

Branch Activities

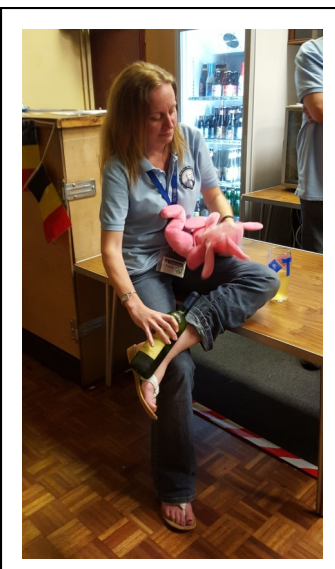
All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings (start at 8 pm)
& Committee Meetings (start at 7.30pm) (only committee vote).

26th September Best of South Essex pubs branch social trip
3rd October Branch Garden Party Point Clear
8th October Committee meeting Olde Swan Brightlingsea
14th October full Branch Meeting Railway Brightlingsea
21st October Branch campaigning Apple Day pub run-about
7th November Branch visit to Harwich Sausage Festival
17th November mini Branch Meeting Plough Grt Bentley
25th November Branch campaign 'Mystery' pub run-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.

*Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
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This picture was taken during our very successful 20th Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival. Here is our branch Cider Rep Tracey Forshaw (one of our First Aid operatives) applying a cold compress whilst admiring a cuddly toy. I have not seen that technique in the First Aid Manual!

If you didn't manage to get along to our Beer Festival I am sure you will be pleased to know it was a great success. Whilst it will be sometime before the financial figures are available we did have an increase in footfall (our best ever) and beer drank (78 casks against 76 last year). Even more noticeable was the volume of cider consumed (34 boxes against 27 last year). I cannot help thinking more of our pubs should be stocking real cider as we have proved the demand is there.

The 'Beer of the Festival' as voted by the attendees was Medea from the Milton brewery in Cambridgeshire (a strong mild with fruit and mocha flavours at 5.7% ABV). At the festival we signed up 36 new branch members plus 15 from outside the branch. Once again it demonstrates one of the key benefits of holding the festival.

As part of the Harwich 'Arts Festival' year Heidi Tidow & Brenda O'Hooley have been booked to perform at Samuel Pepys in Harwich on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm. This is part of their "Summat's Brewin" national tour—"A Celebration of Real Ale, Real Music and Real People". Tickets are £10 & available online from Harwich Arts Festival website.

<http://www.harwichfestival.co.uk/whats-on/ohooley-tiddow-summats-brewin-tour/>

Also available from Peter Davis on 07870 620273.

You can't miss that the Rugby World Cup is upon us, why not watch some of the games in pubs that show them? You may even find a pub that is doing a promotion during some matches. There was a great atmosphere in my local during England's opening game.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

A fine beer may be judged by a sip, but it's better to be thoroughly sure.
~ Czech proverb

Beer Festival Diary Dates

South Woodham Ferrers Beer Festival 8-10 October
Norwich Beer Festival 26-31 October
Rochford Beer & Cider Festival 17-21 November
Harwich Winter Beer Festival, 2-5 December
Colchester Winter Ale Festival, 27-30 January
Chelmsford Winter Beer & Cider Fest, 17-20 February
Chappel Winter Festival, 26-27 February
Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival 24-27 August 2016