

CAMRA Bromley Branch

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July 2026



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

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

Branch Survey



Last month we wrote to all members who have signed up to receive emails from the branch asking for opinions on the mechanism by which Bromley CAMRA selects our Pub and Club of the Year.

There is still time to take part (but not a lot of time!) if you have not already submitted your reply, however the deadline for responses is **14th July**. You can find the survey form via [this link](#). More details from the original email sent to members:

In 2025, the Branch Committee decided that the current policy and processes for the selection of the Bromley CAMRA Pub and Club of the Year (PotY and CotY) would be reviewed during 2026.

The current selection process has been used since 2014, and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to review whether it was still fit for purpose. Our aim is that, if any changes are to be made, they will be introduced in time for the start of the selection of the 2027 PotY and CotY.

When any local CAMRA branch selects their PotY and CotY, this is the first round of an annual four-stage national competition, involving Branch > Region > 'Super Region' > Final. Whereas CAMRA does not require all branches to follow identical processes to select their PotY and CotY, it does expect all branches to:

1. "Have processes and procedures in place that are impartial, transparent, and well documented in order to withstand any challenges to their result."
2. Select **one** pub to go forward into the regional round
3. If possible, select **one** club to go forward into the regional round (*not all branches have eligible clubs*)


The Committee would like to hear your views on how the Bromley PotY and CotY should be selected in future years. Please follow [this link](#) to a Google Form in which you can submit your comments. The closing date for return of your comments is **7th July** (now extended to **14th July**; ed.)

All replies received will be circulated to the Committee, to be considered as part of the review. However, the final decision on whether any changes are to be made to the selection processes will be made by the Committee.


We will report in the e-Newsletter on the responses received, on the progress of the review and on the final outcome, including details of any amendments which are to be made.

Please contact our Pub Promotions & Awards Coordinator if you require any further information (email via [this link](#))

July 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
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<p>Saturday 4 Joint Bromley CAMRA & Orpington Liberal Club Social from Crayford to Dartford.</p> <p>Photo: Courtesy CAMRA Bexley Branch</p>	<p>(11.30am) Meet at Sidcup Station for 11.53 train to Crayford. (12pm) Penny Farthing, 3 Waterside DA1 4JJ.</p> <p>Further venues to be visited via 96 bus on route to, and in Dartford: The Ship Malt Shovel Phoenix (was Long Dog) Dartford Working Men's Club</p>	<p>12:00 Penny Farthing</p> 
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<p>Monday 13 Green Street Green Social Social</p>	<p>19:30 Buff</p> 	<p>20:30 Queens Head</p> 	<p>21:30 Rose & Crown</p> 
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<p>Monday 20 Committee Meeting</p>	<p>19:30 Three Hounds</p> 	<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 Secretary to print a pack of relevant committee papers to be made available for them at the meeting.</p>
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June's branch socials. Come and join us *this month!*

Wednesday 3
2026 Bromley
Pub of the Year
presentation

Pictures: Chris
Crowther



Thursday 11
2026 Bromley
Club of the Year,
Norman Warner
presenting.
National Club of
the Year finalist,
Ellie Eames
presenting,
Peter Muldoon
receiving

Pictures: Chris
Crowther



Saturday 20
Crouch Valley
excursion:
Stop 1
Battlesbridge –
One Green Bottle
(Pic 1)
Stop 2 South
Woodham Ferrers
– Crouch Vale
Brewery & tap
room (Pics 2,3)
Stop 3 Burnham
on Crouch – New
Welcome Sailor
(Pic 4), Queens
Head
Stop 4
Southminster –
Station Arms,
Wibblers Brewery
& tap room
Stop 5 (return)
Wickford – Posh
Boys Brewery &
tap room



Wednesday 24
Penge social –
Craft Metropolis,
Southey Brewing,
Pawleyne Arms
(left), Goldsmiths
Arms (right)



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...

Barry by the Seaside

A trip to Whitstable.

Could he have taken his beer on the ride without spilling it? Or getting arrested?



Norman with an Oompah Band in Dorset

Your Chair has headed west into the sun and in overwhelming heat had to seek refuge, with gorgeous beer in either an air-conditioned tap room, or same gorgeous beer (see the awards) in a courtyard, in front of a 13 piece Oompah band. Heaven.


Don't worry, normal service will be resumed at month end.



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](#).

As the summer proceeds, our listing of Bromley festivals has shrunk! Is there nothing in July or August, though?

Date (2026 unless noted)	Place	Details
Saturday 12 September	Chislehurst & West Kent Cricket Club	<p>Cockpit Beer and Music festival</p> <p>Will feature live music throughout day, wide range of beers and ciders, food stalls and children's activities</p> <p>Tickets</p> 

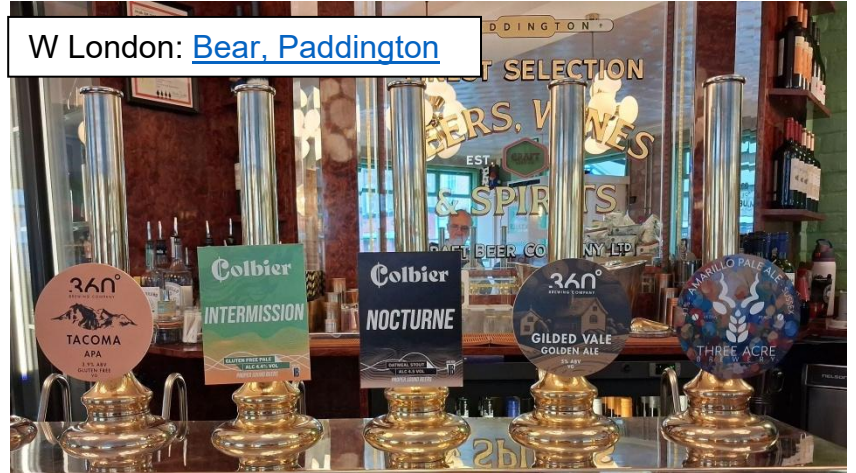


Judging for the Regional Pub of the Year

Several members of Bromley Branch are amongst the dozens of CAMRA members currently judging the 12 contenders for the title of Greater London Regional Pub of the Year.



Bromley: [Cockpit](#)



W London: [Bear, Paddington](#)

Next month we hope to have photos of the other six pubs:

[Hand & Marigold E1](#)

[Antelope, Surbiton](#)

[Long Haul, Bexleyheath](#)

[Cock, Hackney](#)

[Trafalgar, SW19](#)

[Dark Horse, Selhurst](#)

[Bob Keaveney, PPAC](#)



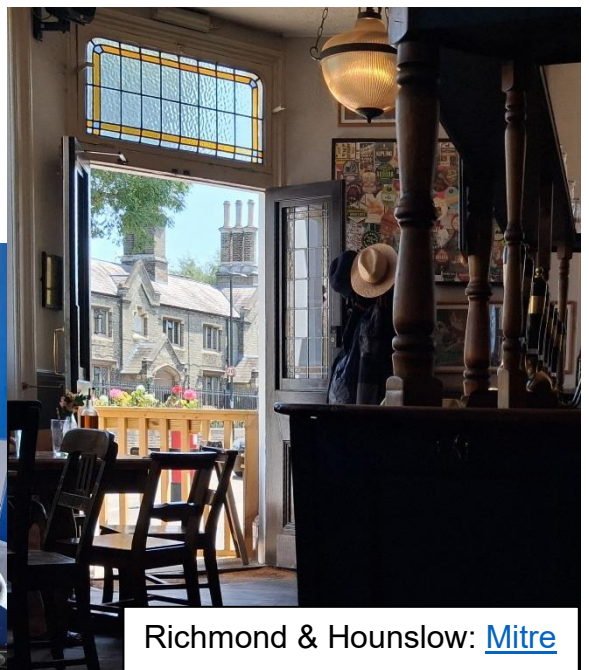
Enfield & Barnet: [Little Green Dragon, N21](#)



N London: [Wenlock Arms, N1](#)



W Middlesex: [Owl & The Pussycat, W13](#)



Richmond & Hounslow: [Mitre](#)

CAMRA News this month

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

Wow, it is HOT, but not hot enough for me to forsake cask ale for a super cool Guinness. Honest! I hope as you read this that some normality has returned but being now back from hols (and another year older), I can now brief you on what CAMRA has been doing lately.

CAMRA on TV

Well - a first. CAMRA has now had an advert included on TV, "Discover great beer with CAMRA". Sadly for us, only on Sky in the East of England but it is a start!

As the CAMRA Chair, Ash Corbett-Collins has said, "The east of England was the perfect location to trial the advert. It is a hotspot for great pubs, independent breweries, fantastic festivals – including Peterborough Beer Festival, 24-29 August – along with a lot of local CAMRA branches, all working towards our campaigning goals and enjoying socialising with like-minded people"

You can catch up with the advert on CAMRA's You Tube channel [Discover great beer with CAMRA](#)

Heritage Pub Heroes

CAMRA has launched a new award to recognise the achievements of a group who have revitalised a historic heritage pub.

Previously known as the Heritage Award, part of CAMRA's annual Pub Saving Award, it is now a standalone competition, aiming to promote and preserve historic pub buildings, while recognising and rewarding those who run them.

The award will go to a pub or pub operator showcasing activity which has reinvigorated it, while benefiting the business and having a positive impact on its local community.

Do you know of any suitable pubs?
Nominations may be made here:
<https://camra.org.uk/awards/heritage>

Previous winners, The Vine, pictured
aside



The winner will be announced during [Heritage Open Days](#), a week of free events across the country, celebrating heritage and history between 11-20 September. Similar events will also be taking place across Scotland and Wales.

Government Funding to save Under-Threat Pubs

CAMRA is saying cheers to a potentially game-changing new £61 million Community Right to Buy Fund, meaning community groups could take ownership of their local pub which is at risk of being sold, converted or demolished.

The Campaign has made it clear to Government it needed to reinstate funding allowing community groups to take ownership of their much-needed pubs following the previous Community Ownership Fund being axed in 2024.

Backed by £61 million, the Pride in Place Community Right to Buy Fund was announced on 16 June by the Communities Secretary Steve Reed MP who said the fund will "empower communities to take ownership of valued local assets such as pubs, clubs and community centres, reversing the decline in shared public spaces and supporting social connection".

Will it? The big issue is that the funding is only of use if **YOU**, the customer, are part of a community who wish to save your pub. One is not a community. The White Swan, St Mary Cray – now being converted to housing, The Mitre SE20 – "well it sort of fell down". Aware of any? Let us know.

And more on Protection

CAMRA is throwing its weight behind a new law introduced to the House of Commons on 17 June which would give extra protections in law for historic and outstanding pubs in England.

Known as the ‘Heritage Public Houses Bill’, this would better protect historic boozers from being lost to demolition or conversion.

Insert here any picture of “The Crooked House” that you may have, dear reader..

(As your scribe is not permitted to use the usual picture!)

The Bill has been introduced by Conservative MP Mike Wood who came third in the Private Members Bill ballot, meaning he has a high chance of getting his proposals passed into law – if political parties and the Government give their support.

Mike Wood is the MP for Kingswinford and South Staffordshire constituency where the famous Crooked House pub in Himley was demolished following a fire back in 2023.

As the CAMRA Chair has said “A huge thank you to Mike Wood for standing up to save and safeguard outstanding pubs that hold such a special place in our national story in the past, present and – if the Government and MPs back this legislation – the future too.”

The Pub Design Awards

Were presented on 23 June at the Woodman in Digbeth, Birmingham. The awards included:

- Historic England Conservation
- Conversion to Pub Use
- Refurbishment
- Community Local

These awards celebrate not only the UK’s best-looking pubs, but those which have been lovingly revamped or refurbished, to ambitious conversions and those which have made a real difference to their local community.

This year’s winners range from a deconsecrated church converted to a pub, to a careful and sensitive restoration of a historic heritage pub dating from the 1800s.

Run in collaboration with [Historic England](#), the competition is judged by a panel of experts passionate about design and conservation.

For more on this see: [CAMRA | Grand designs: CAMRA names UK’s picture-perfect pubs](#)

And, Finally

Pre-order is now available for the **Good Beer Guide 2027**, edited by Sir Ian Rankin. [CAMRA | Sir Ian Rankin pens foreword to premier guide for great beer pubs](#)

See you next month

Kent Sadler

**Bromley CAMRA
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"> The Crown and Anchor has a weekly schedule of events and they send out weekly update emails – you can sign up at the bottom of their website page 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 Crafty Bok
<p>BR3 Ian Syngé</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Committee Meeting this month at the Three Hounds – page 2 Three Hounds featured in Micropub Adventures (Instagram) 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"> Janet reports: The Real Ale Way West Wickham has been sold and as from 1st July 2026 there will be a new owner. It will remain as a micropub but with a new name. Real Ale Way Hayes continues as normal. 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"> Note the Green Street Green social this month – page 2 Pictures from our June 11 CotY presentation social page 3. Ye Olde Whyte Lyon is closed for a refurb. Estimated reopening was mid-June; nothing heard yet 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"> Pictures from our June 3 PotY presentation social page 3. 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"> Pictures from our June 24 Penge social page 3. 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
<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>Now go down to the pub!</p>  <p><i>Any pictures included 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 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](#)

