

CAMRA Bromley Branch

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The Bromley Branch e-Newsletter is published every month, on approx. the first day of the month.

Members who have 'opted in' to receive emails from the branch will receive an email to notify them when each newsletter is available to download from the Branch Website.



Welcome to the September 2020 e-Newsletter,

Yes, we've slightly changed the name of the branch newsletter, to reflect the fact that it is now produced in a format which is **best viewed on the screen**, (i.e. similar to a website) rather than being printed and read in 'traditional paper' format.

You can either download the e-newsletter to a suitable device, or you can just read it direct from the website. All newsletters are kept on the website for at least 3 years, so there is no need to download it if you don't want to. The newsletter archive can be viewed on the website [via this link](#).

So you can view or download at your leisure, read an article or skip an article. The choice is yours

Some of the very good reasons to read the e-newsletter on the screen, rather than printing it out include:

1. You can view it on any device, such as a PC, laptop, tablet, etc., or even on your smartphone
2. Saves using paper and ink for printing
3. When reading it on a screen you can enlarge it, so as to make the print easier to read. Many of the photos used are high resolution, so additional detail can be seen at a larger size
4. By using the links on the contents page, you can jump straight to the items that interest you
5. Many items contain links to websites etc, these links will only work when you are reading it on the screen

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Cheers!

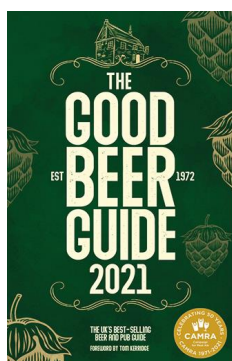
Bob Keaveney, Editor

A Brief Update From The Social Secretary

We are continuing to follow guidance from CAMRA, so no social events are currently being planned to be held in pubs or clubs. We are therefore continuing to host on line social events.

The next Zoom social will be on **Thursday 17th September**. More details will be published nearer the time

Barry Phillips, Social Secretary

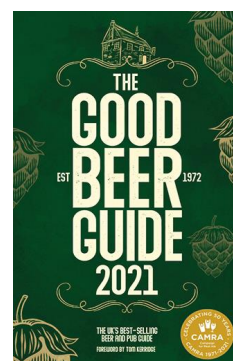


The Good Beer Guide 2021 will be published on 29th October 2020

(This is slightly later than normal due to Covid-19)

CAMRA members can receive an advance copy at the discounted price of just **£11**, with free postage, by joining the Privilege Club

For more information follow [this link](#).



The Threat to Small Brewers' Relief

The Government is set to increase the tax paid by some small independent breweries in the UK. This could lead to brewery closures, and less choice on the bar for all of us.

Have you signed the petition yet?

By the time that you are reading this newsletter, you should have received an email from the CAMRA National Chairman explaining why CAMRA is opposed to the proposed changes to the Small Brewers' Relief Scheme. More information is available on the [CAMRA website](https://www.camra.org.uk/).

CAMRA is urging all members to support the petition

One of our local breweries, Mutineers, have written on Facebook about how the changes would affect them and other small breweries, you can read this [via this link](#)

If you have not yet done, please sign the petition now: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/334066>

Enjoying your beer?

It could be under threat.

Sign the petition and ask the government to support small brewers today.



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CAMRA News

The Branch Secretary runs through some of the national and regional news from CAMRA.

I blame breakfast TV, I mean do we need to be reminded that Christmas is only 3 months away? Where has the year gone?

And to top it all, as I write this, the August Bank Holiday is looking like being a traditional wet squib so I can only hope that your local has plenty of sheltered (and distanced) accommodation to keep you snug when having a traditional holiday pint (or two). Indeed, did you make use of the “Eat out” offer and importantly, will you be eating out at that pub when the offer expires?

So what has been happening in CAMRA and what issues might you have seen or possibly missed?

IPA

Kicking us off right at the start of August (okay actually the end of July) was an article on the history of IPAs and also the latest in a series covering the beer drinkers’ dictionary. For this and more go to <https://camra.org.uk/learn-discover/>



Beer and Cider making



So, if reading about the beer and drinking the beer is not enough, CAMRA has launched new tutorials on its Learn and Discover platform, the first of which covers a series on the creation of cider and the second, in a four-part audio series, covers the key ingredients of beer. Now I have to admit that unlike our Chair, Charles, who is very proficient in brewing, my skills are somewhat limited so I really must make some time myself to tune in on these useful tutorials which may be found at <https://camra.org.uk/learn-discover/learn-more/>

Also check out CAMRA publications which include beer making. Why not give it a try?

Supporting the Pub

With the easing of lockdown and our return to being able to enjoy a pint or two of cask ale (or whatever takes your fancy), we really need to be behind the publican who has had a hard time of late. In this respect CAMRA has been pressing the PM for a cut in the price of a pint served in pubs to boost spending and jobs. Now it never ceases to amaze me, with all the moans over the years at supermarkets encouraging drinking by “piling high and selling cheap”, that a simple solution of having a greater rate of tax on canned and bottled beer has not been implemented, but that is just my view. You may agree or you may not but with 42% of people visiting pubs less than before lockdown, we really do need to have a pint at our local. Read more about this [via this link](#).

Good Beer Guide 2021

Confirmation that this is now set to be released on 29th October with a forward penned by the Michelin starred chef, Tom Kerridge. Have you ordered your copy yet?

Carlsberg / Marston merger

A bit of a topic this one following the decision by the Competition and Markets Authority to launch a Phase 1 investigation into this proposed merger. Tom Stainer, the CAMRA Chief Executive has commented and his press release may be found [via this link](#).

Other items of note

Branches have been encouraged to secure meetings with local MPs or other elected representatives during recess covering a range of campaign issues including:

- Alcohol Duty Review;
- Business Rates review, and;
- Support for the industry.

Additionally, Branches have been referred to the Pubs Code Adjudicator user research programme which runs from 24 August to 4 October, so expect to see more from us and other branches in newsletters, Facebook and other social media.

There is still no good news on our running of socials I'm afraid. CAMRA has asked that these are not held for the present but the CAMRA rolling review period is now reduced to 2 months, so fingers crossed for November!

That's about it for this month but have a look at some of the links or log on to the CAMRA website and see what else there is going on – have you checked in on the discourse site for instance? Usually plenty being discussed!

Have a great September!

Kent Sadler, Branch Secretary

Cask Ale Week 2020

This year, the annual Cask Ale Week will take place from **Thursday 24th September to Sunday 4th October**. Cask Ale Week is an industry-wide initiative, designed to promote cask ale, especially real ale produced by local breweries.

This year is focusing on the message that you can only get fresh cask ale in pubs and clubs. This initiative supports several of CAMRA's strategic objectives, i.e. increasing pub footfall and supporting those pubs and breweries still offering delivery and takeaway.



Due to Covid restrictions, Bromley CAMRA won't be able to organise any events for this week, however do watch out on social media for information about what pubs and breweries are doing.

Pub News

This month we have news from Beckenham, Kent House, Chislehurst and Keston



Photos by Chris Crowther

In **Beckenham**, the [Coach and Horses](#) reopened on 6th August after refurbishment.

The pub has been tastefully redecorated throughout. At the time of our visit Harvey's, Tribute and Landlord were available on the handpumps. There is a new menu available, and we understand that there will be live music once the current restrictions are lifted.



Image by BR3wery

The Proposed Taproom

In nearby **Kent House**, microbrewer BR3wery hopes to open a tap room and brewery in former shop premises in Beckenham Rd.

As at 27 August, their planning application had received more 60 comments in support and one objection. For more information see Application No 20/02447/FULL2 on the [Bromley Council](#) website.

Meanwhile in **Chislehurst**, a planning application has been submitted for a new micropub in a former shop in Royal Parade, not far from the War Memorial.

Also as at 27 August, this application had received eight comments in support and no objections. For more information see Application No 20/02674/FULL3 on the [Bromley Council](#) website.

The branch is concerned to note that the [Fox Inn](#) in **Keston** has closed, with the following news was posted on the pub's Facebook on 29 July 2020: *"It is with a heavy heart that we have had to make the difficult decision to not renew our lease at The Fox due to the financial impact from COVID 19"*. The full message can be viewed on the Fox Inn's [Facebook](#).

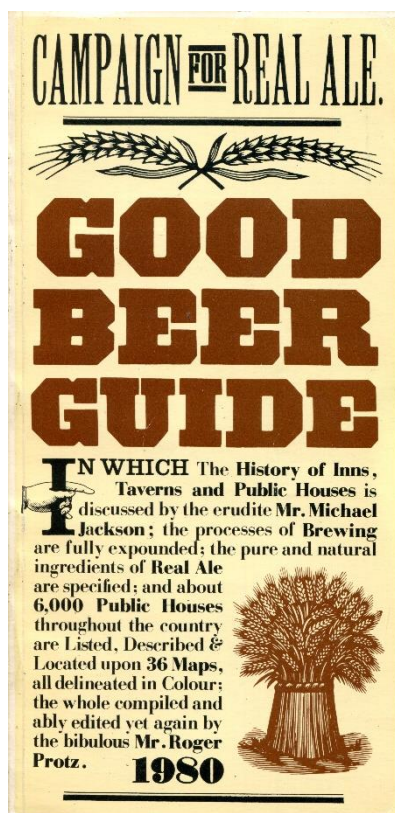
The branch will continue to monitor the situation.



Photo by Chris Crowther

From the Archive, 1980

We go back forty years and look at the Bromley entries in the 1980 Good Beer Guide



The Good Beer Guide (GBG) was first published in 'book format' in 1974, and has appeared every year since. The 2021 GBG, due to be published next month, will be the 48th edition.

The 1980 edition contained eight entries for Bromley. None of those pubs were listed in the most recent (2020) edition, and three are sadly now permanently closed.

Two of the 1980 entries were on **Maple Rd** in **Penge**. This was during the period when Maple Rd was a 'drinking destination', with at least five pubs in operation (*).

At that time, the majority of pubs in the UK were tied to breweries and sold only the limited cask offerings available from their brewery. In fact half of the Bromley listings in 1980 were for Charrington pubs selling Charrington IPA (however the Jolly Woodman did also sell Draught Bass).

Crown, Chislehurst. BR7
George & Dragon, Downe. BR6
Golden Lion, Penge. SE20 (*)
Jolly Woodman, Beckenham. BR3
London Tavern, Penge. SE20 (*)
Rising Sun, St Mary Cray. BR5 (*)
Shortlands Tavern, Shortlands. BR2
White Horse, Bromley. BR1

(*) Now closed

SE20: Penge 9E6

10.30-2.30; 5.30-10.30
(11 F, S)

Golden Lion

61 Maple Road (off A213)
☎ 01-778 3951

Morning opening: 11
Samuel Smith Old Brewery Bitter
Fuller London Pride, ESB
Young Ordinary Bitter,

Special Bitter [H] **Winter Warmer** [G]

Popular side-street free house with guest beers
♣ ♠ ♡ ♠ (Mon-Fri) [S]

London Tavern

149 Maple Road (off A213)
☎ 01-778 6877

Everard Tiger, Old Original Ruddle County [H]
Tastefully refurbished pub
♣ ♠ ♡ ♠ [S]

The Golden Lion was a free house and therefore sold 'guest beers'. A long-standing member of the branch has reminded that this pub was for a long time revered as a 'beer exhibition pub', sought out by CAMRA members from far and wide. "...Bromley Branch, in its original incarnation, once had a social there, on a Sunday lunchtime. This was back in the days when Sunday hours were only from 12:00 to 14:00 (not opening again until 19:00.), however we were able to get an 'extension' from 11:00 until noon. The idea was that if the extension had been 14:00 to 15:00 they wouldn't have been able to confine it to CAMRA members, whereas, with the earlier time, non-CAMRA people wouldn't know about it."

(*) The local guide 'Real Ale in South East London', published in approx. 1985, listed five pubs in Maple Rd: Maple Tree (No. 54); Golden Lion (No. 61); Lord Palmerston (No. 101); London Tavern, which was also known as the Hop House (No. 149) and Dewdrop Inn (No. 201). However, today now only the [Maple Tree](#) still survives as a pub.



The Golden Lion

Far Left: 2015
Photo by Chris Crowther.

Left: August 2020

A (British) Summer Time Walk

Despite the recent storms, hopefully summer hasn't totally finished. The Bromley Pub Walks team bring you a short, but interesting, walk between Chislehurst and Petts Wood.

William Willett (1856-1915), the campaigner for 'daylight saving time', lived for much of his life in Chislehurst.

Although he did not live to see daylight saving become law, he is generally credited with bringing the idea to public attention. He is buried in St Nicholas' Churchyard (Chislehurst), there is a memorial sundial in Petts Wood (that's the actual wood, not the suburb) and of course there is also the Daylight Inn near Petts Wood Station.



It's possible to take a pleasant two and a quarter mile walk from Chislehurst War Memorial to Petts Wood Station (or vice-versa) which takes you past William Willett's grave, the memorial sundial and the Daylight Inn. Most of the walk is through National Trust woods and farmland. In addition to the Grade II Listed Daylight Inn, there is also the opportunity to visit the two other pubs and a club in Petts Wood, plus the many pubs in Chislehurst, two of which are directly on the walking route.

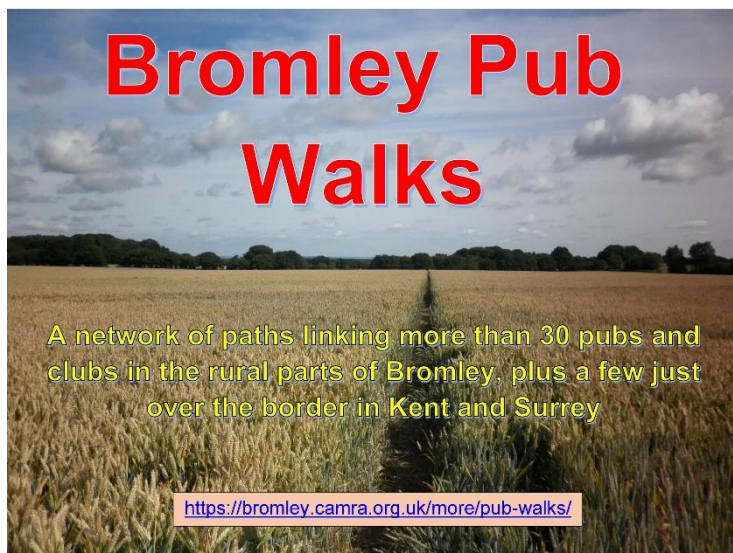
A full description of the walk, including information about public transport to get to/from the walk can be viewed [via this link](#).

Bromley Pub Walks

Did you know that Bromley CAMRA has published a series of on line guides to walking between pubs in Bromley?

Guides to 30 walking routes have already been published, which link more than 30 pubs, plus a club, in the areas bounded by Hayes, Chislehurst, Chelsfield, Pratts Bottom, Cudham, Biggin Hill and Keston.

Further guides are currently being prepared, which will include pubs 'just over the borders' in Kent, Surrey and Croydon.



More information about Bromley Pub Walks can be found on the [Branch website](#).

The above photo, showing a rural path through farmland, was taken in July 2019. Do you know where it is? (Clue: it is within our branch area). The answer is given on page 10.

Beckenham Hops Update

The hops growing in the Editor's garden are now almost ready to harvest.

Disaster struck during the first of August's storms, when the mast supporting the Fuggles snapped in the very strong winds. Somewhat surprisingly, the hops seem to have survived, albeit that they, together with the splintered remains of the support, are now balanced precariously on the fence and in a tree belonging to my long-suffering neighbour.

Despite that, the hops are now almost ready to be harvested. Weather permitting, and unless anything else goes wrong, the 2020 hop-picking will be sometime during the first couple of weeks of this month. Some of the freshly-picked hops will then go to Branch Chairman Charles, who plans to use them to brew a green hop beer.

The photo shows the remains of snapped support, whilst in the background other hops can be seen growing up the back of the house.



Bob Keaveney

Green Hop Beer Competition

Our Branch Chairman, and home brewing expert, Charles Tucker will be brewing some beers using the hops, and is asking members to suggest what beer styles he should brew.



Regular readers of these monthly e-newsletters will have been following the growth of Bob's hops from the first shoots appearing in March, through to flowering. They are now almost ready for harvesting, so now is the time for me as the beneficial brewer to think about what beers to make with this (hopefully) magnificent crop. The three hop varieties to be used for brewing the beers are *Fuggles*, *Target* and *Cascade*.

This year, the plan is to brew a green hop beer, using freshly-picked hops in their 'green' state, and not dry them out for later use, which is the normal procedure.

In our very own local version of CAMRA's "*Brew2You*", we want to get you, our Branch members, involved in how we are going to use these hops, so the hop farmer (Bob) and the brewer (me) thought that it would be a good idea to run a competition. So what we are inviting you to do is to give us your suggestions on what we should be brewing.

Have a look at [this link](#) to find out more about the three hop varieties, typical beers that they are used for, and how you can enter the competition and win prizes.

However time is very limited, since green hop beers need to be brewed very soon after the hops are picked. We therefore need your suggestions no later than **Monday 7th September**.

Charles Tucker

The September Quiz

This month our Quizmaster has set us questions on the theme of geography

- 1) Santa Fe is the capital of which US state?
- 2) In which English county is the textile town of Nelson?
- 3) Chisinau is the capital of which former Soviet republic in south-east Europe?
- 4) The ancient city of Carthage is in which modern country?
- 5) Of which Australian state is Sydney the capital?
- 6) What is the capital of Sierra Leone?
- 7) Which line of latitude lies 23.5 degrees south of the Equator?
- 8) Which Paris boulevard runs from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde?
- 9) The river Rhine runs through which country immediately before entering the North Sea?
- 10) Which Greek island lies close to the coast of Albania?

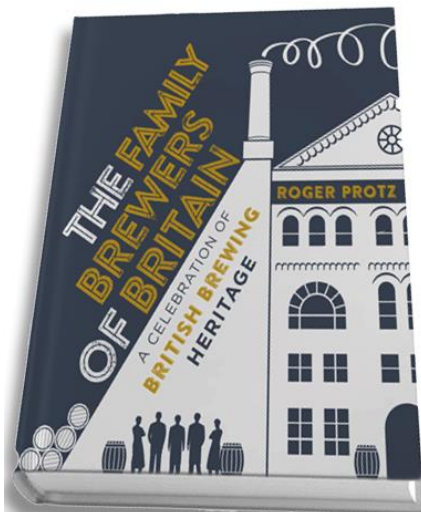
The answers for the August Quiz:

1) Michael Campbell; 2) Phil Taylor; 3) Shooting; 4) Roger Bannister; 5) Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd; 6) Water Polo; 7) Swimming; 8) 28; 9) Red; 10) Earvin

Martin Gee, Quizmaster

The answer to the photo question on page 8: is Biggin Hill, on the route between the Aperfield Inn and the Old Jail (Bromley Pub Walk No 17)

New from CAMRA Books



The Family Brewers of Britain

A celebration of British brewing heritage

Britain's family brewers are stalwarts of beer making. Some date back as far as the 17th and 18th centuries and have survived the turbulence of world wars, bomb damage, recessions, floods, and the hostility of politicians and the temperance movement. This book, by leading beer writer Roger Protz, traces the fascinating and sometimes fractious histories of the families still running these breweries.

Many of the brewers remain in buildings of great architectural importance with gleaming coppers and wooden fermenting vessels, and a few still deliver beer by horse-drawn drays and employ coopers to fashion casks made of oak. But our family

brewers are not living in the past. They have faced the challenges of the modern beer-drinking world and still produce beers that meet the demands of today's consumers.

This book will be published on 9th September, but it is available to order now at the [CAMRA shop](#).

Price £25.00 but to CAMRA members only **£21.99**



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