

## **CAMRA Region & Branch Reorganisation**

The Isle of Wight is now a branch within the South Central CAMRA Region.

The region comprises the counties of Berkshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Wiltshire. Each county comprises branches within that county. At this time I am unsure as to the status of the Channel Islands branch, but I believe it is intended to remain part of our region.

Each county coordinates activities within branches in that county.

The Regional Director is responsible for overseeing activities within the region.

The Isle of Wight is a special case in as much as the county comprises only ONE branch. This simplifies our life. Our representatives report directly to regional representatives and do not have to go through any county intermediaries.

Previously the Wessex region had quarterly meetings which rotated among branches at which common business matters could be discussed and coordinated. In the new set up each county will be responsible for such meetings within their county and any regional meeting will most likely be done remotely to limit travelling costs.

In practice this means that nothing much will change for us on the Island, apart from being relieved of hosting a regional meeting. The downside is that we will have reduced contact with other branches in the region and be largely left to our own devices (no change there really).

Practically speaking it means that we can organise our own POTY, BOTY and CLUBotY and put forward our candidates for selection to represent the Region in competition with those from the other counties.

GBG selection will be organised via the region organiser (as before), as will any other activities which were coordinated at region level.

So where do we go from here – answer is nowhere we continues as we have always done.