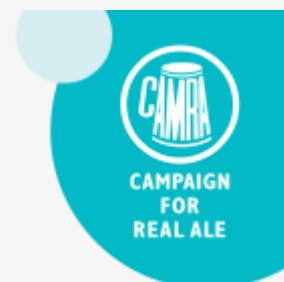


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Dear CAMRA Member,

May Update from Bromley CAMRA

It's the merry month of May which can only mean one thing, (no not snow), it's CAMRA's Mild month! CAMRA defines Mild Ale as one of the most traditional beer styles which is enjoying a revival in today's real ale market. Usually dark brown in colour, due to the use of well-roasted malts or barley it is less hopped than bitters and often has a chocolatey character with nutty and burnt flavours.

So why not get down to your local and seek out a pint or two!

There are several items of interest this month including:

- **Branch Calendar**
- **Message from our Young Membes Representative**
- **Branch Committee vacancies**
- **Festival Planning - Your Festival needs You!**
- **The Chelsfield Pub Planning Appeal**
- **Most Improved Pub Award**

Branch Calendar

May:

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

Mon 13th 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 23rd (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.

For more information, see the website : <http://www.bromley.camra.org.uk/>

Thoughts from our Young Members Representative

A few thoughts from Edd Charnley regarding involvement in CAMRA
Bromley Branch:

Joining CAMRA has broadened my appreciation of beer within a really enjoyable and inclusive context. Beer magazine (included with your membership) is a great read and CAMRA members benefit from a set of Wetherspoons real ale vouchers and discounts on real ale in selected pubs. There's a range of great training courses, perfect for those new to beer (Beer Appreciation), those wanting to learn more (International Beer Styles) and for those wanting to get more active in CAMRA (Tasting Panels); training is really good value and good fun too. Joining CAMRA provides many opportunities to discover and get involved in beer festivals, including the Great British Beer Festival in August and our branch beer festival in Beckenham in July. As a CAMRA member you can often get free or discounted entry to festivals and the chance to try beers from around the globe; and if you want to get more involved, the opportunity to volunteer in many roles including serving at the bars. CAMRA is working to save local pubs via beer tax and business rates campaigning, helping to ensure the availability of good real ale, cider and perry; your membership supports these essential campaigns and you can become more involved too. As Young Member's representative, I'll be focussing on initiatives for young members, and potential young members, within the CAMRA Bromley branch area - more details to follow soon.

Young Members Representative

I've recently been elected Young Members' Representative for CAMRA Bromley Branch and am really excited about meeting existing Young Members and welcoming new Young Members to CAMRA Bromley. I met the committee when volunteering at the Beckenham Beer Festival; they were really welcoming and encouraged me to become involved as the

Young Members' Representative. I discovered how passionate the committee and local members are about protecting our local pubs, running the Beckenham Beer Festival and also how organised and committed the members are whilst keeping it a really welcoming and fun environment. It's great to hear about new upcoming tap rooms and bars opening in the borough via the committee briefings too! The group are open to new ideas about getting young members involved in CAMRA and our branch and were encouraging when I made some proposals at my first committee meeting. It's a really exciting time to be drinking good beer and I'll be working to welcome new Young Members to join the almost 200,000 CAMRA members in celebration of real ale, cider and perry. Stay tuned for CAMRA Bromley Young Members sessions this year - cheers!

Edd Charnley,

young.members@bromley.camra.org.uk

Committee Vacancies

We all welcome Edd joining us on the Bromley CAMRA committee and will do our best to support him in his role. In particular, we hope that enjoys his time - we are all volunteers and put time in to CAMRA because we enjoy beer (and cider) and we want to see good beer available in good pubs. If that is something that you would also want to see, you might consider taking one of the vacant roles on the committee. Some of these posts don't take much time and so are a good way to 'put a toe in the water'.

The vacant posts are:

- Women's Representative
- Cider Representative
- LocAle Officer
- London Drinker Coordinator
- Facebook Manager (non-committee post)
- Twitter Manager (non-committee post)

If you are interested in any of these posts please contact secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk

Beckenham Beer and Cider Festival 25th-27th July 20:19

Planning for our 6th festival is progressing well for this year's Beer and Cider Festival, which will again be held at Beckenham Rugby Club, Balmoral Avenue, Elmers End, Beckenham BR3 3RD.

We are aiming to build on last year's successful event which was attended by record numbers over the three days, attracted by the wide range of beers and real cider we were able to showcase. Much work is going on behind the scenes to ensure we deliver yet 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. For more information please visit our website ([Click Here](https://bromley.camra.org.uk/beer-festival-2019/)) (<https://bromley.camra.org.uk/beer-festival-2019/>)

YOUR BEER FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU. We always need volunteers to help make the festival the best it can be. Roles include, stewarding, bar staff, entry desk, first aid etc If you would like to be part of something amazing, please apply here. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JTF6ZCW>

The Chelsfield Planning Appeal

Bromley CAMRA has submitted a written statement to the Planning Inspectorate opposing this appeal. The pubs owners, Punch Taverns, applied to Bromley Council for planning permission to demolish the pub and build a block of flats, incorporating a smaller pub and a shop on the ground floor. The Council has indicated that it would have refused the application for a number of reasons, including the loss of a highly valued public house and heritage asset and because the replacement building would be out of character with the locality.

Bromley CAMRA supports these reasons for refusal. The loss of the pub even for a temporary period, which could stretch to months and years, is unnecessary and unacceptable. The Chelsfield is a popular community asset, with over a thousand objections to the planning application from local residents and pub users. It is an attractive neo-Georgian pub and good example of Inter-War pub design. Bromley CAMRA has also nominated the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV); we are still waiting for Bromley Council to make a decision on this. The appeal decision should be made later this summer.

And lastly but by no means least:

Most Improved Pub Award

We would like to invite Bromley CAMRA members to nominate any pubs in the area where there has been a marked improvement in what they offer. We are blessed with many good pubs in the area that we cover and would like, with your help, to recognise a Pub where the Landlord or Landlady have made a real difference to their pub and improved the experience when you visit. Please send the name of the pub, name of the landlord/lady and a couple of sentences on what changes have been made and why you are nominating that pub to webmaster@bromley.camra.org.uk

Closing date for nominations is Friday 24th May. All entries will be judged by the Committee with the winner being advised soon after.

Thank you for your help

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