

CAMRA Bromley Branch

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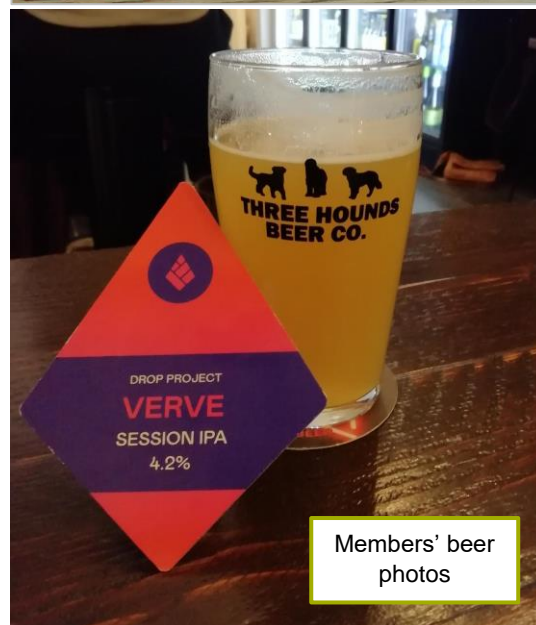
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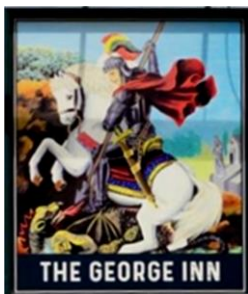
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The Bromley Branch e-Newsletter is published every month, on approx. the first day of the month.

The e-Newsletter is designed to be read online, so that you can click on links to view all of the many linked documents.

Branch Calendar, February 2023

Full details of all events, including suggested public transport options, can be viewed on the branch website: <https://bromley.camra.org.uk/calendar/>



Mon 6th. Beckenham Social.

- 19:30. [O'Neill's](#), 9 High St. BR3 1AZ;
- 20:10. [George Inn](#), 111 High St. BR3 1AG
- 21:10. [Coach & Horses](#), Burnhill Rd. BR3 3LA
- 22:00. [Bricklayers Arms](#), 237 High St. BR3 1BN.

Wed 15th. Chislehurst Social.

- 19:30. [Sydney Arms](#), Old Perry St. BR7 6PL
- 20:45. [Cockpit](#), 4 Royal Parade. BR7 6NR



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Sat 25th. Penge Tour

A joint event with Croydon & Sutton Branch

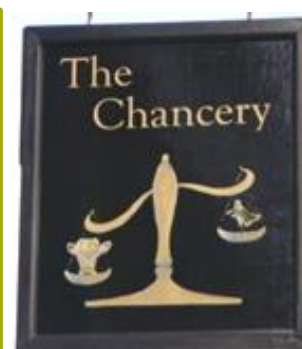
- From Noon:
- [Goldsmiths Arms](#), 3 Croydon Rd. SE20 7TJ,
- [Craft Metropolis](#), 47 High St. SE20 7HW
- [Southey Brewing](#), 21 Southey St. SE20 7JD
- [BR3WERY](#), 253 Beckenham Rd. BR3 4RP
- [Three Hounds](#), 57 Beckenham Rd. BR3 4PR.
- *Please check details with the Croydon & Sutton CAMRA [website](#) as the sequence in which pubs will be visited may alter due to premises' opening time changes.*

Mon 27th. Committee Meeting. (*)

- 20:00, [Chancery](#), 90 Bromley Rd, Beckenham. BR3 5NP.

(*) 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 to prepare and print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available for them at the meeting.



Pub sign photos by Chris Crowther

Branch AGM and Committee Vacancies

The 2023 Bromley CAMRA AGM will be held in March.

This is a further reminder that the Branch Annual General Meeting will take place at Orpington Liberal Club on **Saturday 18th March 2023**.

Members are asked to arrive by 2.45 pm, for a prompt 3.00 pm start.



As well as reviewing the branch's activities over the past year and looking to the future, a major event at the AGM will be the election of a new Branch Committee for the 2023/24 year.

You will recall that in the January e-Newsletter details of all the Committee posts were listed, along with information on what vacancies were likely to occur on the post-AGM committee. Included in that information was a link to detailed role descriptions and also a warning that if the 'essential' positions remained unfilled the Bromley Branch would have to close.

I am pleased to say that, after an extensive communications campaign, we were able to find candidates for all but one of those essential roles; the one remaining being the Chair. However, the CAMRA Regional Director agreed we can cover the Chair in an 'Acting' capacity for 6 months. A long serving member of the Committee has agreed to do this, so fortunately the immediate future of our Branch is now secured.

In the long term, however, we do still need someone to occupy the Chair position. Stepping into the important role of the Chair from 'ground-zero' may be viewed as somewhat intimidating, so we are suggesting that any interested candidate takes on board the Vice Chair position for a 6-month period. By working closely alongside the Acting Chair, you will acquire the knowledge and skills to take over the full Chair position later in the year. You will be given all necessary support to ensure a smooth transition, so please contact me for a chat if you are interested or need more information. Meanwhile, I reprint here the link to the [previous notification](#) which has role details of the Vice Chair and a [web link to the role nomination form](#). Please do consider enquiring more about the posts if you believe you have the necessary skill sets.

Regarding committee vacancies for 2023/24, since the January edition an unforeseen vacancy has occurred. We now find that the Branch will need a new **Pub Protection Officer** after the March AGM. The purpose of the role is to protect pubs and significant pub heritage within the branch area and assist campaigns to save or protect threatened pubs. The role will need some knowledge of local planning processes, but there is a lot of support from the Committee and experienced CAMRA officials, so it is not over-daunting. Here is a link to the [Role Summary](#) and [Role Guidance](#) for more information. Please contact me if you want to have an informal chat about it.

As I have often said, a Branch Committee is not a staid, antiquated object – it is a living body that exists to serve both its branch members and CAMRA campaign aims. We always need renewal and regeneration with new committee members as this leads to a much stronger body.

None of the above Committee vacancies are excessively time consuming and parts of the roles can be delegated amongst other Committee members or Branch members as required. If you believe in CAMRA's wider aims, if you want to play a larger part in supporting Bromley Area's great pubs, clubs, real ale, and cider, please consider offering your services. This is a unique opportunity for you to bring your ideas along, have your say, and really help shape our branch future. Like any volunteer organisation, CAMRA's main strength comes through the involvement of its members, especially those who are prepared to step-up and make that extra commitment of serving on a Branch Committee and you would be working with a team of friendly and committed people.

Please email the current Branch Chair, [Charles Tucker](#), if you want more information or to arrange an informal chat about any of the roles.

Charles Tucker, Branch Chair (until March 2023)

More information about the AGM will be made available on the [branch website](#) during February.



OLC

The cask and keg range on the bar on 12th January.

The Branch AGM is once again being held at [Orpington Liberal Club](#).

The bar will be open both before and after the meeting, so members attending the AGM will have a good opportunity to sample some of the regularly changing ranges of beers and ciders.

Follow [this link](#) to see the current ranges of beers and ciders available at the club bar.



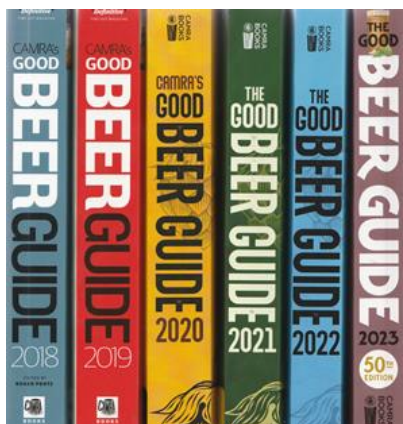
The club has won numerous CAMRA awards since 2013, including:

Bromley Branch Club of the Year, 2013 to 2022

Greater London Regional Club of the Year, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, National Finalist (ie in the 'final four'), 2014, 2016, 2020

Good Beer Guide and Pub & Club of the Year Update

A brief update on the selection processes for the 2023 Bromley Pub & Club of the Year, and the 2024 Good Beer Guide.



We had the **Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting** on Monday 9th January, where ten pubs/clubs were selected plus two reserve entries. Due to the confidential nature of the selection, we are unable to give you any further details at this time. The successfully selected entries will now be put forth to our Regional Director for consideration for the Good Beer Guide 2024 edition, which will be published sometime this September.

As ever, the names of the venues selected must remain confidential until publication date.

Nick White, Good Beer Guide Submissions Coordinator

The nomination period for the 2023 Bromley CAMRA **Pub & Club of the Year Award** closed on 15th January. Nominations were received as follows:

- **46** members submitted nominations
- **14** pubs nominated
- **4** clubs nominated
- **15** members volunteered to be judges



Thank you to all those members who submitted nominations, and/or offered to be judges.

The Branch Committee will shortlist the pubs, and select the five to be judged. The judging will be carried out during February, with the winner announced in early March.

Bob Keaveney, Acting PotY/CotY Coordinator

More information about how we select our pubs and clubs for the award can be found on the [branch website](#).

The site also contains a list of previous winners and runners-up of the awards.

We need your Beer Scores in 2023

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

Beer scoring is quick and simple using [WhatPub](#) or the [GBG App](#)

WHAT?PUB
National Beer Scoring System

Please see the branch website for more information about Beer Scoring

Beer Festival News

Work continues on planning for the 2023 Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival.

At this time of the year, festival planning involves a lot of paperwork, including CAMRA's festival guidelines, health & safety legislation, and local authority rules. However, we have made a positive and necessary start, even though it is not the most enjoyable part of being a Festival Coordinator!

The festival planning team has been contacting various suppliers to get quotes for the equipment that will be required for our festival. I've met with our Branch Treasurer to start to prepare the detailed business plan, to work out our costs and estimate a possible surplus. We then have to submit the business plan to CAMRA for approval. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all runs smoothly. Once the business plan has been approved, we can begin to finalise booking the suppliers. During this month, we will be starting on the more enjoyable side of beer festivals, such as looking into festival themes and beer selections.



The Cider Bar ready to go, at the 2022 festival.

Unfortunately, I had an accident at the beginning of the month, from which I am now recovering. This painfully reminded me that the festival will need a team of **first aiders** to meet health and safety guidelines. I will soon be contacting the first aiders who magnificently volunteered at the festival last year, but more members with first aid certificate/qualifications are always needed.



The 2022 festival

Photos by Charles Tucker

However, all festival volunteers are welcome, no matter what skills you have, and training will be given if required. Please consider offering your services.

More information about volunteering will be published over the next few months, but meanwhile here is a [link to the volunteer form](#) to register your interest in helping at the festival. Please download

the file in PDF or Word format, complete, and email it back to the [Festival Coordinator](#) as an attachment.

Please keep watching the [branch web page](#), the monthly e-Newsletters, and our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)) for updates as the festival planning progresses.

Anne Claridge, Festival Coordinator

2023 Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival

27th – 29th July

Beckenham Rugby Football Club
Balmoral Avenue, BR3 3RD

Please put the date in your calendar

A Year On The Beer

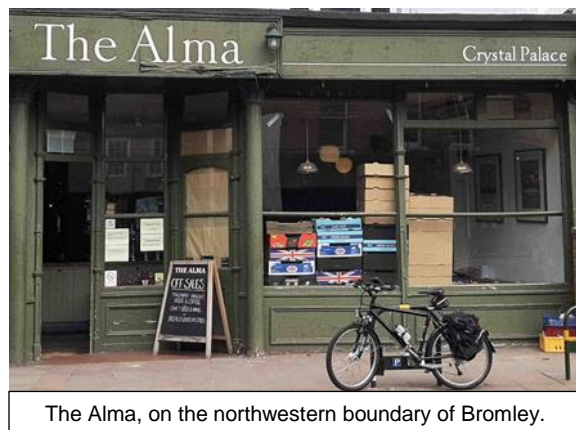
During 2022, Branch member Martin Weatherall, managed to visit all of Bromley's real ale pubs and clubs.

At the start of 2022, as things had returned to some degree of normality, I decided to attempt to have at least 1 pint of beer in each of the real ale pubs and clubs in the area covered by Bromley branch of CAMRA and to submit a beer score for each pub through WhatPub.

Bromley CAMRA's area is almost identical to that covered by the BR postcodes. The London Borough of Bromley is London's largest in area at 59 sq. miles. The area spans from Crystal Palace in the north, down to the Kent border, almost on the edge of the North Downs. The pubs furthest north, east, south and west are the [Gordon Arms](#) in Chislehurst, [Bo Peep](#) in Chelsfield, [Aperfield](#) in Biggin Hill (this has a TN postcode) and [Alma](#) in Crystal Palace (with a SE postcode).

All the pubs/clubs in our area are reachable by public transport buses, except the Bo Peep, where TFL has recently withdrawn the 'loop' from Chelsfield village on its journey back to Chislehurst.

The total number of establishments visited was **94** and I submitted beer scores for each visit. I must admit that some venues were only visited once, but many received multiple visits.



The Alma, on the northwestern boundary of Bromley.



The beer festival at the Greyhound, Keston.

The total number of different breweries whose beer I drank totalled **112**, while the total number of beers drunk, according to what was on the pump clip, totalled **187**. These numbers were achieved by me randomly visiting pubs and seeing what was available on the day. It was also done without much recourse to festivals. I attended two festivals at Orpington Liberal Club, plus one at The Greyhound in Keston. However, my intended visit to the Branch festival on the Saturday was cancelled because all the beer had already been drunk! Therefore, I think it is safe to assume that other breweries and beers were available during the year.

Beers were available from all over Britain, including Orkney Brewery (*definitely not a Locale in Bromley*) and Fyne Ales in Argyll in Scotland, to beers from Truro, St Austell and Rock in Cornwall. Rock is home to the infamous Doom Bar, which is a shipping hazard, after which a certain beer is named. Wales was represented by beer from Colwyn Bay and Cardiff while most English counties were represented at least once.

The style of beers was also very varied. Apart from all the beers described as Bitter or Mild there were draught porters, variously described as Baltic, Black Coffee, Dark, Market and Raspberry. Draught Stout was described as Breakfast, Mexican, Mild Kentish, Oatmeal, Toffee and Triple Choc while there was also a Plum Pudding Seasonal Ale and a Raspberry Wheat Beer.

I think that now is a great time to be a beer drinker. It's a long way from my youth in this area, where most of the pubs in the area were owned by 5 or 6 breweries, with a limited choice of ales and the move to keg well under way. There were no micropubs, no guest beers and the pubs weren't open in the afternoon. I hope that the current situation, with its variety of products, will continue for a long time.

Martin

Why don't more pubs shout about their beers?

The Editor asks the question, but isn't able to provide an answer...

In the Bromley area, we are very fortunate to have several pubs, and a club, which specialise in supplying their customers with a regularly changing range of beers, in various styles; mostly from the smaller brewers, including many LocAles.

NAME	BREWERY	ABV	TYPE	PRICE
PIT	BRIXTON	3.8	HOUSE PALE	£3.90
VIKING DNA	BREW LAB	5.0	APPRENTICE SHANDY PORTER	£5.60
ROADIE	SIGNATURE	4.3	CINRA HOPPY GALE	£4.80
KGB	KENT	4.1	BEST BITTER	£4.60
AS YOU WERE...	360	4.7	RED ALE (GD)	£5.20
SESSION IPA	360	4.3	SESSION IPA	£4.80
SOUNDS LIKE YOU USED TO BE IN THE WOOD	BREN	3.5	HOPPY SESSION PALE	£5.20

Whilst doing some research for a previous issue of the newsletter, I needed to look at the websites and social media for several of those venues. I was surprised, and disappointed, to discover how many were not being updated on a regular basis. In some cases, the information was several weeks, or even months, out of date.

I had first started looking at such sites during the Covid lockdowns, when some of our pubs/clubs were offering home delivery services, and (for some of that time) to also sell beers to take away. However, since Covid, I have found them a useful way to check up on what beers might be available on the bar. (Or, sadly in some cases, what beers had been on several weeks ago...)

NAME	BREWERY	ABV	TYPE	PRICE
PERMANENT WOOD	TONBRIDGE	3.6%	SESSION ALE (GD)	£4.00
CROWN	STOCKPORT	4.2%	BEST BITTER	£4.00
JUMPING FROG	PIG + PORTER	4.2%	PALE	£4.00
SHE SELLS SEASHELLS	GADD'S	4.7%	PREMIUM HOPPY PALE	£5.00
REAL MILD	GOACHERS	3.4%	MILD	£4.00
SLEIGH PORT	TINY REBEL	5.2%	LARGE MALT MASHING PORTER	£5.00
THE PURPLE ONE	RIVINGTON	4.2%	HAZY PALE	£5.00
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On the other hand, some of our pubs, and a club, do provide very regular updates. Several venues invite customers to join a 'mailing list' to receive weekly emails. I am on the lists for [Three Hounds](#) and [Orpington Liberal Club](#), and I understand that the [Partridge](#) also sends updates if you sign up to be a friend of Fuller's. Other pubs may also have mailing lists etc.

NAME	BREWERY	ABV	TYPE	PRICE
TURNING POINT	TURNING POINT	4.3%	PALE ALE	£4.40
TINY REBEL	DARK CHERRY	4.8%		
KENT	BATTENBURG	4.4%		
CHRISTMAS		3.7%		
SATSUMA PALE		4.4%		
NIGHT LAPSE		4.8%		
COFFEE PORTER		4.4%		

- CASK**
1. THE KERNEL
DRY STOUT COLUMBUS MOSAIC 4.9%
 2. SIGNATURE
ROADIE 4.3%
 3. GUN
CHUMMY BLUSTER 4.4%
 4. KIRKSTALL
PALE ALE 4%
 5. NORTHERN WHISPER
YAMMERHOUSE 4.5%

Images on this page, thank you to the Cockpit, One Inn the Wood, Lock & Barrel, Star & Garter

Beer Menus. (From Top) Cockpit, One Inn the Wood, Lock & Barrel. (Right) Star & Garter

The Liberal Club also has a very useful [link](#) on their website to tell you what beers are currently available, or will be coming on soon.

"I don't do social media", however I do sometimes view the Twitter and Facebook postings from our pubs.

The [Cockpit](#) and [One Inn The Wood](#) do almost daily postings, often with a photo showing their current

From a post by One Inn
The Wood

One Inn the Wood,



beer boards. The [Lock & Barrel](#) also does regular updates, with the [Star & Garter](#), the two [Real Ale Way\(s\)](#), [Queen's Head](#) (Downe), [Bitter End Bar](#) and [Black Horse](#) (Biggin Hill) being somewhat less frequent posters on social media. The [Wetherspoon App](#) also allows you to see what beers are on, or 'in the cellar'

However, the question that I find myself asking is “**why do not more pubs do regular updates, to tell us all of the beers that have on the bar?**”

Bob Keaveney, e-Newsletter Editor

With apologies to any pubs or clubs which I have not included.

BEER ON TAP

1. Three Hounds Beer Brewhouse Experiments Batch 004 (Local)
Stout - Other / 4.7% ABV / Beckenham, Greater London
2. Three Hounds Beer Brewhouse Experiments Batch 003 (Local)
Pale Ale - American / 4.5% ABV / Beckenham, Greater London
3. Siren Craft Brew Lumina
IPA - Session / 4.2% ABV / Wokingham, Berkshire
4. Moor Lager
Kellerbier / 4% ABV / Bristol, City of Bristol
5. Drop Project 360 (Local)
IPA - American / 5.9% ABV / The Willow Centre, London
6. New Bristol Toblerono Stout
Stout - Other / 7% ABV / Bristol, City of Bristol
7. Dogs Grandad Table Beer / 3.4%
8. Anspach & Hobd
Porter - English / 4.4% ABV / Croydon, Greater London
9. Northern Monk HOLY FAITH // HAZY PALE ALE
Non-Alcoholic Beer - Pale Ale / 0.5% ABV / Leeds, West Yorkshire
10. Brouwerij Verhaeghe Duchesse de Bourgogne
Sour - Flanders Red Ale / 6.2% ABV / Vichte, Vlaanderen
11. Drop Project Lip Smack (Local)
Sour - Fruited / 5% ABV / The Willow Centre, London

BEER ON TAP

12. The Real Al Crafty Apple (Local)
Cider - Traditional / 4.5% ABV / Walthamstow, London

BEER ON CASK

- CASK, Drop Project Verve (Cask, Local)
IPA - Session / 4.2% ABV / The Willow Centre, London
- CASK, Exale Mob Rules (Cask, Local)
Mild - Dark / 3.8% ABV / Walthamstow, England

STILL CIDER

- SeaCider Mandarin Infused
Cider - Other Fruit / 4% ABV / Hassocks, West Sussex

A beer & cider menu from Three Hounds

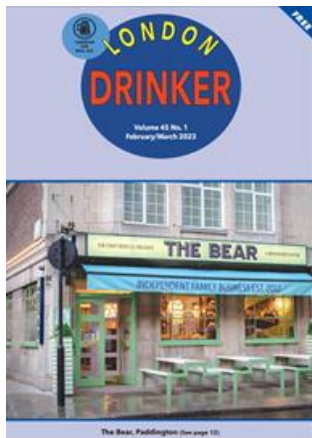
Three Hounds

Bromley CAMRA has an active [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) presence, where we publicise any news we come across for the pubs and clubs in the borough, as well as branch socials.

Our Twitter follows just about every pub and club in the area and retweets relevant tweets, including beer lists, to over 1,900 followers.

A message to pubs and clubs:

We'd love to see more pubs and clubs embrace social media, so, if you follow @CAMRABromley on Twitter, we'll follow back and retweet your updates!

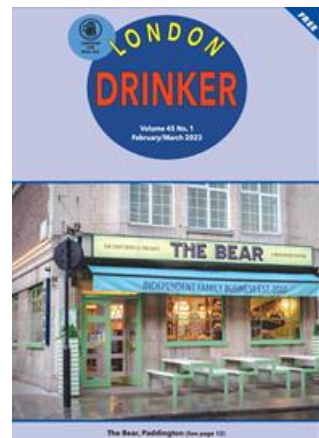


The February / March issue of **London Drinker** is now out.

View [online](#) here.

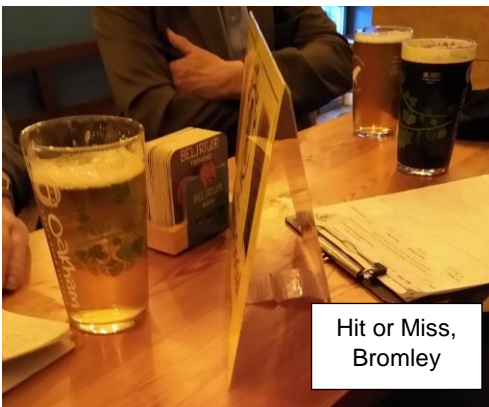
Download the [PDF](#).

Or read a copy in your local pub.



Beer Photos

In a new feature for 2023, we are asking members to submit photos of what they have been drinking.



The pints shown in the photos include:

- Signature Brew, Roadie and Brithop, Pit, at the Cockpit.
- Bexley, Golden Acre and a Tonbridge(?) Porter at the Real Ale Way.
- Oakham, Citra and Arbor, Mini Milk, at the Hit or Miss.
- Mighty Oak, Old Man & The Sea, (plus an empty glass which had been Iron Pier, Bullion & Ekuanot) at OLC.



This month's photos supplied by Alan Hunt, Norman Warner and the Editor.



Send us your best beer photos. See next page details.



We could include one of your beer or pub photos in the next issue of the e-Newsletter.

The photos need to be sharp images, taken by you in 2023. Please also supply the date, location, plus the name of the beer and brewer and then [email](#) to the Editor.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for this issue. I'm sorry that the limited space available did not allow more too be shown.



Photos this page were at: Star & Garter; Queen's Head, Downe; Three Hounds; Red Lion

The February Quiz

This month's quiz is about sport & leisure.

- 1) What in martial arts is one's choong sim?
- 2) For which country was Linetta Wilson a 1996 Olympic swimming champion?
- 3) How many times did Bobby Jones win the US Amateur Championship in golf?
- 4) In which sport is the Conn Smythe Trophy awarded?
- 5) What nationality is golfer Rikka Hakkarainen?
- 6) Which BNL hockey side signed Canadian Chad Macleod in 1999?
- 7) Which Argentinian was 1998 WBA Flyweight Boxing Champion?
- 8) Which Japanese city hosted the 1998 Winter Olympic Games?
- 9) Who was the first man to win both the 200 and 400 metre gold medals at the same Olympic Games?
- 10) What nationality is golfer Wayne Riley?

Martin Gee, Quizmaster

The answers to the quiz are on the final page

Local Pub, Club & Brewery News

News this month from Beckenham, and slightly further away...

BR3, Beckenham



5th January 2023. Removal vans outside the former Manor House pub.

The [Manor House](#) on Beckenham High Street closed down in the first week of January.

Previously the Slug & Lettuce, the pub only reopened in February 2022 after an extensive refurbishment by the RedCat Pub Co.

A Facebook post, dated 9th January, says 'Last orders have been called at the Manor House'.

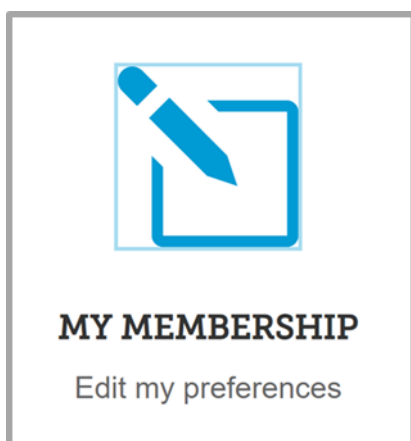
The pub now stands empty, having been stripped of all furnishings. No further news is currently available about the future of the venue.

Plus some not-quite-so-local pub news

Whilst for most of us January mainly involved trying to keep warm, Committee Member Maggie Hopwood was visiting relatives in Australia, and has sent us a photo of a local beer.

Maggie wrote: "I was in a restaurant called East Village, Perth, WA, drinking their 4.2% Pale Ale, which was very cold but refreshing as the temperature outside was 35°."

Maggie is the Public Affairs Officer for Bromley Branch, being responsible for managing the Committee's communications with MPs and the elected members on the local council and London Assembly.



Make sure that you receive those updates that you do want from CAMRA

(But **NOT** those that you don't.)

The categories you can choose are:

- Branch
- Offers
- Festivals & Events
- Campaigns
- Ale & Cider
- News
- Fundraising
- Third Party
- Trade

Go to the [CAMRA Membership](#) website.

CAMRA News

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

News headlines on my computer always make for merriment in the Sadler household. 'Snowbomb expected shortly', 'warmest February in years expected', 'wettest Spring' 'driest March' and so on. I do not know why they bother. If I have to put on a jumper before going down the pub, it is cold. If I take an umbrella too, it is wet. If I wear shorts (not a pretty sight I agree), it is warm and dry.

So, trusting you have managed to hold onto a few pennies (okay, pounds) from Christmas and the New Year I hope you have taken the opportunity to invest the same in keeping your local open and trading. Dry January – Huh, bring on 'Tryanuary'!

But what of CAMRA in January, I hear you ask? Well with the cold weather and costs rising, it is not surprising that there has been a lot of talk on assistance for the hospitality sector and by that, I mean Your Pub!

Is our thriving beer scene at risk?

With the halving of the Government's help on energy bills for the hospitality sector, albeit continuing to 2024, our National Chair, Nik Antona has gone on record to highlight that the consequent increase



in bills from April this year will be extremely worrying for our pubs and social clubs. *"Unfortunately, pubs and social clubs will not qualify for extra support despite being vital community facilities, with many advertising their services as 'warm hubs' for those struggling with domestic energy costs. We want the Chancellor to revisit this decision in the Spring Budget, although this will sadly be too late for many licensees who have already taken the heart-breaking decision to close their doors due to the cost-of-business crisis."*

He goes on to ask that the Budget in March will need to provide extra support if we are to avoid our pubs and breweries facing the threat of permanent closure.

Please write to your MP. See next page.

With yet more breweries closing since the New Year, let's hope that our Chancellor pays attention!

And of those breweries?

Well thankfully, the news broke that manufacturers of beer, cider and malt are to be included on the list of 'Energy and Trade Intensive industries'.

In response, Nik Antona has acknowledged that the new scheme represents a significant rollback in support, but that full details of eligibility and, importantly, the application process are yet to be announced.



Best Pub in the Country – Official



Well, with judging having just started for Bromley CAMRA to select our Pub of the Year for 2023, it is good news for the [Tamworth Tap](#) (in Tamworth funnily enough), which has been named the **CAMRA Pub of the Year**. From empty premises to iconic brewpub in 5 years is a pretty good achievement, with the judges describing their visits as "an absolutely delightful experience" with knowledgeable staff, a friendly atmosphere, attractive décor and a great selection of cask ales and real ciders on offer. You can read more about this [via this link](#).

CAMRA Podcasts



Last month I reminded you that the first podcast of the new season on 7th December, to be followed quickly by 'New beer resolutions' on 11th January.

Well, New beer resolutions highlighted the impact that challenges like 'Dry January' and New Year resolutions present for the pub and brewing industry, going on further to dive into CAMRA's hopes and aspirations for 2023 and discussing with the Senior Campaigns manager, Ellie Hudspith, the cost of living and cost of goods crisis facing many of our pubs. As Ellie put it, "Last year we had the perfect storm of the cost of business crisis for pubs and brewers and then the cost-of-living crisis for consumers, and CAMRA as a consumer organisation is uniquely placed to hear about that intersection and see how one affects the other".

The full episode is now available on Spotify and Apple Podcast, and wherever you get your podcast. You can listen now by clicking on the image above.

Bromley Branch AGM 2023

In closing, just my own reminder of our AGM on Saturday 18th March at the Orpington Liberal Club. 2.45 pm for 3pm start. I hope to see you there!

Kent Sadler, Branch Secretary

A message from the National Chairman:

The Spring Budget will make or break pubs and brewers – please [email your MP now](#). The Spring Budget will take place on 15th March, and it's never been such a pivotal moment for the licensed trade.

Consumers like you and I want pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers to thrive, but we need to let our elected representatives know the strength of our feelings.

The cost of business is still rising, consumers are tightening our belts due to the cost-of-living crisis, and the Government has made the catastrophic decision to reduce energy bill support for businesses from April.

I'll be writing to my MP to ask them to support CAMRA's three-point plan for the Spring Budget. We need a support package for licensed trade, which includes:

- Reduce duty charged on draught beer and cider served in pubs and taprooms by 20% from August 2023, helping venues compete with the likes of supermarket alcohol.
- Introduce a new, lower, business rates multiplier for hospitality businesses in recognition of their community value.
- Increase support with energy bills for beer and pub businesses from April.

Writing to your MP is easy – our [online tool](#) finds your MP and gives you a simple email message to edit and send.

I hope you will join me in writing to your MP today. It's members like you that make our Campaign what it is, and we're strongest when we act together.

Cheers.

Nik Antona – CAMRA Chairman



Beckenham Beer & Cider Festival, 2023
27th – 29th July



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Quiz answers:

- 1) Centre of gravity; 2) USA; 3) Five; 4) Ice Hockey; 5) Finnish; 6) Milton Keynes; 7) Hugo Soto; 8) Nagano; 9) Michael Johnson; 10) Australian