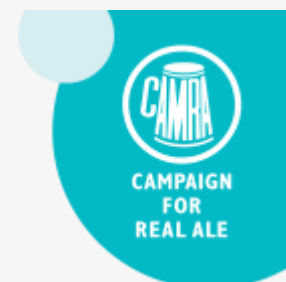


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We hope you have been enjoying the recent unseasonal weather and celebrating with a trip to your local for a pint in the beer garden...

In your newsletter this month:

- Exciting news of the Pub and Club of the Year awards
- The lost pubs of Orpington
- Further information about the AGM
- How you can get involved in the Beer Festival
- Your monthly Social Calendar.

Winners announced for the 2019 Bromley CAMRA Pub and Club of the Year Awards

Pub of the Year

Bromley CAMRA is pleased to announce that the [Star & Garter](#) has been awarded the title of Bromley Branch pub of the Year for 2019. This is the second consecutive year that this pub has won the award.

After being closed for a number of years the pub reopened under new management in November 2016 and now regularly offers a range of cask beers, many of which were previously rarely seen in Bromley, including beers from Arbor, Kirkstall, Marble, Siren and Wylam, all currently being sold at only £3 a pint. With up to 7 beers on handpump, the selection normally includes at least one stout and/or a porter. Draft cider, plus up to 16 craft keg and imported draft beers are also available.

The 2019 award will be presented to the pub on **Tuesday 4th June**, more details will be published nearer the time.

This year we have awarded runner-up title jointly to the Red Lion in Bromley North and the Real Ale Way in Hayes.

The [Red Lion](#), a traditional pub in the quiet backstreets behind Bromley North station, has been serving consistently good beer to regular customers and discerning visitors for many years and has deservedly been listed in the Good Beer Guide every year since 1998.

The [Real Ale Way](#), Bromley's third micropub, only opened in July 2018 in former shop premises opposite Hayes Station. Up to nine real ales are served, dispensed by gravity from a cold room at the rear of the bar, the range now often includes a porter or stout. Ales are normally from Kent breweries, with occasional guest beers providing variety.

Club of the Year

We are also pleased to announce that [Orpington Liberal Club](#) has been awarded the title of Bromley Branch Club of the Year for 2019.

The club has now won the Bromley title every year since 2013, it has also won the Greater London CAMRA Regional award in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2018 and was a CAMRA National Club of the Year Finalist in 2014 and 2016. It has also been listed in the Good Beer Guide every year since 2013.

As most members will already be aware, the club serves a regularly-changing selection of beers, mostly from small breweries, the large quantity of pump clips adorning the walls shows the large quantity of beers served over the past few years. Usually 3 or 4 beers are available, often including a stout or porter, together with a selection of real ciders. CAMRA members are welcome as visitors to the club on production of a current CAMRA membership card.

The 2019 award will be presented to the club on **Monday 8th April**, more details will be published nearer the time.

The Lost Pubs of Orpington

Tom Yeeles from Orpington History Organisation is currently researching for a new local history book about Orpington which is focusing on things that have been 'lost', and will include a section on lost public houses. Tom (and Bromley CAMRA) would be very interested if anybody can supply any photos of Orpington's lost pubs. Please contact t.yeeles@orpington-history.org if you might be able to help.

So far, Tom has identified the following lost pubs:

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| Anchor & Hope (*) | 85 High Street | Orpington |
| Anglesea Arms (*) | Anglesea Road | St Mary Cray |

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| Artichoke/Priory Tavern/Ye Olde Blacksmith (*) | High Street | Orpington |
| Black Boy | High Street | St Mary Cray |
| Blue Anchor | Main Road | St Mary Cray |
| Bridge House/Pilgrims | Cray Avenue | Orpington |
| Broomwood | Sevenoaks Way | St Mary Cray |
| Coach & Horses | High Street | Orpington |
| Crayfish | Silverdale Road | St Mary Cray |
| George Inn | High Street | Farnborough |
| Kent Hounds (*) | | Well Hill |
| Old Star | High Street | St Mary Cray |
| Old White Hart | High Street | Orpington |
| Partridge | Chipperfield Road | St Pauls Cray |
| Red Lion | High Street | St Mary Cray |
| Rising Sun | Angelsea Road | St Mary Cray |
| Robin Hood | Chipperfield Road | St Mary Cray |
| Rock & Fountain | | Well Hill |
| Royal Albert (*) | Lower Road | St Mary Cray |
| Seven Stiles | Ranmore Path | Orpington |
| Wanderer | Ravensbury Road | Orpington |
| (*) = <i>Photo(s) have already been found</i> | | |

Bromley Branch AGM

The branch's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 30th March 2019**, at Orpington Liberal Club, starting promptly at **3pm**. All members of Bromley CAMRA are encouraged to come along to hear a report of what has happened over the last year and to raise any questions that you may have.

The date is somewhat later in the year than in 2018. This is due to this being the final stage of moving the AGM away from November (as in 2011 to 2016 incl.) as November was too close to the branch's financial year-end. The plan is to keep to a March date in future.

The club's bar will be open before the meeting, so you can arrive early and get a drink and the meeting can start on time at 3pm. The bar will also be open after the meeting and the the committee members look forward to talking to many of you then in a more informal setting.

In line with the branch's constitution, every post on the committee must be elected at the AGM. Nominations for any post are very welcome. Some people have already been nominated but there are still some posts with no nominations.

If you are at all interested in any role, please do not be put off if someone has already been nominated. New members are always welcome on the committee and some existing committee members have more than one role and would be happy to pass on

one of them.

The full list of posts on the branch Committee is as follows: Chair; Vice Chair; Treasurer; Branch Secretary; Branch Contact; Festival Coordinator; Webmaster; Pub Database Officer; Good Beer Guide Coordinator; Membership Secretary; Social Secretary; Pub Protection Officer; Beer Scores Coordinator; Public Affairs Officer; Monthly Mailing Editor; Women's Representative; Cider Representative; Young People's Representative; LocAle Officer / LD Coordinator. Plus Area Representatives for each of the following Areas: BR1; BR2; BR3; BR4; BR5; BR6; BR7; SE19/20; Biggin Hill, Downe & Cudham.

As it currently stands, the following posts have yet to receive any nominations:

- Chair;
- Vice Chair;
- Public Affairs Officer;
- Monthly Mailing Editor
- Women's Representative;
- Cider Representative;
- Young People's Representative

A nomination form can be downloaded from the branch website [here](#). If you would like know more about what is involved for any of the above listed posts, please send an email to either: secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk or chair@bromley.camra.org.uk We hope to see you at the AGM.

6th Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival

I hope you all have the dates booked into your diary already, if not then add them now: **Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th July 2019.**

If you would like to be part of the festival organising committee, there is a meeting this *Monday (4th March), 7:30pm at the Star and Garter.*

If you would like to sign-up to get involved with the festival, either during the planning stages and/or at the festival itself, the staffing sign-up form can be found [here](#).

Social Calendar

- * Monday 4th March, 2pm Afternoon Social at the Shortlands Tavern
- * Friday 15th March, 6:30pm Social at Leyton Orient Supporters Club (featuring a tap takeover)
- * Monday 25th March, 7:30pm Committee meeting at The Southey Brewery Tap

* Saturday 30th March, 2:30pm for 3pm **Branch AGM at the Orpington Liberal Club**

- * Tuesday 2nd April Afternoon social : Partridge and Star & Garter
- * Monday 8th April COTY Award Evening & Meet the Brewer / Tap takeover (Spartan)
- * Saturday 13th April Social at the Cider & Perry festival in New Cross.
- * Friday 19th April Beer Festival Social @ Greyhound, Keston.
- * Thursday 25th April Social in Petts Wood.
- * Monday 29th April Committee meeting @ Shortlands Tavern

- * Thursday 2nd May 2pm Bexley Beer Festival social.
- * Monday 13th May Beckenham social.
- * Thursday 23rd May 12pm Kidbrooke Beer Festival social.

- * Tuesday 28th May Committee meeting @ Imperial Arms, Chislehurst

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