



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).

Branch Meeting Stingray Harwich **Thursday 2nd November**
National Christmas Sweater Day **Saturday 11th December (Full)**
Committee meeting Ship Great Holland **Tuesday 11th January**
Branch Meeting Waggon Wix **Thursday 20th January**
Robert Burns Night **Tuesday 25th January The Cross (Full)**

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 at the White Hart Weeley Heath when CAMRA members presented Mark & Sally with an award in commemoration of their recent anniversary of 25 years running the popular watering hole.

It is also of note that for 21 years in a row now the pub has been in every issue of the Good Beer Guide (GBG). That is since the 2002 Guide and is the longest consecutive run of any of our pubs.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

A ROYAL WEDDING KICKS OFF OKTOBERFEST
After the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Ludwig 1) to Princess Therese von Sachsen Hildburghausen, on 12th October 1810 the people of Munich are invited to a celebratory horse race and other festivities. The following year the tradition is repeated, and it becomes an annual event. Today, Oktoberfest remains a staple of Bavarian culture celebrated worldwide

~ from an article in the BBC History Revealed magazine.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
680**

CAMRA's Good Beer Guide is available now. Other Tendring pubs that have had a long run (but not consecutive) in the Guide include: The Railway Tavern - would have had a run longer than 21 years except for missing out in 2011. It has now been in 27 times in total. The next three are all in Harwich which is proof (if it were needed) of the quality of pubs in that historic town. The Hanover has also been in 21 times, but they've been on and off since 1988 rather than consecutive years. The Alma has been in 23 times since 1981, but includes a 12 year gap. The New Bell has also been in 21 times but that is since 1976.—this information was supplied by our hard working 'Pubs Officer' Ed Loach, it has to be said that every branch needs an Ed!

Those of you that take note of our membership numbers cannot have missed the reduction down from around 900 to the present 680. This is just indicative of the current times; pubs are also struggling with many remaining closed and others with reduced opening hours and real ale and cider offerings. As CAMRA we try our best to support all real ale and cider pubs however in reality it is only the general public that can throw the pubs a 'lifeline' and with drinking habits changing that is a big ask. Whilst that is the case, I am an optimist and I believe the good pubs with loyal regulars will adapt to the new normal.

For our part all our trips out next year will be within the branch area, and we will try and visit as many of our pubs as possible. If you feel we are neglecting any pub or location, please get in contact with me.

To this end here are some of the trips/events being planned for next year: [RambAles](#) in the warmer months, pub walkabouts in towns, and mystery pub crawls and our [Morris Traveller](#) in celebration of St George's Day they all give us a chance to visit pubs that are a bit off our radar.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

[Pig's Ear Beer & Cider Festival](#) 30th Nov– 4th Dec
[Chappel Winter Beer Fest](#) 3rd-5th March

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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