

BROMLEY CAMRA



Branch Newsletter

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These are exciting times for Bromley CAMRA. We are in the final stretch before we fling open the doors to our annual beer festival, having recovered from a successful cider festival. We are celebrating our victory in registering a pub as an Asset of Community Value, with others in the pipeline, and working with local Royal British Legion Clubs to open their doors to CAMRA members. Want to get involved? Come along to the beer festival, rate the pubs you go to through WhatPub, attend one of our socials, or have a look at our committee vacancies— there really is something for every Real Ale drinker! See you at the festival...

The 4th Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival

- * 20th - 22nd July, 12-10pm
- * Beckenham Rugby Club
- * Free entry for CAMRA members and under 26s

We're busy finalising all the preparations for this year's festival, which of course includes brewing the festival beer (it's a hard life!) With over 65 beers, ciders and perries to try, you are guaranteed to find new favourites from some of the best independent brewers across the UK.

Whether you want a post-work pint with colleagues, a relaxing Saturday with friends, or a Thursday afternoon trying out new flavours, a warm welcome, and a great selection of drinks await you.



Free Admission for CAMRA Members & Under 26's with I.D. (Proof of Age)



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20th-22nd July 2017

Beckenham Rugby Club
Balmoral Avenue
Elmers End BR3 3RD

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We need your Beer Scores!

Bromley Branch, like most CAMRA branches, uses beer scoring as the means of identifying pubs and clubs for possible inclusion in the Good Beer Guide.

We need as many scores as we can get, from as many members and for as many pubs and clubs as possible. During 2016 we received 3,038 scores from a total of 153 CAMRA members, our aim is to increase these numbers in 2017.

If you have never previously submitted any scores we would ask you to give it a try. The easiest way to do this via [WhatPub](http://www.whatpub.com) on your smartphone or computer.

There are now about 95 pubs and clubs serving real ale in Bromley, for most of which have at least one score. But we do **need more scores**.

More information about how Bromley CAMRA uses beer scores can be found on the beer scoring page on the [branch website](http://www.bromley.camra.org.uk).

We collect beer scores at all of our branch socials and meetings, but in order to get a full picture of beer quality across the borough throughout the year we ask you, our members, to also record and submit scores whenever you have a drink in a pub or club .

“Really enjoyed the festival: cider and great food.

A Very Successful 2nd Marvellous May Cider Festival

Thanks”

“Do it again!”

“Visited last year, very good event. Keep going”

“A very good do. thank you”

On a bright and warm May morning we opened the doors, for the last time at the HG Wells Centre in Bromley South, to our 2nd Marvellous May Cider Festival. Over 20 ciders and perries, and fantastic Greek food, greeted nearly 200 people including cider aficionados as well as beginners. It was a fitting farewell to the HG Wells Centre before it closes for the last time this July for future development.



Opening time at the 2nd Marvellous May Cider Festival 2017

Asset of Community Value victory

The Woodman, Farnborough

The Woodman Pub in Farnborough has been officially recognised by Bromley Council as an ‘Asset of Community Value’ (ACV). The pub has been serving local people since the 1890s and **its ACV designation recognises its special role within the community.**

It means that, should the owners wish to close the pub, the local community would have the ‘right to bid’ to buy the pub and keep it open. The nomination was submitted by Bromley CAMRA and 21 branch members put their names on the nomination form.

Well-run pubs play a pivotal role in local communities, but are increasingly under threat of demolition or being converted to another use by large developers with 21 pubs closing every week.

Pubs listed as ACVs are automatically protected in planning law- meaning the community will always be consulted before it can be demolished or converted into another use.*

** Recent law changes may mean that this same protection will be offered to all pubs. Watch this space for further details!*

Social Events

8th July Branch Social at the SIBA Beer Festival (Tonbridge)
Meet Orpington Station, 11am

11th July Bromley Social starting 7:30pm at the Railway Tavern

29th July The Annual Crystal Palace Triangle Social starting at The Alma, 12:30pm

Royal British Legion Clubs now open to CAMRA members

Hayes and Petts Wood RBL Clubs have now opened their doors to all CAMRA card carrying CAMRA members. They may charge £1 for entrance, but real ale, snooker table, lunch, all at excellent value. Why not pop-in to your local club and try it out, then review your visit on WhatPub?

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

Cider Representative
Young Person’s Officer
Publicity Officer
Public Affairs Officer