

BROMLEY CAMRA

Branch Newsletter

bromley.camra.org.uk

In this issue:

- Beer and Cider Festivals 2017
- The 4th Annual Bromley Cramble
- Get involved
- Bromley in the Good Beer Guide
- Your opinion matters
- Local Beer festivals
- Bournemouth 2017

Editor's Note

Happy New Year! I hope you have recovered from the festivities of Christmas and New Year and are ready to look forward to the many ale and cider related activities Bromley CAMRA is organising for 2017.

Whether you like to enjoy your favourite tippie with a healthy ramble, compare and contrast at a cider or beer festival or help pubs in your local area, there is something for you...

Beer and Cider Festivals 2017

We are pleased to announce that this year Bromley CAMRA will be organising *both* a Beer and a Cider Festival. We are one of the very few branches to do this! The festivals last year were very successful, and we hope to make them even better this year. To do that, we need YOU

So put these dates in your diary and look out for opportunities to help make them a success, or just come along and bring some friends.

4th Annual Bromley Cramble

At a time when CAMRA and The Ramblers are now publishing pub walks in their joint promotion 'Get walking to the pub'), Bromley CAMRA and Bromley Ramblers are pleased to be able to announce the 2017 Bromley Cramble.

What is a Cramble you ask? It's the annual joint crawl/ramble run by the Bromley branches of CAMRA and the Ramblers.

Bromley Cider Festival:
Saturday 13th May

Bromley Beer Festival:
20th-22nd July

Keep an eye on the website for further details:

bromley.camra.org.uk

When: 22nd April, 10:30am

Where: Hayes Station to Farnborough

Distance: 7 miles mainly off-road. Wear walking boots!

Pubs: At least three, including the Greyhound in Keston



Bromley Cramble ramblers 2014 enjoying a well-earned break!

Get Involved

Do you know your local pubs well, and want to help improve and publicise them?

Do you like Real Cider and want others to be able to appreciate it?

Do you want to be part of a group which holds every meeting in a pub?

If so, take a look at the vacancies and contact:

chair@bromley.camra.org.uk

Vacancies:

Area representatives:

- BR1
- SE19/20
- BR7

London Drinker Distributors

Cider Representative

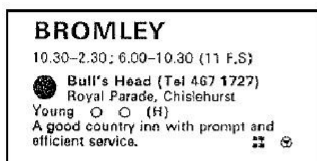
Young Person's Officer

Publicity Officer

Public Affairs Officer

Bromley in the Good Beer Guide 1974 to 2017

The first edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide was published in 1974 and included just one pub in the Bromley area, the Bull's Head in Chislehurst.



By 1978 there were 9 pubs listed and it also included the comment:

Bromley has a good selection of pubs serving beers from Ind Coope, Courage, Charrington, Shepherd Neame, Young, Fuller and Watney

- In all, a total of 64 pubs, 2 clubs and 1 off-licence were selected for inclusion in the Guide over the years
- *The Jolly Woodman* in Beckenham has been the most frequent entry, being listed in a total of 32 editions
- Sadly 9 of the listed pubs are no longer operating, all having subsequently been converted into other uses or demolished for redevelopment

Beer Scores

If you've ever sat in a pub drinking a pint and wanted to spread the word about how great/awful it is, don't keep quiet but tell us at:

whatpub.com

Your scores inform which pubs are included in the *Good Beer Guide*!

From Good Friday (April 14th) until Easter Sunday, *The Greyhound Keston*, will be running its normal Easter beer festival.

This will feature an excellent range of 15 real ales from all around the country, none of which are normally found in local pubs. Bromley CAMRA will have a social at this event on the Saturday. We will also put the beer list on our website a few days before the festival starts.



To mark the launch of the 2017 edition of the Guide, Bromley CAMRA re-searched previous listings for Bromley during the period 1975 to 2017, you can view the results on the branch website:

bromley.camra.org.uk/about-us/good-beer-guide-history/

Your Opinion Matters

Do you have a comment or question about CAMRA and CAMRA activities or policy? If so, check out *CAMRA Discourse*, a discussion board which you access using your CAMRA membership number. It's very quick and easy to navigate.

Just visit: discourse.camra.org.uk/

If however you have a comment about this newsletter, please email me (Beth) at:

newsletter.editor@bromley.camra.org.uk

Any suggestions or articles greatly appreciated!

Local Beer Festivals

Our Club of the Year, *Orpington Liberal Club* will be holding a St. George's Beer Festival Friday to Sunday 20th - 23rd April, during which they will receive their Club of the Year award!

If you know of any local beer festivals please let the Newsletter Editor know so they can be publicised

Why I'm looking forward to Bournemouth 2017

by Colin Valentine, CAMRA National Executive Chair

This April, I will be joining CAMRA members from across the UK in the sea-side resort of Bournemouth for CAMRA's Members' Weekend, which includes our National AGM and Conference.

I have been attending the CAMRA Members' Weekend for almost 30 years, well before I was active nationally, never mind National Chairman.

Those of you who were in Norwich in 2013 may remember that I still have my glass from my first AGM weekend, as they were then called, in Norwich in 1990. Even prior to becoming Chairman, I always made an effort to travel to whichever corner of the country the weekend was held and have only missed one since then - and was



even organiser in Edinburgh in 1998. It has always been, and still is, an opportunity to meet with old friends, make new acquaintances and socialise with

As Chairman, I now have the great responsibility of making sure that the AGM and Conference part of the Members' Weekend is run successfully and open to every single one of our 185,000 members. This year, that responsibility is even greater than ever before.

Following 50 consultation meetings across the UK and three national surveys, we have now seen the proposals that were put forward by the Revitalisation Project Steering Committee on CAMRA's future. Whether you agree or disagree with the proposals, took part in the consultation events or stayed at home, the Members' Weekend will be the opportunity to discuss them inside and out ahead of a decision next year.

Over the weekend, members will be able to consider the Revitalisation Project and proposals on the future of CAMRA in a series of discussion groups. It will be your chance to have a say on the Revitalisation Project's findings and represent your views in the debate. A final decision on the proposals will then be taken at the Members' Weekend in 2018.

I am proud to chair an organisation that is a true democracy – where every member has the opportunity to feed into our policies, direction and future. I never forget that without our huge membership base and dedicated volunteers; there simply would not be a CAMRA.

I hope you will consider joining us in Bournemouth this year. The closing date for registration is Friday 17th March 2017. For more information simply visit camraagm.org.uk