

# CAMRA Bromley Branch e - Newsletter June 2026



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

## Bromley on CAMRA branches website



In addition to our Bromley branch website, CAMRA also hosts its own [pages](#) for each of its branches. Their [Bromley page](#) features the above picture of Downe that we have submitted. There are also regional pages – such as our region, [Greater London](#).

## Come Along to Bromley Pub and Club Award Presentations

*This month we have two presentations; great beers will be available at both!*

### Bromley Pub of the Year

This award will be presented to The Cockpit. Our social event is scheduled to start at 7:30pm on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. In case anyone doesn't know (!) the address is:  
The Cockpit, 4 Royal Parade, Chislehurst BR7 6NR.

### Bromley Club of the Year

This award will be presented to The Orpington Liberal Club. The event is scheduled to start at 7:30pm on June 11<sup>th</sup>, with the presentation at around 8pm. Again, in case anyone doesn't know, the address is:  
7 Station Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0RZ  
CAMRA members are welcome to attend; bring your membership card.

June 2026	Branch Calendar		Details of all events, including addresses and suggested public transport options, can also be viewed on the <a href="#">branch website</a> – click on the event		Bromley pub photos by Chris Crowther
<b>Wednesday 3</b> Bromley Pub of the Year Award - Presentation Evening <a href="#">Social</a>	19:30 <a href="#">The Cockpit</a> 				
<b>Monday 8</b> Beckenham <a href="#">Social</a>	19:30 <a href="#">Jolly Woodman</a> 	20:10 <a href="#">Chancery</a> 	21:00 <a href="#">Br3wery</a> 	21:50 <a href="#">Bricklayers Arms</a> 	
<b>Thursday 11</b> Bromley Club of the Year Award - Presentation Evening <a href="#">Social</a>	19:30 <a href="#">Orpington Liberal Club</a> 				
<b>Saturday 20</b> A Day out on The Crouch Valley Rail Ale Trail <a href="#">Social</a>					
<b>Wednesday 24</b> Penge <a href="#">Social</a>	19:30 <a href="#">Craft Metropolis</a> 	20:30 <a href="#">Southey Brewery</a> 	21:30 <a href="#">Pawleyne Arms</a> 	22:15 <a href="#">Goldsmiths Arms</a> 	

# May's branch socials. Come and join us *this* month!

**Wednesday  
29 April**  
(missed May issue)

L-R:  
Pawleyne Arms, Southey Brewing, Moon & Stars  
Photos: Chris Crowther



**Friday 15**  
Society for Preservation of Beer from the Wood – "Woodfest"

At the Musical Museum, Brentford; hence the Wurlitzer performance

Photos: Barry Phillips



**Thursday  
21**  
S-E London CAMRA Beer Festival, Dulwich

Photos: Chris Crowther



**Tuesday 26**  
Central Bromley social  
Top L: Red Lion  
Top R Partridge  
Bottom L: Star & Garter

Two bottom R:  
Presentation of PotY finalist certs.  
RL, Partridge



## Member News / Letters to the Editor

This is a section where members are invited to share their news. It is a bit experimental and depends on submissions from members – send them [here](#). No politics, advertising...

### Calling all Cricket fans

Kent Sadler received the following notification and has passed it on:

Canterbury CAMRA will be running their popular real ale tents at Kent's Spitfire Cricket Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury during cricket festival week – 19-22 June.

The match is Kent v Middlesex in the Men's County Championship.

Full details can be found on CAMRA Kent's website: [Canterbury CAMRA Cricket Tents 2026 - Kent County CAMRA](#)

### OLC Beer Range

Norman Warner supplied a picture of the OLC beer range (as of a visit 15 May) that was too big to fit in the area table; so I've added it here.

Norman adds: Note that Milds are fairly permanent here, not just for Mild May. Oscar Wilde now & 20th March, with Marvellous Maple Mild to follow.

Earlier this month they had Northdown's Sweet Mild of Mine, followed by Milestone's Classic Dark Mild.

Norman also commented that on 24<sup>th</sup> May, he enjoyed a gorgeous couple of pints in the garden of the Five Bells – it was the hottest May Day since 1944!



# 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 (2026 unless noted)	Place	Details
Thursday 18 June to Friday 19 June	Star and Garter, Bromley  227 High Street, Bromley, BR1 1NZ.	<b>The Star and Garter Summer 2026 Beer Fest</b> Weblink for information/tickets: <a href="https://starandgarterbromley.com/pages/beer-festival">https://starandgarterbromley.com/pages/beer-festival</a>
Saturday 27 June	Royston Field, Penge	<b>Southey Brewing;</b> Hopstock Festival.
Saturday 12 September	Chislehurst & West Kent Cricket Club	<b>Cockpit Beer and Music festival</b> Will feature live music throughout day, wide range of beers and ciders, food stalls and children's activities <a href="#">Tickets</a>



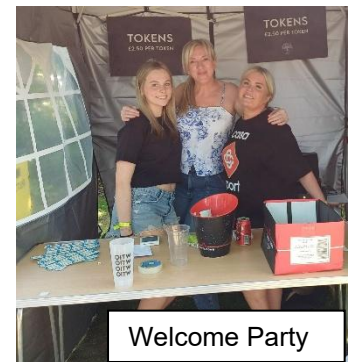
Left-Handed Giant, Cloudwater Deya, Verdant, New Bristol Brewery, as well as our own local brewery – Mutineers who brewed Puck.



## ...and one just finished

On Sunday 24 May, One Inn the Wood held their 2026 beer festival in the gardens of the Petts Wood Memorial Hall. The weather played its part, and under blue skies and high temperatures a packed festival enjoyed the 50 beers, including keg, on offer as well as cider and prosecco.

Kent Brewery showcased 9 beers (pic. left). We also had beers from



Also available were bottles of Banthams bitter, not normally seen in this area.

Food ranged from a barbecue to Asian street food. We also were treated to music (pic left) by Soul Journey, Amelia Street, Thursday's Child, The Suspects, See Emily Play and Dirty Perks. This was also a fundraiser for The Chris Aked Foundation and Petts Wood Playgroup for Children with Special Needs. Thank you to OITW for putting on another great festival.



## CAMRA News this month

*The Branch Secretary has decided that he, like the rest of us, deserves a holiday occasionally. So his usual piece is replaced by a couple of CAMRA items that have been sent out this month.*

### Changes to Beer Scoring are Coming

There are tens of thousands of pubs across the country serving cask beers, and many of those serve really good pints.

For lovers of a decent pint, it's important to be able to find them. CAMRA's Good Beer Guide has been the 'bible' for finding the very best ones since 1974 and continues to be relied upon by tens of thousands of people.

CAMRA's online pub guide [camra.org.uk/pubs](http://camra.org.uk/pubs) can also help because beer quality is indicated by the '3 Pints' symbols that CAMRA members can see when logged in.

Pubs and clubs that serve really excellent pints, and serve them consistently well, can be potential candidates for the Good Beer Guide.

To help identify them, CAMRA members score their pints whenever they have the opportunity. Their scores help local branches determine candidates for the Guide, and these can change year on year because the standards are high. Serving live cask beer requires skill in the cellar and attention by bar staff all the time. Competition for a place is stiff because only 4,500 places are available.

Up until now, the scoring system has used a numbering system of 0 to 5. But there are problems with this. It requires memorising the criteria for each score and using them consistently, but memories can be variable. Some people genuinely struggle with numbers, so they don't take part. It becomes open to individual interpretation with resulting inconsistency between scorers. There's also the potential for individual bias and a reluctance to 'award' high scores. We all know when we are drinking a good pint that's been well-kept, and we also know when a pint is very good or excellent – who cannot resist telling everyone else about it! And likewise, a pint that is simply OK or, hopefully not often, undrinkable.

So, to make things easier for everyone, a new intuitive ratings system is being introduced, which is more descriptive of the beer being drunk.

Each of the new ratings has a description and a likely reaction to

help you pin down the most appropriate rating.

Ratings can be recorded on CAMRA's online pub guide [camra.org.uk/pubs](http://camra.org.uk/pubs) by all CAMRA members, so start rating your beer now.

How's your cask beer?		
Rating	Description	Your reaction
<b>Excellent</b>	Exceptional and clear (if intended to be) with fantastic aromas, flavours and ideal carbonation.	Superb! You tell your friends and compliment the cellar manager.
<b>Very good</b>	Satisfying and well-kept with a great appearance, good carbonation and enticing aromas and flavours.	You consider having another and may cancel plans to move to another pub.
<b>Good</b>	Nice appearance, good carbonation, aromas and flavour.	Pleasant but not memorable. You're happy to have another but might consider something else.
<b>Acceptable</b>	Unremarkable and ordinary, with no noteworthy characteristics.	You're unlikely to have another unless it is all there is and there isn't another pub to go to.
<b>Poor</b>	Noticeably imperfect.	Drinkable with resentment, but you politely ask for a replacement.
<b>Undrinkable</b>	Unpleasant to drink, likely with a disgusting taste, incorrect appearance and off/foul aroma.	You politely ask for it to be replaced and consider asking the publican to take it off.



If you're not a CAMRA member but would like to rate your beers, then head over to [camra.org.uk/membership](https://camra.org.uk/membership).

### 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

### Champion Beer of Britain 2026 🏆

CAMRA announced: We were very proud to announce Bristol Beer Factory's premium pale ale, Independence (4.6%), as the winner of Champion Beer of Britain at the Cambridge Beer Festival. Find the overall champions and all the category winners on [What's Brewing](#).

### Community Pub Ownership Bulletin

The latest quarterly update about community-owned pubs is now on [What's Brewing](#).

It notes: [Since December's bulletin](#), the number of community-owned pubs (COPs) has increased from 227 to 234. Those not owned but run by the community are up two at 31. There has been a noticeable slowdown over the last year or so, no doubt connected to the [demise of the Community Ownership Fund](#) (COF). The number of active campaigns has gone up from 90 to 96, so enthusiasm for community ownership clearly remains plentiful.

CAMRA supports the community-ownership model and is keen to help those interested in going down this route. The [community pubs webpage](#) of CAMRA's website contains advice and guidance as well as regularly updated information about existing and planned projects.


**Paul Treleven**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Normal service, from Kent Sadler, will be resumed as soon as possible.**

## 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.

<a href="#">BR1</a> <a href="#">Martin Gee</a> BR1 LD deliveries: <a href="#">Richard Martin</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Crown and Anchor</b> has a weekly schedule of events and they send out weekly update emails – you can sign up at the bottom of their <a href="#">website page</a></li> <li>The <b>Barrel and Horn</b> closed 4 April. The <b>Artful Duke</b> closed and is now Saucy Bird restaurant.</li> <li>BR1 pub websites: <a href="#">Red Lion</a> <a href="#">Anglesey Arms</a> <a href="#">Crown and Anchor</a> <a href="#">Greyhound</a> <a href="#">Richmal Crompton</a> <a href="#">Star and Garter</a> <a href="#">Swan and Mitre</a> <a href="#">Partridge</a> <a href="#">Crown in Sundridge</a> <a href="#">The Railway</a> <a href="#">The Lord Holmesdale</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">BR2</a> <a href="#">Richard Martin</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sad news: <b>The Fox</b> is temporarily closed, due to a fire. The Greyhound seems busier as a result.</li> <li>In Hayes, the Craft Beer Rooms is reopening as <b>The Crafty Bok</b>. Soft launch was 8 May.</li> <li>BR2 pub/club websites: <a href="#">Fox, Keston</a> <a href="#">Greyhound, Keston</a> <a href="#">Shortlands Tavern</a> <a href="#">Chequers Bricklayers Arms</a> <a href="#">New Inn</a> <a href="#">Hayes Royal British Legion</a> <a href="#">George, Hayes</a> <a href="#">Crafty Bok</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">BR3</a> <a href="#">Ian Syngé</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the Beckenham social this month, <a href="#">page 2</a></li> <li>BR3 pub websites: <a href="#">Bricklayers Arms</a> <a href="#">Three Hounds</a> <a href="#">Chancery</a> <a href="#">Jolly Woodman</a> <a href="#">George Inn Elm Tree</a> <a href="#">Kelsey House</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">BR4</a> <a href="#">Janet Freak</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janet reports: The <b>Railway</b> has now only three beers on, Boddington Cask, Harveys Bitter and Adnams Broadside. The <b>Wheatsheaf</b> is now down to one ale, Timothy Taylor, having 'experimented' with three at one time - it was very good. The <b>Real Ale Way</b> had variety of ales which, over the month, tend to change but they invariably have a stout/porter on the board. The <b>Swan</b> had Hobgoblin and, again, this was good.</li> <li>BR4 pub websites: <a href="#">Wheatsheaf</a> <a href="#">Swan</a> <a href="#">Railway</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">BR5</a> <a href="#">Wendy Reynolds</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See OITW festival report from Wendy, <a href="#">page 5</a></li> <li>BR5 pub websites: <a href="#">Sovereign of the Seas</a> <a href="#">Daylight Inn</a> <a href="#">One Inn the Wood</a> <a href="#">Bull Inn</a> (St Pauls Cray)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">BR6</a> <a href="#">Norman Warner</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ye Olde Whyte Lyon</b> has closed for a refurb:</li> <li>BR6 pub/club websites: <a href="#">Royal Oak</a> <a href="#">Woodman OLC</a> <a href="#">Five Bells</a> <a href="#">Rose and Crown</a> <a href="#">Queens Head</a> <a href="#">Maxwell</a> <a href="#">Cricketers</a> <a href="#">Bo-Peep</a> <a href="#">Ye Olde Whyte Lyon</a> <a href="#">British Queen</a> <a href="#">Black Horse</a> <a href="#">Bulls Head</a> <a href="#">Buff</a> <a href="#">Chelsfield</a> <a href="#">White Hart</a></li> </ul> <div data-bbox="956 1077 1506 1267" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Closing 4th May for a refurb!</b>            We are excited to share that we are closing on 4th May 2026 for a refurb. Check our website and socials for a re-opening date - expected around mid-June.</p> </div>
<a href="#">BR7</a> <a href="#">Colin Brooks</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BR7 pub websites: <a href="#">Bulls Head</a> <a href="#">Crown</a> <a href="#">Tigers Head</a> <a href="#">Cockpit</a> <a href="#">Gordon Arms</a> <a href="#">Imperial Arms</a> <a href="#">Ramblers Rest</a> <a href="#">Bickley Arms</a> <a href="#">Queens Head</a> <a href="#">Sydney Arms</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">SE19 - SE20</a> <b>Vacant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the Penge social this month, <a href="#">page 2</a></li> <li>SE19/SE20 pub websites: <a href="#">Moon and Stars</a> <a href="#">Goldsmiths Arms</a> <a href="#">Southey Brewing</a> <a href="#">White Hart</a> <a href="#">Pawleyne Arms</a> <a href="#">Crooked Billet</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Biggin Hill</a> <a href="#">Cudham</a> <a href="#">Downe</a> <a href="#">Kent Sadler</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Websites for pubs in these areas: <a href="#">Black Horse</a> <a href="#">Aperfield Inn</a> <a href="#">Crown Inn</a> <a href="#">George &amp; Dragon</a> <a href="#">Blacksmiths Arms</a> <a href="#">Kings Arms</a> (Leaves Green) <a href="#">Queens Head</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>If you're not sure where each area covers, click the postcode and a Google map will show you that area.</i></p> <p><b>Now go down to the pub!</b></p>  <p><i>Pictures above usually have enough resolution to be zoomed to read detail.</i></p>	

## In case you missed it....

Items from recent newsletters that are still relevant.

Your Branch Committee until <b>AGM 2027</b> - see previous section for Area Pub & Club Contacts	
Chair	Norman Warner
Vice-Chair	<b>Vacant</b>
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	<b>Vacant</b>
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	<b>Vacant</b>
Young Members Contact	<b>Vacant</b>
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](#)

