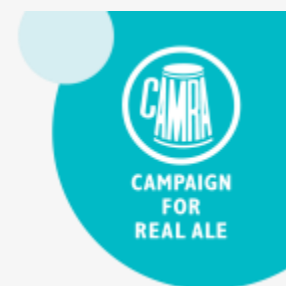


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Bromley CAMRA Newsletter February 2020

Dear CAMRA Member,

Hello and welcome to the February edition of our newsletter.

As usual we have details of upcoming meetings and events in our diary feature as well as another quiz (and the answers to last month's quiz). Also this month an update on our next beer festival, news of pub and club of the year awards a reminder about our forthcoming AGM, a note about CAMRA's new podcast and, was there anything that you've missed recently?

Branch Diary

Monday 10th February. 'Meet the Brewer' (Musket Brewery)

- [Orpington Liberal Club](#). From 6:30 pm

Orpington Liberal Club, 7 Station Road, Orpington. BR6 0RZ. The club has arranged a "Meet the Brewer" evening, which will give us a chance to meet the team from the Musket brewery who are located in deepest Kent, not far from Maidstone. The club bar will open at 6pm for this event.

The club is a few minutes walk from Orpington station, directly opposite the entrance to the Tesco Extra car park. Several bus routes pass close by, including the 208 and 358. Don't forget your CAMRA membership card as it is required for entry.

Saturday 15th February. Real Ale Way to Real Ale Way social

- [Real Ale Way Hayes](#)
- [Real Ale Way Westerham](#)

- 2:10 pm - 6:00 pm, starting in Hayes

Those of you who have welcomed the arrival of the Real Ale Way in Hayes (55 Station Approach, Hayes. BR2 7EB) may be unaware that a second Real Ale Way has now opened in Westerham at 23 High Street, Westerham. TN16 1RA. This social provides an opportunity to visit both of them in one day.

The social will begin at the Hayes venue shortly after it opens at 2pm. This family-owned micropub opened its doors 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 our 2019 Pub of the Year competition.

We will then continue to Westerham by catching the 246 bus which stops right outside the pub at 3.40. The Westerham venue is a short walk from the bus stop (alight at "The Green" bus-stop in the town-centre). At the end of the social the 246 can be used to return to Bromley South / North.

Wednesday 26th February. Committee Meeting

- [The Chancery](#)
- 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

The Chancery, (90 Bromley Road, Beckenham. BR3 5NP), is only a few yards away from the [Jolly Woodman](#), (9 Chancery Lane, BR3 6NR), where some members may be found prior to the meeting,

If you are coming here directly, Beckenham Junction railway station is 15 minutes walk away, so the bus may be a better bet. From Central Bromley use the high-frequency 227 or the 367 and alight at Westgate Road, or the 162 and alight at Chancery Lane.

Bromley CAMRA members who are not on the committee are always welcome to attend committee meetings. Non-committee members planning to attend a meeting may request the [Secretary](#) to prepare and print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available at the meeting.

Monday 2nd March. Afternoon Social in Farnborough

- [Change of Horses](#) 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm
- [The Woodman](#) 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

This social provides an opportunity to visit the attractive village of Farnborough, together with its two excellent pubs.

We begin at The Change of Horses (87 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BB), which reopened in December 2019 following a lengthy closure for extensive refurbishment. Among other changes, the big screens for TV Sport are now gone as the pub moves upmarket. Cask ales from the three handpumps will normally include a beer from Tonbridge brewery.

The pub is conveniently served by the high frequency 358 bus route (Crystal Palace to Orpington via Beckenham and Bromley). Alight at Farnborough High St/Church Rd. The pub is nearby.

The Woodman pub (50 High Street, Farnborough. BR6 7BA) is a short walk from the Change of Horses, and offers a range of Shepherd Neame real ales, plus occasional guest beers.

For those joining us here, the pub is conveniently served by the high frequency 358 bus route (Crystal Palace to Orpington via Beckenham and Bromley). Alight at Farnborough High St/Church Rd. The pub is nearby.

7th March. Tour of Bexley area micropubs

- Noon [Hackney Carriage](#), 165 Station Rd. DA15 7AA;
- 1pm [Hangar](#), 37 The Oval, Blackfen. DA15 9ER;
- 2pm [Broken Drum](#), 308 Westwood Lane, Blackfen. DA15 9PT;
- 3.10pm [Door Hinge](#), 11 High St. Welling. DA16 1TR;
- 4.30pm [Bolthole](#), 12 Falconwood Parade, Welling. DA16 2PL

Many readers of the diary will be aware of the large number of micropubs which have opened in the Bexley CAMRA area over the last five years or so. We have noticed that many of them are situated close to bus routes – particularly the high-frequency 51 route (which runs from Orpington to Woolwich), so we have used that fact to plan this social.

If you live in Central Bromley or in the west of the borough, your best plan to get to the first pub will be to get bus 269 (another high-frequency route) from Bromley North via Bickley and Chislehurst to Sidcup and alight at Sidcup Station. A walk of no more than ten minutes is needed from there. Go past the station, and the pub is on the left about 200 yards later.

14th March.

Bromley CAMRA Annual General Meeting at Orpington Liberal Club
(14:30 for prompt 15:00 start)

See below for more details.

Pub and Club of the Year 2020

Thank you to all the members who submitted nominations for the 2020 Pub and Club of the Year award, thanks also to those who volunteered to be on the judging panel.

Judging is now in progress. The results and the names of the winners will hopefully be available in time for the March Newsletter, the news will also be announced on the branch Facebook and Twitter.

February Update on the 2020 Beckenham Beer and Cider Festival

The festival planning is proceeding well and some key personnel are in place. This includes the Beer and Cider bar managers, the Cooling Manager, the Tombola team, the Beer Selection team, the Volunteer Staffing manager, the glasses management team, and the festival set-up and take-down teams.

A key post still to be filled is the Health & Safety Coordinator. This not a difficult role and doesn't need special qualifications, just someone who is good at organising, can do visual checks, and can handle official CAMRA paperwork. Any member who has these skills, please step forward. We are also looking for two more qualified First Aiders to complement our existing two, so that we can cover all the shifts. Any members who are qualified in this area please contact the Festival Coordinator.

Work is proceeding on preparing the Business Plan for CAMRA HQ and this will be submitted in early March or sooner if possible. As soon as the plan is approved a Festival Organising Committee of all festival managers and associated teams will be held in mid-March. Meanwhile, the smaller Festival Finance sub-group is meeting at the end of February to review the Business Plan progress. The invitations to likely caterers are currently being scoped and prepared, but no formal invitation can be sent until the Plan is approved.

The Volunteer staffing web site and 2020 volunteer application form are already to go. So far, some 10 people have indicated an interest, but many more volunteers are needed and no expertise is required – just a genuine desire to see a successful beer and cider festival and to be part of a team. The volunteers generally work in three hour shifts over the three festival days. The roles include not only working behind the bar, but also general stewarding. The jobs are not arduous and are arranged to suit the volunteer's availability. The festival is a lot of fun, as well as giving you subsidised beer and food, so come and join us if you can. If you feel you have a part to play, no matter how small, or for further volunteer information, please email

festival.coordinator@bromley.camra.org.uk or
branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk.

Finally, if you have already been persuaded by the above and are committed to be a festival volunteer, here is the [web-link for the application form](#).

CAMRA Podcasts

CAMRA will be launching a new podcast called Pubs, Pints & People on 13 April 2020. The idea was developed and agreed by the Communications Committee in July 2019 and a small group of volunteers have been working closely with the Communications Team to develop 10 pilot episodes for the launch date.

Each Episode will be organised around a different topic and split into different segments including:

- A 'Learn & Discover' interview with brewers, sommeliers, beer writers and the like
- A 'Desert Island Beer' interview with another prominent person in the industry
- A 'Dive into the Archives' segment where CAMRA pulls relevant news or stories from past issues of What's Brewing, BEER, branch magazines, leaflets etc
- A 'Last Orders' chat over a closing beer

CAMRA is now in post-production for the first series of these Podcasts so watch this space for further news!

CAMRA Bromley Branch AGM, Saturday March 14

A reminder that your Branch Annual General Meeting takes place at the CAMRA award winning [Orpington Liberal Club](#) on Saturday 14 March with a request for attendees to arrive by 2.30pm for a prompt 3pm start. This is an important date in our diary as we review what has happened over the last year and set about electing the Branch Committee to take us through the forthcoming twelve months.

Please remember that in order to vote you will need to have your membership card with you.

We are of course a team of volunteers and, like all such teams, have the perennial problem of securing sufficient volunteers to cover both day to

day issues, our festival, and the unexpected (eg. is your local under threat?).

Branch positions include: Chair; Vice Chair(*); Treasurer; Branch Secretary; Branch Contact; Web Master(*); Pub Database Officer; Festival Coordinator; Membership Secretary; Social Secretary; Social Media Coordinator; Pub Protection Officer(*); Beer Scores Coordinator; Newsletter Editor; Young Members contact; Public Affairs Officer; London Drinker Coordinator; LocAle Officer(*); Women's Representative(*); Cider Representative(*).

We also need Area Representatives who cover our Branch pubs and are our branch 'ears'. Duties include delivering London Drinker and feeding news back to the Branch monthly. After that the role can be what you make of it - perhaps building relationships with the pubs and publicans? listening to locals; watching out for news articles in the local press and so on. The positions are presently sorted by post code (currently under review) and include BR1; BR2; BR3; BR4; BR5; BR6; BR7; SE20 / SE19; Biggin Hill, Downe & Cudham.

(*) Now you may just notice that a few of these are marked with an asterisk – Why you may ask? Well these are the positions for which we believe we presently have no potential volunteers but do not let this stop you. If you are interested in any of these roles and would like to put yourself forward for election, please get in touch. You will need to submit a [nomination form](#), duly proposed and seconded by two CAMRA members, in good time for the AGM. For further information or more on what a role involves, please drop a line to our [Branch Contact](#).

CAMRA News – what you may have missed

Our usual catch up on some of the CAMRA issues for the last month include:

- Proposed changes to the CAMRA Articles of Association following the governance review;
- New CAMRA beer styles. This is covered in more depth in the February issue of What's Brewing. Have you read yours yet?
- Great British Beer Festival - Winter. Are you going? The winter version of Britain's biggest beer festival lands in the city of a thousand trades, as Birmingham gears up for the Great British Beer Festival Winter, taking place at New Bingley Hall between Tuesday 4th and Saturday 9th February 2020. More details available from CAMRA.
- CAMRA's 50th anniversary. The campaign marks its 50th birthday in March 2021 and has commissioned a book to cover the history of CAMRA from inception and early days through to today. So, the

million-dollar question, do you have any memories that could be shared? If so watch out for the March edition of What's Brewing

February Quiz

This months questions are all connected with either Science or Nature

- 1) In which year did the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 collide with Jupiter?
- 2) Galena is an ore of which metal?
- 3) Of what is toxicology the scientific study?
- 4) Of which breed of sledge dog is the Siberian the best known?
- 5) What is the disease 'pertussis' more commonly known as?
- 6) Which are the highest type of clouds, stratocumulus or cirrus?
- 7) Which scientist won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of photoelectric effect?
- 8) Of what is petrology the study?
- 9) Which African animal's name means 'river horse'?
- 10) What is a cep?

Answers to this month's quiz will be given in next month's newsletter

January's quiz answers.

1) Taxidermy. 2) Jupiter. 3) Verrey Pistol. 4) Esperanto. 5) Gustav Mahler. 6) Delft. 7) Obi. 8) 1961. 9) La Marseillaise. 10) Cheese.

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