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# STOCKPORT BEER WEEK 2017

## Hello and welcome once again.

Thank you for picking up this Beer Week programme and looking through it. It outlines the events taking place for the third year in and around the centre of Stockport to celebrate National Cask Ale Week. This runs for 11 days from September 21<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, so there is plenty of time to enjoy the special events whether you are a local Stockport resident or a visitor to the town. Most events are free to enter and are designed to avoid clashes, so you don't have to miss out on something you would really like to attend.

Stockport Market Place will again be a hub of activity; the cellar tours of some pubs will return as will the beer related tours of the 15th Century Staircase House, which will also host a tutored tasting of Belgian Beers. The Remedy Bar will be holding a brew day where you can watch beers being brewed and they will also be having a beer festival on the second weekend.

The Arden Arms, Queens Head and Swan with Two Necks have historically important interiors and there will be a pub crawl featuring them one evening. The year old Petersgate Tap micro-pub will be the venue for the Beer Week launch as we celebrate its successful nomination as CAMRA Pub of the Month. It will also be a first chance to sample this year's Beer Week special beer brewed by Richard from Thirst Class Brewing. There are a number of events here and if cider and perry is your thing, pop along to the tasting on the closing day where you can also meet some local cider producers.

Robinsons continue their developments and their award-winning Visitor Centre has special deals all week. After a very successful beer festival last year, they will be holding another one incorporating beers from other local breweries on the first weekend.

You will again have the opportunity to stretch your legs and follow the ale trail both South and North along the A6 "Beer Slopes" as well as in the town centre. T-shirts are on offer for those who complete the course; the number of pubs involved has been increased this year as has the stock of T-shirts!

For music fans, the Spinning Top offers fine cask ales and unusual ciders to accompany local and national musicians. As well as holding a Meet the Brewer evening, they will be hosting a showcase of local musicians and it will also be the place to take part in THE Stockport Quiz, where your knowledge of all things Stockport will be tested in a dastardly quiz set by the Stockport County Supporters Collective.

More unusual will be a talk by brewing historian Dr James Sumner at the Hope. He will take us through the stranger practices of 19th century beer making with a live demonstration of the old-style art of the 'beer doctors'. It will be a fascinating evening as you see and hear about some of the tricks of the trade in the Victorian era.

We are grateful to our sponsors, Robinsons Brewery, Metro Taxis and Imagine FM, for their assistance, so please support them when you can. In addition, we acknowledge the support of Stockport Council and Totally Stockport in keeping with their aim to develop the Town Centre.

Recent research by Oxford University shows that going to the pub is good for your wellbeing as good conversation strengthens peoples' social networks. So here's a chance to put that into practice; over the 11 days, there's something for everyone, and most events are free. So please come along and support the local pubs, drink some good beer and have a good time with fellow beer enthusiasts.

And wherever you go, please enjoy yourselves and drink responsibly.

Cheers!

**Chris Walkden**

*Stockport Beer Week Coordinator*

# THANKS TO **STOCKPORT** BEER WEEK'S SPONSORS

Unlike several similar events, none of the pubs or breweries participating in the Stockport Beer Week are charged a fee and so without our sponsors and partners, the event would not be practically possible. Our sincere thanks go out to these organisations for helping to make all this happen. Please support them whenever possible.

## **ROBINSONS BREWERY**

For Stopfordians, it's very easy to forget that Robinsons Brewery remains one of the UK's largest and most successful family brewers and that probably without them there might have been little cask beer in the borough in the past for many to enjoy. In the dark years before cask beer became 'sexy' again in many parts of the town, the only real ale available was from 'Robbies'. Indeed, it could be argued that Robinsons sowed the seeds for Stockport to become the beer drinking town it is today. To this day, they are still demonstrating a massive confidence in cask beer, with the family's 6th generation having completed a multi-million-pound brewery refurbishment including a highly successful Visitors Centre. Not only have Robinsons provided support but also they have helped us co-ordinate events such as the pub trail.

## **METRO TAXIS**

Metro Taxis is Stockport's premier taxi company operating a fleet of approximately 400 vehicles including Saloon/Estate Cars, Hackney Cabs, 5, 8 and 16 seat minibuses. Their drivers are required to pass the NVQ level 2 in Passenger Transport through courses organised by the company and so your safety is their consideration. CAMRA locally has developed a partnership of trust with them over a numbers of years with the firm operating very successfully as the Stockport Beer and Cider Festival's taxi partner. Go to their web site to get their app (Apple and Android) enabling you to book your taxi and track it or put their number, 0161 480 8000 in your phone before you go out to enjoy a Stockport Beer Week event.

## **IMAGINE FM**

We are delighted to welcome Stockport based Imagine FM as one of our sponsors for the first time. Imagine FM is South Manchester & Cheshire's number one More Music radio station on your dial at 104.9 FM & online at [www.imaginefm.net](http://www.imaginefm.net) Imagine FM pride themselves on playing a wide variety of music both old and new, offering an oasis

of calm for you to enjoy great music without disrupting a busy lifestyle. From Wilmslow to Manchester City Centre, Gee Cross to Altrincham and across the commuter belt, they are the radio station to keep you up to date with the latest news and travel information. Listen to them before and during the Beer Week to find out all the latest and exclusive news of events. With presenters who all grew up around the South Manchester & Cheshire area, they know what is important to the local community.

## **STOCKPORT**

### **METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

It is great in these increasingly difficult times that our Council continue to be enlightened and see that the Town Centre's pubs and beer scene is a massive asset in rejuvenating the centre of the town. In most of our neighbouring towns the traditional beer drinking infrastructure has been destroyed, but in Stockport it is thriving and providing a boost to the town both financially and socially in areas such as the Market Place as well as Heaton Norris. The Council has not only supported us yet again with resources but also by allowing us to use Staircase House for events. And it is pleasing that the Mayor and others at the council are illustrating this commitment by personally turning up to events. We are once again very grateful for this support.

### **TOTALLY STOCKPORT - STOCKPORT'S BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

In October 2016, businesses in the town centre voted in favour of Stockport town centre's campaign to be designated a Business Improvement District, popularly referred to as a BID. Through Stockport's BID, an additional £400,000 of funds will be generated each year from a business levy. As each BID runs for a minimum period of five years, that's £2m that will be used to deliver projects to improve the offering in Stockport town centre for everyone – visitors, residents and businesses. Beer Week events will help support two of their initiatives – Experience Stockport and Destination Stockport which seek (amongst other things) to expand upon current events that link across the town, encourage an evening culture and bring the town to life, improve and create new town centre events and raise the profile and marketing of Stockport as a destination of choice.

# FESTIVAL CHARITIES



**Stockport CP Society are delighted to be selected by Stockport Beer Week to be the chosen Charity for this Year**

Established in 1953, we now are specialists in providing services to children, young people and adults with disabilities within the Stockport and wider area.

Our aim is to enable our service-users to live a fulfilled and independent a life as possible and to help us to do just that we have a range of services on offer:

- Short Break Holidays for children, young people and adults visiting popular visitor attractions and enjoying a range of activities throughout the UK
- Leisure groups: weekly leisure groups for children, young people and adults including a range of activities such as walking, outdoor activities and sports.
- Skills Centre : A day service for adults who have multiple disabilities and complex needs
- Residential Home providing 13 residential places
- Community Support; Supporting both adults and children on a localised basis including 24 hour support services and day services

For further information on any of our services or activity groups call our friendly customer pathway team.

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Web: [www.stockportcp.co.uk](http://www.stockportcp.co.uk)



Stockport Beer Week is also working with the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative to produce some Beer Week Events which will raise funds for the Organisation.

They are a legally constituted, democratic, not-for-profit Organisation. This is a means by which the Club's Supporters strive to acquire collectively owned assets in order to exert a positive influence over the Football Club and to try and ensure that it is run in a sustainable manner. Membership is open to all Stockport County Supporters. To find out more, visit

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# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

21ST SEPTEMBER – 1ST OCTOBER

## EVENTS TAKING PLACE ALL WEEK

### STOCKPORT ALE TRAIL

**When - All week (21st September – 1st October)**

**Where - VARIOUS LOCATIONS – see later in the programme**

Free to enter - collect stickers from participating Stockport pubs and win a T-shirt

### TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE ON BREWERY TOURS BOOKED IN ADVANCE

**When - All Week**

(21st September – 1st October except Monday 25th)

**Where - ROBINSONS BREWERY VISITORS CENTRE Apsley**

**Street SK1 1YE 0161 612 4100**

Buy tickets at the above number or online only <https://www.robinsonsbrewery.com/brewery-experience/about-the-tour>

Use discount code BeerWeek17

Discount does not apply to walk up tickets on the day

The Visit England accredited Visitors Centre reveals the secrets behind the award-winning brewing process. It also gives insights into original and new brewing equipment. Submerge yourself in almost 180 years of brewing excellence and discover the heritage of this proudly independent family brewery.

A tour will typically take between 60 - 75 minutes, followed by beer sampling.

Tours at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm Tuesday to Saturday; 11.30 and 1.30pm on Sunday. No tours on Monday (but the Visitors Centre is open).

## THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

### LAUNCH EVENT

#### STOCKPORT CAMRA PUB OF THE MONTH

**When - Thursday 21st September from 8pm**

**Where - PETERSGATE TAP, 19a St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

Admission - Free - All welcome

Every month the local CAMRA branch votes for a Pub of the Month to recognise the efforts of pub owners in promoting good quality cask beers with a warm welcome and a community ethos. One year ago and just too late for the last Beer Week, CAMRA members Alan and Chris Gent opened Stockport's first town centre micro-pub, based in an old betting shop. The place has quickly become a hub for the community with many events taking place including several during the Beer Week.

Six hand-pumps adorn the bar, one of which is the house beer, Hawkshead Windermere Pale. There is also a cider fridge which carries three or four rotating real ciders and perries along with bottled ciders. Tonight will also see the launch of a special Beer Week beer brewed by Richard from Reddish-based Thirst Class Ales. Come along and be one of the first to try it!

### WETHERSPOONS BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Thursday 21st September from 6pm to midnight**

**Where - CALVERTS COURT 13 St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

Admission - Free

Join our own Wetherspoons as they hold their very first festival of local and special beers. Expect an extra stillage of barrels as well as the usual hand-pumps on the bar.

## FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

### WETHERSPOONS BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Friday 22nd September from 9am to 1am**

**Where - CALVERTS COURT 13 St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

Admission - Free

For description, see Thursday 21st September

### ROBINSONS BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Friday 22nd September 3pm -11pm**

**Where - ROBINSONS BREWERY VISITORS CENTRE Apsley Street SK1 1YE**

Tickets £4 in advance, £5 on the door. CAMRA members £4 on the door on production of current membership card. Advance tickets from the brewery 0161 612 4100 or [events@frederic-robinson.co.uk](mailto:events@frederic-robinson.co.uk)

20+ beers including many from local breweries and cider too. Music from 6.30pm

Includes entry and souvenir glass. If you don't want to keep the glass, you can claim £1 refund on returning the glass in good condition. Token system for beer purchases. Food available.

### HISTORIC PUBS WALK FROM TIVOT DALE TO THE MARKET PLACE

**When - Friday 22nd September 7pm - 8pm**

**Where - MEET AT LANCASHIRE BRIDGE, BRIDGE ST, SK1 1XU (outside Barclays Bank).**

Charge £1- payable on the night. No booking required.

Led by one of Stockport's leading historians, this popular walk follows a different route to last year. Learn about some of the pubs of Old Stockport – and afterwards why not enjoy some of them that still exist on the Heritage Pub Crawl?

### CRAWL OF STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE HERITAGE PUBS

**When - Friday 22nd September 8.30pm**

**Where - MEET AT THE SWAN WITH TWO NECKS 36, PRINCES ST SK1 1RY**

Or you can join us at Queens Head (Turners Vaults) 12, Little Underbank SK1 1JT at 9.15pm and the Arden Arms 23, Millgate SK1 2LX at 10pm

Free to join – buy your own beer!

This pub crawl led by John Sutcliffe, a local architect and CAMRA

member, takes in Stockport town centre's three pubs which are listed on CAMRA's register of historically important interiors. Starting at Robinsons Swan with Two Necks, with its multiple rooms and oak panelling, the crawl will then visit the Queens Head (Turners Vaults) on Little Underbank owned by Samuel Smiths. This very narrow pub shows how many small urban pubs must have looked a hundred years ago and features two sets of spirit corks which used to dispense drink from the rooms above. The final destination is the Arden Arms, another fine Robinsons establishment. This 19th-century town centre pub has a well-preserved interior with simple wooden panelling, bench seating and quarry-tiled floors plus, in the lobby, a floor-to-ceiling curved, screened bar, still with its rising sashes. Three rooms open off this lobby whilst the fourth, known as 'the Select', offers a most unusual arrangement as it can only be accessed by passing through the bar, with permission from the staff. We'll try!

## **SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**

### **WETHERSPOONS BEER FESTIVAL**

**When - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 9am to 1am**

**Where - CALVERTS COURT 13 St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

**Admission - Free**

For description, see Thursday 21st September

### **ROBINSONS BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL**

**When - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 11am -11pm**

**Where - ROBINSONS BREWERY VISITORS CENTRE Apsley Street SK1 1YE**

Tickets £4 in advance, £5 on the door. CAMRA members £4 on the door on production of current membership card. Advance tickets from the brewery 0161 612 4100 or

[events@frederic-robinson.co.uk](mailto:events@frederic-robinson.co.uk)

20+ beers including many from local breweries and cider too. Music from 1pm

Includes entry and souvenir glass. If you don't want to keep the glass, you can claim £1 refund on returning the glass in good condition. Token system for beer purchases. Food available.

### **CELLAR TOUR\* OF THE BOARS HEAD**

**When - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 12 noon and 1.15pm (two tours) Duration approx. 20 minutes**

**Where - BOARS HEAD 2 Vernon Street, Market Place, SK1 1TY**  
Admission Free - Just turn up. Subject to space available and at own risk

This Samuel Smith's pub is a friendly community pub on the Market Place. It only serves one cask beer, Samuel Smith's Old Brewery Bitter, which comes in large wooden barrels and is always in excellent condition. Have a look at what goes on in the cellar of a good working pub.

### **CELLAR TOUR\* OF THE BAKERS VAULTS**

**When - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 12.30pm and 1.45pm (two tours) Duration approx. 30 minutes**

**Where - BAKERS VAULTS Market Place, SK1 1ES**

Admission Free - Just turn up. Subject to space available and at own risk

The Baker's Vaults was reinvigorated by a thorough refurbishment in mid-2014. Although a single, large room, it is an architecturally impressive space, rebuilt in the late 19th C in the 'gin palace' style. The site is on the foundations of the old Stockport Castle and during the refurbishment various tunnels were discovered in the cellar.

\* NOTE - All cellar tours are at own risk and involve climbing stairs and some low ceilings. Although the lighting is mostly good, participants may wish to bring a torch.

## **SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER**

### **ROBINSONS BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL**

**When - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am - 4pm**

**Where - ROBINSONS BREWERY VISITORS CENTRE Apsley Street SK1 1YE**

Admission Free

If there are any festival beers left, Robinsons will be selling them off as well as having beers on the normal visitor centre bar.

### **QUIZ & MUSIC EVENING**

**When - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Quiz from 5.30pm -7.30pm.**

**Where - SPINNING TOP, 20 Wellington Rd South, SK4 1AA**

£2 a head entry to the Quiz with a maximum team size of 5, but individuals can also have a go. And it's free to spectate!

THE Quiz on Stockport. Think you know about your local town? Why not prove it and win some beer to boot! All questions are about places, people and events connected with the town, and will cover areas such as Local Knowledge, History, Entertainment, Famous Stopfordians & Local Sport with a picture round on the town's pubs. Even though this event is raising funds for the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative, don't panic; not all the sport questions will be about football! Local beers and ciders will be featured and hot food will be available from 7pm @ £2 a plate.

Long-time County Supporter Lee Renshaw will be playing acoustic Britpop covers from 8pm to help you wind down after your efforts!

Please note that the main road outside the venue is closed for major works. However, pedestrian access is maintained.

## **MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

### **TALK - CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS AND BEER DOCTORS**

**When - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Where - RAILWAY, 74 Wellington Rd North SK4 1HF**

Admission Free - in upstairs function room

And now for something new and completely different in this great community pub on the Slope! Brewery historian Dr James Sumner from the University of Manchester will take us through the stranger practices of 19th century beer making with a live demonstration of the old-style art of the 'beer doctors'. Chemical additives were a widespread feature of 19th century brewing.

Heralded as great innovations by brewers, they were viewed with suspicion by drinkers who saw the traditional goodness of malt and hops under threat. And while panics about fatal poisonings scared the public and tax-dodging worried the authorities, the courts were faced with the question of whether it is right to brew with stinking fish. A fascinating evening is in prospect; please do join us.

## **BREWSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

**lots of brewers events today!**

### **REMEDY BAR BREW DAY**

**When - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 12noon**

**Where - REMEDY BAR & BREWHOUSE, 10-11 Market Square SK1 1EW**

Admission Free

The Remedy Bar which opened in December 2015 has a very small brew plant on the site set up by the owners who count brewery installation as one of their businesses. The plant brews around 300 pints in one go and can be viewed from the bar behind a large glass wall. Today, Mark will be brewing up one of his delicious beers and you can watch some of the process for yourselves. Brewing will have started before the bar opens but there will still be plenty to watch. At certain times Mark will be coming out of the brewery and you can ask questions, but as many of the processes are time critical, he might have to rush off again! Meanwhile why not sample "one he made earlier" or one of the unusual guest beers whilst you watch what happens. And you can enjoy a spot of lunch until 2.30pm.

### **MEET THE BREWER WITH COLIN (POYNTON BREWERY)**

**When - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm -8.15pm**

**Where - SPINNING TOP, 20 Wellington Rd South, SK4 1AA**

Admission Free

Poynton Brewery are based at the Royal British Legion in the village and were set up in late 2015 when the current owners took over the plant of the defunct Worth Brewery. Since then their beers have become widely available in the local area and include one named after that most famous of local products, the Avro Vulcan. The Spinning Top is a regular outlet for their beers and tonight you can try their new ale called Viaduct, which is their first golden ale (4% ABV). This will be available at The Spinning Top for the duration of Stockport Beer Week.

Please note that the main road outside the venue is closed for major works. However, pedestrian access is maintained.

### **MEET THE BREWER WITH RICHARD (THIRST CLASS ALES) and a TALK ABOUT OPENING A MICRO-PUB**

**When - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, from 8.30pm**

**Where - PETERSGATE TAP 19a St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

Admission Free

A quick walk along the road will allow you to attend another meet the brewer session. This time it's with Richard, the owner and brewer of Thirst Class Ales based in Reddish. He started brewing

commercially on a small scale in 2014 and went full-time at the beginning of 2016 when the opportunity arose to take over the premises previously occupied by Ringway Brewing. His beers are frequently noted in Stockport and around the North West and he has already won several awards. Alan Gent, the owner of the venue, will also tell us about the trials and tribulations of opening a micro pub.

## **WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

### **STAIRCASE HOUSE BEER TOUR**

**When - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

**Where - STAIRCASE HOUSE, Market Place SK1 1ES**

Booking essential. Cost £5 /£3 CAMRA members. To book call 0161 474 4444

Staircase House is a beautifully restored 15th century townhouse situated in Stockport's historic Market Place. It is home to one of only three surviving Jacobean cage-newel staircases in the country. In this special tour, learn about the past of Stockport's oldest town house and discover how our ancestors lived from the 15th to the 20th centuries with an emphasis on the beer offerings of the time. Get to see areas that are usually off limits and one area that is thought to be an ancient Brewhouse.

## **THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

### **REMEDY BAR BEER FESTIVAL**

**When - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – noon - 11pm**

**Where - REMEDY BAR & BREWHOUSE, 10-11 Market Place SK1 1EW**

Admission Free

Following a successful beer festival at Easter 2017, the bar is repeating the exercise. As well as the 6 hand-pumps expect a stillage featuring around 20 local beers of lots of different styles, so there's bound to be something to tickle your taste buds. And why not try one of their own beers brewed behind the glass wall in the bar?

### **FOOL HARDY - MEET THE BREWERS AND NEW BEER LAUNCH**

**When - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm**

**Where - HOPE INN, 118 Wellington Rd North SK4 2LL**

Admission Free

Martin started the Hope's very own micro-brewery, 'Fool Hardy Ales' in 2013 shortly after he and his good lady Sam had purchased the pub. The name Fool Hardy is nod to the past history of the Hope which started life as a Hardy's Crown Ales brewery house. There are always six of their ales on the pumps – look out for the distinctive pump clips designed by Martin himself – as well as a selection of guest ales. In addition, Fool Hardy Riptide was voted Beer of the Festival at Stockport this year. In 2016, Martin took on Katie Bromley as assistant brewer and she has developed her own Smatie Signature series of beers where all the beer names are palindromes. Her special beer to be launched this evening is an I.P.A. at 5% and called "Oozy rat in



a sanitary zoo". Is this the quirkiest name ever for a beer? Come along, be one of the first to try it and meet the team that makes it happen at this excellent pub.

## FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

### REMEDY BAR BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – noon - 11pm**

**Where - REMEDY BAR & BREWHOUSE, 10-11 Market Square SK1 1EW**

Admission Free

For details, see Thursday 28th September

### FOODIE FRIDAY

**When - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm - 9pm**

**Where - MARKET PLACE, STOCKPORT**

Admission Free

This event was voted Best Pop-Up, Event, Club or Project, Manchester Food & Drink Festival 2016 and the idea is now being copied elsewhere. Held on the last Friday of every month, it's a continental street café culture which appeals to all ages and there are plenty of food stalls and a beer shop in the Market Hall to enjoy. And there's now a plan to create a popular permanent social space for the local community in the Produce Hall by providing the perfect mix of independent street food, ales, live music and entertainment. Why not seek out the CAMRA stand where you can learn about the organisation locally and buy raffle tickets from our charity partner SCP? Afterwards the pubs remain busy, but they are all on the Ale Trail, so why not call in, buy a beer and get a stamp?

## SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

### REMEDY BAR BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – noon - 11pm**

**Where - REMEDY BAR & BREWHOUSE, 10-11 Market Square SK1 1EW**

Admission Free

Includes a CAMRA presentation award for the best Mild pub on the Mild Magic trail at 7.30pm. For other details, see Thursday 28th September

### STAIRCASE HOUSE BEER TOUR

**When - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**

**Where - STAIRCASE HOUSE, Market Place SK1 1ES**

Booking essential. Cost £5 / £3 CAMRA members. To book call 0161 474 4444

For details see Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

### TUTORED BELGIAN BEER TASTING

**When - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm**

**Where - STAIRCASE HOUSE, Market Place SK1 1ES**

Booking advised – Tickets £12. Cost includes beer. To book call 0161 474 4444. May be some tickets available on the door on the day.

Local CAMRA activist and expert on Belgian beers, John Clarke will guide you through a tasting of some of Belgium's finest in the magnificent surroundings of Stockport's oldest townhouse.

## SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

### REMEDY BAR BEER FESTIVAL

**When - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – noon - 11pm**

**Where - REMEDY BAR & BREWHOUSE, 10-11 Market Square SK1 1EW**

Admission Free

For other details, see Thursday 28th September

### TUTORED CIDER AND PERRY TASTING AND MEET THE CIDER PRODUCERS

**When - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 2pm**

**Where - PETERSGATE TAP 19a St Petersgate SK1 1EB**

Tickets £12 – Tickets in advance can be bought at the Petersgate Tap, by post or on the door on the day subject to space available. You can also e-mail them on [petersgatetap@gmail.com](mailto:petersgatetap@gmail.com) Price includes nine 1/3rds of different cider/perries and some cheese & biscuits. Postal tickets can be bought by sending a cheque to the address above and then either be picked up at the venue or they will post them out if required.

It's that man again! John Clarke also is an expert on cider and perry and will guide you through a tasting of nine ciders and perries, some of them local. Yes that's right - cider doesn't just come from Herefordshire or the West Country. In Stockport and the North West, we have some fine producers and as part of the afternoon, some of them will be in attendance. You can find out more about the process whilst sampling the products. After the tasting there will be an opportunity to buy more cider at the special price of £3 a pint.

### WOODSTOCKPORT MUSIC FESTIVAL

**When - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 4pm until late**

**Where - SPINNING TOP, 20 Wellington Rd South, SK4 1AA**

Admission Free

The Beer Week concludes with an evening of local bands at the Spinning Top in conjunction with Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative (SCSC) and 10% of takings will go to them. It is hoped to feature bands such as Mutha Lovin Chimps, Exit 7, Smashing Lads & Ten Eyed Man (all tbc) from 4pm onwards. Food will be available and as it just happens to be the 50th birthday party of the landlord, Mike Swann, it should be a great evening that will ensure the Week ends on a high note...

NOTE - This programme of events is correct at the time of going to press. However, there may be changes and you can keep up with all the latest developments by visiting the Stockport CAMRA website and social media.

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# STOCKPORT ALE TRAIL

## WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

Visit any one of the participating pubs and pick up a special card. Then purchase a **half pint or pint of any cask ale** in any one of the participating pubs during Stockport Beer Week (21<sup>st</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October) and collect a special sticker – **only one sticker per pub**.

There are 20 participating pubs in total, some of which also have special events on during the Beer Week. You will need to collect **12 different stickers including at least 4 from the 8 Robinsons' pubs which are shown on the top of the card**. When complete, take your card to the Robinsons Brewery Visitor Centre where you will receive a limited edition Stockport Beer Week T-shirt. Please note that stocks are limited. The Visitors Centre is open every day.

## PARTICIPATING PUBS

These are the 8 Robinsons pubs – **you must visit at least 4 of these**

- Arden Arms** - 23 Millgate SK1 2LX
- Armoury** - 31 Shaw Heath, Edgeley SK3 8BD
- Bakers Vaults** - Market Place, SK1 1ES
- Blossoms\*** - 2 Buxton Road, Heaviley SK2 6NU
- Queens** – 11 Great Portwood St, Portwood SK1 2DW
- Red Bull** - 14 Middle Hillgate SK1 3AY
- Robinsons Brewery Centre\*** - Apsley Street SK1 1YE

**Swan with Two Necks\*** - 36 Princes Street SK1 1RY

The remaining pubs on the trail are

- Boars Head\*** (Samuel Smiths) - 2 Vernon Street, Market Place, SK1 1TY
- Cocked Hat** (Free) 2 Market Place SK1 1EW
- Crown** (Free) - 154 Heaton Lane SK4 1AR
- Fairway** (Free) – 137 Higher Hillgate, Heaviley, SK1 3HR
- Hope** (Free) - 118 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris SK4 2LL
- Magnet\*** (Free) - 51 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris SK4 1HJ
- Midland** (Free) - 19 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris SK4 1HJ
- Olde Vic\*** (Free) – 1 Chatham St, Edgeley, SK3 9ED
- Petersgate Tap\*** (Free) - 19a St Petersgate SK1 1EB
- Railway Heaton Norris** (Free) – 74 Wellington Rd North, Heaton Norris SK4 1HF
- Remedy Bar** (Free)\* - 10-11 Market Place SK1 1EW
- Sun and Castle** (Holts) - 54 Middle Hillgate SK1 3EH

Please note that those pubs marked \* do not open all day every day. Check the nationwide CAMRA database, WhatPub ([www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com)) for the latest known opening hours. The site is accessible to all.

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# STOCKPORT'S PUBS AND BREWERIES

Stockport has some fantastic cask beer outlets ranging from modern bars to homely community pubs, many featuring beers from far and near. Some traditional pubs, such as the Arden Arms, Queens Head and Swan with Two Necks have historically important interiors. A more modern phenomenon is that of the micro-pub. You can argue until the cows come home about the definition of a micro-pub, but let's not waste time; it's just a small drinking establishment selling good beer! The Petersgate Tap is one such place and you could say that the Spinning Top on Wellington Rd South also fits the bill although they are both very different with the latter focussing on music. There are several events at both locations during the Beer Week, so why not pop along?

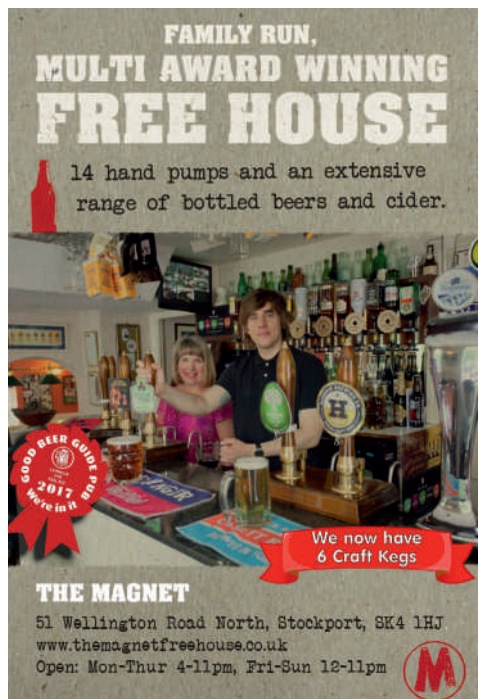
Two Stockport pubs that were under threat last year have been saved. The Olde Vic in Edgeley was eventually bought by a company owned by the local community and fundraising continues to effect repairs and maintenance. It was one of the first pubs in Stockport to serve ever-changing real ale, and landlord Steve has ensured that it has been in the Good Beer Guide for sixteen consecutive years.

Meanwhile, the Midland on Wellington Road North was threatened by a road widening scheme. The Borough Council had plans to demolish it, but CAMRA, Stockport Heritage Trust and the owner campaigned to save this 1833 pub which has many original features, including hand-made tiles. It was built in the reign of King William IV; Stockport has very few remaining buildings from this pre-Victorian period. The good news is that the road scheme has now been re-designed, the pub is safe and its heritage importance has been confirmed. Both these pubs are on the Ale Trail, so why not go and see what has been achieved? Nationally, over 20 pubs have been closing every week for some years; some because they were no longer viable, but many due to the predatory nature of some pub companies who see them as lucrative development sites. This was particularly so as planning permission was generally not required to change the use of pubs or demolish them. However, this all changed on 23 May 2017, when amendments to legislation removed those permitted development rights. The change to the law came after many years of lobbying in which CAMRA took a major role. However with the changing nature of social life, the availability of cheap supermarket alcohol and under the influence of the prohibitionist health lobby, pub usage is still under threat. And now there is the looming problem of massive rate rises for some places. Supporting the Beer Week venues is one way to help out. If we don't use our

pubs, we'll lose them, so let's make sure we can enjoy Stockport's pubs for years to come.

Stockport's brewing scene has been changing too over the year. Cryptic have stopped brewing, whilst Watts Brewing? at the Magnet have suspended operations as Sarah celebrates another addition to the family. Meanwhile Jay closed the Quantum brewery to go and work for Cloudwater and Stockport Brewing have relocated out of the Town Centre, but are still operating in the Borough. So too are Hexagon Brewery, a very small scale operation in Marple which produces only bottled beers. On the brighter side, Martin at the Fool Hardy Brewery at the Hope Inn has taken on an assistant brewer, Katie, and they will host a Meet the Brewer evening and new beer launch during the Beer Week. Richard at Thirst Class Ales is brewing our Beer Week special beer and also hosting a Meet the Brewer evening, whilst Robinsons continue to provide an ever increasing range of beers, not only in the town, but nationally and internationally, helping to spread the name of Stockport round the globe.

Stockport is lucky to have such a range of breweries and pubs which we can all enjoy. Let's help keep it that way.




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# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Wetherspoons Local Beer Festival at Calverts Court – starts 6pm
- Public Launch event – CAMRA Pub of the Month - 8 pm at the Petersgate Tap and launch of the SBW Beer Week Beer

## FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Wetherspoons Local Beer Festival at Calverts Court all day
- Robinsons Brewery Beer Festival at the Visitors Centre - starts at 3pm
- Historic Pubs Walk -Tiviot to Market Place – Starts 7pm. End 8pm. Meet at Lancashire Bridge, Bridge St, SK1 1XU outside Barclays bank.
- Heritage Pub Stagger starts 8.30pm from the Swan with Two Necks (Robinsons), then to the Queens Head (aka Turners Vaults) (Sam Smiths) at 9.15pm and the Arden Arms (Robinsons) at 10pm.

## SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Wetherspoons Local Beer Festival at Calverts Court – all day
- Robinsons Brewery Beer Festival at the Visitors Centre - starts at 11am
- Cellar Tour Boars Head 12.00 noon
- Cellar Tour Bakers Vaults 12.30pm
- Cellar Tour Boars Head 1.15pm
- Cellar Tour Bakers Vaults 1.45pm

## SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Robinsons Brewery Beer Festival – only if any beer left! From 10.30am

- Spinning Top events - Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative (SCSC) Quiz & Music
- THE Quiz on Stockport 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Acoustic Britpop covers from 8pm

## MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Historic Beer Talk - "Chemists, Druggists and Beer-Doctors" by Dr James Sumner at the Railway on Wellington Rd N 7.30pm.

## BREWSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Remedy Bar Brew Day – watch the brewing of a beer from 12 noon
- Meet the Brewer with Colin from Poynton Brewery at the Spinning Top 7pm -8.15pm
- Meet the Brewer with Richard from Thirst Class at the Petersgate Tap – starts 8.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Staircase House Beer Tour – starts 7pm

## THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Remedy Bar Beer Festival from noon
- Hope – Fool Hardy Meet the Brewers (MTB) and IPA launch at the Hope Wellington Rd North. Starts 7pm

## FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Remedy Bar Beer Festival from noon
- Foodie Friday – CAMRA and Charity Stand in the Market Hall from 6pm-9pm

## SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Remedy Bar Beer Festival from noon
- Staircase House Beer Tour – starts 2pm
- Tutored Belgian Beer Tasting with John Clarke in Staircase House – starts 3.30pm
- Remedy Bar – CAMRA presentation award for the best Mild pub on the Mild Magic trail – starts 7.30pm

## SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

- Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre – 2 for the price of 1 brewery tours – for pre-booked tours only.
- SBW 2017 Ale Trail covering 20 pubs
- Remedy Bar Beer Festival from noon
- Tutored Cider Tasting and meet the Cider producers – 2pm Petersgate Tap
- Spinning Top -Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative (SCSC) Music Festival with various local bands. Starts at 4pm



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