

# CAMRA Bromley Branch

## e-Newsletter

### May 2023



Campaign  
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Real Ale

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### Contacting Bromley CAMRA

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[branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk](mailto:branch.contact@bromley.camra.org.uk)

All officers of the branch can be contacted direct by email, see details on the branch website: <https://bromley.camra.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

# Branch Calendar, May 2023

Bromley pub photos by Chris Crowther

Full details of all events, including map, addresses and suggested public transport options, can be viewed on the [branch website](#) – click on event in calendar and details will be presented.

**Thu May 4<sup>th</sup> (festival 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Branch Social at Bexley Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

- 14:00 – 17:30 [Festival](#) at [Old Dartfordians Sports Club](#)



**Wed May 10<sup>th</sup> Central Bromley Social**

- 19:30 [The Partridge](#)
- 20:30 [The Star and Garter](#)



**Thu May 18<sup>th</sup> Sydenham & Penge social with South-East London CAMRA**

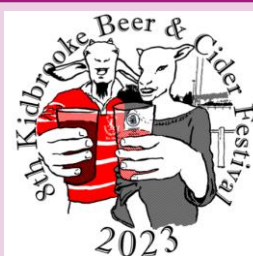
- 19:00 [The Greyhound](#), 313-315 Kirkdale, London SE26 4QB
- 19:40 [Ignition Brewery Tap Room](#), Sydenham Centre, 44A Sydenham Rd, London SE26 5QX
- 21:00 [Brewery Tap \(Southey\)](#) 21 Southey Street, Penge SE20 7JD
- 22:10 [Moon & Stars](#), 164-166 High Street, Penge SE20 7QS



**Thu May 25<sup>th</sup> (festival 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 23:00)**

**Branch social at the 8th Kidbrooke beer and cider festival (CAMRA)**

- 12:00 – 15:00 [Charlton Park RFC](#)  
[60A Broadwalk Kidbrooke SE3 8NB](#)



**Tue May 30<sup>th</sup> Bromley CAMRA Committee Meeting**

- 19:30 – 22:00 [The Lord Holmesdale](#)  
[184 Homesdale Road](#)  
[BR1 2QZ](#)

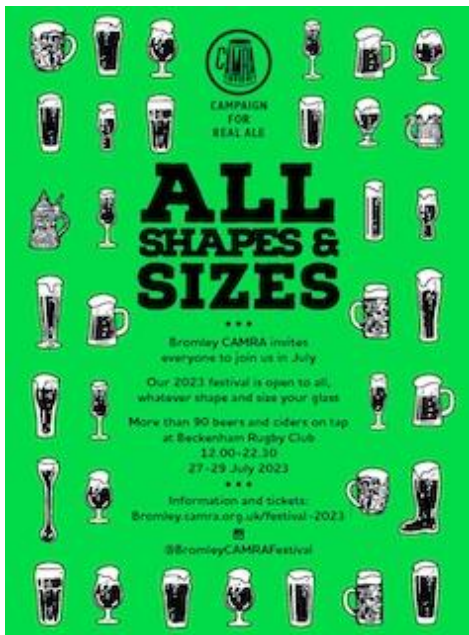


Members of Bromley CAMRA who are not on the committee are welcome to attend committee meetings. Non-committee members planning to attend may request the [Secretary](#) to print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available for them at the meeting.



# Beer Festival News

*Preparations continue for the 2023 Bromley Beer & Cider Festival.*



A lot has happened in the last month. We launched all of our media /web sites; that started with a mail-out to members of the finalised festival logo - which is looking fantastic. Already had lots of positive feedback on the design. If you haven't seen it, you obviously haven't seen our [festival website](#) which will contain all the latest festival information as it happens, with links to the other sites you might need.

The [online ticket system](#) was also activated the same day with a large number of people ordering tickets in a short space of time. On the door entry prices will be £4 per day but by pre ordering you save 25%.

CAMRA members and under-26's have free entry and beer tokens are £10 each. All are available on [Tckty](#).

We've also created an instagram profile [@bromleyCAMRAfestival](#) for an alternative way of sharing festival pictures and news.



Printing of the festival promotional material has started, with a fresh approach this year

of beer mats in a few vibrant colours - keep any eye out for them in local establishments as they are on the way. A flyer is also planned.

The festival equipment requisition list has been sent to the CAMRA warehouse for the bar equipment, electronics, and publicity. Just waiting for them to confirm that everything on our list is available.

The beer selection team already has a long list of beers from many different breweries. A meeting is planned and we will release news on whose beers will be available at the festival as soon as we know.

The number of people volunteering to work at the festival is still increasing but we could always do with a few more. You can sign-up at this [Google form](#).

A special appeal for any **First Aid volunteers** - we have some, but a few more would help cover the entire duration of the festival.

Sponsorship is needed, both for the programme and cask-ends, so I would encourage our readers to go out and try to get more sponsorship for us wherever possible. Anyone can sponsor a cask and it doesn't have to be beer-related. If you want more information, please [contact me](#).

*Anne Claridge, Festival Coordinator*  
[festival.coordinator@bromley.camra.org.uk](mailto:festival.coordinator@bromley.camra.org.uk)



# CAMRA London is 50

We have been asked by North London CAMRA to publicise this celebration for CAMRA London 50th birthday

[Penderel's Oak](#) Saturday 24 June 2023 14:00

Back in 1973, CAMRA in London founded three branches: North & East, West and South. To commemorate this milestone, CAMRA North London are inviting beer drinkers to join them for an afternoon's celebration on Saturday 24th June.



The poster is for the CAMRA London Big Birthday Bash. It features a black background with red and white text. At the top, it says 'CAMRA LONDON BIG BIRTHDAY BASH' in large, bold, red letters. Below that, it says '24th June' and 'Penderel's Oak' in white. The location is 'High Holborn' and the time is '2pm-5.30pm'. The price is 'Only £5'. There is a small CAMRA logo in the top right corner. In the bottom left, there is a gold shield with '50' and 'ANNIVERSARY YEARS' written on it. To the right of the shield, it says 'Free raffle - with some amazing prizes from 16 London breweries worth around £300!'. At the bottom, there is a URL: 'https://tinyurl.com/CAMRALondonbash'.

Come along to have an afternoon with like-minded people and enjoy the company and beer in the downstairs bar at the Penderel's Oak in High Holborn. Snacks will be provided (a small fee is being charged to cover the cost of this). Non members welcome.

Timing: 2pm to 5.30pm

Everyone will be entered into a free raffle - thanks to CAMRA London's many friends. There are some amazing prizes:

- £50 voucher to spend in a Fuller's pub
- Brewer for the Day at Beerblefish Brewery
- Brewer for the Day at Tap East Brewery
- Brewery tour for two people to Fuller's Brewery
- Brewery tour for two people to Signature Brew
- Sambrook's Brewery and Heritage Centre Tour for two people
- £25 voucher to be spent in a Portobello pub.

- £25 voucher for Signal Brewery's Tap Room. • £10 Tap Room voucher for Bohem Brewery
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Distortion Brewing
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Mondo Brewing
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Muswell Hillbilly Brewers
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Signature Brew
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Tap East Brewery
- £10 Tap Room voucher for Wimbledon Brewery

In addition, Muswell Hillbilly Brewers are offering 20% off to CAMRA members on bottles and casks from their Tap Room during the month of June.

To get your tickets go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CAMRALondonbash>



## CAMRA News this month

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

Last month I mentioned Spring's arrival. I would now like to mention Summer but, unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to drink in a beer garden as yet due to a lack of welly boots and waterproof thermals. Here's hoping that May will see an improvement.

Anyway, apart from a lot of rain, hail, clouds and not a lot of Sun, CAMRA has been keeping itself busy and, for a summary, read on!



### Pubs. Pints. People. - Podcasts

Now into its sixth season, the latest podcast episode shines a light on the key role that women play in brewing and on the beer and cider communities.

The episode, entitled "Women in the brewhouse" is hosted by the Sheffield branch of CAMRA and explores the topic of women in beer and cider today and in the future (and let's not forget that it was the woman of the house that commonly brewed the beer and small beer many centuries ago drunk in preference to water).

The full episode is now available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts and may be found at <https://shows.acast.com/pubspintspeople>

### Inclusion, Diversity and Equality Review

Published, just prior to the annual Members weekend, AGM and Conference, was the CAMRA result of this review, a culmination of two years research into identifying areas for improvement within the organisation, undertaken by a dedicated review group.

The Review came in response to discussions of discrimination and harassment in the wider beer and pub industry that took place throughout 2021-22 and was set up to look at how CAMRA could become more inclusive and welcoming. The Review Group was tasked with analysing existing policies, regional and national festivals, communications with members and non-members, disciplinary and complaints processes and procedures, and training requirements.

So, what did it recommend? Well, included are:

- Establishing a dedicated group to review CAMRA's complaints and disciplinary processes, including introducing greater transparency and independence into the system
- Increasing support for local branches to recruit and activate new members
- Expanding training opportunities for volunteers, including creating welcoming and accessible events and festivals
- Taking a collective approach to tackling discrimination, bullying and harassment, as everyone stands to benefit from increased inclusion within the Campaign.

Now may I, for a minute, highlight the second bullet point. You know, the one on recruitment and activation of new members? You cannot believe how close we, as a branch, nearly folded this year. Luckily, we had a number of younger people come along and join the Committee and we are planning so much more as a result. However, to avoid such a worrying repeat, we do need your active support. If you feel that you can spare some time to assist the branch, please do let us know! Drop an email to the branch contact. (PS that's me!)

For more on this report see [CAMRA publishes Inclusion, Diversity and Equality report ahead of annual Conference - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

### The Annual Conference

Was recently held and whilst a full synopsis of this will be available in due course, we are pleased to confirm that Helen Smith has been awarded CAMRA's top campaigning award for her work to create a more diverse and inclusive industry.

Helen's nomination spoke of a long list of achievements. As well as being a CAMRA contributor featured on the [Learn & Discover](#) platform and the [Pubs. Pints. People.](#) podcast, Helen is one of the founders of the Burum Collective – an online publication for, and by, those working in hospitality.

A full summary of Helen's valuable work may be found here: [Equality campaigner celebrated by CAMRA - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)



### The Great British Beer Festival

Just a reminder that tickets are on sale for this unmissable event 1 August – 5 August. [Great British Beer Festival 2023 - Tckty. \(camra.org.uk\)](#)

### Beer Festivals and other events

Did you know that CAMRA has in excess of 180 beer festivals a year? To find a CAMRA event near you, a relative, a friend or perhaps near where you are holidaying, if lucky enough to be away, see [Find a CAMRA event or meeting near you! - CAMRA Events](#)

### What's Brewing

The latest on-line issue is available together with the public affairs round up, in this case the Budget report, "mixed news for the licensed trade". It makes interesting reading – honest! [PUBLIC Affairs Round Up – Budget report - What's Brewing \(camra.org.uk\)](#)



### Learn and Discover

Latest on this platform is entitled "Cask around the World – part 3". This 3-part series has covered the idea of cask conditioning seen as being a British phenomenon but nevertheless available around the world – if you look! Part 3 covers an interview with Alberto Eyherabide from Luján in Argentina who discovered cask ale in the Olde Mitre in London (one of my old haunts) and now runs a basement bar near Buenos Aires. [Cask around the world Pt.3 - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

And that's about it for this month. Hope to see you in a beer garden shortly!

**Kent Sadler**

CAMRA Bromley Branch Secretary



### Your new Committee for the next 12 months

Acting Chair	Bob Keaveney
Beer Scores Coordinator	Bob Keaveney
Branch Contact	Kent Sadler
Branch Secretary	Kent Sadler
e-Newsletter Editor	Paul Treleaven
Festival Coordinator	Anne Claridge
Good Beer Guide Coordinator	Nick White
London Drinker Distribution Coordinator	Richard Martin
Membership Secretary	Richard Gadd
Pub Promotions & Awards Coordinator	Peter Norwood
Pub Database Coordinator	Nick White
Pub Protection Officer	Bob Gordon
Public Affairs Officer	Maggie Hopgood
Social Media Coordinator	David Wilcock
Social Secretary	Barry Phillips
Treasurer	Debs Corcoran
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Webmaster	Paul Treleaven
Media Coordinator	Stuart Mayell
Area Pub & Club Contacts	
BR1	Martin Gee
BR2	Richard Martin
BR3	Graham Oglethorpe
BR4	Janet Freak
BR5	Wendy Reynolds
BR6	Norman Warner
BR7	Alan Hunt
SE19/20	Peter Normington
Biggin Hill, Downe, Cudham	Kent Sadler
Also	
Branch Examiner (auditor)	John Horn
Branch President	Bob Gray

## In case you missed it....

Items from recent newsletters that are still relevant.

### AGM 2023

From the April 2023 issue, [AGM account from Bob Keaveney](#). Also, Committee list, see left, to memorise!

### Bromley Pub Walks

From the April 2023 issue, [time to get the hiking boots out](#) with new routes added.

### Pub of the Year and Club of the Year awards

From the [March 2023 issue](#). Presentations were given this month – CotY 6<sup>th</sup> April, PotY 19<sup>th</sup> April.

[Webpage](#) also updated.



## 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](#)

More scoring tips [here](#) on our website

# WHAT?PUB

National Beer Scoring System

Please see the branch website for more information about Beer Scoring

## Local Pub, Club & Brewery News

*Snippets gathered from our Area Pub and Club contacts (plus general chat); I am hoping to expand this section in coming months – for instance, beers that were on during visits, photos of any new pub features... All members are invited to [submit information](#).*

<b>BR1:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Another accolade for the Red Lion</b> – A committee member attended the Red Lion 30 year celebration for Chris and Siobhan which was excellent and the pub was packed several customers who had moved away making a return visit such is the affection for this lovely pub. <a href="#">News Shopper coverage</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Lock and Barrel</b> – closing, sadly.</li> </ul>
<b>BR2:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Easter beer festival at The Greyhound</b> - a great success with 1500 pints of real ale sold; the most of all 11 festivals so far. The good weather was most helpful!</li> <li>• <b>Hit or Miss Social</b> - A very enjoyable afternoon social Thursday 13th with 6 Bromley members and 4 other area members. A good range of 4 real ales.</li> </ul>
<b>BR3:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BR3wery planning expansion</b> – BR3wery is making plans to expand its production as well as setting up a new tasting room. They have applied for <a href="#">planning permission</a> for a site in Birkbeck Road.</li> </ul>
<b>BR6:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bo Peep</b> - nice selection of Bexley Red House and Craft Beer Man CBM 4, in good condition.</li> </ul>
<b>BR7:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Crown has been fully refurbished.</b> Our rep reports that ales sold out the first weekend!! Spitfire/Whitstable bay and Maverick are on tap.</li> <li>• <b>The Queen's Head</b> - Black Sheep, Harvey's Sussex Best and St Austell Anthem on tap with Wye Valley, Butty Bach coming soon.</li> <li>• <b>Imperial Arms</b> - London Pride, Timothy Taylor and Harvey's Sussex Best on offer.</li> </ul>
<b>Biggin Hill, Downe, Cudham</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sad news for patrons of the Old Jail – closed following flooding.</li> </ul>





## Beer Appreciation Course

Sat 3rd June 12.45pm, The Bohemia, 762-764 High Rd, North Finchley N12 9QH

This 3.5 hour training course is aimed at beer lovers (both experienced and less experienced), who want to understand how the ingredients that go into beer affect the appearance, aroma and flavour in a bit more depth. It's also ideal for pub, tap room and other staff who want to engage more with their customers and attendees have the chance to gain a certificate of competency.

By the end of this course, attendees will be able to:

1. State the four primary flavours that we taste
2. Demonstrate an understanding as to how different ingredients affect a beer
3. List the four characteristics on how a beer is judged
4. Describe beers using their own words.

To CAMRA's Tasting Standards.

In total, 5 beers will be tasted.

Tickets from £18: <https://tinyurl.com/beerappr>



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

The June e-Newsletter will be published on **1<sup>st</sup> June 2023** – your contributions are welcome!

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