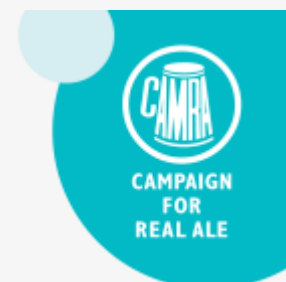


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## Your Bromley CAMRA Branch Needs You! (Nov 2018)

Dear Bromley CAMRA Member,

### Included in this month's email:

1. Help to save The Chelsfield Pub
2. Help to organise the 2019 Beckenham Beer Festival
3. Christmas Meal, last chance to book your place
4. Social events, with something for every beer and cider drinker
5. Beer Scoring and the Good Beer Guide

### 1. Your branch needs you to help save The Chelsfield Pub

Your support is urgently needed to assist in the campaign to save The Chelsfield Pub from closure, demolition and redevelopment. The pub is owned by Punch, but has in recent years been operated by Gladewood Taverns. At the end of October Punch gave notice to Gladewood that the lease would not be renewed and they have submitted a planning application for the *'Demolition of existing building and redevelopment to create a replacement public house and landlord accommodation; A1 convenience store; 10x residential apartments; reconfiguration of the car park and bin/cycle storage.'*

The Chelsfield, built in the 1930s, is a distinctive brick building of an unusual design, with a number of original internal features still in place. The pub has a loyal following from the local community who are outraged at the potential loss of their 'local', not least because of the potential loss of the function room at the pub, which is very heavily used for birthdays, weddings, christenings, business meetings, sports club events etc. Bromley CAMRA has also used the room for meetings of the Committee.

A Save The Chelsfield campaign has been launched, which is being supported by Bromley CAMRA. See <https://twitter.com/ChelsfieldThe> and <https://www.facebook.com/savethechelsfield/>

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN TODAY**, by submitting an objection to the proposals. Closing date for comments is **14th November**. Your objection should be sent to Bromley Council using the form [via this link](#). You may wish to include some or all of the following reasons, plus anything else you may wish to add:

- The proposed new building is totally out of keeping with the scale and appearance of neighbouring buildings
- Deliveries, and customers arriving by car, to the proposed new convenience store will cause further congestion at what is already a very busy junction, especially at peak commuting times
- The proposed new convenience store is likely to have an adverse effect on the existing local retail businesses
- The proposed new bar facility is not an adequate replacement for the current popular community pub for the following reasons:
  1. Significantly smaller floor area
  2. A modern bar, as proposed, is not appropriate in a suburban residential area
  3. The current pub has both a dining area and a separate function room which is very heavily used by the community for birthdays, weddings, christenings, business meetings, sports club events etc. The proposed replacement does not allow sufficient space for this
  4. Loss of the current family-friendly grassed area, the proposed replacement with small area of decking is not suitable
  5. Question as to whether the proposed cellar area would be of sufficient size to be able to supply the range of drinks currently enjoyed by customers
- Concern that the community will lose the use of the facility for the duration of the development
- What guarantee is there that the pub, once closed, would ever be replaced? If the proposed development is approved it should be made a condition that no flats may be occupied before the new bar and shop are both fitted out and trading

## **2. Your branch needs you to help to organise the 2019 Beckenham Beer Festival**

We were delighted that the 5th Beckenham Beer Festival in July 2018 was the biggest and best supported that we have run to date.

A lot of hard work and planning goes into delivering a successful Festival that the Branch and the Borough of Bromley can be proud of.

We are looking to increase active membership within the 1550 or so Bromley CAMRA members and would like to invite anyone who would like to volunteer to help and support the 2019 Festival, join the Committee or act as an Area Rep, to meet at the **Star & Garter** (2018 Bromley CAMRA Pub of The Year) on **29th November** from 7.30 pm for a chat over a pint. <https://whatpub.com/pubs/BRO/12483/star-garter-bromley>

It would be great meet some new faces and to explain what we have planned for 2019. We cannot grow and be successful without your help and support. All Bromley CAMRA members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Murray Mackay, Treasurer, Paul Graydon, Festival Organiser

If you would like to help us but are unable to make it along to the evening, please email Murray or Paul with your details.

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### 3. Christmas meal

On **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30 pm we have our Branch Christmas meal. This will be held at our Club of the Year, Orpington Liberal Club (7 Station Rd, Orpington). The food provided will be various curries with all the trimmings.

Booking is essential as places are limited. The cost is £10 per head for food, with a £5 deposit payable via Eventbrite. Orpington Liberal Club will have a good selection of beers and other drinks available for purchase at the bar. Click here to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromley-camra-xmas-meal-tickets-50688255938>

### 4. Socials

For further details on all the social events, please see the Branch Diary on the website, click here: <https://bromley.camra.org.uk/calendar/>

#### November

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm West Wickham Social*

Starting at The Swan, continuing to The Wheatsheaf (8:45pm)

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm Sidcup 51 bus route (Orpington to Woolwich)*

Starting at the Hopper's Hut (1 Invicta Parade). Continuing to Hackney Carriage (1:15pm) Hangar (2:30pm) and Broken Drum (3:45pm)

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Farnborough*

(8:45pm) Starting at The Change of Horses, continuing to The Woodman

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Committee Meeting, open to all members*

The (Southey) Brewery Tap

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>, 3pm Branch Social*

Dark Beer Festival, The Hope, Carshalton

## **December**

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm Beer Tasting with Sambrooks Brewery*

The Moon & Stars, High Street, Penge

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Beer Festival Social*

Bricklayers Arms, Beckenham

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Christmas Meal (see above)*

*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 12pm Bromley North Social*

Starting at the Anglesey Arms, continuing to the Red Lion (1pm), Railway Tavern (2pm), Partridge (2:45pm) and the Star & Garter (3:45pm)

## **5. Beer Scoring and the Good Beer Guide**

With the 2019 edition of the Good Beer Guide (GBG) published in September (*have you bought your copy yet?*), we are now beginning to make arrangements for the selection of pubs and clubs for the 2020 edition, which will be published in September next year.

Bromley Branch uses Beer Scoring as the means of shortlisting our pubs and clubs to be considered for inclusion in the GBG. Members have been recording and submitting their scores throughout 2018; scores are recorded at every branch meeting or social event and members submit their own scoring via [WhatPub](#).

More information about Beer Scoring can be found on the branch website [via this link](#).

To be eligible for shortlisting, during 2018 pubs/clubs must have received a minimum of:

- **10** scores, and;
- scores submitted in not less than **4** different calendar months, and;
- scores submitted by not less than **5** different members

There are currently approx. 97 pubs and clubs in Bromley serving real ale. As at the end of October, a total of 32 these had already received enough scores to make them eligible for shortlisting, however the remainder still needed more

scores, and/or more members-scoring and/or months-visited to be eligible. For some of these venues just one more score is all that is needed to make them eligible.

The final date for submission of Beer Scores in 2018 is **24th December 2018**.

Any scores submitted after that date cannot be used as part of the GBG selection process. (NB. Any scores for drinks purchased on or after 25 December 2018 will be included in the 2019 'beer scoring year').

The only way to ensure that your favourite pub or club is eligible to be shortlisted is if it has sufficient scores and scoring-visits etc during the year. If you have never previously submitted a Beer Score why not try it now? Submitting Beer Scores via WhatPub is very easy and takes only a few seconds; it can even be done via your mobile phone whilst you are still in the pub/club.

The next GBG selection meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th January 2019** in the Crown and Anchor, BR1. More information about this will be given in the December and January emails.

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