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## **Dear Bromley CAMRA Member**

## **April Update from Bromley CAMRA**

With the weather having taken a chillier turn, we have been enjoying sampling the many porters sold in pubs throughout the borough, inside where it's nice and warm. This month we have held our AGM, which we hope you were able to get to. At the AGM two of our members were honoured with awards from CAMRA, presented to them by the Regional Director, in recognition of the amazing work they have done for this branch. As we look forward, there are many socials organised for you to try out a new pub or some different beers and of course the 6th Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival. All these and more are included in this edition.

And, with this edition, I sign off as your Newsletter Editor as I hand over to Martin for next month. Being on the committee and working at the festival have been great ways to get to know more people, and to have an excuse to visit more pubs and drink more beer. I encourage you to try out volunteering for Bromley CAMRA if you haven't thought of it before, why not start with a shift behind the bar at the beer festival? Details are included below!

Beth (Newsletter Editor, retired)

## **Branch AGM and Committee changes**

The Branch AGM took place last Saturday, 29th March with more than 30 members in attendance.

A report of the last year's activities was delivered by Bob Keaveney in his role as Chairman, a new committee was elected and Geoff Strawbridge (the London Regional Director) gave an update on some of the campaigning activities CAMRA has been involved in.

A number of people stood down from the committee but many people are carrying on their roles. Two new people joined the committee, so we welcome:

- Martin Gee, as Newsletter Editor and BR1 Rep
- Edd Charnley, as Young Members Contact

There are some roles that are not covered, so we would like to hear from you if you are interested in doing the LocAle co-ordination or helping to manage the branch's Twitter or Facebook accounts.

If you want to know about any of these roles, or you want to get involved in some other way, please contact: <a href="mailto:secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk">secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk</a>

Plans are progressing on the Beer & Cider festival. There are also some roles there where help would be appreciated. So if you think you might be able to help as:

- Head Steward
- Health and Safety organiser
- Publicity organiser

If you want to know about any of these roles, please contact festival.coordinator@bromley.camra.org.uk

At the end of the AGM there were presentations to two members who have contributed a very considerable amount to the branch. More on that, with photos, will follow.

# 6th Beckenham Beer & Real Cider Festival, 25th-27th July 2019

We are delighted to announce that last week CAMRA approved Bromley CAMRA's plans to put on our annual beer & cider Festival.

Last year was a fantastic success and was attended by record numbers over the three days attracted by the wide range of beers and real cider we were able to showcase during the event. A lot of hard work and planning goes into running the event and we are determined to build on last year and deliver another friendly and inclusive festival for everybody to enjoy. We thank you for your past

support of the Festival and we look forward to seeing you and your friends and families at the Festival in July. Further details will follow but please save the date and look out for updates.

We always need volunteers to help make the festival the best it can be. If you would like to be part of something amazing, please <u>apply here</u>.

The Festival Team

#### **Social Calendar**

### April:

**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>** Bromley Afternoon Social (2.15pm) The Partridge, 194 High St. Bromley BR1 1HE; (4.15pm) The Star & Garter, 227 High St. BR1 1NZ.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** (from 7pm) Club Of The Year Award & Meet the Brewer Evening (Spartan Brewing), Orpington Liberal Club, 7 Station Rd, Orpington BR6 0RZ.

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** Cider& Perry Fest. Social (12pm) Matchstick Piehouse, Arches 213/214, Edward St., New Cross SE8 5HD.

**Fri 19**<sup>th</sup> (12.30pm) Beer Festival Social at The Greyhound, Commonside, Keston BR2 6BP

**Thu 25** Petts Wood Social (7pm) Daylight Inn, Station Square, BR5 1LZ; (7.45pm) One Inn The Wood, 209 Petts Wood Rd. BR5 1LA; (9.20pm) Sovereign Of The Seas, 109-111 Queensway, BR5 1DG.

**Mon 29** (7.30pm) Committee Meeting Shortlands Tavern, 5 Station Rd, Bromley BR2 0EY.

## May:

**Thu 9**<sup>th</sup> (2pm) Bexley Beer Festival Social, Old Dartfordians Sports Club, War Memorial Club House, Bourne Rd, Bexley DA5 1LW.

**Mon 13**<sup>th</sup> Beckenham Social (7.30pm) George Inn, 111 High St. Beckenham BR3 1AG; (8.30pm) Coach & Horses, Burnhill Rd, BR3 3LA; (9.30pm) The Bricklayers Arms, 237 High St. BR3 1BN.

**Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>** (12pm) Kidbrooke Beer Fest. Soc., Charlton Park RFC, 60A Broadwalk, Kidbrooke SE3 8NB;

**Tue 28** (7.30pm) Committee Meeting, Imperial Arms, Old Hill, Chislehurst BR7 5LZ.

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