

# CAMRA Bromley Branch

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June 2023



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# Branch Calendar, June 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.

<p><b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>June</b>  <b>Bromley</b>  <b>South</b>  <a href="#">social</a></p>	<p>19:30 <a href="#">Bricklayers Arms</a></p>	<p>20:30 <a href="#">Bitter End Bar</a></p>	<p>21:30 <a href="#">Richmal Crompton</a></p>
			
<p><b>Thu 15<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>June</b>  <b>West</b>  <b>Wickham</b>  <a href="#">Social</a></p>	<p>19:00 The <a href="#">Wheatsheaf</a></p>	<p>20:00 <a href="#">Real Ale Way</a> (W Wickham)</p>	
			
<p><b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>June</b>  <b>Beckenham</b>  <a href="#">Social</a></p>	<p>19:30 <a href="#">The Three Hounds</a></p>	<p>21:00 <a href="#">The Bricklayers Arms</a></p>	
			

More socials on the next page!



<p><b>Sun 25th June Eynsford to Farningham social</b></p>	<p>12:30 <a href="#">Five Bells</a> Eynsford</p>	<p>14:00 <a href="#">Pied Bull</a> Farningham</p>	<p>14:45 <a href="#">Lion Hotel</a> Farningham</p>	
				
	<p>15:45 <a href="#">Chequers</a> Farningham</p>			<p>17:00 <a href="#">Malt Shovel</a> Eynsford</p>
				

<p><b>Wed 28 June Bromley CAMRA <a href="#">Committee Meeting</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19:30 – 22:00 <a href="#">Star and Garter</a></li> </ul>		<p>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 <a href="#">Secretary</a> to print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available for them at the meeting.</p>
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## Beer Festival News

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

Summer is here and with it the CAMRA summer beer festivals. Somewhere we all can enjoy a drink or two outdoors. It was nice to see so many new faces and catch up with old friends when visiting our neighbouring branches in May.

It's now less than 2 months to go before we open the doors to the Bromley CAMRA Beer Festival 2023, with lots to share.



The [Rusty Bucket](#) crew in Eltham are at the festival this year delighting us with their cheese toastie.

As the mercury rises and the temperatures climb with the predicted heatwave, hotter than last year, the food has taken a Mediterranean and Latin vibe, with Greek or Brazilian food on the menu.

Most importantly the beers and ciders are being ordered.

We've been in contact with breweries directly to get some special harder-to-find editions and one-offs for a festival like no other... probably.

This year we've also limited each brewery to 2 beers to give a more diverse range and spread our support – it has been extremely difficult to decide which ones won't make the cut. With 90 beers and ciders available tickets are flying out the door, so go grab one to save disappointment at our [TCKTY](#) ticketing system.

Our flyers and beer mats have been going down a storm across Bromley, I've had reports of them running out within a few days. If you manage to find some of the mats take a picture and tag us on [Instagram](#) we'd love to hear from you. You don't have to dress in the same colour like this guy at the three hounds!

Our [Instagram](#) is also going to gradually unveil the range of beer and breweries that will be turning up at the festival, if you want to know if a sublime grapefruit pale or a cracking stout will be on at the festival, logon and keep up to date.

And finally, it not too late to help us at the best little festival in London if you can spare a few hours, please click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER!](#)



Anne Claridge, Festival Coordinator

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## CAMRA News this month

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

I type this up in the gloom of my living room whilst the Sun blazes down outside. Perhaps a quick visit to a pub is recommended? I do hope that the last of the May Bank Holidays went well for you all!

So, my review of CAMRA news over the last few weeks includes:

### The Black Sheep Brewery

Sadly, this brewery has posted a notice of intention to appoint Administrators. I can find no more at present on the website although it was considering a sale of the business and assets.

As CAMRA observes, imminent hikes in fixed costs like business rates and alcohol duty mean brewers and cider makers across the UK will be facing the same 'perfect storm' as the Yorkshire brewery. Black Sheep ales appear regularly at CAMRA events and their cask range is a much-loved sight at bars across the nation's pubs. CAMRA hopes a solution can be found which secures Black Sheep's future.

### ...and more potential bad news

In 2017, CAMRA helped pubs in England gain landmark protection, giving communities the right to have their say through the planning process before a pub is converted or demolished.

Did you know that this protection is now at risk from a new scheme being proposed as part of the Government's levelling up plans? The High Street Rental Auction scheme aims to bring empty buildings – including pubs – back into use, by letting Councils auction off the lease.

These leases would allow pubs to be converted to other uses, divided up into multiple units, or gutted of their bars, cellars, or other integral features. Concerningly, there would be no obligation to reinstate the pubs fittings at the end of the lease – in fact developers would be able to apply to make the conversion permanent.

Our National Chair, Nik Antona has written to Dehenna Davison MP, asking that this proposal is reconsidered. For more on this and sight of the letter, please see: [CAMRA calls on Minister to save high street pubs - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

Because of this, CAMRA is now asking you, its members, to write to their local MPs letting them know that Government proposals cannot go ahead in their present format. For advice and suggestions on what you can do, see: [High Street Rental Auctions - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

### ...but the good news is:

That there has been a launch of a third round of the Government's Community Ownership Fund which is there to assist communities to save their local pub as a Community Asset.

Nik Antona comments, "Our locals are a vital part of both our social fabric and our local economies. They deserve to be protected as community assets which is why more and more local people up and down the country are taking over their local as a community-owned pub when it is faced with closure, demolition or conversion".

Nik goes on to say "I hope that as many communities as possible that are looking to save their local pub submit bids for funding. Anyone interested in saving their local pub can find in-depth guides with all the tools campaigners need on CAMRA's website". See: [Save your local pub - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

### Cider and Perry Month

As I stand looking at the absolute lack of fruit on one of my apple trees, I am reminded of my attempt at real cider last Autumn. Not good but useful for cooking!



However, I do hope that you have seen some of the events online and in pubs throughout May.

The Learn and Discover platform includes a new episode in the “World of Cider” series of Gabe Cook, with a visit to Norway!

As Gillian Hough (CAMRA Campaign Director) put it, “This is the perfect time to enjoy products from local cider makers, plan a day trip to see blossom at a local orchard, or just head to your local for a drop of tasty cider or perry. I encourage everyone to raise a glass this May and sample the best of what makers have to offer. Wassail!”



For more on true cider (not that fake apple flavoured gassy stuff), over 440 makers can now be found at [Real Cider and Perry Producers \(camra.org.uk\)](https://www.camra.org.uk). CAMRA encourages you to find and support their local producers. And, I would add, if you are fed up with all the New World Pale Ales as I have to admit I am, a proper cider is a wonderful alternative!

### Summer of Pub

The past few years have presented an enormous challenge for the pub and brewing industry, as venues have faced skyrocketing energy and business costs. The Summer of Pub campaign aims to support and promote pub and club-going throughout the summer and there’s plenty to celebrate.

The start of the campaign coincided with the Coronation weekend and the extended licensing hours for venues in England and Wales, and I hope you found it the perfect time to enjoy a pint of cask ale or real cider. See [Summer of Pub - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#)

### Beer Day Britain 🍺

June 15th is Beer Day Britain, the UK’s annual national beer day, and a chance to celebrate Britain’s national drink – ideally in the pub.

Hundreds of thousands of beer drinkers will be celebrating Beer Day Britain as they do each year. The focus of the day is the National Cheers To Beer (#cheerstober) toast at 7pm. Get involved on June 15 by taking selfies of yourself with your favourite tipples, and using the hashtag #cheerstober. Find out more at

[National Beer Day Annually on June 15th | Beer Day Britain](#)

### Any reading?

David Jesudason has written a book on “Desi Pubs”, published on 18 May. The book is the first of its kind and details his travels across the length and breadth of the country. It features more than 60 “Desi” pubs in detail, run by British-Indian landlords who have stamped their unique identity on a beloved institution and changed our preconceptions of the publican.

Space precludes me from going into the history of Desi Pubs so have a look at: [Discover the joy of Desi Pubs - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](#) which I see also covers the launch by the Meantime Brewing Company of “Desi Pale Ale”.

Now despite my earlier comments on pale ales, I might give this a try – the tasting notes advise “a strong base of mango and guava fruit notes with a subtle coriander spice. Turmeric and bay leaves were added in the boil with Willamette hops to supply pleasantly peppery notes”. Good grief, whatever next!

So, that’s about it for this month. Hope June benefits pub gardens everywhere!

Kent Sadler

CAMRA Bromley Branch Secretary





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## In case you missed it....

*Items from recent newsletters that are still relevant.*

### CAMRA Podcasts and Great British Beer Festival

From the May 2023 Branch Secretary report:

[Podcasts](#)

[GBBF](#)

### CAMRA London 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

From the May 2023 issue, [details](#) of the CAMRA London 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Saturday 24 June 2023 14:00

### 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.

- and if you do any of these hikes, please send pictures for the newsletter – both enroute and recovering in pub!

### 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](#).

<p>General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WhatPub entries for a number of Bromley CAMRA area pubs have been updated this month.</li> </ul>
<p>BR1:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Star and Garter</b> (photo Bob K, who was drinking the Siren):</li> </ul> 
<p>BR2:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BR2 rep. review of Chequers Bromley Common</b> I enjoyed a pint of Abbot Ale in good condition. The Chequers is a Greene King pub. Part of it is a historic old weatherboard building which has been there for over 160 years - I have an 1862 map which shows the pub! There is a courtyard at the front for outdoor drinking. Inside is pleasant with a vaguely historic interior . IPA was also available and usually Old Speckled Hen on handpump.</li> <li>• <b>BR2 rep. review of Bricklayer’s Arms Masons Hill</b> I enjoyed a pint of Masterbrew and a pint of Spitfire both in excellent condition. This is a large traditional pub with 2 bar areas and an outside patio with a first floor seating area. The pub has very comfortable furniture and a relaxed atmosphere. It has been here a very long time outlasting 2 other nearby pubs The Palace Tavern and The Five Bells - both sadly closed.</li> </ul>
<p>BR3:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Festival beermats at the Three Hounds</b> (photo Bob K, who was drinking the Brick UK Pale)</li> </ul> 



<p>BR4:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Selection of beers at Real Ale Way WW</b> (photo Bob K, 19 May):</li> </ul> 
<p>BR6:</p>	<p>Some reviews from our BR6 rep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rose and Crown</b> Green Street Green was the perfect venue for a family lunch. Beers on offer were Bexley BOB and Gun Scaramanga. Food was excellent and the large garden, with play area, provided a pleasant afternoon drink in the sunshine.</li> <li>• <b>The Maxwell</b> has been consistently providing Greene King beers in good condition over the first couple of months since its refurb. These included Speckled Hen and Coronation Pale. A guest appearance of St Austell Tribute made for a bit of variety. I've also had a Sunday roast there, which is something I had never tried previously.</li> <li>• <b>Black Horse</b> at Locksbottom had four ales to choose from. My excellent pint of Dark Star Hophead was £4:35 reduced to £3.35, as Ember Inns now give £1 per pint off on Monday &amp; Thursday.</li> <li>• <b>Orpington Liberal Club</b> had an impressive list of 18 beers and ciders available over the Spring Bank Holiday at Orpington Liberal Club. For their selection in June, click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>SE19-SE20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our area rep. has sent us a reminder of the pubs on his patch: <b>Crooked Billet, Pawleyne Arms, The Moon, Craft Metropolis</b> (pricier), <b>Alma</b>, a brewery <b>Southey</b>, Gipsy Hill's <b>Douglas Fir</b>, Antic's <b>Goldsmiths Arms</b>, the only pub left on Maple Road, the <b>Maple Tree</b> &amp; then bringing up the rear, <b>Graces</b>. Even the two who've gone keg only, the <b>Bridge House &amp; Alexandra</b>, are worth popping into.</li> <li>• Our Social Secretary provided "evidence" from May 18 Sydenham &amp; Penge social (Ignition Brewery and Southey)</li> </ul> 

## Martin Curry Obituary

Martin Curry was a member of the Orpington Liberal Club for some 40 years, during which time he served as Chairman and later President. He was also an active CAMRA member, and a Liberal Democrat Bromley Councillor.

He passed away on March 18th, and his sister held a memorial at the Club on Saturday 20 May. He will be missed by all who knew him. I hope to give a more detailed obituary next time - Norman Warner.



## Bromley CAMRA Quiz June 2023

*This month's quiz is on the theme of Sport and Leisure - Answers below*

- 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?



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

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Answers

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