



Editor's Note

This issue has been a long time in creation!

Excitingly, we are now just two months away from the 5th Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival which we are all looking forward to, and we hope you are too. A great way to get the full festival experience is to volunteer. Whether or not you have worked at a festival before, you can expect fun, laughter and a great team to while away the hours with. Visiting or volunteering, all the information you need is included in this newsletter.

If you don't want to wait until the festival, we have many events in our social diary, from visiting other festivals, pub crawls or visiting newly opened pubs, have a look at the diary and see what you may want to come to.

Enjoy the sunshine, enjoy the newly released Summer ales and ciders, and enjoy this newsletter, Beth (Newsletter Editor)

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Volunteering at the Festival

We welcome all CAMRA members who wish to, to volunteer at the Festival. If you're ready to fill in the staffing form, scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

If you're unsure whether volunteering at the festival is for you, contact Beth the Staffing Manager on newsletter.editor@bromley.camra.org.uk and she would love to tell you more about the volunteering experience, and what the different roles entail.



The fifth Beckenham Beer Festival will be held at Beckenham Rugby Club from 26th – 28th July 2018.

Entry is free for CAMRA Members, those under 26 years of age (ID Required) and New Members joining at the festival. There is an entry fee of £3 for non-members.

£3 refundable glass deposit.

There are 65+ beers, ciders & perries available to try, as well as hot & cold food. Even have a go at the Tombola.

Opening Times: Noon – 11pm

Beckenham Rugby Club, Balmoral Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 3RD

Social Events

Our Social Events Diary is packed with different activities, so there is bound to be something which will be of interest to you in the month of June. Whether visiting one pub, or joining a pub crawl, in this borough or further afield, you will be very welcome to join in.

Contact the [Social Secretary](#) or visit the [Social Calendar](#) for further details.

2nd June Day trip to Maidstone visiting four of the best pubs. Rescheduled after the 'Beast from the East'. Leaving by the 11:12am train from Bromley South

9th June Chelsfield to Halstead Country Stroll starting at the Five Bells, 12:30pm

14th June North Bromley Social starting at the Railway Tavern, 7:30pm

18th June Afternoon Social in Keston starting at The Fox Inn, 2pm

23rd June London Pubs Group tour of Bromley pubs of architectural interest.

Daylight Inn, 12pm; Partridge, 1:15pm; Star & Garter, 2:45pm.
Prince Frederick, 3:45pm; Baring Hall Hotel, 4:45pm



Bromley CAMRA Pub and Club of the Year 2018



The **Star & Garter** in Bromley town centre has been awarded the title of Bromley Branch Pub of the Year 2018.

After being closed for a number of years the pub reopened under new management in November 2016 and now offers a range of cask beers, many of which were often previously rarely seen in Bromley, including beers from Arbor, Marble, Siren, Tiny Rebel and Wylam and others, all currently being sold at only **£3 a pint**. With up to 5 beers on handpump, the selection normally includes at least one stout and/or a porter. Draft cider, plus up to 16 quality 'craft keg' and imported draught beers are also available.

The building has probably one of the most imposing exteriors of any pub in the Bromley area, including a very prominent sign projecting over the pavement, however inside it is in modern bar format. The pub is proud to be a '*Living Wage Accredited Employer*'. The pub was packed on the evening of 15th May when the presentation of the award was made to Maura and her team. [Star and Garter on WhatPub](#)

The award for **runner-up** has once again gone to the **One Inn The Wood** in Petts Wood. This, the first micropub to open in Bromley, was the branch Pub of the Year in both 2015 and 2016, was also the runner-up in 2017. In 2015 the pub also won the award as Greater London Regional Pub of the Year. [One Inn The Wood on WhatPub](#)

The award for branch **Club of the Year** once again went to **Orpington Liberal Club**. This small club, run entirely by volunteers, has now won the branch club award for six consecutive years, it has also won the Greater London Regional award in 3 years, as well as being a national runner-up in both 2014 and 2016.

The presentation of the award was made on 21st May. The presentation was followed by a 'Meet the Brewer' talk by Peter Jackson, founder of the Southwark Brewing Company, with 4 excellent Southwark beers available at the beer. [Orpington Liberal Club on WhatPub](#)

More information about the Bromley Branch pub and club of the year competition can be found on the branch [website](#)

Branch AGM

The seventh annual general meeting of the branch was held at Orpington Liberal Club on Saturday 27th January 2018. The meeting was well supported, with 37 members present, and with the Regional Director Geoff Strawbridge in attendance. The examined accounts for two financial years (2015/16 and 2016/17) were presented, the Chair gave a report on behalf of the Committee about the work of the branch since the last AGM and there was a question and answer session.

Most members of the 2017 Committee volunteered to stand for another term and were re-elected unopposed. Two new members were elected to replace those standing down, **Murray MacKay** joined the Committee as Treasurer and **Paul Graydon** as Festival Coordinator.

The branch is grateful for the contributions made by Grant Mullard, the Festival Organiser for 2017 and Andrew Wright, the Branch Treasurer since 2015.

The 2019 AGM will be in March 2019, and it is intended that March will then remain the month for our AGM in years to come. The move to March will be the final stage of the 'AGM relocation' process; the shift being necessary to allow sufficient time to elapse between the end of the financial year and the AGM, to enable the most-recent audited accounts to be presented to the meeting; this was never possible with an AGM in November. January was not an ideal month for a variety of reasons, not least being that it was during the middle of the period when the branch has to make its Good Beer Guide selections and chose the Pub and Club of the Year.

Other news

Many members will remember Grace Goodlad, our branch Chair in 2015/16, and her husband Duncan Borrowman, formerly our branch Public Affairs Officer and who was also chairman of Orpington Liberal Club. In March 2016 they left Orpington having purchased a pub in the market square in Oswestry, which they reopened under the name of the [Bailey Head](#).

We are pleased to report that their pub has been awarded the title of **Shrewsbury and West Shropshire CAMRA Pub of the Year 2018**.