

# CAMRA Bromley Branch

## e-Newsletter

### October 2021



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# Bromley CAMRA Social Calendar, October 2021

*Our Social Secretary is pleased to be able to offer a variety of events for us to enjoy during October, including a beer festival and a day trip to Broadstairs.*

## Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> **Thanet Micropub Social.**

- 09:30. Meet Bromley South Station, to take 09.57 train to Broadstairs.
- Arriving at 11:29, it's then about a 20 minute walk to the first pub, The Yard of Ale, which opens at noon. The subsequent micropubs are fairly close together near the town centre.
- See the feature on micropubs in Broadstairs on [page 5](#)
- For full details [see website](#).

## Tue 5<sup>th</sup> **Afternoon Social in Farnborough**

- 13:30. [Change of Horses](#), 87 High St. BR6 7BB
- 14:45. [Woodman](#), 50 High St. BR6 7BA

## Thu 14<sup>th</sup> **Beer Festival Social**

- 19:00. [Orpington Liberal Club](#) Beer Festival, 7 Station Road, Orpington. BR6 0RZ
- Please note that this is a preview evening for Club and CAMRA members only. CAMRA members will need to show their membership cards
- For more information about this beer festival see [page 4](#)

## Sat 16<sup>th</sup> **New Micropub in West Wickham**

- 14:00. Real Ale Way, 75 Station Road. BR4 0PX
- Our first branch social at the newest micropub in our branch area

## Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Penge Social**

- 12:30. [Goldsmiths Arms](#), 3 Croydon Road. SE20 7TJ
- 14:00. [Southey Brewery Tap](#), 21 Southey Street. SE20 7JD
- 15:45. [Moon & Stars](#), 164-166 High Street. SE20 7QS

## Tue 26<sup>th</sup> **Branch Committee Meeting (\*)**

- 19:30. [Greyhound](#), Commonsides, Keston. BR2 6BP.



Farnborough pubs. The Change of Horses (top) and Woodman. Photos taken on 18<sup>th</sup> September

Full details of all events, including the diary listings for November, can be viewed on the branch website: <https://bromley.camra.org.uk/calendar/>

(\*) Members of Bromley CAMRA 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 [secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bromley.camra.org.uk) to prepare and print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available for them at the meeting.

## Welcome Back to CAMRA Beer Festivals

*CAMRA's beer festivals are back and gearing up for a return, after an almost two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.*

In March 2020, when the first lockdown started, all CAMRA official events were suspended for the safety of members and beer festival lovers, and in line with government regulations.

Now as we begin to return to more normal circumstances and restrictions are lifted, branch beer festivals that have been 18 months in the making are able to open their doors once more. Many of us will have missed the social benefits of a drink with friends and look forward to meeting up with loved ones and fellow branch members over a pint.

Nearby forthcoming CAMRA festivals include:

- [Spa Valley Railway](#). 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at West Station, Royal Tunbridge Wells. TN2 5QY
- [Pigs Ear](#). 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December, at Round Chapel, 1D Glenarm Road. E5 0PU

There are also other CAMRA beer festivals during October, some not too far from London. To find other CAMRA beer festivals, go to: <https://camra.org.uk/beer-festivals-events/our-events/>

Planning has now started for Bromley CAMRA's next **Beckenham Beer and Cider Festival**. The dates to pencil into your diary are **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. More details will be available early next year.

And, after missing out on CAMRA's flagship event for two years, members can now also look forward to the return of the **Great British Beer Festival** in August 2022.

Things may look a little different at your favourite festivals - national CAMRA and local branches are introducing a rigorous safety scheme to make sure our local festivals are Covid secure. It is paramount to ensure all beer festival attendees are happy and feel safe and comfortable when visiting beer festivals, and processes have been put in place to ensure this.

The updates to CAMRA festival health and safety documents include that a coronavirus risk assessment be completed during the festival planning stages, as well as ensuring all festival volunteers receive additional induction, information, instruction training and supervision in light of the pandemic. Other safety procedures include:

- Specific cleaning / sanitisation plans and glass guidelines
- Contactless payments where ever possible
- Tickets sold in advance of all sessions
- Use of Track & Trace
- Specific guidance for volunteers and third party vendors
- Social distancing where possible

If you have any concerns, or would like to learn more about CAMRA's Covid secure regulations, you can find more information and FAQs available via [this link](#).



## Orpington Liberal Club, Autumn Real Ale and Cider Festival

Bromley CAMRA's Club of the Year, Orpington Liberal Club is holding an Autumn Real Ale and Cider Festival from Thursday(\*) 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

For full details see: <https://orpingtonliberalclub.co.uk/real-ale-and-cider-festival/>

(\*) Thursday is a preview evening for club and CAMRA members only (18:00-23:00).

**Bromley CAMRA Branch Social evening**  
**Orpington Liberal Club, Autumn Real Ale and Cider Festival**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
From 19:00  
Click [here](#) for more information  
CAMRA members will need to show their membership cards

## 2022 National AGM and Members' Weekend

*We are told that a warm welcome awaits us on the East Sussex coast, when CAMRA's Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference returns after a forced two-year break due to Covid-19.*



CAMRA holds its annual Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference annually in April. The primary purpose is to debate motions to steer the Campaign and to elect the Campaign's new board of directors. However the Members' Weekend is also a chance for CAMRA members to socialise with like-minded individuals and to explore the beer scene of different cities around the UK – the location changes every year.

The 2022 annual Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference is being hosted by CAMRA's Sussex branches, at the Winter Garden in Eastbourne on **8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

After two years without a physical event, hundreds of members have already registered to attend, to see what Sussex has to offer by way of great beer, cider

and perry. The Members' Weekend is always a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, to go on organised brewery trips and take part in the various 'business' meetings events.

The weekend is free to attend, and is open to all CAMRA members.

All the information is on the event page, where you can register to attend or sign up to offer to help run the event. [www.camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference](http://www.camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference)



## Day Trip To Broadstairs

Bromley CAMRA's first post-lockdown day out is to the Kent coastal town of Broadstairs, which now boasts no less than six micropubs. All members are welcome to join us for part or all of the day, and visit some, or even all, of the six pubs.



Photos by Thanet CAMRA members

### Saturday 2nd October

In my opinion, Broadstairs is one of the nicest seaside towns in Kent, with good sandy beaches. By good fortune, the town has become a magnet for micropubs to be set up in recent years, with the newest, *The Royston*, opening within the last few weeks.

Our plan for the day is to get the **09:57** train from Bromley South to Broadstairs, and have a leisurely walk to the first micropub, *The Yard of Ale*, which opens at noon. From there we shall proceed to the *Four Candles* micropub, named after that famous Two Ronnies sketch set in a hardware store. We shall then proceed to visit the remaining micropubs as detailed on [the map](#).

It is likely that we will be joined by some members of the local Thanet CAMRA branch on the day; I'm sure they will make us feel most welcome.

*Barry Phillips, Social Secretary*

[Click here to download a MAP showing the locations of the pubs.](#)



The six micropubs are:

[Four Candles](#);  
[Magnet](#);  
[Mind The Gap](#);  
[Royston](#);  
[Thirty Nine Steps](#);  
[Yard Of Ale](#)

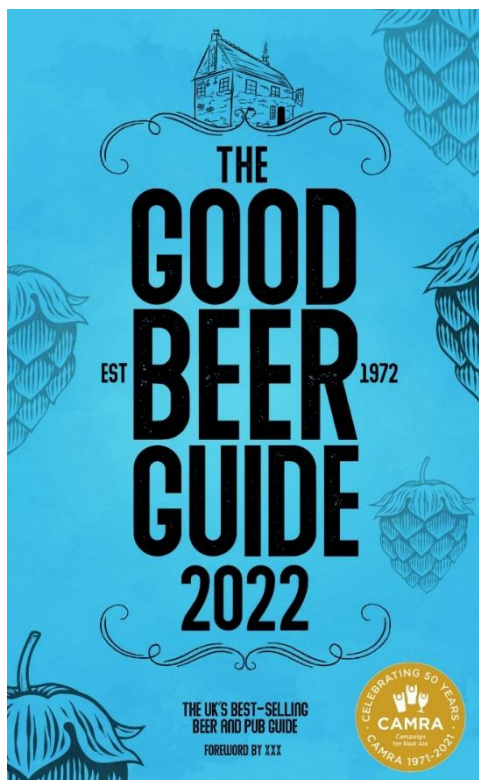


### **Breaking News**

It may also be possible to visit one or more of the local microbreweries. Details will be available on the day

## Good Beer Guide 2022

The new edition of CAMRA's flagship publication, the Good Beer Guide, will be published in November 2021.

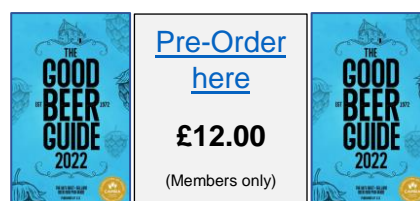


Musician turned publican James Blunt has penned the foreword for CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2022, urging consumers to support pubs. In this, best-selling singer James Blunt has thrown his support behind the Great British pub, reflecting on the industry's struggles during the coronavirus pandemic.

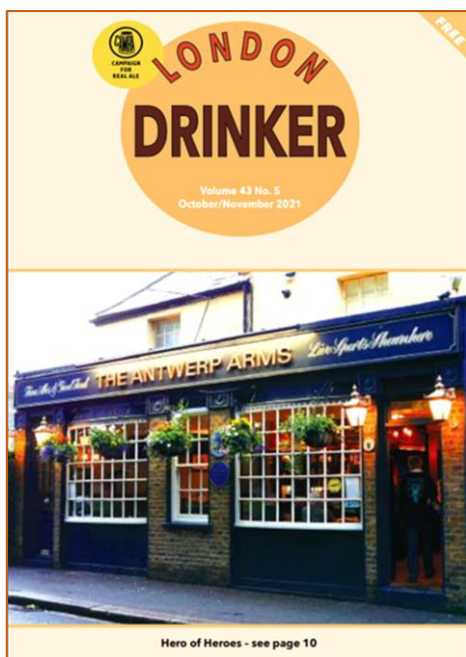
The Guide is due to be released on  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Reserve your copy now, at a special pre-order price of only  
**£12** for CAMRA members

*(You will need to log in to use your member discount, which will be applied at checkout)*



## London Drinker



The October/November edition of **London Drinker** is now available to view or download.

<https://londondrinker.camra.org.uk/wordpress/>

The PDF version may be download [via this link.](#)

Hopefully, the following issue (Dec/Jan) will once again appear in printed format, and be available for customers to read in pubs and clubs across London.

## CAMRA News

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

We are rolling into the Autumn as I write this up – time for dark beers and log fires to be lit in your favourite hostelry. Also time for the bringing in of hop bines and apples, crisp mornings, dew covered cobwebs and failing car batteries. Well, let's hope not the latter anyway!

So, with pubs returning to a near sense of normality, what has been happening of late?

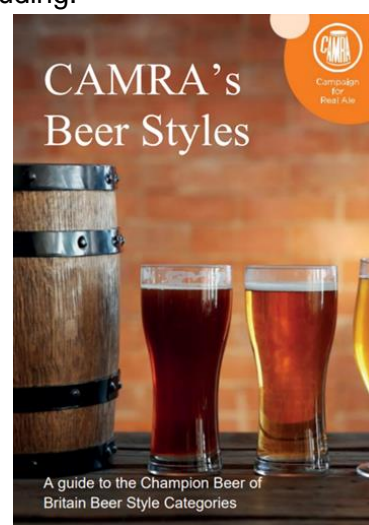
### Champion Beer of Great Britain

As featured last month, voting for the next Champion Beer of Britain has now started.

Yes, you, as a member of CAMRA, have until 1<sup>st</sup> November to vote for your favourite beer in the UK's most prestigious beer competition. Previous winners have included Surrey Hills 'Shere Drop' and Siren Craft Brew for 'Broken Dream Breakfast Stout'. So, what are you going to vote for?

As a reminder, this year there are now twelve different categories including:

- Milds: up to and including 4% ABV
- Session Bitters: up to and including 4.3% ABV
- Premium Bitters: 4.4% – 6.4% ABV
- Session Pale, Blond and Golden Ales: up to and including 4.3% ABV
- Premium Pale, Blond and Golden Ales: 4.4% – 6.4% ABV
- British & New World IPAs: 5.5% and above
- Brown and Red Ales, Old Ales and Strong Milds: Up to 6.4%
- Session Stouts and Porters: up to and including 4.9% ABV
- Strong Stouts and Porters including Imperial Stouts and Baltic Porters: 5.0% ABV and above
- Barley Wines and Strong Ales: 6.5% and above
- Speciality Beers – Differently produced
- Speciality Beers – Flavoured



You can read more about these categories in the Beer Style guide leaflet [available on line](#). As National Director, Gary Timmins put it *"CAMRA members will be able to vote using our special voting portal, and in a range of different categories, from Milds to Bitters, IPAs to Barley Wines, and more! We need our membership to let us know which beers are the cream of the crop, so don't forget to vote and help ensure your favourite pint is in with a chance to win"*.

Voting is now open and available to all CAMRA members via [this link](#).

### More 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday events



These continue apace with CAMRA awarding 18 breweries and cider makers with Golden Awards to mark half a century of our organisation's campaigns. Winners have been chosen for their successes in standing the test of time; being breweries or cider and perry producers that have gone above and beyond in delivering excellence or innovation over the years. So, who were they?

The 18 Golden Awards recipients are: Adnams; Batemans; Brains; Coach House; Durham; Fuller's; Harvey's; Hop Back; Moor; Oliver's Cider & Perry; Orkney; Robinsons; Shepherd Neame; Thwaites; Timothy Taylor; West Berkshire; West Croft Cider; and Wye Valley.

Congratulations to all!



Local presentation events are in the process of being arranged, with each brewery or cider maker receiving a certificate of achievement.

The Golden Awards are celebrating recipients in three different categories: 'Pubs', 'Pints', and 'People'. The winners in the 'People' category will be announced later in the year.

### Cider report

And not forgetting Cider, CAMRA has called upon the Chancellor and MPs to support UK cider makers with all 70 MPs that have makers in their constituencies being sent a copy of 'Modern British Cider', helping to highlight the key issues facing small and independent cider makers.

Solutions being suggested include:

- A progressive duty system for small cider producers as the present duty exemption has effectively acted as a glass ceiling for aspiring cider makers,
- A call to raise the minimum juice content – did you know that the current minimum juice content required to sell as cider **is just 35%** - yes, some so called ciders you may buy have only 35% apple juice – heaven alone knows what else? Water, sugar, chemicals, the traditional scrumpy dead rat (just kidding)? I shudder to think. A modest increase to 50% being proposed (methinks that is still pretty low – what do you think?)
- Ingredient listing is not a legal requirement for alcoholic drinks. This should be changed so that we are better informed.

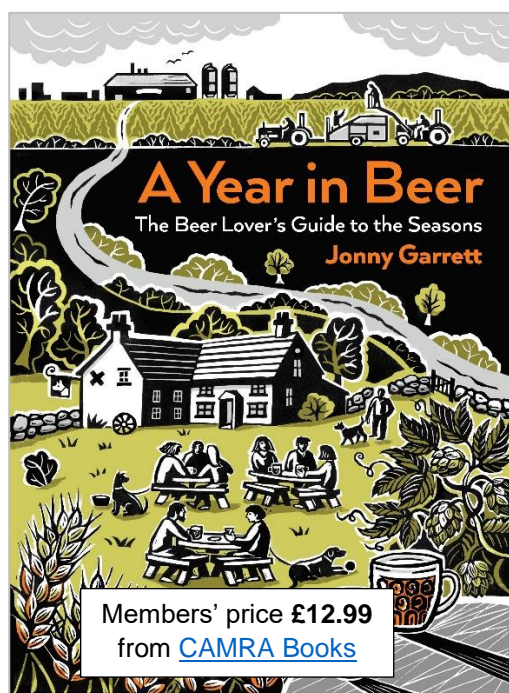
Now I thought in my innocence that cider was made up from pressed apples only. How wrong I could be!

### Closing...

In concluding, can I also say a big hello to the smashing couple from Elmers End that my wife and I met at The Royston, a new micro pub in Broadstairs, a few weeks back. I look forward to meeting up again at our next Beer Festival. Small world eh?

Enjoy October everyone (and especially the Green Hop beers available throughout much of Kent!).

*Kent Sadler. Branch Secretary*



### A Year in Beer – a beer lover's guide to the seasons

"Going well beyond Pilsner when it's hot and Stout when it's cold, A Year in Beer is a bold and exciting new look at beer, encouraging drinkers to reconnect our favourite beverage with the world around us.

Taking us through the hop and malt harvests of late summer, the joyful fireside drinks and slow cooking of Autumn, the glut of Christmas beers and a cheese boards of winter, and the wild and fresh burst of new life and brewing in spring, A Year in Beer explains why drinking seasonally might just teach us more about what we drink and why.

The book is peppered with delicious food recipes, looks at the UK's modern brewing scene and dives into the histories and unlikely origins of our favourite styles.

Written by 2019 Beer Writer of the Year Jonny Garrett this book could change how we look at brewing and drinking beer, and increase our enjoyment of both."



## The October Quiz

*This month, our Quizmaster Martin Gee has set us questions about science and nature. The answers can be found on the final page.*

1. Rickets is a disease caused by a deficiency in which vitamin?
2. In computing, what does the abbreviation GIF stand for?
3. The disease scurvy occurs as a result of which vitamin deficiency?
4. How much did Nokia's first mobile phone, the *Mobira Senator*, weigh when it was introduced in 1982, 1.7kg or 9.8kg?
5. What type of creature is a Wels?
6. What is the average gestation period of an African elephant: 26 weeks or 96 weeks?
7. What colour is the crown of a green woodpecker?
8. Which is the smallest European owl?
9. In which European country might one find a spectacled salamander?
10. Of what is crystallophobia the fear: crystals or the colour green?

## Breaking News

The new *Real Ale Way* micropub in West Wickham opened its doors to customers on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We will have a full report in the November issue, but here are some photographs taken on the opening afternoon. Thank you to Chris Crowther for supplying the photos.



### Real Ale Way (West Wickham)

75 Station Rd, West Wickham. BR4 0PX

[See WhatPub](#)







Pubs shown are: (Clockwise from top left): Northcote Arms, E11; Willoughby Arms, KT2; Dodo, W7; Black Dog Ale House, TW8; Hop Inn, RM11. For more information about the pubs, see page 11 of the September e-Newsletter

Judging visits made during September to some of Greater London's **2021 Branch Pubs of the Year**.  
Tough work, but somebody has to do it...

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The next issue of the Newsletter will be published on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

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Quiz answers: 1) Vitamin D; 2) Graphic Image Font; 3) Vitamin C; 4 9.8kg!; 5) Fish; 6) 96 Weeks; 7) Red; 8) Pigmy Owl, 9) Italy; 10) Crystals