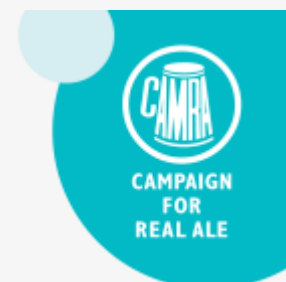


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## December 2018 Update from Bromley CAMRA

As the days and evenings get colder, December is a fantastic month to receive a warm and cosy welcome at your local pub. Take a look at the Bromley CAMRA Socials coming up, your chance to get involved with the selection of the best pubs and clubs in Bromley, the fight to save a local pub at risk of demolition, and advance notice of next year's AGM and Bromley CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2019.

We hope you have a peaceful and merry Christmas and New Year, from all at Bromley CAMRA.

### **\*Save the Date\***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival is planned for **25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. Look out for further announcements!

## Social Calendar

December:

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm, Beer tasting event hosted by Sambrooks, Moon & Stars, Penge
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Beer Festival Social, Bricklayer's Arms, Beckenham
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, Branch Xmas meal, Orpington Liberal Club, advance booking is essential as places are now very limited. £10 per head, with a £5 deposit payable via Eventbrite .  
(<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromley-camra-xmas-meal-tickets-50688255938>).
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup>, Bromley Twixmas Social. 12:15pm Anglesey Arms, 1pm Red Lion, 2pm Railway Tavern, 2.45pm Partridge, 3.45pm Star & Garter

January:

- Tue 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start. GBG Selection mtg. Crown & Anchor, Bromley
- *(the remainder of the January dates will be in the January update)*

## **Save the Chelsfield**

The full story of the 'Save the Chelsfield' campaign, is the cover story in the latest issue of London Drinker magazine, so I won't repeat it here. Instead this is an update on how the campaign to prevent the demolition of this pub is progressing.

The list of comments submitted on Bromley council's planning portal is still growing by the day. it's now fast approaching 950, such is the strength of community feeling.

Angela Page one of the 3 Councillors for Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom, is meeting with the planning officer dealing with this application on 3rd December. The cut off date for comments is now 7th December. The application is currently expected to be considered during January 2019 and the decision should be known later that month.

For more information, see <https://twitter.com/ChelsfieldThe> and [www.facebook.com/savethechelsfield/](http://www.facebook.com/savethechelsfield/) or London Drinker [http://www.westmiddx-camra.org.uk/LD/2018/LDvol40\\_6.pdf](http://www.westmiddx-camra.org.uk/LD/2018/LDvol40_6.pdf)

## **Bromley Pub and Club of the Year 2019**

It's that time of year again!

The selection process for the 2019 Bromley Pub and Club of the Year has now started. Once again we are asking members to nominate their favourite pub and/or club to be included on the shortlist for judging. We are also looking for volunteers to be judges. For more information, and to nominate a pub or club or to volunteer to be a judge please follow [this link](#):

The closing date for nominations is 15 January 2019. Judging will take during late January and early February and the results will be announced in early March

## **Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting**

Yes it's also that time of year again when we vote for those pubs which should be included in the 2020 (yes 2020!) guide. As usual the meeting will be held in [The Crown and Anchor](#), which offers us the privacy we need. The meeting begins at 7.30 sharp, and is usually a lengthy meeting.

All members of Bromley CAMRA are encouraged to attend and vote, but in order to vote you will need to show your current membership card. Please send any inquiries to [gbg@bromley.camra.org.uk](mailto:gbg@bromley.camra.org.uk)

### **Last chance for Beer Scoring for the 2020 Good Beer Guide**

As most members are aware, this branch uses Beer Scores to produce the list of pubs/clubs to be considered for shortlisting for inclusion in the GBG. Please note that Beer Scoring for GBG 2020 will close at 23:59 on 24 December 2018, so please to submit all your 2018 scores before the deadline.

Any scores for drinks bought after the above date will be carried forward into the 2019 scoring year.

### **Branch AGM 2019**

This is advance notification that the next Annual General Meeting of the Branch will be held at 3.00 PM on **Saturday 30th March 2019** at Orpington Liberal Club. More information will be issued nearer the time. Please note the date in your diary.

### **Pub News**

The [Gordon Arms](#) in Chislehurst was sympathetically refurbished in autumn 2018 and is much improved as a result. All the seating and flooring has been replaced, but the pub has retained its traditional feel. The pub also now offers a much-improved cask ale range with six handpumps. In addition to the two regular beers, visitors are now likely to find one or more beers from small local breweries. A full menu now is available at midweek lunchtimes, with Pie & Mash served as a speciality on Saturdays. Events at the pub include a quiz every other Wednesday, and also occasional "ladies' nights". Dogs are not allowed in the pub.

Another pub that has recently reopened following a substantial refurbishment is the [Pawleyne Arms](#) in the centre of Penge. It is now operated as a Craft Union Pub Co outlet, part of the EI (Enterprise) group. The good news is that after many years cask ale has been reintroduced with two handpumps initially dispensing Fuller's London Pride and Sharp's Doom Bar.

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