



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at social@tendringcamra.org.uk

Branch Activities

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings (start at 8 pm) & Committee Meetings (start at 7.30pm) (only committee vote).

25th January Robert Burns night at Bromley Cross
6th February Committee Meeting Olde Swan Brightlingsea
9th February Branch POTY trip
18th February Social / Branch Meeting Stingray Harwich

You will find later activities on our diary page see:-
<http://www.tendringcamra.org.uk/diary.html>
All dates/destinations may be subject to change. Transport is available for some of the above, if you are interested please contact Mick at the email address above. By sending an email to Mick, you agree to being contacted via email.



This picture was taken whilst on our cider POTY voting trip with 15 branch members in tow. We are outside the Globe which is right by the Navy yard wharf area of Harwich. This has been a pub since at least 1753 and is the towns oldest surviving pub, 'back in the day' it would have been very popular with sailors and young ladies!
The other pubs vying for our branch cider Pub of the Year are the Old Lifeboat House Clacton, Hanover Harwich, Olde Cherry Tree Little Oakley and the White Hart Weeley Heath. Votes must be in by 18th February & you must visit & score each pub.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

When I was younger, I made it a rule never to take strong drink before lunch. It is now my rule never to do so before breakfast.
-Winston Churchill – Died 26th January 1965 @ 90

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
799**

I don't read all the letters on the 'Letters' page of the local Daily Gazette but this one published recently caught my eye. Unfortunately a sad tale which will 'strike a cord' with a lot of us.

I remember Oddie of old with affection.

I DISCOVERED the Oddie (the Odd One out pub in Mersea Road) years ago.
It was worth a 12-mile round trip to drink there -good beer, a bit Fifties in atmosphere, regulars along the bar ready to talk, a fire in winter, and "quiet" some nights. Quiet meant -never any "piped" music.
No longer. The regulars are long gone. The fire is still there and the beer is good but now there is a music licence in place and inane pop blares out all evening.
There is good beer just a mile away from my home and a quiet pub.
How sad, I will lose friends and miss the choice of beer. Was nothing sacred? Obviously not.

Bill Tamblyn

Our Pub of the Year (POTY) forms & voting instructions can be download from the [members area of our website](#) . If you are unable to do so email me your address and I will put them in the post for you. Forms must be returned by our branch meeting on 18th February.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Festival 29 Jan to 2 Feb
Maybush Anniversary Beer Festival 15-17 Feb
National GBBFW Norwich 19-23 Feb
Chelmsford Winter Beer & Cider Festival 20-23 Feb
Chappel Winter Beer Festival 01-02 March
Maldon Beer & Cider Festival 10-13 April
Harwich Ale Trail 2-6 May

If your 'local' is hosting a Beer/ Cider related function and you would like it added to this list please let me have the details.

