



# Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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

## Branch Meetings

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

Committee meeting Old Lifeboat House 12:30 **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**  
Branch meeting Haywain Lt Bromley **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Committee meeting Olde Cherry Lt Oakley **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

You will find later activities on our diary page see:-

<http://www.tendringcamra.org.uk/diary.html>

*All dates/destinations may change. Transport maybe available for some depending on your location; if you are interested please contact Mick at the email address above. By doing so you agree to being contacted via email.*



This was taken just before opening on day one of our Real Ale & Cider Festival. Reverend Susan Wiggins gave a blessing for the festival and the hard working volunteers. I don't expect this takes place at any other festival (unless you know otherwise). We are made so very welcome by the church, we are also allowed to use the church as a quite breakout area.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

I got an interesting insight into why the multinationals are happy to invest in cask-conditioned ale despite its difficulties by talking to CMBC's director of brewing, Emma Gilleland. "Cask ale drinkers typically bring others to pubs with them, so it's not just the money they themselves spend, but it drives the sales of other drinks, too. Cask ale, therefore, has a key role to play in the (post-pandemic) recovery of our beloved pubs and the wider sector".

~ Laura Hadland CAMRA Beer magazine article.

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
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This year's 27th Clacton-on-Sea Real Ale & Cider Festival took place at St. James' Hall, Tower Road, Clacton-on-Sea. It was a great success with loads of positive feedback from the customers and volunteers alike.

However, we do have a problem with an ageing band of volunteers for set-up and take-down. I do sincerely hope we can continue running the festival. However, we must decide how we overcome this problem. We may need to scale back the festival? Decisions will have to be made at our meetings on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Old Lifeboat House and 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Haywain. It would be great if more CAMRA members could attend and take part in the discussion.

Our festival charity this year was St Helena Hospice, and we raised £600 for this great local charity. We sold 3,444 pints of ale and had almost 1,000 customers. There were 52 votes for our Beer of the Festival; in joint second was Okapi brewed by 'Grain' of Norfolk and Voller brewed by 'Only With Love' of East Sussex. In first place was P2 Porter brewed by 'Gruff' of Suffolk. There were 17 votes for our Cider of the Festival; in second place was Bakewell Tart by 'SeaCider' and in first place was Old Harry Rocks by 'Dorset Nectar'.

During October there are a number of things you could get involved in. The Shanty Festival takes place in Harwich on 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October. Cravat Day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October when members can do their own thing and make a fashion statement wearing a cravat in their favourite local. Trafalgar Day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Depending on numbers I could arrange transport to The Trafalgar in Dovercourt. Celebrating Nelson's great victory.

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Chappel Beer Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Bottle Kiln Meet the Brewer 'Jack Rabbit' 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Witham Real Ale & Gin Festival 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Oktoberfest Chelmsford Racecourse 28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Bottle Kiln (Dovercourt) Ale Festival 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Shanty Festival in Harwich on  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October

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.

