



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).

Committee Meeting Village Maid Bradfield **Wednesday 10th January**
Branch Meeting White Hart Weeley Heath **Thursday 18th January**
Branch Meeting New Bell Harwich **Wednesday 21st February**
Committee Meeting Castle Ramsey **Wednesday 6th March**
Branch AGM Railway Tavern Brightlingsea **Wednesday 20th March**

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

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

All dates/destinations may change. Transport is available for some of our activities depending on your location; 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 successful Christmas Sweater Day whilst in the Waggon at Wix. Other pubs visited were the Village Maid Bradfield & Red Lion Manningtree. During the day members contributed £66 to the 'Save the Children' Christmas appeal.

Its trips like this that your local CAMRA branch tries giving some added benefit for members and supports pubs that stock Real Ale. Without such pubs our favoured tittle would disappear.

We can thank Charles Dickens for Christmas as we know it (he didn't invent it). He revived and reinvented the festive spirit in this country which we continue enjoying today.

This is a great time of year for supporting your 'local' particularly in the New Year when pubs need all the support they can get.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

After Dickens's death, Victorians began looking beyond palaces and castles, and took an interest in the smaller places: pubs, houses and locales. Dickensian London was the back alley, it was the local pub.

~ Dr Lee Jackson

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
618**

Below are some trips you maybe interested in :-

Below is a list of proposed functions for next year which will be confirmed at branch meetings - if agreed more detail will be released. There will also be more of our RambAles.

I joined CAMRA in support of our pubs, which continue to be an endangered species. Taking part in trips like the ones below can in some small way help in the fight to keep pubs open.

January & February: POTY voting trips (Ale & Cider)

March: Maybe a pub run around this month.

April: Morris Traveller

May : Mystery pub run-around

June: Beer Day Britain

July: Brightlingsea Carnival and the Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival. Also maybe a visit to the Little Earth Project.

August: Clacton Beer Festival month.

September: Cask Ale Week.

October: Trafalgar Day trip, also Cravat Day

November: Mystery pub run-around

December: Christmas Sweater Day

If you have any comments or suggestions for venues for the above please let me know or even better attend one of our meetings.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Fest 31st Jan – 3rd Feb 2024

Winter GBBF, Burton 15th—17th Feb 2024

Lt Bentley Church Beer Fest 26th – 28th April 2024

Gruff Fest Stratford St Mary (ticket only) 8th June 2024

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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