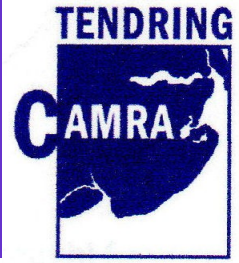




Tendring Branch Information Sheet

(News Letter)

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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).

- 13th April branch Committee Meeting Never Say Die
- 20th April full Branch Meeting Haywain Lt Bromley
- 22nd April St George's Day Morris Traveller
- 27th April Harwich Ale Trail branch visit
- 8th May Clacton Beer Fest Meeting Moon & Starfish
- 13th May branch RambAle
- 17th May short Branch Meeting Ship Kirby-le-Soken

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
743*



There's still life in the 'Old Sea Dog' yet! Picture taken during our spring Mystery Pub Run-about. A campaigning trip and very much great fun. We visited four pubs, the Haywain, Little Bromley, Crown Hotel, Manningtree, Village Maid, Bradfield and the Kings Arms, Dovercourt. The fact that people didn't know where they were going created a lot of discussion on the coach as members tried to work out where we were going next

QUOTE FOR TODAY

"It was ironic they asked me to officially open the pub when I used to be getting chucked out of places like this all the time"

~ Les Nicoll - local charity stalwart at the opening of The Bottle Kiln, JD Wetherspoon's newest pub in Dovercourt

Not all members have the time or inclination to campaign for the branch, however there is a simple way you can help. Once a year we run our Community Pubs Campaign which features a Pub 'Passport' with 49 of our Real Ale pubs. You visit a participating pub have a pint of Real Ale or Cider and get them to stamp your passport. Passports (which contain the information about the scheme) are available in the participating pubs. The scheme is not just for CAMRA members anyone can use them and gain benefits, more information can be found on www.tendringcamra.org.uk

Even if you just visit a few of the pubs it demonstrates to the publican we are interested in their business and sometimes it starts up a conversation with some of the interested 'locals'.

How about a visit to an award winning Essex Cider Maker Delvin End (in Sible Hedingham)? As far as the date it would be better if the young trees they have are in bloom (which is a bit unpredictable) and their recent introduction of bee hives (which they are very proud of) will be buzzing. I would like to gauge what support we would get for this trip so please let me know if you maybe interested. I will contact you again when a date is fixed.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

- Royal Marine, Walton Beer Festival 13-17 April
- Mersea Island Beer Festival 14- 17 April
- East Anglian Beer/Cider Fest Bury St Edmunds 19-22April
- White Hart Weeley Woodforde's weekend 26 Apr to 1 May
- Railway Tavern Brightlingsea Cider Fest 27 April to 1 May
- Harwich Spring Ale Trail 27th April to 1st May
- Red Lion Kirby-le-Soken 11-14 May
- Kings Arms Frating Charity Festival 27-28 May
- Colchester Real Ale & Cider Festival 30 May- 3 June
- Ship Kirby-le-Soken Beer Festival 29 June to 2 July
- Chelmsford Beer & Cider Festival 4-8 July
- Harwich Town Brewery Redoubt Beer Festival 27-29 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.

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