

The Bexley Home Brew Festival 2019



Dear Home Brewer,

The 19th Bexley Home Brew Festival will take place in Bexley Village on **Saturday afternoon 2nd November 2019**. We hope you can find the time to make something special and enter our friendly competition.

Please find enclosed the entry form and details of the rules.

The classes have been adjusted from last year and with the merging of the bitter and strong bitter classifications. Please describe the style of your entry on the form and its gravity or % alcohol. As last year we are intending to make this information available to those attending in a hand-held guide. We have adjusted the quantities that can be entered this year for beers and ciders/perry. If you have two or more entries one will have to be a 9+ litre cask but the others can be 5 litre or 6+ bottles. This has been done increase the choice available and to acknowledge that most home brew competitions are based on bottled beers.

Please note that due to lack of interest last year we will not be holding the bread competition this year.

Please return your entry form promptly. Late entries not only mean that your name is not included in the hand-held guide which is confusing for all; it also makes it difficult for your committee to plan the event (specifically with regards to what trophies will be awarded). Also with the introduction of electronic ticketing it is now not possible to save any tickets for the friends of brewers. Once the electronic ticketing is operational then it is "first come first served". Once their entry is submitted brewers, wine, cider and perry makers can claim their complimentary ticket and this means that you get free entry into the Festival.

Wine, beer, cider and perry exhibits are to be delivered to the venue on the Thursday evening prior to the festival between the hours of 8pm and 9.30pm, unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the organisers.

Entry to the Festival is by pre-paid ticket and last year it was sold out well in advance of the event. This year the tickets are only available on the Ticket Taylor website when accessed through the Festival website using the link below:

<http://buytickets.at/bexleyhomebrewfestival/294999>

Click on or cut and paste this into your internet browser and there is a "BUY TICKETS / JOIN THE GUEST LIST" button. Pressing this gives you access to the Ticket Taylor site to claim your complimentary ticket and purchase up to 6 guest tickets. If you require any more please contact the Registrar. PLEASE ACT NOW AS THESE TICKETS WILL SELL OUT VERY QUICKLY.

There will be food available (please do not bring your own as you will be required to eat it outside) and live entertainment on the day. There will be soft drinks available for non-drinkers. I must emphasise that this is a private function and admission is by ticket only.

All profits from this event will be distributed to the charities chosen by the organisers. £1300 was raised in 2018.

Registrar: - Phill Turner 07788 967416 Email: phill.eltham@gmail.com

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ENTRY FORM

I hope to exhibit in the following classes:

Class	Tick Here	Approx. OG or % alcohol	Notes about class
Red wine			
White wine			
Other wine			Rose, ginger, mead, etc.
Ale – Light bitter beers e.g. pale, golden, strong			Please state the ale type and gravity as the organisers may decide to sub-divide this class
Stout or porter			To include dark smoked ales
Other beer			Lager, saison, wheat and mild
Cider			
Perry			

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS):

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

TEL:

I agree to be bound by the rules attached. SIGNED:

I understand that my wine/beer/cider/perry entry entitles me to a free ticket. This complimentary ticket and additional tickets for friends or family (aged over 18) at £12 per ticket are available electronically using the link below:

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About yourself or your beer (Please provide a short write-up about yourself or your entry. Please keep this brief, witty, & clean, as it may be printed in the programme or on the website.)

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO THE REGISTRAR

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 11th October 2019

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COMPETITION RULES

BEER, CIDER AND PERRY

Single entries are accepted in a barrel, polypin, Corni keg or similar container and must be a minimum of approx. 9 litres. If a competitor has multiple entries then the first must be a 9+ litre container but the others can be in 5+ litre containers or bottles with a minimum entry of 6 bottles.

If the entrant prefers the use of Barrel Pumps then CO2 or Compressed Air may be used.

WINE

A minimum of three bottles of the same brew must be entered per entry e.g. three bottles of the same white wine.

Wine will be judged on presentation, clarity, bouquet, and taste.

GENERAL RULES FOR BEER, WINE, CIDER AND PERRY

- 1) No beer, wine, cider and perry to be sold at the festival
- 2) All entrants must be over 18 years of age
- 3) All beer, cider, perry or wine must be home brew and produced by the named entrant
- 4) We do apologise but it is impossible for the organisers to prevent the loss of corks and bottle tops and we hope that you understand the difficulty.

All entrants will be responsible for the setting up and care of their brews before, during and after the festival. They must remove their brews at the end of the festival, unless they have made other arrangements with the organisers.

BREAD

Unfortunately there will be no bread competition this year due to last year's poor response from competitors and lack of Festival volunteers to administer the competition. We would like to re-instate this and welcome your views on how more interest can be generated.

The Judge's word is always FINAL

A Note about our Wonderful Trophies

It is the responsibility of the winners of the trophies to have them professionally engraved preferably at the engraver identified by the organisers - **No DIY engraving please**

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