



# 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 Olde Cherry Lt Oakley **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Branch meeting Victory Walton **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

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 picture of a happy group of our members celebrating Cravat Day (18<sup>th</sup> October) was taken in the Stingray Harwich. If I was looking for a historical caption for the photo it would be 'The Round-heads and Cavalier's celebrating Cravat Day together'.

The day is a celebration of the cravat (a neck scarf) worn by Croatian mercenary Cavalry during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, they were known as 'Royal-Cravate'. Whilst there is no evidence of it they could have taken part in the English Civil War (1639-1653).

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

Mr McCulloch told hospitality podcast 5<sup>th</sup> Wave "Because there's no foreign people coming en-masse, actually [to] the British public it is kind of beneath them to work in hospitality. They're too posh to pull a pint...."

~ Mark McCulloch a hospitality chief and founder of Hospitality Rising.

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
602**

Until very recently the branch had access to transport at very reasonable rates; unfortunately that is now not the case. Therefore the committee agreed trips need to be self-funding whenever possible, and use public transport when available.

In December we hope we can celebrate 'Save The Children Christmas Sweater Day' (which is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December but we will hold ours on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December). This takes place in Thorpe-Soken which still has three nice pubs. We hope as many members as possible can attend wearing their Christmas jumpers. If you will be attending let me know and I will give you my mobile number and you can call me on the day, so you can locate the pub we will be in. I will collect a 'voluntary' donation for the charity.

Do you feel like the magic and mystique of Christmas has faded with maturity and age? Well fear not, join us for Christmas Sweater Day to save us from that buttoned up corporate version of yourself you have grown to despise. This is a day of light-hearted fun which we hope will brighten up the pubs and put a smile on customers faces.

Don't panic - you will not hear me singing carols, however feel free if you want to give us a rendition!

Our Pub of the Year 2025 voting process has now begun. The first round asks members to select 12 pubs from the shortlist of pubs that have maintained good quality real ale throughout the year, which we narrow down to five in December so those can be revisited to score each pub in a number of different categories to get the final winner, announced in February.

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Chelmsford Hockey Club Beer Fest 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
The famous Harwich 'Sausage' Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Grenfest '24' British Grenadier Colchester 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Great British Winter Beer Festival 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

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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