

CAMRA Bromley Branch

e-Newsletter

May 2021



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Welcome to the May e-Newsletter

I hope that, by the time you are reading this issue of the e-Newsletter, you will have had the chance to enjoy at least one pint sitting outside a pub or club. I have certainly enjoyed once again being able to drink at pubs and clubs. Judging by the photographs sent in by members, many of you have been doing the same. A selection of those photographs appear on pages 4 and 14 of this e-Newsletter.

I'm sure everyone is now looking forward to the next incremental reduction in the restrictions, hopefully on 17th May, which will allow groups of up to six to drink inside pubs and clubs.

Last month saw both the Bromley Branch and the CAMRA national AGMs take place via 'Zoom'. Whilst all the necessary business was conducted at both meetings, what was missing was the opportunity to meet other members face-to-face over a beer (or two) at the bar. Hopefully life will have returned to what we used to call 'normal' in time for those AGMs in 2022.

This month's (15-page) issue of the e-Newsletter includes a report on the branch AGM, and our Branch Chair looks back at the last year and forward to the next 12 months.

Also in this issue, we are very fortunate to be able to give members a preview of some of the excellent restoration work currently being carried out at the former Royal Bell Hotel in Central Bromley. I look forward to the completion of the work and seeing this fine Grade II Listed building once again open for business.

Cheers!



The Editor did not prepare this e-Newsletter in a pub garden as planned, but was instead distracted by the beer

Bob Keaveney, e-Newsletter Editor

UPDATE: Bromley Branch Social Events

CAMRA has advised that no branch meetings or socials should take place before complete lifting of government restrictions, which will not happen any earlier than 21st June. Also, even when gatherings are allowed, it is possible that venues may need to restrict numbers of people who can attend, and prior booking may be necessary for groups.

Bromley CAMRA is keen to resume running social events and we will start to do so as soon as possible after 21st June.

In the meantime, please do keep checking out our branch website for updates and follow posts on our social media for the latest news about our pubs and clubs.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all when we can resume our branch socials.

Barry Phillips, Social Secretary.

A Message From The Branch Chair

Charles Tucker looks back at his first year as our Branch Chair, and looks forward to a hopefully better year ahead.

Dear Bromley CAMRA members,

We held our AGM 2021 on 10th April, and as is customary after these auspicious occasions, I am writing this short missive as the newly elected Chair. It is my privilege to be able to say that this is my second time of writing such a piece. In electing me again, I thank you for your display of confidence in me and I look forward to working with you all as your 2021-22 Chair. It is also very pleasing to see that the new Committee will consist of members who worked so well together and achieved so much over the last committee term.



When I entered my first term as Chair in March 2020 it was at the start of what turned out to be a terrible year for the hospitality industries and their staffs. Under the pandemic pressure our pubs, clubs, breweries, cider/perry makers, and even CAMRA, suffered significant losses. CAMRA with its aligned 'Brew2You', 'Pulling Together', 'Save Our Pubs' and 'Pubs Matter' campaigns has played a major part in helping to keep our pubs, breweries and associated industries alive.

Fortunately, as I enter my new term of office, the outlook is much brighter. Yes - across the country unfortunately some pubs do appear to have been lost, and there has been a slight drop in CAMRA membership, but basically our branch and CAMRA has survived - and we are the stronger for it. Three new microbreweries have started in the branch area in the last year and it is also very heartening to hear from our own Pub Contacts that the vast majority of the branch's drinking establishments are open again. We should never underestimate the social and economic role played by beer and pubs in British society and it is very pleasing to read industry reports of drinkers rushing back for their first pints. The hospitality sector as a whole is getting ready for a summer of people holidaying in the UK. Pubs in rural areas, in market towns and at the seaside are expecting a blistering summer as frustrated sun-seekers flock to UK beauty spots.

More locally for us as a branch, the easing of Covid restrictions will see our much-enjoyed activities soon return. Sadly, timing is still not right for us to have a 2021 beer festival, but we can look forward to going out in lighter and warmer evenings, exciting social events, awards to pubs, new campaigns, and a much more joyful branch year over the next 12 months than we had in 2020.

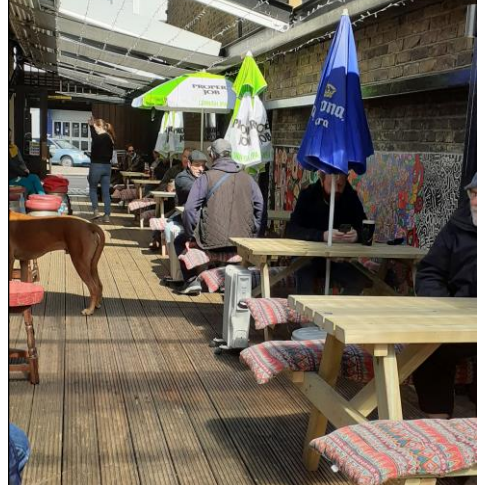
Both locally and nationally, CAMRA and its members are not just another consumer organisation. We are a passionate community – a family even, especially at branch level. We are so lucky in Bromley branch to have such a wonderful and diverse range of pubs, micropubs and microbreweries in our area. We would encourage all of our members to visit their 'local' and show them much needed support.

What of the year ahead and the challenges facing the new Committee and the Branch? The pandemic hiatus has given all branch members, especially those on the Committee, time to reflect on our membership and our roles. We need to think about what we want to see and do in the future to ensure the success of our Branch and CAMRA. Have a look at the Committee vacancies on the Branch website. Get in touch with your Committee members. They are here to serve you. Tell them what you would like to see the Branch and CAMRA do in the future, so that we can reinvigorate the membership and continue the success of our wider campaign.

I thank you all for supporting the Committee, our branch, and CAMRA over the past year and look forward to continuing our collective aims during the year ahead.

Back to the pubs and clubs

On 12th April the pubs and clubs were once again allowed to reopen to welcome back their customers, albeit outside. Here are some of the photos supplied by members enjoying being back at the pub (or club).



Pictured, clockwise from top left:

- Bexley, BOB at [Queen's Head](#), Downe
- Twickenham, Spring Ale, at [Greyhound](#), Keston
- St Austell, Tribute, at [Five Bells](#), Chelsfield
- [Bricklayers Arms](#), Beckenham
- Burning Sky, Plateau, at [Star & Garter](#), Bromley
- Kent, Prohibition, at [Cockpit](#), Chislehurst
- [Shortlands Tavern](#), Shortlands
- Harvey's, Sussex Best, at [Cricketers Knoll](#), Orpington

With thanks to all members who submitted photographs.

The photos on this page were supplied by: Norman Warner; John Middlemiss; Charles Tucker; and the Editor



More photographs are shown on page 14

CAMRA Bromley Branch AGM, Saturday 10th April

The Branch Secretary reports on the 2021 branch AGM, which had to be held as a 'virtual' meeting due to Covid restrictions.

April 2021 brought us our first ever 'Zoom' Branch AGM. So how did it go?

Well, with superb timing, Zoom initially let us down, however we were rescued by our Chair, Charles Tucker, and then proceeded as planned, albeit a few minutes late; our apologies to anyone who had notified us of attendance but then could not access the meeting.

For anyone who has never attended a Branch AGM, the core objectives include agreement of the previous AGM Minutes, reviewing and agreeing Branch accounts, agree nominations for Branch positions, review the events of last year and, with our Regional Director Geoff Strawbridge attending, receive a round-up of CAMRA activities and current campaign activities.

Well, I am pleased to report that the 2020 AGM Minutes and the accounts to 30 September 2020 were accepted unanimously noting that, without a festival last year, our Branch made a small loss.

Charles presented his comprehensive report covering a number of aspects including:


- The impact of Covid on breweries pubs and clubs, adding that nevertheless we have three new breweries in our area;
- Branch meetings continuing with Zoom and the work by new Committee members in the roles of Pub Preservation & Protection Officer and Good Beer Guide Co-ordinator and also the work undertaken by all other Committee members;
- the understandable fall in beer scores and concerningly, the fall in Branch membership – albeit not as great as experienced by some other Branches – so many thanks to you all for renewing and staying with us!
- The 'Lockdown Hero' awards to thirteen of our pubs/clubs following nomination by branch members, with special mention to the Queen's Head in Downe and, in closing, the sad loss of one of our cherished members, Ray Inkipin, whom I had the privilege to meet at our last Christmas Social.

Following the election of the Branch Officers and our Accounts Examiner, Regional Director Geoff Strawbridge took the stage. Geoff reinforced our Chair's emphasis on the volunteer leadership of the Campaign before summarising CAMRA activities under three headings: campaigning, promotions and administration.

Campaigning:

- This has received a boost from both the Forum of British Pubs and the Campaign for Pubs, adding their experience, expertise and passion
- There is now more robust planning legislation following removal in 2017 of *permitted development* rights and recent publication of the new London Plan and policy HC7 – Protection of public houses
- There is continued concern with proposals to change the Small Brewer's Duty Relief thresholds, where small breweries face punitive deterrent to their expansion

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10th Annual General Meeting Agenda	
Saturday 10 April 2021 2.45pm for 3.00pm start	
Meeting being held under Covid 19 lockdown Memorandum <u>By Zoom video conferencing</u>	
1.	Welcome
2.	Zoom Protocols for the meeting
3.	Apologies
4.	Minutes of last meeting (Any corrections)
5.	Acceptance of minutes
6.	Matters Arising
7.	Chair's report
8.	Adoption of 2020 accounts
9.	Election of Branch Officers
10.	Appointment of Examiner / auditor
11.	Any other business
12.	New Chair's address
13.	Geoff Strawbridge – Regional Director on Current Campaign Issues
14.	Meeting Close

Promotion

- Geoff noted the growth in use of social media to increase awareness of pubs, cask beer and CAMRA etc; the importance of award schemes to worthy pubs and clubs involving as many members as possible and that Greater London are looking at further hero awards alongside this year's annual awards such as Pub of the Year, etc.

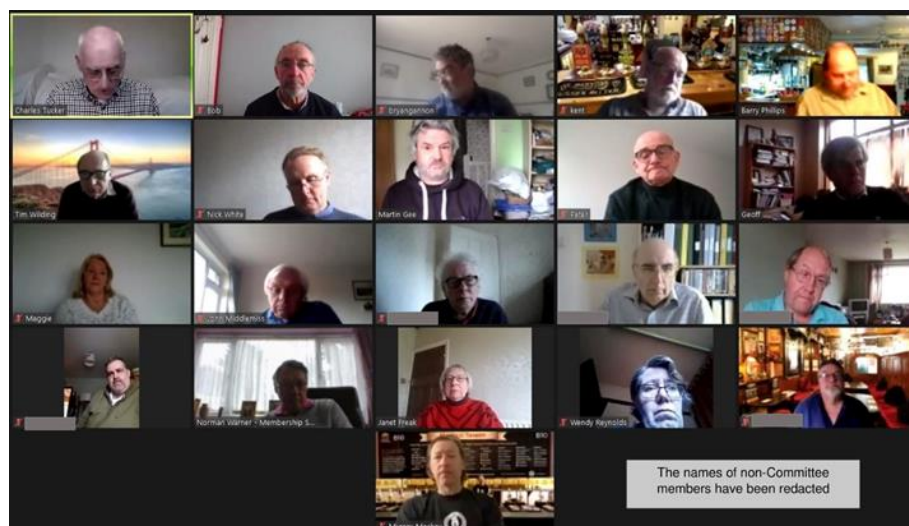
Administration

- Geoff further commented on the reliance on volunteers, the new membership system, our need to be able to communicate with members and the continuing work of the CAMRA Greater London Liaison Committee to which Branches such as our own report.

In closing Geoff thanked the Branch for all that had been achieved in a very unusual and challenging year.

Charles, our re-elected Chair, then closed the formal part of the AGM, inviting attendees to remain on line for an impromptu social. Whilst very enjoyable, it is anticipated that next year we will be able to acquaint ourselves with the hospitality of the Orpington Liberal Club! I hope to see you there.

Kent Sadler, CAMRA Bromley Branch Secretary



In total 23 members attended the virtual meeting, although due to some inevitable issues with loss of signal etc, not everyone was present for the entire meeting

Celebrating Fifty Years of CAMRA

Have you seen the website?

<https://camra.org.uk/50-years/>

Buy the book

“How people power has helped to preserve traditional British beer, cider and perry. This is the tale of a swift half century of one of the world's most successful consumer organisations. Laura Hadland tells the living history of one of the UK's most colourful campaigns in this absorbing new book.”

Members Price **£14.00** (plus delivery)
from [CAMRA Books](#)



Photo: John Parkhouse

Pub News

A round-up of some news about local pubs.

Petts Wood

I'm sure that all of us would agree that 2020/2021 has been a very difficult time for everyone. The hospitality industry has been particularly badly affected; and all of us pub-goers have missed popping in to our local, not only for great beer, but also for the chat. We know that pubs matter and are the beating heart of our communities. Not only do they provide a warm welcome to their customers, but they also support many national and local charities. One of our micropubs, with strong community links, came up with a new way to keep that support going.

When the schools did not re-open in January 2021, the majority of teaching went online. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to a device and schools were crying out for laptops and tablets. Barry and Sarah Bridge, owners of [One Inn The Wood](#) in Petts Wood, thought they might be able to help after realising they had a spare laptop. They spread the word to friends and customers asking if there were any other spare devices.



Some of the 125 devices given to the schools

Photo by One Inn The Wood

These were then dropped either into the pub or to two other Petts Wood shops – Gibsons Dry Cleaners and Laura's Larder. Then with the help of a customer, Peter Paterson, they were wiped of all information and uploaded with the latest version of Windows. The One Inn The Wood also bought any cables or batteries that were needed.

In total, 125 devices have been handed to local schools including St Pauls Cray Primary, St Marys Cray Primary, Crofton Primary and Perry Hall Primary. This was a great way to give new life to equipment as well as providing a much-needed lifeline for children. Bromley CAMRA congratulates One Inn The Wood for their magnificent effort.

Wendy Reynolds, BR5 Area Rep

Bromley Town Centre

Many members will probably be aware that building work has been in progress for more than a year at the Grade II Listed former Royal Bell Hotel. Once completed, the development will include a new extension at the rear for a 5-star hotel, with the original building restored and brought back into use. The developers hope that the Bell Tap Bar will open on the ground floor later this year.

The building has been surrounded by scaffolding for several months whilst restoration and repairs were carried out to the front elevation. The scaffolding has now been removed to reveal the high quality of the work that has been done.



Photo by Dan Lane



The Bell has a long history, even being mentioned in Jane Austen's *'Pride and Prejudice'*. In more recent times it was variously a Bernie Inn, 'Bromleys' nightclub and then unused for several years. More about the history of the Royal Bell can be found via [this link](#).

Dan Lane from the Bell Tap has kindly supplied two photographs (below) to give Bromley CAMRA members a preview of some of the restoration work which has been carried out. We look forward to the opening of the Bell Tap bar, and of the rest of this historic building.



Dan Lane



Photos taken during Open House weekend in 2019.



All other photos by Editor



Dan Lane

Closed (but not forgotten) Pubs

Thank you to John Middlemiss, our Area Rep for BR3, for drawing the editor's attention to some sad photos of Bromley's lost pubs, as recently published in the *News Shopper*.

Not all of the pubs shown were actually within Bromley (and one is now open as a Wetherspoons), however I am sure that members will find it interesting to see, and I expect that it will bring back memories for some who had the opportunity to visit them before they closed.

You can view the photos on the *News Shopper* website via [this link](#).

This photo, taken in 2013, shows the former **Thicket Tavern** on Anerley Hill.



Photo by Chris Crowther

CAMRA Campaigning to save other pubs from the threat of redevelopment

Bryan Gannon, Bromley Branch Pub Protection Officer adds:

As you will have seen from the link to the excellent piece in the *News Shopper*, Bromley has had its fair share of Pubs sadly disappear off the local map. I am sure many of you will enjoy going through the names and reminiscing on memories of these buildings.

We all understand that life does move on, and businesses come and go; it's part of the economic lifecycle. An area can go from being an industrial area to 'post-industrial' in the space of a decade, think of the former mining towns and steel cities where corner pubs and welfares were common. In the post-industrial era, many of these once-ubiquitous street corner pubs disappeared as the communities were destroyed in heart and wallet.

However, there now are increasing situations where thriving viable pubs are being targeted by developers, purely for the commercial value of the property and location. Developers can be individuals, pubcos or property speculators.

The best way to protect your 'local' is to not wait until it is under threat, but to get out there, support your community and support your pub or club.

However, if your favourite pub or club does come under threat, CAMRA has a wealth of knowledge both locally and nationally to fight the speculators.

If you do hear any rumours about a pub being under threat from closure and redevelopment, or have any questions or concerns about the future of any pubs in your area, please contact Bromley CAMRA by email to PP@bromley.camra.org.uk

And enjoy your beer!!



Photo by Chris Crowther

The [Chelsfield](#), threatened by developers in 2018/19, but saved following a well-organised local campaign supported by CAMRA

There will be a feature on Pub Protection in the e-Newsletter during the summer

Breaking News:

Whilst this issue of the e-Newsletter was being prepared, it was announced that Lidl intend to appeal against Bromley Council's rejection of their application to demolish and redevelop the [Porcupine](#) in Mottingham. More details will be in the next e-Newsletter.

CAMRA News

The Branch Secretary runs through some of the (mostly) non-Covid national and regional news from CAMRA.

Okay – who was first in the pub garden on 12th April eh? Sadly, I only got to my preferred local at 4pm, but was still able to sit outside in the glorious sun enjoying a very chat with friends and a nice pint or two of Westerham *Godswallop* – oh and those cheesy chips! And yes, I did remember to go to WhatPub and enter my beer scores – did you?

Next, we look forward to being able to sit inside the pub and avoid those late evening chills. May 17th is not that long away now!

So, in the meantime what can I tell you of CAMRA's press activities over the last month?

CAMRA 50th Anniversary

Continuing our birthday celebrations, CAMRA has launched its limited-edition Good Beer Box to mark this auspicious occasion. This has been available to pre-order since 31st March for £50. As Nik Antona (CAMRA National Chair) put it:

"I am delighted to be launching the CAMRA Good Beer Box today, celebrating our anniversary with a broad selection of some of the UK's best beer chosen by the people who know best. Our friends across the industry, including brewers, influencers, journalists, authors and fermenters, helped narrow down the beer choices, and we are very grateful for their contributions."

"Our 50th anniversary comes on the heels of perhaps the most difficult year on record for the industry, after months of lockdowns and restrictions. CAMRA is a passionate supporter of pubs and breweries, and throughout the pandemic has urged its members to buy and support local where possible – and we hope that in purchasing our Good Beer Box, people get to enjoy old favourites as well as try new, exciting beers, and maybe find some new favourite brews along the way."



So, if interested, and they are going fast, you can purchase yours via [this link](#).

Re-opening of pubs

In line with the 12th April re-opening, CAMRA has been busy with commentary including demanding clarity for consumers and licensees ahead of re-opening. CAMRA remains concerned that the hospitality sector is yet again being singled out with draconian and unevidenced restrictions – such as banning service outside from traditional hatches, and that venues will not be allowed to take payment at the bar, both of which were allowed last summer.

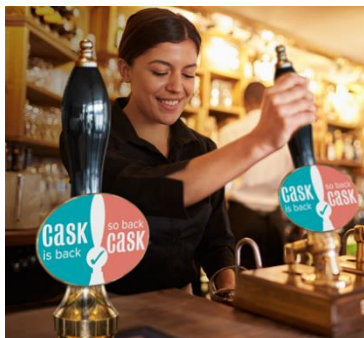
**PUBS
MATTER.**

Our National Chair Nic Antona, in closing, observed that CAMRA wants to see support offered for as long as pubs and clubs are trading at reduced levels, as well as long-term investment measures, including a preferential rate of duty for draught beer so that our locals can thrive in the future. *"The impact of the pandemic on pubs will continue to be felt long beyond reopening, and it is vital that this is recognised by the Government."*

And of course, on re-opening, CAMRA has been anxious to urge pub goers to safely support pubs as they partially re-open, whether it has an outside space now open or by supporting take-home beer and cider sales from those pubs which cannot open until later in the year. For more on this see [this link](#).

CASK is Back

Hard on the heels of the news of re-opening, a new campaign was launched on 9th April calling on beer drinkers to back British brewing and pubs and opt for a pint of fresh cask beer from a local independent brewery when they return to pubs. In fact, this campaign has been launched by not



only CAMRA but also the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA), the British Institute of Innkeeping and Cask Marque – a real joint effort! I quote, from the Chief Executive of SIBA, “Cask beer and pubs go hand-in-hand and are an important part of our National identity. Because cask beer can only be enjoyed in the pub it’s the drink millions of beer lovers across the UK have missed most during lockdown. Whether you’re a real ale enthusiast or sometime beer drinker, we’re asking everyone to support their local independent breweries and opt for their first pint back in the pub to be some delicious local cask beer.” I could not agree more!

Women in Beer

A press release was issued on 2nd April entitled ‘Learn about women in CAMRA’ with beer author Laura Hadland. This provides a fresh perspective of women behind the scenes at CAMRA, focusing upon women in the brewhouse, the lab, at beer festivals and beer tasting. A former senior museum curator, Laura has gathered together over 100 oral histories including those of Christine Cryne – the first woman to hold the position of GBBF organiser in 1992 and the UK’s first accredited Pommelier, Jane Peyton. Follow [this link](#) to have a read about this.



Cider update

As well as Cask Ale, we should also be looking forward to some good refreshing cider – hopefully your local keeps some of the good stuff at the bar (and not just some bottled fizzy Lychee & Strawberry infused impersonation of a traditional drink!). And, if not, why not ask? It is readily available in boxed polybag from many of our cider houses in Kent – and there are a lot when you look. Sadly of course your pub may be tied and the PubCo may not allow it – boo, hiss...

But getting to the point, May is ‘Cider Month’ at CAMRA and whilst much initiative will now be on line, CAMRA hopes to replicate the feel of real-world events by publishing a month long ‘content crawl’ timeline. This will feature a selection of content aimed at both new cider drinkers, and those who already enjoy it. New pieces from some of the key figures in the cider and perry world will be published, and will be exclusively available to CAMRA members!

And Finally

Enjoy that pint, be it Cask Ale, Cider or Perry, and bring on 17th May!

Kent Sadler. Branch Secretary

WHAT?PUB

National Beer Scoring System

[Please go to the Branch Website for more information about beer scoring in Bromley.](#)

Beer Scores

Bromley Branch uses beer scoring to identify pubs and clubs for possible inclusion in the Good Beer Guide.

With the pubs and clubs reopening again after lockdown, we now need as many scores as possible for the rest of the year.

Please submit a beer score every time you visit the pub or club.

Highlights of Sheffield Beer Box & Tasting Event

Our Branch Chairman also 'attended' the CAMRA national AGM.

I think we all know how long-winded AGMs can be – especially CAMRA's National one. Of course, our own Branch AGM is a very enjoyable experience and you can read more about it elsewhere in this month's e-Newsletter.

Instead of a physical event at Sheffield, the CAMRA AGM this year had to be a virtual one, for the same Covid reasons as our own. The planned virtual schedule was to have the usual CAMRA AGM & National Executive election results and member's conference, and then follow this up at 6pm with a live beer tasting event with a special 'Sheffield Beer Box' of six of the finest locally brewed beers.



In his 2016 seminal report, beer-writer Pete Brown described Sheffield as 'The World's Best Beer City'. As a Londoner, I'm not sure I would agree with that. However, Sheffield has niche pubs and an excellent, diverse beer scene; a mix of traditional heritage assets and modern bars. It has thirty pubs in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2021, more pubs on the CAMRA heritage lists than any other city in Yorkshire and, outside London, is the only UK city to have its own Real Heritage Pub Guide (free to download from the Sheffield CAMRA website). It also hosts the only pub to win the CAMRA National Pub of the Year Award in successive years with the Kelham Island Tavern. So generally speaking, drinking six beers from Sheffield after a hard day's virtual conference seemed a good idea.



Additionally, what made this beer tasting session so appealing was not just the expertise of beer sommelier Christine Cryne, but also the individual brewers talking about their own beers and how they brewed them. So in order of drinking, the beers are detailed below.

Neepsend Acadia 3.9%.

This was a New England Session Pale brewed with oats, wheat, a blend of US hops and a Vermont yeast strain. Soft and pillowy with a big fruity hop aroma. Gavin Martin, the brewer, told us they were established in 2015 and have a 10BBL brewery based in the Neepsend area of Sheffield. The beer used a Vermont yeast strain, had 40% of the grist in wheat and oats, and the hops used were Citra, Centennial, Cascade and Chinook.

Kelham Island Pale Rider 5.2%.

Forged from the finest Maris Otter malt and a special blend of American hops. The nose is of fresh citrus and berry fruits with a smooth juicy malt character and deceptively moreish finish that belies its strength. Tom, the brewer, told us the beer was actually named after a Clint Eastwood film! The brewery itself claims to be Sheffield's oldest independent brewery. It was first built in 1990 using equipment purchased from the closed Oxford Brewery. The original brewhouse was converted to a visitors centre and in March 1999 the new brewery opened with a five-fold increase in capacity to 50 barrels. Out of all the packaging, I must say this was the most imaginative.





Triple Point Dyad #4 5.2%

Although the design of the can was a little plain, the beer certainly wasn't. Hazy. Juicy. Smooth. The fourth of a series of DYAD NEIPAs, each showcasing a 2 hop combination. This one had Simcoe and Hallertau Blanc. The flavour was bubblegum, passionfruit and blossom. The brewery was founded in 2018 when Mike Brook, and his son George, bought a "re-possessed" brewing plant and recruited an experienced brewing team to help them make it a success.

Intrepid Stanage 4.5%.

This was a rich complex stout with a surprisingly hoppy finish from the Admiral, Bramling Cross and Cascade hops. The chocolate and coffee flavours were heavy on the palate, but the hops made it very light and quaffable. The brewer, Ben



Millner gave us his view that dark beers were not just for winter, but for summer as well! The brewery is based in the Hope Valley, Derbyshire. This was my second favourite beer of the night.



Bradfield Belgian Blue 4.9%.

Quite the oddest beer of the box, this one poured crystal clear with a delightful light rosé colour! The brewer, Bruce Woodcock made it clear that the recipe was secret and nothing would be disclosed. The one thing he would admit was that the colour came from freshly picked berry fruit. Usually reserved for the Christmas Season, Bruce said Covid-19 has turned everyone's lives upside down, so they thought they'd try and cheer everyone up with a 'one off' spring time brew! Based on a busy working farm in the picturesque village of Bradfield in the Peak District, the brewery has gone from milking 100 cows a day to brewing over 100,000 pints of beer a week!

Abbeydale Black Mass 6.6%.

The last beer of the night and for me the best. Very dark ruby ale brewed using 6 different malts including chocolate malts, black malts and roasted barley. Generously hopped with a mix of Columbus, Cascade, Galaxy and Green Bullet. Flavours reminiscent of bitter chocolate, fruitcake and raisins, with beautiful aromas of dark chocolate, coffee and burnt toast. A beast of a brew! The brewer, Jim Bradley, said it sits on its own as a style, but might be called a black IPA. Founded in 1996, the brewery has grown steadily throughout its existence and now produces over 220 barrels per week of up to fifteen different beers at any one time.



Although I would much prefer a live beer festival, this was nonetheless an enjoyable event and well organised by CAMRA. If you did not make the live tasting, [here is a link](#) to the recorded content. The session is just over 1.5 hours long and you can pause and take your time drinking the beers at your leisure.

Finally, if anyone is interested in finding out more about Sheffield and its beers, here are some interesting links to Sheffield Beer Websites:

- Sheffield Beer Report (Pete Brown, 2016): <https://tinyurl.com/t8epzjk7>
- Sheffield Real Heritage Pubs (3rd.edition, 2019): <https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp/>
- Breweries of Sheffield (2021): <http://tiny.cc/jd6wtz>
- Sheffield CAMRA: <https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/>

Charles Tucker

The May Quiz

Quizmaster Martin Gee has set this month's quiz on the subject of Geography.

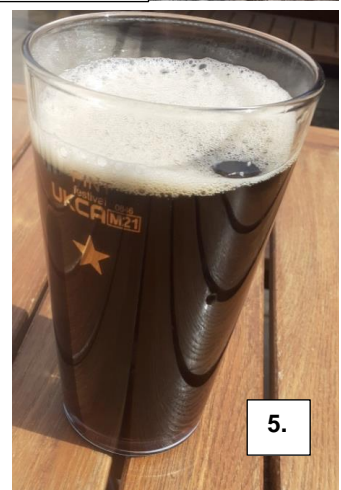
- 1) What is the English name for the French region of Bretagne?
- 2) What is the capital of Slovakia?
- 3) In which country is the town of Dum-Dum?
- 4) In which US state is Cincinnati?
- 5) In which sea is the Dogger Bank?
- 6) In which US state is the Mojave Desert?
- 7) In which country are the Sierra Madre mountains?
- 8) Paradise Valley was the former name of which US city?
- 9) Which is the northern most of North America's five Great Lakes?
- 10) In which country is Montego Bay?

The answers are on the next page



More photos of beers outside the pub or club:

1. Doom Bar, at [Red Lion](#), Bromley
2. [Crown & Anchor](#), Bromley
3. Harvey's, Sussex Best, at [Jolly Woodman](#), Beckenham
4. Woodforde, Wherry; Spartan, Achilles Heel Pale; & Tonbridge, Old Chestnut, at [Orpington Liberal Club](#)
5. However, only 2 photos of any stouts were submitted (*) (Saltaire, No 5 Stout, at [Star & Garter](#), Bromley)



Thanks to Stephen Osborn, Charles Tucker and Martin Gee for the photos

Looking forward to 17th May...



August 2020
Enjoying a pint in a pub, after a summer walk in Petts Wood

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