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Homebrew competition judges – back row: Peter Sidwell and Batney Hannah (Torrside); middle row: Nick Bennett (Marble), Amanda Finch (Station Hop), Simon Goodier (Steelfish), Chris Clough (Torrside); front row: Carl Eccles (Marble), Matt Curtis (beer writer).

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Pubs of the Month

Stockport & South Manchester Winners for May and June

The Pub of the Month for May is the Grey Horse on Broadstone Road in Reddish. Ray Cronie has been along and explains why it won.



This prominent pub was built in 1909 for the nearby Richard Clarke brewery. That firm was taken over and closed by Boddingtons in 1963 and, after passing through the ownership of various pub companies, it is now back in the hands of another local family brewery – Joseph Holt of Cheetham Hill in Manchester.

In recent years, Holts have refurbished the pub a couple of times, most recently in 2022.

The main body of the Grey Horse is a large and comfortable lounge, created by joining together two previously separate rooms. The left-hand side of the pub comprises a spacious L-shaped vault, complete with pool table and dart board – there is free pool all day on Mondays.



In addition, there is a quiz night on Tuesdays, and large TV screens throughout the pub show sport – mainly football. The last Sunday of each month sees an open mic night.

Let's not forget the beer – Holt's Bitter is the main cask on the bar, and very good it is too.

All of this is overseen by licensee Helen Partington, who has been in charge for almost five years. During this time she has worked hard to make the Grey Horse a real centre of the community. A

walking club has recently been set up, and over Easter there was a Community Weekend including crafts for children and, on Easter Monday, a performance by Stockport Youth Music Project.

Come and join us as we present and celebrate this well-deserved award on Thursday 22 May, from around 8pm. The pub is well served by a number of buses. The 42A running from south Manchester will drop you close by, and it's only a short walk from the 7 and 203 routes, too.

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June's Pub of the Month is the White Lion Coaching House on Great Underbank in Stockport. Jim Flynn put it forward and here tells you why it won.



There has been an inn on this site since the 14th century, with the current reconstruction 120 years old, forming part of what is now the Market/Underbank Conservation Area. However, in 2008 the pub closed. We all feared that it would never open again and would be turned into residential accommodation – yet another part of Stockport's rich drinking history lost. But, with the rebirth of the Underbanks area, fifteen years later the White Lion was reborn, becoming an essential part of what has been styled the 'New Berlin'.

The owner, Jon Dootson, has interests in other businesses on the road, including Alfredo's Social in Winter's. He is working with the Council and with, general manager Mark Chalmers, has really done us proud, retaining much of the pub's Edwardian feel. The building's historic doorway and entrance have been retained and revitalised, while the stained glass throughout the building also provides a link back to its past. Outside on Underbank is an outside drinking area; great for people watching!

The pub is upmarket without being pretentious or unwelcoming, with the casual drinker being as welcome as the diner partaking of a classic pub meal. Mark has extensive experience of management in the licensed trade and has assembled a team of smart and friendly staff who provide a real warm welcome. The ground floor bar has four well-kept cask beers, with one often from Timothy Taylor's and another from Bradfield Brewery near Sheffield. In the basement is a sports bar, the 'Lions' Den', which is very busy when football is on, and a smart private function room, 'The Boardroom'.

Unsurprisingly, in the year the White Lion has been open, it has grown to be very popular. So come on down on the evening of Thursday 26 June and congratulate Mark and his team for restoring this important part of Stockport's history back to its former glory, and for being part of the successful efforts to put the buzz back into what, until a few years ago, was an increasingly forgotten part of town.

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Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2025

Preview & Festival Charity



The countdown is now on for the 2025 Stockport Beer & Cider Festival. This year, we are back at Stockport's Masonic Guildhall on Wellington Road North (more or less directly opposite the college).

Over the past year, the Guildhall has been significantly renovated, both inside and out, and is now an even better venue. Once again we will have more seating and proper cooling – for both the beers and the festival itself. What hasn't changed, though, is the great range of

beers, ciders and perries – **and this year we again have a small key-keg bar run in conjunction with Runaway Brewery.**

Here we bring you details of some of the beers and the festival's charity. Details of the [Festival Entertainment](#) can be found on page 10.

Festival Charity – Reuben's Retreat



At Reuben's Retreat, our mission is rooted in love, loss, and the power of community, writes *Kate Bradley*. Based in Glossop, we walk alongside families of children with medical complexities, offering practical and emotional support. In addition, we gently hold the hands of parents grieving the heartbreak of child loss.

Our journey began in 2012 after the devastating passing of 23-month-old Reuben Graham to an inoperable brain tumour. In the face of unimaginable grief, Reuben's Mummy, Nicola, vowed to honour her little boy by creating a haven for others walking difficult paths. In just 23 months, she raised £1 million and acquired the former Woods Hospital, determined to turn tragedy into something truly meaningful.

Today, Reuben's Retreat is a sanctuary - a place of peace, connection, and hope. From music and hydrotherapy sessions to sensory play, counselling, holistic therapies, and support groups, we provide countless opportunities for families to create precious memories and begin to heal, far from the confines of clinical settings.

Which is why we are so incredibly honoured to have been invited back to the Stockport Beer and Cider Festival as the chosen charity for a second year. Last year, this wonderful event helped raise an amazing £3,600 for our cause, and we left with full hearts and deep gratitude.

This year, we step into a powerful new chapter with the launch of our 'One in a Million' campaign - a heartfelt mission to **#CompleteTheRetreat** by renovating part of our building into four fully accessible holiday apartments in the Peak District. We already help grieving families find moments of reflection and togetherness. But with this new build, we can go even further, creating a space where joy and peace can grow, even in the hardest of times.

We're so thankful to the team at Stockport Beer and Cider Festival for welcoming us back with open arms, and to the breweries which are providing firkins to us, free of charge. We can't wait to share our story, connect with this wonderful community, and raise vital funds to keep Reuben's legacy shining bright. You can read more about our beautiful work at www.reubensretreat.org or follow us on social media [@reubensretreat](#).

Fridge-cooled Beers

While all of the festival's draught beers, cider and perries will be cooled to cellar temperature, we will also have **fridge-cooled** lagers, ciders, IPAs and a wide range of foreign beers on the **Bottle & Can Bar**, which you'll find in the same room as the glasses stall.

This bar will also have a small range of **low and no-alcohol** beers, as we know that some folk who come along with their friends might not want to drink. Everyone is catered for at the festival!

Bar Nouveau

Work on putting the beer list together had only just started as this issue of *Opening Times* went to press. However, we can confirm that the ever-popular Bar Nouveau will be back. Once again, it's been kindly sponsored by **Big Trip Brewery**, who will be having a brand-new beer on the bar, and there will of course be the beers from our regular homebrew competition.



Once again, we had a bumper number of entries, and the judging took place at the Petersgate Tap in the town centre. Our thanks to Alan and Chris Gent for letting us commandeer their upstairs room for two Sunday afternoons.

So, it's hearty congratulations to Stuart Evans from Stockport for his 6% American Brown Ale, which had a deliciously hoppy finish. This will be brewed at **Torrside** as a joint brew with **Steelfish**. There will be a stronger imperial version, too.

John Rodgers from Abbey Hey won two of the five categories. His 5.5% IPA brewed with oat malt, and featuring Citra, Anchovy and Galaxy hops, won out in the ESB, Strong Pale Ale & IPA category, and this beer will be brewed at **Sureshot**. John's other win came in the Speciality category with a 7.2% Belgian Pale Ale. This will be brewed by **Runaway** and, apart from the cask version on Bar Nouveau, you may be able to try it on the keykeg bar as well.

The other two winners are from Sheffield. Joe Lee won the Bitter, Pale Ale & Session IPA category with a 4.4% Session IPA. This is a crisp and refreshing beer, which includes Strata, Mosaic and Citra hops. Joe's beer will be brewed at **Marble**. The Stout & Porter winner is Jon Britton, with a Historic-style London Porter at 4.75%. This complex, roasty beer will be brewed by **Torrside**, and, of course, an imperial version will also be brewed.

Opening Times plans to call in at the various brew days and take some photos, so look out for these in future issues.

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Stockport Beer & Cider Festival 2025

Entertainment Preview

Once again, Stockport Beer & Cider Festival has pulled out all the stops to bring you a packed programme of entertainment. Here's a quick preview of what to expect.

Thursday Night



Kicking off the Stockport Beer Festival with a twang is **Dr Uke**, Stockport's premier electric ukulele rhythm & blues band. The local four-piece specialises in playing old-school rock, rhythm & blues and new wave, with a

diverse repertoire of classic songs across the musical spectrum from The Rolling Stones to Talking Heads. Dr. Uke are regulars on the Stockport pub scene, playing at the Spinning Top, Stock Dove, Flying Coach and headline spots at Foodie Friday, where they always have the whole of the Market Hall on their feet.

Friday Afternoon



Stockport Ukulele Players are a jolly group of local ukulele enthusiasts who always create a feel-good vibe wherever they play. With an extensive song book of singalong classics, their performances

demand audience participation with songs such as 'Hi Ho Silver Lining', 'Delilah' and the homegrown Frank Sidebottom composition 'Stockport Is Really Fantastic'. Guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

Early Friday Evening



We have a Bafta-winning screenwriter and actor in our midst! Singer-songwriter **Phil Mealey** is best known for his role as 'Duffy' in the classic BBC sitcom based in Stockport, *Early Doors*, alongside his old friend Craig Cash, with whom he also wrote episodes of *The Royle Family*. Phil's first love is music, and he regularly appears on stages all across the North West playing a range of timeless covers on his guitar.

He even takes requests! As well as playing a great set, you can also expect to be entertained with Phil's dry wit.

Friday Night



Lazlo Baby is a rabble-rousing fusion band that seamlessly blends the vibrant melodies of Balkan music, the heartiness of folk, the energy of ska, and the rebellious spirit of punk. They revel in combining lively melodies with infectious beats that

create a sparkly, celebratory vibe for all to enjoy, and offer energetic and engaging performances that resonate with audiences from all walks of life.

Lazlo Baby began to play their twist of folk-punk-ska in 2010 with a single goal – to have fun and have great experiences. Fifteen years on and counting, they have played at numerous enjoyable events including Kendal Calling, Beat-Herder, Just So Festival, Northern Green Gathering, and Góbéfest (the UK's only Transylvanian music festival). Lazlo Baby just love the festival scene – energising audiences by blending European and Irish folk traditions with dollops of ska and punk. Alongside music festivals they are often found playing at beer festivals, charity gigs, parties and folk clubs.

Saturday Afternoon

Kevin O'Neill is a versatile musician with a deep-rooted love for soul, folk, rock and pop. Inspired by legends like Stevie Wonder, he brings a dynamic blend of styles to the stage, tailoring each performance to the crowd with a mix of timeless and energetic classics.



At the Stockport Beer Festival, Kevin will deliver a vibrant mix of covers spanning multiple genres, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. His set is all about creating an engaging atmosphere, setting the tone for an evening of great live music and celebration.

Early Saturday Evening



The Mixtape Biros! Expect the unexpected from these four local lads. Guaranteed to impress with something for everyone and never a dry handbag in the house. If their logo brings back good memories, you'll love them! They've grown a word-of-mouth reputation for good-fun gigs across the North West, steering clear of obvious

song choices. The result is a refreshing mix of eye-opening pleasers, exhausted bar staff – and bookings way into the following year.

Saturday Night



Clint Boon DJ set. The legendary Manchester musician, keyboard player with Inspiral Carpets, broadcaster, DJ and honorary Stopfordian brings the Stockport Beer Festival to a fitting climax with a set full of indie bangers. Clint's floor-filling DJ sets are masterclasses in great music, so he knows how to get the party started and keep it going. He'll even play requests. Clint has a loyal following of 'Boon

Army' fans, so don't miss this opportunity to meet the nicest man in music and end the Festival in true Manchester style. Don't forget your bucket hats and see you down the front!

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Heard at the Bar

Pub News from Stockport, Manchester, Tameside and beyond

New Era for Crown, Heaton Lane



For many years, the Crown on Heaton Lane in Stockport town centre was one of the stars of the local beer scene. Sadly, the years since the Covid pandemic have seen the pub drift. Numerous licensees have been and gone, and none of them seem to have made a good go of it. As the pub tried unsuccessfully to be all things to all people, it seemed to lack direction. The range of cask beers fell to a shadow of its former self.

However, all this is about to change. The reason? The new tenants are none other than Alan and Chris Gent of the award-winning **Petersgate Tap**, who will be running the Crown as a second operation.

Opening Times asked Alan Gent how all this came about:

"We'd looked at the Crown when [former tenant] Steve was still alive, but frankly at that stage there was too much for us to contemplate doing. However, when the To Let sign came up we looked again and most of the work needed had been done by the pubco.

"Red Oak Taverns engaged with us right away and made it quite clear that we were just the people they were looking for to take the pub forward. We in turn told them the Crown would only succeed if it was free of tie (FOT).

"The subsequent commercial negotiations resulted in all cask being FOT, but we're taking four keg lines from Red Oak's portfolio. That leaves us with eight cask lines and another four keg lines. I have to say, Red Oak have thus far been very supportive and have really tailored the agreement especially for us.

"We will be doing food – and the pool table will remain for now, but in the side room, not the best room behind the bar.

"It's going to be a big ask for people to start coming to the Crown again and for us it's a big commercial risk, but we think we can get the offer right - and hope we have a good summer to utilise the beer garden at the back!

"The Crown started as a pub in 1823, so has just passed its 200th anniversary unheralded, so hopefully we can give it a belated birthday."

The Crown may well be open by the time you read this, but it will close briefly whilst further work is completed.

New Inn, Buxton



In a prominent position on Buxton Market Place, close to the Town Hall, this Georgian pub reopened in November 2024 as a free house, owned and operated by local couple Emma and Matt Blackwood, writes *Colin Phillips*. Well known in the town for running several successful pub businesses, this is their first venture into fully owning a pub. They had been on the lookout for a suitable Buxton venue, and the long-time Robinsons pub went on the market at the right time.

The popular venue has undergone a transformation that respects its heritage while introducing a modern twist. Dating back to around 1800, the Grade II listed building was originally known as the New Sun Hotel, then in the 1840s as the New Inn and Yorkshire Commercial Hotel.

Their aim is to create a traditional pub, with great beers, wines and spirits in a safe, informal environment. Six cask ales are available, with two regular beers from Timothy Taylor's and a steadily increasing portfolio of traditional-style beers from local and regional breweries, such as Abbeydale, Bradfield, Thornbridge and Winkle. John Hattersley from Bakewell provides the wines, and Blue John Gin distilled in Derbyshire is available.

While you are partaking of your favourite tippie, sat beside the very welcome open fire, you can try their locally sourced food such as sausage rolls and pies from the pie warmer on the bar, or small plates. The New Inn is open daily from noon and is a welcome addition to the Buxton pub and beer scene. It has quickly become a favourite with locals and visitors alike.

High Peak Award to Albert, Disley



The winner of the High Peak, Tameside and NE Cheshire Branch of CAMRA Pub of the Season for spring this year is the **Albert** in Disley.

The pub changed hands in March 2024 and Adey Marrow, Sarah Bibby and their team have transformed it during that time. In addition to decorating throughout prior to first opening, they have subsequently increased the cask beers on offer and now always have four beers on handpump. A games room has been opened behind the bar in addition to a refurbished patio area outside at the rear. The pub has a weekly 'speed quiz' night and very regularly hosts live music events at weekends. The Albert has always been a football pub and this continues as it shows most major football games on three TV screens. The pub serves no food beyond snacks and is a place where drinks and conversation are at the heart of this excellent community hostelry. The Albert has thrived since Adey and Sarah took charge; very well done to you both and all the team.

The photo shows branch member Geoff Williamson presenting the award certificate to Sarah Bibby.



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What's Brewing

Brewery News from around the region

Runaway English Hop Series

Stockport's **Runaway Brewery** recently launched two beers in what will be a series brewed using English hops. It's a project by Runaway brewers Oli Edwards and Jake Duncan. They explained the thinking behind the project: "The English Hop Series started as a small project for us at Runaway to begin to express and experiment with some ideas that we've been having, whilst also using new hops (to us). The idea of using and championing hops grown exclusively in England really appealed to us and allows us to develop on what we have been doing with our Pilsner, which is also made using only British ingredients."



"We've brewed with hops from all over the world in our time, but rarely have we designed beers around a single one. Our goal here is simply to make great tasting beers that use the new and exciting hops being grown in England to full effect. To that end, we have launched the series with a pair of classic British styles: a clean, crisp, and bitter pale ale; and a dark, smooth, and drinkable mild."



Having tried both of the new beers, *Opening Times* can testify that both have been a huge success. The Harlequin Pale Ale (3.8%) is delightfully crisp and bitter with a touch of spiciness. The Progress Dark Mild (3.6%), only the third mild to be produced by Runaway, is full-bodied and easy-drinking, with chocolate notes and dryness in the finish.

Oli and Jake concluded: "Our next steps for the series are to continue later in the year with some more beers that showcase English hops new to Runaway. Expect to see a summer stout, a saison, and more. Just like the Harlequin Pale and Progress Dark Mild, these will be available at the taproom - thanks for your continued support at the taproom and brewery, we really appreciate everyone coming down and drinking and buying the beer we make on a regular basis."

Runaway has also announced that the ever-popular Taproom on Astley Street, in Stockport Town Centre, is to have longer opening hours from May and will also be open on Sundays.

Top Award for Holt's Mild



Joseph Holt's Mild has just won a gold medal at the Society of Independent Brewers and Associates (SIBA) National Independent Beer Awards.

"Traditionally drunk as a refreshing pint after a hard day's manual labour, it is now enjoyed by customers from all walks of life", says Phil Parkinson, head brewer at Joseph Holt.

He adds: "Our gold medal for Mild proves that a long-standing recipe can hold up against competition from across the country, including newcomers to the market. It also shows that great beers never go out of date – even if the customer base changes. At

Joseph Holt we're deeply respectful of our 175-year history (we've now been in the same family for six generations) and of what is popular with our customers. So while we introduce lots of new lines, this gold medal reflects the quality of our original beers too."

A rich, roasted creamy brew with a low 3.2% ABV, Joseph Holt Mild won gold in the Cask Dark Session beer category of the SIBA awards, which included brewers from across the country. The beer draws its flavours from black and crystal malts and English cone hops. The bitterness is balanced with a drop of sweetness thanks to caramel and slight coffee notes.

Phil Parkinson concluded: "We are committed to keeping Mild alive and our award-winning ale shows its heritage is as popular today as it ever was".

Award for Trooper



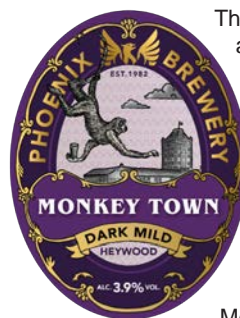
The North West heats of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain competition are currently underway. The Premium Bitter category was judged at Liverpool Beer Festival in February and **Robinsons Trooper** came out on top. This 4.7% golden beer is of course brewed in conjunction with Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden, and we hope to have a photo of Bruce with the certificate next time. **Phoenix Brewery's** famous Wobbly Bob (6%) was a very worthy runner-up.

Other winning beers include **Blackjack Manchester Stout** (4.5%), which won gold in the Session Stouts & Porters, and **Stubborn Mule Li'l Napoleon**, a 3.9% session pale ale, which came top in the Bottled Beers under 4.3% category. The gold for bottled beers above 4.3% was taken by Rochdale's **Serious Brewing** with Matmos (6.4%), a smoked Belgian Dubbel.

The Champion Mild of the North West was due to be judged on 27 April at the Petersgate Tap, during Mild Magic. The Session Bitter category will be judged at Stockport Beer & Cider Festival in June.

Phoenix Heritage Beers

Although it's not in our area, *Opening Times* has been a long-time supporter and fan of Heywood-based **Phoenix Brewery**. We've been delighted to see its beers appearing more frequently in local pubs, too.



The folks at Phoenix have delved back into the archives and selected three traditional recipes that will form a heritage range. The first beer is Monkey Town Dark Mild (3.9%) – named after the nickname for Heywood. It was launched in time for Mild Magic and also CAMRA's national celebration of mild in May.

The other two beers completing the heritage range will be Old Oak (4.5%) and Thirsty Moon (4.6%).

In another development, just before we went to press, Phoenix hosted a visit by brewers from **PHX Beer Co.** from Phoenix, Arizona. We plan to have a fuller report on this in the next issue.

Macclesfield Pub News



First some good news: the **Plough** on Prestbury Road in Macclesfield reopened in January and now has one ever-changing cask ale available, writes *Pete Farrand*. The licensee Matt tells us that he has got the darts team back together and is working on the pool team. There's no food at present but it is

being considered for the future. The Plough is one of several backstreet pubs in Macclesfield that continue to survive. Use them or lose them!

Meanwhile, over in Langley, a few miles from Macclesfield, the owners of the **St Dunstons Inn**, Will and Sarah Canticle have announced they will be moving on in August. This will leave the village centre with no pub, and locals are exploring the possibilities of community ownership.

Other closures that have already happened include the **Ship** in the village of Wincle, located close to the Staffordshire border. This JW Lees house closed after potential new tenants declined to take the pub on. You can still buy beer from the **Wincle Brewery Shop** down the road, but if you are after food, your best bet is to head up to the A54, turn right and try the **Rose & Crown** at Allgreave.

The **Dolphin** on Windmill Street in Macclesfield, a short distance downhill from the canal, closed its doors on 14 April. This excellent Robinsons house had been run by Bev and John Latheby over many years. John retired from the pub about ten years ago but returned after Bev had some health issues. I'm sure we all wish them a happy retirement. Robinsons intend to 'mothball' the pub while some remedial works take place.

Macclesfield Pub of the Season

The Macclesfield & East Cheshire CAMRA Pub of the Season for winter, was the **Chester Road Tavern**, on Chester Road in Macclesfield, writes *Mike Waworko*.



The Chester Road Tavern is a corner pub that keeps its original four-room layout. It's great for being somewhere that's just a welcoming traditional pub. The décor will be familiar to anyone who remembers 70s or 80s Greenall Whitley refurbishments. Horse brasses and memorabilia predominate. In winter a

log burner keeps you warm. There are lots of pub games and regular trips to horse races are arranged.

Four cask beers are usually available. Angela and Tony have been at the helm here for 33 years, making them amongst the longest-serving licensees in the branch area.

Our picture shows Tony Crumplin with the certificate just after the award was presented on 15 February.

Scribbles on a Beermat



Welcome to Scribbles on a Beermat: the quiet corner of a Stockport pub where our Poet in Residence, Carl Burkitt, is sipping a pale ale and scribbling some poems.

The Booth on the Left For Dougie

The booth on the left as you walk in has a Scottish accent wrapped around a 3.9% ale. It has a permanent shirt on its torso and clean shoes on its feet.

The booth on the left as you walk in remembers the names of 1950s football players you've never heard of.

The booth on the left as you walk in has no time for the English cricket team.

The booth on the left as you walk in has a whispered love of romantic poetry.

The booth on the left as you walk in has a non-whispered dislike of modern poetry.

The booth on the left as you walk in has no time for the English football team.

The booth on the left as you walk in orders a thick pork pie to take away every day, crisply folds a newspaper in half, never asks for help on crossword clues and forgets to take its thick pork pie away every day.

The booth on the left as you walk in steers its zimmer frame around tables, past stools, through walkways with sniper-like precision.

The booth on the left as you walk in has pub doors, toilet doors, taxi doors opened for it without asking.

The booth on the left as you walk in is empty now.

The booth on the left as you walk in will live forever with a Scottish accent wrapped around a 3.9% ale.

(A lovely tribute to Doug Fraser, a long-time CAMRA member and regular at the Mounting Stone, Bramhall, who sadly died recently. – Ed)

Stockport's Lost Pubs with Dave Stearn

We continue our series looking at the Lost Pubs of Stockport. This issue: the letter J.

Our first pub is the **Jack and Jill** on Brinnington Road, Brinnington.



This was Robinsons' first post-war house, built in 1957 as a new local for residents at the gateway of the expanding housing estate. Costing £30,000, it was built on the site of The Mount, a regency villa. The original intention was to convert the old house into a pub and call it

the Brinnington Mount Hotel, but that idea was eventually shelved due to the costs involved and the house was demolished. In its place was built a long, low flat-roofed public house, with large windows, in a style popular at the time, designed by Stockport architect Gilbert Bullimore. It was named after the nursery rhyme 'Jack and Jill', because it was built at the top of a hill. The pub was divided equally into lounge and vault areas, with a beer terrace outside, along with a children's play area.

It served Brinnington for nearly sixty years but closed in early 2016. There was a campaign by locals to try and overturn the 'reluctant' closure decision of the brewery, which had decided there was insufficient turnover for the pub to be viable. The Jack and Jill was offered on the open market with Robinsons supporting the idea of it remaining a licensed premises, but there were no takers and the campaign to keep it open was ultimately unsuccessful. It was demolished later that year, with housing built on the site.

Our second lost pub under the letter 'J' is the **Jolly Sailor**, at the junction of Stockport Road and Station Road, Marple.

The pub dated back to 1835 and was a stop-off for mail coaches in the 19th century. It had a bowling green, and until the 1980s it had stables located at the rear of the building. It was the location of Marple's second post office from 1830 until 1875 and it was very much a village hub and meeting place for clubs, groups and societies right up until its closure in 2000.



There was a campaign by locals and councillors to save the building and find an alternative use for it, but it was demolished in 2003, after a plan to replace it with retirement apartments was approved on appeal by the Secretary of State's inspector.

The 'Jolly Sailor Steps', the horse mounting block, which was located at the front of the pub and, it is thought, could have been built to serve an even earlier inn on the site, were saved, however. Marple Local History Society got permission to move them to the small green opposite, on the corner of Church Lane and Stockport Road, where they were rebuilt. They are marked with a plaque.

Dave Stearn works for Stockport Local Heritage Library, and all the photos in this article are courtesy of them. More images can be seen at www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-image-archive.

News Extra

More pub and brewery news from across the area

Award for Petersgate Tap



As we reported last time, the **Petersgate Tap** in Stockport is the Stockport & South Manchester CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year for 2025.

The award was presented on Sunday 9 March prior to a very entertaining talk and tasting hosted by Dave Kendall-Smith from 'Udders Orchard Cider. Our picture shows Alan and Chris Gent with

their certificate. The cider memorabilia in the background was kindly donated to the Tap by local cider enthusiast Dave Preston.

More Annual Awards



The Central Manchester and the High Peak, Tameside & NE Cheshire branches have announced their annual awards. We will be covering these in detail next time, but we can let you know the winners now.

High Peak branch doesn't have a Cider Pub of the Year this time, but their overall Pub of the Year for 2025 is the ever-excellent **Old Hall Inn** at Whitehough near Chinley (pictured above).

The Central Manchester CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2025 is **Fell Northern Quarter** on Dale Street in the City Centre. Also in the City Centre is the branch's Pub of the Year. For the second year in a row, the award has gone to the **City Arms** on Kennedy Street.

Pub News in Brief

In a surprise move, Geoff and Maria Troughton are leaving both the **Arden Arms** and the **Swan With Two Necks**, two award-winning heritage pubs in Stockport town centre. As we went to press, a new tenant had been lined up for the Swan, but the Arden Arms was still advertised as 'to let' on the Robinsons website.



The **Steelworks** on Stockport Road West in Bredbury has celebrated its first anniversary, writes *Ben Zwierink* Stuart and Beverley Eves have worked hard to create a great community local which has in a short time become an increasingly popular venue.

Four handpumps are in operation dispensing beers from both local breweries and those further afield. Cider lovers will be pleased to see that Sheppy's Cider has been added to the range.

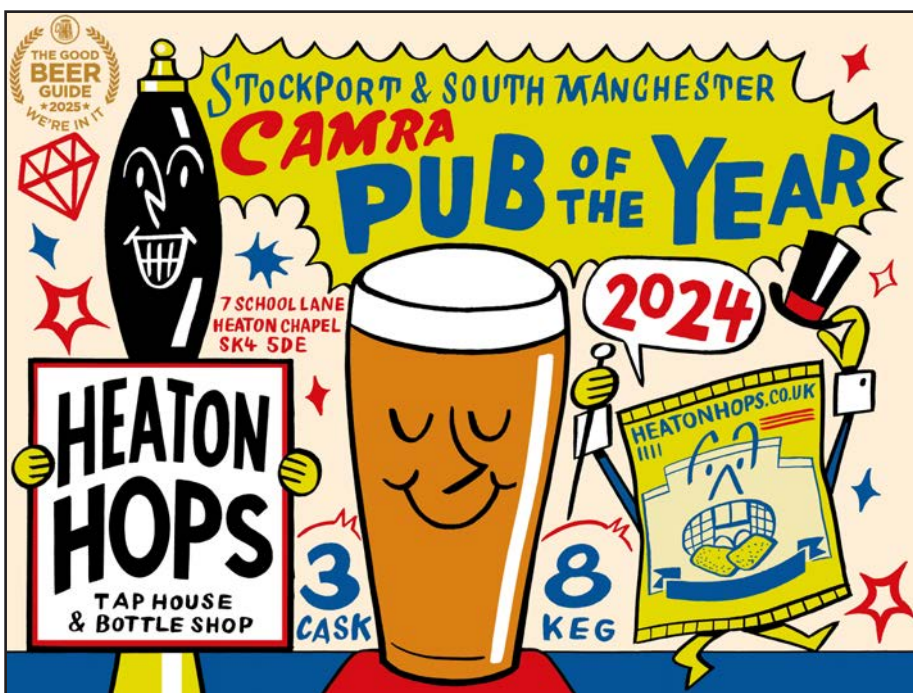
There is a variety of social activities including a regular quiz night and other community events. The Steelworks is dog-friendly, and children accompanied by well-behaved parents are allowed in until 7pm. A beer garden described as a 'proper suntrap' by Bev has opened at the back. Who knew that suntraps were possible in Bredbury?



Back in central Stockport, Robinsons' **Red Bull** on Hillgate has a new licensee. This very attractive pub seems to have been through something of a choppy patch in recent times but local resident Emma Nosurak is looking to change that.

Emma says that locals are already returning to the Red Bull, a pub she has known on and off for many years. She is very sensibly taking a careful approach by limiting the number of cask beers to ensure that what she does sell is good quality – the Unicorn was on top form when *Opening Times* dropped in. The pub is closed on Monday and Tuesday but opens at 12 noon all other days (closes 8pm Wednesday and Thursday, 11pm Friday and Saturday, 9pm Sunday). Well worth a visit.

Finally, in the last issue we were slightly rude about what appeared to be a half-hearted approach to cask ale by **Archive Bar** on Mellor Road in Cheadle Hulme. We are very happy to report that things have taken a significant turn for the better. The bar now stocks Taylor's Landlord as a permanent cask beer and, in addition, there will be a weekly changing guest. This will go on sale from each Wednesday and continue until it's gone.



Pub Walks with Chris Morris

Disley

The Cheshire village of Disley is a popular destination to visit for lovers of the great outdoors. With its picturesque setting of charming stone buildings, surrounded by scenic hills, it's perfect for an afternoon stroll. This circular walk takes us through Lyme Park and past its grand hall and the impressive Cage, with spectacular views throughout. Afterwards, we'll quench our thirst with some great cask beers at one of the many quality pubs that Disley offers.

Public Transport Information

Disley is on the Manchester Piccadilly to Buxton railway line, with an hourly service. The ticket required is a return to Disley. The 199 bus stops at Disley along its Stockport to Buxton route. This runs every half hour in peak times and hourly in the evening.

The Walk

This five-mile circular walk has 200 metres (600 feet) of ascent. The paths are generally good, but some areas will get muddy after wet weather, so hiking boots are advised. Both pubs are dog-friendly.

The walk begins from platform 2 of Disley station. If travelling from the Manchester Piccadilly direction, you'll need to walk up to the road and back down to the opposite side. We start by walking past the ticket office to a sign for the Gritstone Trail, then climb up the long wooden steps. These first few yards are arguably the hardest of the whole walk! At the top, carry straight on up the road, then left at the junction, signposted to St Mary's Church. After a few yards, take the road to the right with a small sign for the Gritstone Trail showing us the way. Carry on along this road, which becomes a track, for half a mile.

We now have our first glimpses of the nearby hills and to our right is The Cage, a famous local landmark that will be in view for a large part of the walk. When we pass a house with a red telephone box in the garden, carry on straight ahead along the grit path for 500 yards, passing through a gate on the way. At an old sign to Kettleshulme, pass through the gate and then continue right. Shortly afterwards, we arrive at Bollinhurst Bridge, where signs confirm that it is currently unsafe to use. Instead, take a right to use the wooden steps then rejoin the path as before, which brings us to East Lodge, and through the gate into Lyme Park. Watch out for mud here, and please close the gate afterwards. We now follow this wide track for one mile until we reach Lyme Hall, with more spectacular views of The Cage and the local area as we walk. You'll find cafes and toilets at the hall, which is always worth a look around if time allows.

Continuing our walk, our next goal is to reach The Cage. Retrace your steps back up the road to the first junction, with a sign for 'Accessible Parking'. Our route is left here, up a wide grass path with a sign for GM Ringway. Walking between the avenue of mature trees, we arrive at The Cage with stunning views of the surrounding landscape, including Greater Manchester and beyond. Continuing in the same direction as before, we follow the wide grass path downhill and pass two trees. Shortly after passing a third tree, when the main path bears slightly to the left, we carry on straight ahead, down along a grassy path and head towards the road. At the toll booth, we turn right to walk through the gate signposted to Red Lane. Walk straight ahead along this lane for a half mile. At the road junction, take a left down the hill then right which brings you back into Disley where your rewarding beers await.

The micropub **Malt Disley** never disappoints when it comes to beer. Since opening in 2017, the awards have kept coming for the pub's dedication to cask beer excellence, of which up to five are available. On my last visit, Thornsett Brewery's Home Sweet Home, Eyam Brewery's Riley Gold, plus White Rat and Silver King from Ossett were on the handpumps. An impressive range of up to 10 quality keg



beers also features. It's not all about the beer though. The pub offers a relaxed and welcoming space, with reclaimed timber featuring throughout, and warm lighting giving a cosy feel. It's the perfect place to recharge after the day's adventures. Additional seating is available downstairs.

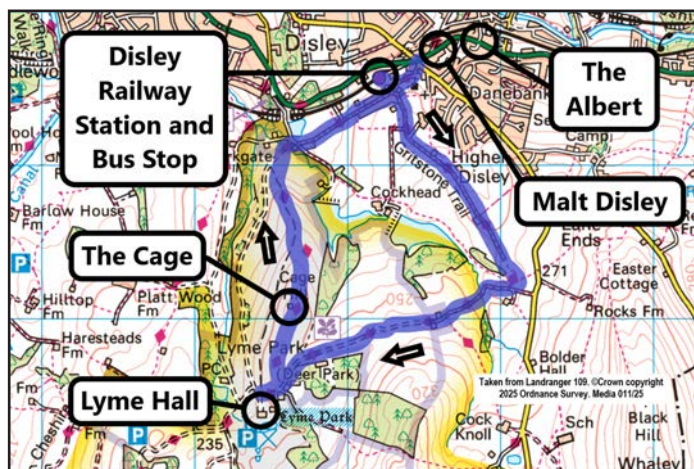
The **Albert** can be found 500 yards further along the main road. A recent winner of the High Peak Branch's Pub of the Season for



spring, it's one of the most improved pubs in the area. With new management in place last year, the pub has been given a new lease of life, starting with a vast improvement of the beer offering. Up to four well-kept cask beers now feature, often from breweries that are unseen

elsewhere in the village. On my last visit, these were Draught Bass, Abbeydale's Moonshine and Fool's Gold from Bootleg. As well as friendly and welcoming staff, a sensitive refurbishment has given the interior a much-needed freshen-up. A sizeable beer garden lies to the rear, with views of the local hills.

For full pub details, including opening times, visit camra.org.uk/pubs. The Lyme Park estate gates are locked at 8pm in summer and 5pm in winter.





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What's On

Local CAMRA Branch Diaries

Forthcoming events for the following local branches:

- * **Stockport & South Manchester (SSM)**
- * **High Peak, Tameside & NE Cheshire (HPNC)**
- * **Central Manchester (CMCR)**
- * **Macclesfield & East Cheshire (MEC)**

Formal Branch Meetings

CAMRA members only at these meetings.

Thursday 8 May – Sun & Castle, 54-58 Middle Hillgate, Stockport, SK1 3DL. Guest speaker from Holt's brewery. Starts 8pm. (SSM)

Saturday 10 May – Wharf Tavern, 77-79 Caroline Street, Stalybridge, SK15 1PD. Starts 3pm. (HPNC)

Tuesday 13 May – Britons Protection, 50 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, M1 4LE. Starts 6:30pm. (CMCR)

Thursday 12 June – Petersgate Tap, 19a St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EB. Hopefully, we will also have a guest speaker. Starts 8pm. (SSM)

Social Events & Presentations

Friday 16 May – Heaton Moor Stagger: 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, SK4 2NA. (SSM)

Saturday 17 May – Branch social to Leeds. Catch 10:30am train from Victoria, then bus to Burley for Cardigan Arms and Kirkstall Brewery Tap & Kitchen. (HPNC)

Saturday 17 May – Minibus trip out to pubs beyond the easy reach of public transport. It will include the Wincle Brewery and the Ship (if it has reopened by then). We will also be visiting the Rose & Crown at Allgreave. See branch website for timings. (MEC)

Tuesday 20 May – Pub of the Year presentation: City Arms, 46-48 Kennedy Street, Manchester, M2 4BQ. From 7pm. (CMCR)

Thursday 22 May – Pub of the Month presentation: Grey Horse, 99 Broadstone Road, Reddish, SK5 7AS. From 8pm. (SSM)

Thursday 29 May – Most Improved Pub Award presentation: Railway, 3 Lapwing Lane, West Didsbury, M20 2NT. From 8pm. (SSM)

Tuesday 3 June – Weekday Wander. Weekday Wander: Hayfield and the Sett Valley: Meet in Stockport Interchange, Stand N for 11:35am bus 358 to Hayfield. First pub: Kinder Lodge, 10 New Mills Road, Hayfield SK22 2JG. (SSM)

Friday 6 June – Club of the Year presentation: Ladybarn Social Club, 13 Green Street, Ladybarn, Manchester, M14 6TL. From 8pm. (SSM)

Monday 16 June - Sunday 22 June – Set up, run and take down Stockport Beer & Cider Festival. (SSM)

Thursday 26 June – Pub of the Month presentation: White Lion Coaching House, 20 Great Underbank, Stockport, SK1 1LW. From 8pm. (SSM)

Saturday 28 June – Cider Pub of the Year presentation: Cotton Tree, Ingersley Road, Bollington, SK10 5RE. From 1:30pm. (MEC)

Wednesday 2 July – Weekday Wander: Off to see Nancy in Bollington: Meet in Stockport Rail Station at 10:45am ready for the 10:55am Northern stopping train to Macclesfield, then at 11:40am the D & G Bus 10 from Macclesfield Bus Station to Bollington. First pub: Vale Inn, Adlington Road, Bollington SK10 5JT. (SSM)

There are no June events for the High Peak, Tameside & NE Cheshire branch as they hadn't finalised their diary as we went to press. Check <https://highpeak.camra.org.uk> for updates.

CAMRA Awards

Recent Presentations

The Stockport & South Manchester CAMRA Pub of the Month for February was the **Blossoms** on Buxton Road in Heaviley.



The Blossoms is an excellent, unspoilt local with three rooms radiating off a traditional drinking lobby. Two of the rooms, notably the rear Smoke Room, retain many original features, with fixed seating and panelling. Upstairs is a large and well-used function room – which also hosts live music nights and a regular open mic night on Wednesdays. On Thursday nights there is a very popular quiz.

It's a Robinsons 'Ale Shrine' and sells a range of the brewery's beers. Unicorn and Dizzy Blonde are regulars, and Trooper makes a frequent appearance. In the winter, Old Tom is a welcome sight on one of the handpumps. You'll find Westons cider on handpump, too. Quality is invariably high, thanks to the cellar skills of Jerry Evans, whose partner, Roxanne Bailey, runs the pub. The Blossoms is a regular in CAMRA's national *Good Beer Guide*.

Roxanne and Jerry are pictured above, with long-serving bar team member Andrea Bardsley (centre), with their certificate.

The Stockport & South Manchester Pub of the Month for March was Wetherspoon's **Gateway** in East Didsbury.

The Gateway is a spacious, comfortable and friendly pub with able staff, good food, a sizable beer garden and a cosy fireplace. It is usually busy and offers an excellent choice of well-kept fine ales. There is even a small car park, which was transformed into an extended beer garden during Covid.

Kevin Muldoon was manager for many years, earning three Pub of the Month awards before moving on to revitalise the JP Joule in Sale. A hard act to follow, but bright and cheery Adele Graham took over as manager after 2022 and kept up (and even improved) its high standards, in particular for cellarage. The pub has continued to thrive, with a rotating offer of a wide variety of real ales on the eight hand pumps on the bar, a long menu and various offers throughout the week, including reduced prices on ale on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Our picture shows Adele with her well-deserved award.



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