 Good Beer Guide entries**. Also, if we see a pub's scores slipping we can investigate and maybe help fix the problem, and if we see a pub's scores improving we know we should take more notice of it.

All of this depends on people actually scoring their beers. So far in 2022, out of over 1300 members only 40 have submitted scores. Please help, it's not difficult. We use a national 0 to 5 scale, with half scores available to express finer differences. Pubs need an average above 3 to reach the initial shortlist for the Good Beer Guide. You can log into WhatPub, find your pub then select a score (read the descriptions to know what they mean). It helps if you can give the names of the brewery and the beer, although they're not essential.

If you can't use WhatPub you can submit scores by any method which will reach me. You can send an email to pubsofficer@ssmcamra.co.uk, or you can write them in a score book (I still have a few available) or on a piece of paper and hand it to me, or any other committee member, at a meeting or event.

Please score all your beers, not just the good ones, and please visit plenty of different pubs. Otherwise, if you say all your beers are good, we can ask "Compared with what?"

Scores observed in **2022** need to reach me by **28th January 2023** to be counted. Enjoy your research!
Peter Butler, Pub Survey Officer.

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