



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).

- 8th February POTY voting from the south
- 13th February short Branch Meeting Railway Tavern Brightlingsea
- 4th March Committee Meeting venue TBC
- 19th March Branch AGM Hanover Harwich
- 15th April Committee Meeting Royal Fusilier Angers Green
- 23rd April short Branch Meeting venue TBC
- 25th April Morris Traveller
- 6th May Branch 'Mystery' pub crawl by minibus.

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 doing so, you agree to being contacted via email.



This picture was taken during our very enjoyable Christmas Sweater Day trip to Hadleigh at the first pub (the Cock). Whilst there a group of four people came in and I overheard one of the ladies say to her partner "we cannot stay here it is far too crowded and noisy" I said "wait a couple of minutes and it will be empty as we are all leaving to continue our pub crawl" The other comment I liked was when Ed Loach stated he had never been to Hadleigh before, however he did find he had done a score on Cask Marque for pubs in Hadleigh!

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Pubs and small community pubs in particular, provide a safe environment in which to meet old and new friends face to face over a drink. The pub offers an enriching environment where we have the opportunity to meet a greater diversity of people from all walks of life than we might otherwise be able to do

~ Oxford University 'Friends on Tap' report January 2016

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
815**

It is that time of year again when you have the opportunity to help choose our Cider Pub of the Year (POTY) & our overall POTY. All the official forms can be downloaded from the members area of our website, they can be emailed back to the branch or brought along to the February Branch Meeting on Thursday 13th at the Railway Tavern Brightlingsea. For your vote to count you must visit and score all 5 pubs on the forms. If you cannot locate the forms or print them off please email me your address and I will post you a copy.

From the activity list there are a couple of trips I would like to mention. These are not meetings they are great fun and gives you an opportunity to meet old and new friends face to face (no social media) over a drink in some fantastic pubs. Watch out for the email I send out nearer the time of these events.

The Morris Traveller is a day out on a coach travelling around the patch, picking up CAMRA members and Leading Lights Morris Dancers in Clacton then Harwich then visiting four great rural pubs and having a lunch in one of them. This is also a celebration of St Georges Day. The Morris dance at each of the venues and provide impromptu music on the coach and in the pubs. As well as being great fun it fulfils a campaigning function promoting our work as CAMRA and demonstrating to landlords and customers we value their pub.

The 'Mystery' pub crawl does 'what it says on the can'. members on the minibus love to guess what pubs we will visit. Again it promotes CAMRA and gives us a chance to visit pubs that are a bit off our radar.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Festival 29 Jan - 1 Feb
GBBF Winter Beer Festival Birmingham 4-8 February
4th Maybush Ale & Cider Festival 7-9 February
Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival 19-22 February
Chappel Winter Beer Festival 28-29 February
National AGM & members weekend (York) 3-5 April
Harwich Ale Trail 30 April - 4 May
Colchester Summer Beer Festival 27-30 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.



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