

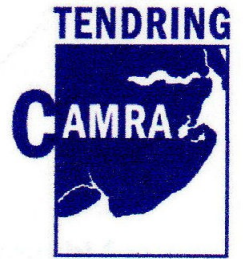


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Tendring Branch Information Sheet

(News Letter)

No 69



Branch Activities

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

- 13th July Clacton Beer Fest meeting Never Say Die Jaywick
- 15th July mini Branch meeting Crown Manningtree
- 18th July Wix Fayre branch to have a campaigning stand
- 25th July Branch visit to Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival
- 29th July Branch Committee Meeting TBC
- 1st August RambAle No 6 Great Oakley to Kirby-le-Soken
- 15th August Chelmsford city centre pub walk-about

*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 below.*



Here we have our Ken presenting the Harwich & Dovercourt Bay 'Light Beer of the Festival' award to Star Brewery, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, for their Astral beer. The brewers were genuinely pleased with the award and our visit, we were only the second party to visit the brewery and it was their first such award.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Up the street, in the Sailors Arms, Sinbad Sailors, grandson of Mary Ann Sailors, drew a pint in the sunlit bar. The ship's clock in the bar says half past eleven. Half past eleven is opening time. The hands of the clock have stayed still at half past eleven for fifty years. It is always opening time in the Sailors Arms.

~ Dylan Thomas, *Under Milk Wood*

*Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
584*

As we all know only too well, our pubs are still closing at an alarming rate. It is not just pubs that are in crisis: many traditional industries and small local shops are being put to the sword by supermarkets, foreign imports and online retailing. Once we lose them they are probably lost forever. Any company which requires multiple outlets to exist, like a supermarket or other chain, seems to have to grow. If they don't, they get swallowed up. Supermarket growth is often on the corpse of a pub. Moreover, isn't it odd that a bottle of wine in a restaurant can be three times the price of a comparable bottle in a supermarket, and most people readily accept this, yet for beer, the better product down the pub loses to the supermarket discounters!

However by supporting CAMRA in any way you can together we can make a difference. Pubs are not just places to drink, they serve the community and help the social glue without which we are all diminished.

If you (&/or friends & family) are able to help at this years Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival (26th to 29th August) in anyway please find the staffing form in our members area on www.tendringcamra.org.uk or email Mick at the address below.

Cross Inn, Great Bromley - Public Meeting

There is a public meeting being held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14th July open to anyone who is interested in helping save The Cross Inn, which is currently closed and up for sale.

The meeting will be held at:

Great Bromley Village Hall, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex, CO7 7JA

Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested in saving the pub, possibly to be run as a co-operative community pub.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

- White Hart Weeley St Austell's weekend 2-5 July
- Chelmsford Beer & Cider Festival, 7-11 July
- Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival, 23- 25 July
- Great British Beer Festival Olympia 7-15 August
- Clacton** Real Ale & Cider Festival, 26-29 August
- Victory Walton Music & Beer Festival 28-31 August
- Chappel Summer Beer Festival, 8-12 September
- Harwich** Winter Beer Festival, 2-5 December

Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at social@tendringcamra.co.uk