



# Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at [social@tendringcamra.org.uk](mailto: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 Waggon at Wix **Thursday 20th January**  
Robert Burns Night **Tuesday 25th January** The Cross (Full)  
Branch Meeting **Thursday 24th February** Railway Tavern Brightlingsea  
Committee Meeting **Wednesday 16th March** Victory Walton-on-Naze  
Branch AGM **Wednesday 30th March** Ship Kirby-le-Soken  
Morris Traveller **Saturday 23rd April**  
Branch Meeting **Thursday 28th April** (TBC)

You will find later activities on our diary page see:-

<http://www.tendringcamra.org.uk/diary.html>

*All dates/destinations are 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 National Christmas Sweater Day visit around four of our great pubs all with welcoming real fires. Whilst at the Olde Cherry Tree in Little Oakley (see picture above) branch chairman (Peter Butler) awarded the pub landlord (Steve Munn) the best real fire certificate as voted by the committee

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
661**

## More pubs are facing last orders

In one form or another, pubs have been a part of Britain's social fabric since Roman times as places to gather, socialise, entertain and even bolster each other in the toughest of times. They're a precious part of everyday life and their appeal remains undiminished—but **but** that could all change! William Robinson, co-owner of 6th-generation family-run Robinson Brewery stated their pubs stayed open during the Spanish flu, and through both world wars. Their pubs have only closed once in their 300-year history, to abide by the Covid lockdown.

Five per cent of pubs closed for good in 2020 and another five per cent are set to close in 2021.— that's 5,000 pubs gone and who knows what will happen in 2022. Emma McClarkin, Chief Executive of the British Beer & Pub Association stated "We could be entering some of the bleakest months ahead .... Businesses are on the line"

Samuel Pepys (one time MP for Harwich) aptly described the pub as the "heart of England" - a focal point of our communities. We mustn't let Covid rip the heart out of our local communities forever.

*~from an article in the Daily Express on 18th December*

Whilst the article above makes for depressing reading it is great that the plight of our pubs is being widely publicised. As unbelievable as it may seem I never joined CAMRA because of my love of real ale - it was because of my love of pubs and pub culture.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

A petition to Queen Victoria, with more than one million names of women appealing for public houses to be closed on Sundays, was handed to the Home Secretary.

*~ on 30th December 1887*

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

I cannot find any Beer Festivals taking place in the next 3 months. If anyone knows otherwise please let me know.

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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