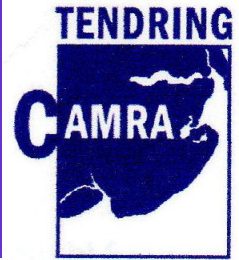




# Tending Branch Information Sheet

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## Branch Activities

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September branch visit to Chappel Beer Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> September short branch meeting Cherry Tree Lt Oakley
- 24<sup>th</sup> September branch visit to some great Maldon pubs
- 5<sup>th</sup> October Committee Meeting Court House Grt Bromley
- 11<sup>th</sup> October Full Branch Meeting Hanover Harwich
- 19<sup>th</sup> October National Apple Day pub run about
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Harwich Sausage Festival

*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.*



This great picture taken of our party on a lovely sunny Saturday whilst at our first stop (The Railway Tavern) on our recent Chelmsford pub walk-about. I was very impressed that Tracey & Judith didn't do their usual hiding act when a camera was on display, but I did!

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

Bars and clubs are ideal spaces in which young designers can experiment. The life expectancy of a bar is often no more than three years, so the concern is not to produce a classic design, but instead, more often than not, to create a symbol of the times.

Bethan Ryder 2002 – Designer & News & Travel editor of Livingetc magazine

Mick Hearn – you would be very unlikely to spot me in a bar with a life expectancy of three years!

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

**Clacton** Beer & Cider Festival 24-27 August  
Olde Cherry Tree, Little Oakley 26-29 August  
Castle, Ramsey 27-28 August  
Chappel Beer Festival 6-10 September  
Kings Arms Frating Harvest Festival 17 September  
Witham Beer Festival 27-30 September  
National Cider Trip to Cambridgeshire 8th October  
White Hart Weeley Heath Beer Festival 27-30 October  
**Harwich** Winter Real Ale Festival 23-26 November  
If your 'Local' is hosting any Beer/Cider related function and you would like it added to this list please let me have the details.

*Tending Branch Membership  
now stands at  
687*

You may feel you don't have the time (or even the inclination) to be an active branch member. However there are things you can do to support the branch and pubs that don't take up a lot of your time.

When you visit a pub take a note of the beers & the quality and contribute to the National Beer Scoring System, which is integrated with WhatPub. In this way you are providing evidence for the branch which helps support our shortlist of pubs that maybe included in the Good Beer Guide.

Some of our remote pubs in the branch that don't get visited by active members may feel unloved, or that we don't care about them but that is certainly not true. If your 'local' can accommodate and welcome a branch meeting please let me know.

Make a point of engaging your local landlord and other customers in conversation. After all they are a mine of information about the local area and a great way to find a good tradesman (plumber, electrician, painter, etc).

Attend any of the Beer Festivals (especially the two official CAMRA ones) held locally. During our Clacton festival this year we hope to break the 700 membership barrier so please encourage your friends and family to come along, they may even join CAMRA! Joining at a festival brings other benefits.

Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at [social@tendingcamra.co.uk](mailto:social@tendingcamra.co.uk)