



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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

Branch Activities

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

RambAle from Maybush Great Oakley to Harwich on **Saturday 18th September**
AGM at Manningtree Red Lion on **Wednesday 22nd September**
Branch POTY voting trip **Saturday 25th September** (from the south)
National Apple Day on **Thursday 21st October** a 'Mystery trip'
Committee Meeting **Wednesday 3rd November** Olde Cherry Tree TBC
Harwich Sausage Festival **Saturday 6th November**
National Christmas Sweater Day **Saturday 11th December**
Robert Burns Night **Tuesday 25th January** at The Cross

You will find later activities on our diary page see:-
<http://www.tendringcamra.org.uk/diary.html>

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 above. By doing so, you agree to being contacted via email.



This picture (of three fine examples of the committee!) was taken at the Village Maid in Bradfield during our September Committee Meeting. Left to right Peter Butler (our Chairman), Mick Hearn (our Social Secretary) and Ed Loach (our pubs Officer). Although the picture may suggest otherwise I can confirm Ed is definitely not Teetotal!

QUOTE FOR TODAY

To be totally honest, I just want to be back in the pub, and I don't give a damn whose beer it is. I want it to be drinkable, I want it to be bright and I want it to be in a proper pub with my friends and colleagues.

~ Michael Lees-Jones head brewer & production director J.W. Lees brewery

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
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Welcome to our first Newsletter in months! You will no doubt notice that the membership has gone down by quite a bit, which is understandable in the circumstances. However once everything opens up as the 'new' normal (particularly Beer Festivals) we hope numbers will once again increase.

Here is a message from our Chairman

With things back to normal, it's been nice to visit pubs and the occasional festival. Visiting a pub isn't just about drinking. Pubs play an important part in the community, offering somewhere to meet up with friends, speak to locals and generally relax and unwind from the stress of modern day life. The benefits to people's mental health cannot be taken lightly. The hospitality sector has suffered greatly over the last 18 months and needs your support more than ever before, if we are to prevent more pubs closing. I look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings and social events over the next few months.

Cheers,

Peter Butler, Tendring CAMRA Chairman

What makes a good pub? For me it is a place with a welcoming atmosphere for all, good banter at the bar, a selection of Real Ales, Cider & Gins! An open fire in winter, a garden for summer and if it has a TV it doesn't distract from congenial conversation. Also it must be clean and tidy and even better if it has some original architectural features (e.g. wooden beams with carvings). If the pub also does food this is served in a separate area away from the bar, and when I walk up to the bar I don't want to be asked 'have you booked a table sir!' With a very special landlord and landlady that address you by name (if you are a regular) and know what choice of drinks you tend to go for. They encourage community spirit and group visits/activities for locals away from the pub and don't put up with any inappropriate behaviour in their pub. That sounds a lot like 'The Moon under Water' an essay by George Orwell.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

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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