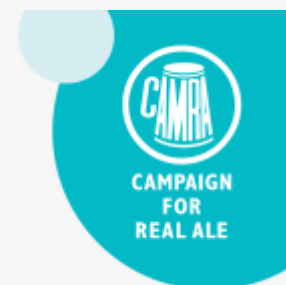


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Bromley CAMRA Newsletter, December 2019

Dear CAMRA Member, welcome to the festive December issue of our newsletter. This month we have the usual diary feature, as well as a call for help with London Drinker distribution, articles on Selecting Pubs for the Good Beer Guide, a call for volunteers to help at our next beer festival in July 2020, the nomination process for pub and club of the year and finally a reminder about beer scoring.

Social Diary for December 2019

STOP PRESS!

Congratulations to [Orpington Liberal Club](#), which has just been selected as one of the four finalists for the CAMRA Club of the Year 2020.

- There will be a celebratory evening at the club, on **Monday 9th** from 6:30pm. All members of CAMRA are welcome.

- **Tuesday 10th** (6.30pm) Young Members Social at the [Real Ale Way](#), 55 Station Approach, Hayes BR2 7EB.

- All CAMRA members aged below 40 are welcome to attend this Young Members social.
- The pub are setting aside a special area for attendees.
- This family-owned micropub opened in July 2018, and offers a most welcome new choice for local drinkers and rail commuters alike. The pub overlooks the entrance to Hayes station, and is served by numerous bus routes. Up to 9 real ales are served on gravity from a cold room to the rear of the bar. Currently a joint runner-up in the Bromley CAMRA Pub of the Year competition.

- For further information please contact ym@bromley.camra.org.uk

- **Wednesday 11th** Meet the brewer (Sambrook's) at The [Harvest Moon](#), 141-143 High Street, Orpington BR6 0LQ.

- In December, the Harvest Moon in Orpington celebrates the 25th anniversary of its opening.
- As part of the festivities, all CAMRA members are invited to the pub on Wednesday December 11th between 6 and 8pm when there will be an opportunity to meet the brewers from Sambrook's, and we hope that many of you will attend.
- This event does not appear in our diary entries in London Drinker or What's Brewing, because we hadn't received the invitation at the time these publications went to press.

- **Saturday 28th** Post Xmas Social in Bromley North starting at the Freelands Tavern.

- What better way to get the excesses of Xmas out of the system than by joining our annual brisk walk between some of the best pubs in Bromley North!
- Our social starts at noon at The [Freelands Tavern](#), 31 Freelands Road BR1 3H.
- We aim to arrive at our second pub, The [Red Lion](#), 10 North Rd. BR1 3LG by 12.45pm. This pub is a short walk from the Freelands Tavern. The pub was Bromley CAMRA's pub of the year in 2012 (and is currently a joint runner-up) and is also the only pub to have been featured in every edition of the Good Beer Guide since Bromley CAMRA reformed in 2011.
- Our next stop (from 1.40pm) is The [Anglesey Arms](#), 90 Palace Rd. BR1 3JX; This pub, which is a well-maintained Shepherd Neame outlet, is a short walk from The Red Lion.
- Our next port of call at 2.30pm is The [Railway Tavern](#), 45 East St., BR1 1QQ. This pub is a short walk from The Anglesey Arms and is directly opposite Bromley North Station.
- By 3.15pm we will have walked the short distance to The [Partridge](#), 194 High St. BR1 1HE. This excellent Fuller's pub is close to the Market Square in the centre of Bromley, which is a few minutes' walk from either Bromley North or Bromley South stations. Several bus routes pass close to the pub.
- A further short walk will lead us to arrive at 4pm at our final pub for the afternoon - The [Star & Garter](#), 227 High St BR1 1NZ. This superb pub which reopened in November 2016 having been closed for more than two years – is close to the Market Square in the centre of Bromley. It is currently the Bromley CAMRA Pub of the Year, and at the time of writing (end of November) all cask ales are

priced at £3.00/pint. The ales themselves are never mainstream, and there could be up to seven of them. Usually at least one is a porter or stout. For those that want it there is also an impressive range of draught keg beers.

January 2020

- **Wednesday 8th** Bromley Social, starting at 8pm at The [Lock & Barrel](#), 18 London Rd, Bromley BR1 3QR.

- The pub is Bromley's newest micropub. The pub opened its doors for the first time on Friday 3rd May 2019. The name is derived from the ironmongers who previously occupied the premises.
- Several real ales, usually from breweries in Kent are dispensed from a cold room behind the bar. The pub is located north of the Market Square, close to the (sadly now closed) Hop & Rye pub.
- A short walk towards Bromley Market Square will lead us to arrive at The [Star & Garter](#), 227 High St BR1 1NZ for 9.15pm.
- Another opportunity for you who may have missed our post Xmas social visit to the Bromley CAMRA current Pub of the Year

CAMRA News & Memos

A new article for our newsletter which aims to cover some of the issues raised by CAMRA over the last month and which we hope will be of interest!

- Beginning with The Great British Beer Festival (GBBF) Winter, (4 to 8 February 2020) which is coming to Birmingham for the first time, will partner with local charity LoveBrum to support 'hidden gem' charitable projects across the local area. https://www.camra.org.uk/press_release/birminghams-biggest-beer-festival-partners-with-lovebrum
- Then, looking towards the CAMRA AGM, nominations are now open for positions on CAMRA's Conference Procedures Committee, and the National Executive 2020 to arrive no later than 3pm on 31 January 2020 and, of course, there is information regarding the submission of motions to conference with a similar 31 January 2020 deadline.
- Looking further ahead is the Summer 2020 GBBF - do you want to recommend your favourite beer for inclusion? If so there is a deadline of 31 December 2019 (non one-off brews please!).
- And finally, are you stuck for a Christmas gift idea? How about a Gift membership? Well, [Gift Membership](#) is now sold through the Join Online Platform – join.camra.org.uk but is no longer available via the Shop.

If you need further information on any of the above, please contact our Branch Contact at: branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk

Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting

We are rapidly approaching that time of year when we vote for those pubs which should be included in the 2021 (yes 2021 !) guide. As usual the meeting will be held in The Crown and Anchor in Bromley North, which offers us the privacy we need. The meeting will begin at 7.30 sharp on January 14th, and is usually a lengthy meeting. All members of Bromley CAMRA are encouraged to attend and vote, but in order to vote you will need to show your current membership card.

Please send any inquiries to gbg@bromley.camra.org.uk

London Drinker - a plea for extra distributors in BR1.

Hopefully many, if not all, of you regularly read on line or in your local, the bi-monthly "London Drinker" magazine. This is brought to your local cask ale (and some not so cask ale - but we do try!) pub by a trusty group of distributors who also share between them the role of Area Representatives for our CAMRA Branch, liaising with the publican and feeding back local news and events to the Committee.

Now here we have a problem - The postcode BR1 is a pretty big area for us to cover and we urgently need 1 or 2 additional volunteers to distribute copies of London Drinker to some of the pubs within BR1. Can you assist with this? We do not need you to fulfil the Area Representative role, merely deliver the magazine, usually around 10 to 20 or so to each pub.

The role is voluntary and I am afraid there are no expenses to be had but it is a good excuse to try out more than just your local boozer!

The magazine is distributed from the [Petts Wood Royal British Legion Club](#) but even if you cannot pick them up from there, please let us know as I am sure we can arrange for a delivery to a more convenient location.

So the question is - Can you assist?

If you can, please drop an email to the Bromley Branch at: branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk

Many thanks

CAMRA Beckenham Beer Festival 2020 - Volunteers needed

With 2019 now drawing rapidly to a close, your Branch Committee have been looking closely at the organisation of a beer festival in 2020. We do now have our Festival Coordinator in place so now we need to start filling other roles, right down to assisting on the day. Can you help perhaps?

The festival is scheduled for 23 July 2020 onwards (plus setting up days). If you can spare some time (even just an evening helps) please drop a line to the Branch at branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk You know it makes sense!

A request for more detailed roles will be made next month when we have a better grasp of numbers.

Many thanks



**It's time to start to select the Bromley
CAMRA Pub & Club of the Year for 2020**

All members of Bromley Branch are now invited to nominate their favourite pub and/or club to be the 2020 Bromley Pub or Club of the Year.

We are also looking for members to volunteer to be judges for the 2020 awards.

The closing date for nominations, and to volunteer to be a judge, is 15th January 2019. More information about the 2020 awards and the nomination form can be found here.

Further information about the Bromley CAMRA Pub and Club of Year awards, including details of the winners in 2019 and previous years, is available on the Pub & Club of the Year page on the [branch website](#).

A Final Reminder about Beer Scoring for 2019...

Beer Scoring for 2019 closes at 23:59 on **24 December 2019**. All the scores submitted by the deadline will be used to draw up the 'longlist' of pubs and clubs which will be discussed at the Good Beer Guide Selection meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

Scores submitted for drinks consumed on or after 25th December will count towards the 2020 Beer Scoring totals.

Bob Keaveney, Beer Score Coordinator

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Martin Gee

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