

CAMRA Bromley Branch

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*The next e-Newsletter will be published on **1st May 2026** – your contributions are welcome!*

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All officers of the branch can be contacted direct by email, see [branch website](#)

AGM 2026

Brief notes from our Chair

Our AGM, held last Sat 14th at Orpington Liberal Club, saw 24 members in attendance, plus Regional Director Ellie Eames. All business was completed, including adoption of 2025 accounts and election of new / revised committee – updated list [on this page](#).

Also, our revised Branch Constitution was adopted. This now reflects the 2025 CAMRA model, and it was updated from our 2015 version.



We have now replaced our branch banner (see above) with one which carries the revised CAMRA branding. In fact, Kent negotiated a large banner and a smaller one, at no extra cost. They made a first appearance at our AGM.



Photos: Bob Keaveney.



April 2026	Branch Calendar	Details of all events, including addresses and suggested public transport options, can also be viewed on the branch website – click on the event		Bromley pub photos by Chris Crowther
Thursday 2 Easter Beer Festival Social	7:30 Orpington Liberal Club 			
Saturday 4 Beer Festival Social	12:00 The Greyhound , Keston 			
Monday 13 Beckenham Social	19:30 Three Hounds 		21:30 Bricklayers Arms 	
Saturday 25 London Spring Cider and Perry Festival Social	12:30 Rocket Van Studio The festival is open 12:00 – 21:00; 12:30 is our suggested social meet-up time.			
Wednesday 29 Penge Social	19:30 Goldsmiths Arms 		20:15 Pawleyne Arms 	
	21:00 Southey Brewing 		22:10 Moon and Stars 	

March's branch socials. Join us and be famous!

Monday 2

Locksbottom Social. Started at Ye Olde Whyte Lyon (left) then the Black Horse (right)

Photographer: Yin Hai, Chris Crowther's camera!



Saturday 14

AGM at Orpington Liberal Club (Report on front page)

Photo: Chris Crowther



Thursday 19

Black Horse, Biggin Hill and Queens Head, Downe (pictured)



Tuesday 24

Hayes social, starting Royal British Legion, the Real Ale Way

Photos, Chris Crowther: Left, presentation of RBL finalist certificate to club president, Jo Charstone. Top right RBL. Bottom Right RAW.



Festivals in Bromley

We will list any beer / cider festivals planned in the Bromley area. Details mostly provided by our area reps, but anyone, including the festival organizer, is welcome to [submit](#).

Date	Place	Details
Thursday 2 – Monday 6 April	The Three Hounds	Three Hounds Cider Festival (also features Fauve Craft Biere Tap Takeover)
Friday 3 April to Sunday 5 April 2026	Greyhound, Keston	The Greyhound Easter Beer Festival *Social* More details on their facebook page
Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April 2026	Orpington Liberal Club	OLC Easter Real Ale and Cider Festival *Social* Many stunning real ales, ciders & perry, plus craft keg, cans and bottles. Plus, snacks & rolls. Free entry for Club/CAMRA members, else £1.00/day entry on the door. Card payments only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 2nd April 6pm – 11pm (Preview night for Club/CAMRA Members Only) • Good Friday 3rd April 12pm – 11pm • Saturday 4th April 12pm – 11pm • Easter Sunday 5th April 12pm – 5pm Easter Monday 6th April 2pm – 11pm
Thursday 12 April	The Three Hounds	April Mini Cask Festival Details to come
Sunday 24 May	Memorial Hall Gardens, Petts Wood.	One Inn The Wood beer festival It runs from noon-8pm. For further information please check their Facebook page. Tickets are limited and are available from Ticketsource for £10.00 plus a booking fee.
Thursday 18 June to Friday 19 June	Star and Garter, Bromley	The Star and Garter Summer 2026 Beer Fest Early details here on X
Saturday 27 June	Royston Field, Penge	Southey Brewing; Hopstock Festival. 



Greater London Regional Pub of the Year

Last month we announced the winners of titles for the Bromley CAMRA Pub and Club of the Year. This month Bob K looks at the 12 pubs now being judged for the regional award.

So we now know the eleven other pubs which the Cockpit will be competing against. This year sees six pubs which (as far as I am aware) have never previously been in the Regional competition. [I'm sure someone will correct me if I am wrong about that]. ED: A proofreader has pointed out that the *Wenlock Arms* was North London Pub of the Year in 2017! Full details of the pubs can be found on the CAMRA website using the links below.

The six 'new' pubs are:



W London, [Bear](#)



E London & City, [Cock Tavern](#)



Croydon & Sutton, [Dark Horse](#)



SE London, [Hand & Marigold](#)



Richmond & Hounslow, [Mitre](#)



N London, [Wenlock Arms](#)

This year there are four micropubs:



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| Bexley | Long Haul |
| Bromley | Cockpit |
| Enfield & Barnet | Little Green Dragon |
| W Middlesex | Owl & The Pussycat |

And the other two pubs are:



Would you like to get involved with the judging of these pubs?

Members of Bromley CAMRA are invited to join the judging team to visit and judge all of the above pubs:

- Judging is done using the standard CAMRA judging guidelines
- The judging period ends in early July

Please contact us if you are interested, or would like more information by emailing:

ppac@bromley.camra.org.uk

And here is a reminder of the Bromley Branch winners and finalists, as announced in the March newsletter:



Winner: [The Cockpit](#)

Runner-up: [One Inn The Wood](#)

Finalist: [Partridge](#)

Finalist: [Queen's Head](#), Downe

Finalist: [Red Lion](#)



Winner: [Orpington Liberal Club](#)

Finalist: [Royal British Legion Club](#), Hayes



CAMRA News this month

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

I looked out of the window earlier this week and realised that, in theory, the Sun is now up and shining here longer than it is “down under”. More than 12 hours! What can I do with all that extra daylight? Hmm, difficult question, perhaps I’ll think about that after the social trip with the OLC down to Ramsgate this weekend.

But, back to basics and CAMRA news.

The CAMRA Members Weekend and AGM 2026

Just a quick note to remind you of the forthcoming CAMRA AGM which, this year, is a hybrid event so that you can watch and vote on line or in person. To register to attend or indeed vote on line, see [Members' Weekend 2026 will take place in St Albans | CAMRA](#) Online registration closes 24 hours before the start of Members Weekend.

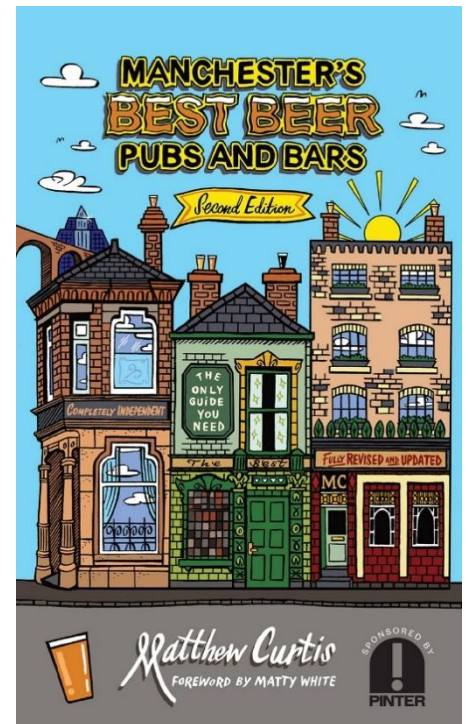
Manchester beer scene

Going to Manchester this year? Business or pleasure? At a loss for somewhere to relax in the evening?

Well good news! The second edition of CAMRA’s award-winning title, “[Manchester’s Best Beer, Pubs and Bars](#)” by Matthew Curtis is being released on 2 April. The completely refreshed book puts a spotlight on the North West’s amazing beer and pub scene – not only the city of Manchester but the wider metropolitan area including the boroughs of Stockport, Trafford, Salford, Wigan, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, and Tameside.

The fully revised and updated edition boasts of 50 new additions, with detailed reviews and photographs of over 200 traditional pubs, contemporary bars and brewery taprooms.

The guide looks at both the history of brewing in Manchester, dating back to the eighteenth century, while also celebrating new independent brewers like [Cloudwater](#) and [Track](#)



You can pre-order the book at [Manchester’s Best Beers, Pubs and Bars 2nd edition \(2026\) - CAMRA shop](#)

London’s Heritage scene

And, closer to home, is the CAMRA book entitled “**London’s Heritage Pubs**”.

[London’s Real Heritage Pubs](#), published by CAMRA, is a guide to 249 pubs in Greater London which have interiors of special historic interest.

Most pubs have seen their interiors altered and modernised beyond all recognition; but this vital book identifies and cherishes those that have retained historic fittings, décor and layout. Thoroughly researched, this guide book is perfect for anyone who enjoys traditional, historic pubs and wants to know where in London to find them.

The 220-page book is the latest in a national series describing pubs with historic interiors. As well as individual pub descriptions it also contains informative articles which explain the significance of London’s pub heritage.

Now with a birthday coming up, this looks a good read to me. I wonder just how many I have visited in my working life in the City?

The book (seems good value at £6.99) can be ordered from this address: [London's Real Heritage Pubs - CAMRA shop](#)
See also: [CAMRA Pub Heritage Group update - March - What's Brewing](#)

Of Cornish Pasties and Molson Coors (aka Doom Bar)

Breaking away from books, and too late for last month, was the news of Molson Coors shutting the Sharp’s brewery at Rock and moving production of the beer favoured by many (privately, not me I’m afraid). As a result of this move, CAMRA Cornwall have issued a stern warning to the global brewing giant, telling them that any attempts to market Doom



Bar, and Sharp's award-winning beer range, made outside the Duchy as a 'Cornish' product will be met with a robust and vocal campaign in response.

CAMRA fears that the brewing giant could follow in the footsteps of Carlsberg, who market Wainwrights as a 'Lake District Original' despite brewing it over 100 miles away in Wolverhampton.

As Vince Curtis, the Cornwall Vice Chair said, "Our message to Molson Coors is clear. If you're shuttering the brewery, you can't keep claiming that Doom Bar is a Cornish beer. It's misleading for consumers and insulting to Cornwall's brewing legacy. Molson Coors have chosen to sever ties with brewing in the South West, and shouldn't try to suggest otherwise.

Personally, I feel it has never been the same since Sharp's was taken over, in common with many smaller brewery favourites.

For more on this see: [CAMRA Cornwall issue Cornish pasty warning to Molson Coors over Sharp's closure | CAMRA](#)

Pub pricing

Ever been to a pub and tried to work out just how a pint and a half of beer and two bags of crisps cost £12? Especially when CAMRA policy (when judging Pub of the Year for instance) is for pubs to clearly display a tariff?

Well, it appears so does Peter Lamb MP. He has tabled a House of Commons motion calling for the Government to require prominent price lists in pubs.

The recommendation by CAMRA is for branches to contact MPs in their area to ask for them to [sign the motion](#) (called 'Early Day Motion 3002') and support calls for prominent price lists to be displayed in pubs and social clubs. So far only two MPs have signed as supporters. Perhaps we need more? See: [Display of pricing for alcoholic drinks - Early Day Motions - UK Parliament](#)

And that's it for another month. Enjoy Easter, seek out the beer festivals near you (the Orpington Liberal Club and The Greyhound on Keston Common for me!).

Kent Sadler

CAMRA Bromley Branch Secretary



Now Beer Scoring for GBG 2028!

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

Beer scoring is simple by finding the pub on [Camra Experience](#) and supplying the score
More scoring tips [here](#) on our website

Local Pub, Club & Brewery News

Snippets gathered from our Area Pub and Club contacts. Members can also [submit information](#) and are encouraged to discuss local issues with the Area Contacts (name and link below). Pictures usually have enough resolution to be zoomed to read detail.

<p>BR1 Martin Gee BR1 LD deliveries: Richard Martin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to both Martin Gee for stepping into this role, and to Richard Martin for looking after London Drinker deliveries. • BR1 pub websites: Red Lion Anglesey Arms Crown and Anchor Greyhound Richmal Crompton Star and Garter Swan and Mitre Partridge Crown in Sundridge The Railway The Lord Holmesdale
<p>BR2 Richard Martin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR2 pub/club websites: Fox, Keston Greyhound, Keston Shortlands Tavern Chequers Bricklayers Arms New Inn Hayes Royal British Legion George, Hayes
<p>BR3 Ian Syngé</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump clips at Bricklayers >> • Three Hounds Events Calendar (see also festivals) Wed 1st - Clare Caddick Art Exhibition Opening Night Mon 6th - Sips & Strategies / Monthly Chess Club Tue 7th - Magic: The Gathering at the Three Hounds Sun 8th - Suds & Social / Monthly CAMRA Social Thu 16th to Sun 19th - Breweries of Brazil Tap Takeover Tue 21st - Magic: The Gathering at the Three Hounds Wed 22nd - Three Hounds Comedy Club - Joseph Parsons Thu 30th to Sun 3rd - Breweries of America Tap Take Over • BR3 pub websites: Bricklayers Arms Three Hounds Chancery Jolly Woodman George Inn Elm Tree Kelsey House
<p>BR4 Janet Freak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR4 pub websites: Wheatsheaf Swan Railway
<p>BR5 Wendy Reynolds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR5 pub websites: Sovereign of the Seas Daylight Inn One Inn the Wood Bull Inn (St Pauls Cray)
<p>BR6 Norman Warner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman noted a highlight to his “London Drinker tour” was the Queen’s Head, GSG. In addition to Bass, Landlord & Ghostship, they had Northern Rising Unity Stout (collaboration between Northern Monk & Tim Taylor) – picture. • OLC have their Easter Beer & Cider Festival commencing with preview night (our social) on Thursday 2nd April. • BR6 pub/club websites: Royal Oak Woodman OLC Five Bells Rose and Crown Queens Head Maxwell Cricketers Bo-Peep Ye Olde Whyte Lyon British Queen Black Horse Bulls Head Buff Chelsfield White Hart
<p>BR7 Colin Brooks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR7 pub websites: Bulls Head Crown Tigers Head Cockpit Gordon Arms Imperial Arms Ramblers Rest Bickley Arms Queens Head Sydney Arms
<p>SE19 - SE20 Vacant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE19/SE20 pub websites: Moon and Stars Goldsmiths Arms Southey Brewing White Hart Pawleyne Arms Crooked Billet
<p>Biggin Hill Cudham Downe Kent Sadler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Websites for pubs in these areas: Black Horse Aperfield Inn Crown Inn George & Dragon Blacksmiths Arms Kings Arms (Leaves Green) Queens Head



If you're not sure where each area covers, click the postcode and a Google map will show you that area.

Now go down to the pub!



Pictures above usually have enough resolution to be zoomed to read detail.

In case you missed it....

Items from recent newsletters that are still relevant.

Your Branch Committee until AGM 2027 - see previous section for Area Pub & Club Contacts	
Chair	Norman Warner
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary (inc. Minutes Secretary and Branch Contact)	Kent Sadler
Beer Scores Coordinator	Abi Harris
London Drinker Distribution Coordinator	Richard Martin
Membership Secretary	Norman Warner
e-Newsletter Editor	Paul Treleaven
Festival Coordinator	James Lee
Good Beer Guide Coordinator (and submissions officer)	Ian Syngé
Pub Database Coordinator	Yin-hai Cheung
Website Co-ordinator	Paul Treleaven
Pub Protection Officer	Vacant
Pub Promotions & Awards Coordinator (inc. LocAle rep.)	Bob Keaveney
Public Affairs Officer	Maggie Hopgood
Social Secretary	Barry Phillips
Treasurer	Tim Wilding
Social Media Coordinator	Colin Brooks
Media Coordinator	Vacant
Young Members Contact	Vacant
Also	
Branch Examiner (auditor)	John Horn
Branch President	Bob Gray
<p>Please consider putting your name forward for any Committee positions that are currently vacant, which can be filled at any time.</p>	

Branch Pub / Club of the year 2026

Bob Keaveney article from [March 2026 newsletter](#)

Beer Scoring (AKA Goodbye to WhatPub)

Bob Keaveney has two articles, bringing us up-to-date with Beer Scoring in the CAMRA Experience era:

Part 1 from [September 2025 newsletter](#)

Part 2 from [October 2025 newsletter](#)

See also [website page](#)

Richard Gadd's themed series on Bromley pubs

This series is packed with information on the featured Bromley pubs and is presented in an amusing way.

May 2024 theme: [Dogs](#)

June 2024 theme: [Work Part 1](#)

Aug. 2024 theme: [Work Part 2](#)

Sept. 2024 theme: [Equine Part 1](#)

Nov. 2024 theme: [Equine Part 2](#)

June 2025 theme: [Farming Part 1](#)

Pub / Club of the year – Bromley history

From the December 2024 newsletter

[Item here](#)

Handpump Hijack

From the May 2024 Branch Secretary report (bottom of page):

[Item here](#)

Pub Heritage Group

From the May 2024 Branch Secretary report (also bottom of page):

[Item here](#)

Remembering Bromley Beer and Cider Festival 2023

From the September 2023 issue.

[Festival review article](#) See also [website page](#)

