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# **September 2018 Update from Bromley CAMRA**

Dear member

### 1. Welcome to new members

Firstly I'd like to welcome any members who have joined CAMRA within the last few weeks, including those who joined at the recent 5th Beckenham Beer and Cider Festival. We'd be really pleased to meet you if you would like to join us on one of our social events, or even at the monthly Committee meetings; which all branch members are welcome to attend.

### 2. Branch Events during September

Our Social Secretary, Barry Phillips, has once again arranged a very full and varied diary of events. Full details of all the events, including information about public transport, are on the branch website.

## Saturday, 1 September

 A day out at the excellent East Malling Beer Festival run by the Maidstone and Mid-Kent branch of CAMRA and held in a marquee in a spacious and picturesque rural setting with views of the North Downs. Travel is by train from Bromley South station to West Malling station.

### Thursday 13th September

 An evening in Bromley North. This social includes two excellent, but very different, pubs:

- From 19:30. The <u>Red Lion</u> is a backstreet gem of a pub, which has been listed in the *Good Beer Guide* every year since 1998.
- From 21:00. The <u>Star & Garter</u> on the High Street, the current Bromley Pub of the Year. Since reopening in late 2015, the pub has been tempting customers with casks ales previously rarely seen in Bromley, including beers from Siren, Red Willow, Arbor and Wylam.

# Monday 17 September

- A weekday afternoon social in Chelsfield and Green Street Green.
  The branch started running these daytime socials a couple of years
  ago and they have proved to be very popular with those members
  who no longer have to work, or who work shifts, thereby allowing
  members to visit pubs at a time when they are less crowded.
- From 14:00. The Chelsfield, adjacent to Chelsfield Station
- From 15:30. The Queen's Head, Green Street Green

## Monday 24 September

- Branch Committee Meeting. Please note that this month the meeting is on a Monday, not a Tuesday as normal.
- From 18:30. Pre-meeting social in the Jolly Woodman, Beckenham
- At 19:30. Committee meeting, in the upstairs room at the <u>Chancery</u>, Beckenham

#### 3. Good Beer Guide 2019

The new (46th) edition of CAMRA's flagship publication will be published on 13th September. Members can order copies in advance from <u>CAMRA Books</u> at the members' rate of £13.00 (plus delivery).

# 4. Do you submit beer scores?

Bromley CAMRA relies on beer scoring to identify those pubs/clubs which are eligible for consideration for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide (GBG); the scores received during 2018 will be used to shortlist pubs and clubs for the next GBG-selection meeting, which will be held in January 2019.

We need as many scores as possible throughout the year, from as many members as possible, for as many pubs/clubs as possible. That gives us the best possible record of the quality of beer available in the almost 100 real ale pubs and clubs in our area.

It's very easy to submit a beer score, via <u>WhatPub</u>. More information about beer scoring is available on the <u>branch website</u>.

I hope to see you at a branch event during September.

Cheers!

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