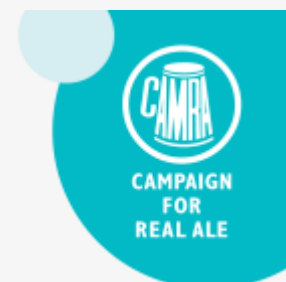


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Dear Member,

Welcome to your October Update from Bromley CAMRA.

As we say goodbye to a long hot Summer (think dry hoppy pale ales) and head towards the shorter and colder nights of Winter (think Mild, Porters and Stout), we would like to keep you up to date with what we have arranged and other CAMRA related issues. We are especially proud to invite all CAMRA members to the presentation of the Greater London Regional Club of the Year 2018 Award to The Orpington Liberal Club on 12 October (ticketed event).

1. Branch Events during October

Our Social Secretary, Barry Phillips, continues to work tirelessly in arranging a full and interesting diary of events. Full details, including information about public transport, can of course be found on our [Branch website](#).

- **2 October** - Hayes Social beginning at 7.30pm at The [Royal British Legion Club](#), Station Hill, Hayes, open to CAMRA card carrying members. After a pint or two we then move onto one of the newest Micro-Pubs in London, The [Real Ale Way](#), arriving around 8.30pm. This opened in July 2018 opposite Hayes Station, is LocAle accredited, and seeks to provide drinkers with a choice of Kent Beers and Ciders. The evening is due to finish around 9.40pm but stay on a little if you like the beers!
- **8 October** - Bromley North Social starts at The [Prince Frederick](#) at 7.30pm. This traditional local pub sits just a few minutes walk from Sundridge Park Station in Nichol Lane. Leaving here around 8.15pm, we then progress to the [Swan and Mitre](#) close to Market Square – use your membership card to secure a discount on the purchase of your cask ale! Finally, around 9.30 pm we then move

onto The [Star and Garter](#) at 227 High Street. This pub which re-opened in November 2016 serves a variety of cask and craft keg beers and is deservedly our current CAMRA Bromley Branch Pub of The Year. If you have not yet visited this pub, you should!

- **12 October** - [Orpington Liberal Club](#) – Greater London Regional Club of the Year 2018. This is the date that our CAMRA Bromley Branch Club of the Year receives its award as the CAMRA London Regional Club of the Year. The award will be presented by CAMRA Regional Director, Geoff Strawbridge and celebrations will start from 7pm with the presentation at approximately 8pm. All members are invited to attend the presentation of the award but please note that the presentation will be during the club's Autumn Beer Festival. More details of the festival, including the beer list and information about how to order tickets can be found [via this link](#). Please note that tickets need to be purchased in advance for the festival. A great club, always serving a good choice of real ale, just do not forget your CAMRA membership card!
- **20 October** - Spa Valley Railway Beer Festival. A little further afield with this one – run in conjunction with CAMRA West Kent, this social proved so popular last year, we are re-running again. The event includes over 160 real ales, 25 green hop beers and 30 ciders. Also craft keg beers from the UK and Europe. To join us we are meeting at Orpington Station at 10.10am to catch the 10.26 train to Tunbridge Wells.
- **25 October** - Penge Social – Rounding off our month, we have an afternoon social starting at The [Goldsmiths Arms](#) at 4.15pm, a much improved Antic pub, before continuing onto the [Southey Brewery Tap](#) in Southey Street around 5.05pm (just after it opens for the evening). This tap room usually has two cask ales from the brewery alongside a range of keg beers.

We do hope you can come along to at least one of our socials, perhaps one local to you, or try an area you are not familiar with. No need to attend every pub or club on a social, pop in on one or try all! Of course, if you have any suggestions for future socials, please do let us know, social.secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk.

2. CAMRA Mass Lobby of Parliament -Tuesday 30th October 2018 from 11 am

Your local branch will be supporting this national effort to influence our MPs. We need to show them that our pubs are vitally important social centres in our community.

With 18 pubs closing their doors EVERY WEEK, beer duty and red tape need to be drastically cut to allow these businesses to remain viable.

If you are free, why not join us on the day? We will be lobbying Beckenham MP, Bob Stewart, in the House of Commons. Bromley Councillor and CAMRA member Michael Tickner will be leading the delegation for CAMRA and your branch Chairman and Vice Chairman are attending, but more members would be welcome to join us.

This will be the campaign's biggest opportunity to bring pressing issues to the attention of up to 650 Members of Parliament (MPs) in one day. In addition to meeting your MP, you would have the opportunity to visit Parliament, meet CAMRA members from across the country and to take part in a rally at the end of the day.

On the day we will be encouraging MPs to sign up to the following asks:

- Axing plans to increase beer duty in the upcoming Autumn Budget. (UK)
- A permanent business rate relief for pubs in the upcoming Autumn Budget. (England)
- An urgent review of the Pubs Code so that the Market Rent Only option becomes a genuine choice for tenants. (England and Wales)

For further information and for details of the meeting point for the lobby contact chair@bromley.camra.org.uk

There are 4 parliamentary constituencies covering Bromley; if you live in the Lewisham West & Penge, Orpington or Bromley & Chislehurst constituencies, please consider getting involved by lobbying your MP. CAMRA has already issued information about how you can do this, see [this link](#).

3. The Good Beer Guide

A reminder that the 46th edition of the Good Beer Guide was published on 13 September and is available from CAMRA Books – members rate £13 plus delivery. If your favourite local is not there and you believe it should be, have you submitted Beer Scores lately? Bromley Branch relies on beer scoring to identify our pubs/clubs for consideration and entry into the guide. More information about [beer scoring](#) can be found on our branch website.

4. Christmas Social

And so to December and our thoughts drift towards a Christmas social.

Orpington Liberal Club have kindly arranged a 'Bromley CAMRA Christmas Meal' for us, on Friday evening **7th December 2018**. The cost will be £10 per head, with a £5 deposit payable via an Eventbrite ticket.

(see below). A full range of drinks, including an excellent choice of ales and ciders, can be purchased at the bar.

The menu will be

- Poppadoms as an intro followed by a starter course, 2 types of kebab (one veggie – Hara Bhara, one chicken) served with a yoghurt/mint dressing and kachamber salad.
- Main course is a choice of 2 veggie curries, one of which would be a daal, a fish curry, a beef rendang (that's more Malay than Indian but super tasty) and a Sri Lankan black pork curry.
- Rice and naan on the side.

Final details will appear on Bromley CAMRA's Facebook page and Twitter feed. To reserve your place(s) please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromley-camra-xmas-meal-tickets-50688255938>

Any other questions can be emailed to BR6@bromley.camra.org.uk

(Please note that early indications are that 15 places are already taken. There is an upper limit of 30 places.)

Cheers!

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