



# 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 Meetings

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

Committee meeting Crown Post Harwich **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Branch meeting venue TBC **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Committee meeting Crown Thorpe-le-Soken **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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

*All dates/destinations may change. Transport maybe available for some 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 Annual 'Morris Traveller' campaigning event in celebration of St George's Day & good pubs. We had 50 members taking part travelling around the patch in a coach. Above shows the Leading Lights Morris dancing in the street outside the Great Oakley Maybush. The other pubs visited were the Dovercourt Trafalgar, Great Holland Ship and the Jaywick Lane Wick Lodge.

The day was a bit chilly but we had a very warm welcome in all the pubs.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

Bill Bailey (along with Sir Trevor McDonald) visited 3 pubs whilst in Constable country - the Sun Dedham, Bull Brantham, & Butt & Oyster Pin Mill. It will not surprise you that I have visited all three. Piers Baker, landlord of the Sun, was appreciative of their visit but wished they focused more on the beer at the pub.

*~ From the Daily Gazette report on Bill Bailey's TV series 'Perfect Pub Walks'.*

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
600**

## Below are some events you may be interested in :-

**June:-** Gruff Brewery Festival Stratford-St-Mary Saturday 8th June. Beer Day Britain on Saturday 15th June which is significant because that is also the date Magna Carta was sealed in 1215. We hope members would encourage pubs to arrange something in support of the celebration.

**July:-** This month the Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival takes place in probably the most atmospheric venue for a festival.

**August:-** Clacton Beer Festival month. As well as holding the festival from the 21st to the 24th we will be doing a Clacton pub and Carnival (depending on volunteers) walk publicising our festival.

Our festival is the premier event of our year and we are always on the look-out for helpers and sponsors. If you know of any business that would be a willing sponsor of the glasses (or programme) their company name and/or logo would be used on them. Just contact me at the email address above as I am the Beer Festival Organiser. (BFO)

There are other events planned for later in the year however, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for future trips, please let me know.

**Mick Hearn Social Secretary & BFO**

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Lt Bentley Church Beer Festival 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Harwich Ale Trail 2nd – 6th May  
Railway Tavern Brightlingsea Cider & Perry Festival plus live music each day 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Sproughton Beer Festival 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Colchester Beer & Cider Fest 29<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Gruff Festival Stratford St Mary (ticket only) 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Ship Kirby-le-Soken Beer Festival 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June  
Manningtree Beer Festival 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July

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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