



# 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 8pm) & Committee Meetings (7.30pm, or noon on Sat) (only committee vote)

Branch meeting Victory Walton **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Committee meeting Village Maid **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan (TBC)**

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 was taken (with Gareth centre) at the very successful annual Harwich 'Sausage Festival', which is in its 14th year and again proved that people will turn out in all weathers to taste a quality butchers sausage and wash it down with some delicious real ale. On Saturday 2nd November over 300 people sampled sumptuous Tendring sausages and, when we counted up the 180 validated voting slips, the toffee apple sausage from Becky's Butchers in Great Bromley was crowned the winner. Gareth from Gruff Brewery not only won the sausage throwing with a mighty lob of 105 feet but also supplied Sausage HQ (aka the New Bell) with his fantastic P2 Stout.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

More than 50 pubs a month on average were lost in England and Wales during the first half of 2024, according to Government data. Alex Probyn, president of property tax at Altus Group, warned of a 'double whammy.... The last thing pubs need is an average business rates hike of £12,160 next year'.

~Taken from 'The Daily Gazette 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024'

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
603**

In December we will again celebrate 'Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day' (which is on Thursday 12th December - but we will hold ours on **Saturday 14th December**). This takes place in **Thorpe-le-Soken** which still has three nice pubs. We hope many of our members and friends can attend wearing their Christmas jumpers. There is no need to let me know you will be attending as I am not arranging transport and attendees can sort their own meals out. However if you will be attending and would like my mobile telephone number so you can locate me on the day please let me know. I will be collecting a 'voluntary' donation for the charity on the day so please contribute when you find me. We won't expect any publicans or locals to contribute.

If you feel like the magic and mystique of Christmas has faded with maturity and age? Well fear not, join us for Christmas Jumper 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!

If the weather is good Ed will be walking the 5km to Thorpe-le-Soken from the Factory Shopping Village bus stop leaving at 11:15 (after the 2 and 137 have called there). Let him know if you want to join him via [pubs@tendringcamra.org.uk](mailto:pubs@tendringcamra.org.uk)

The first round of our **Pub of the Year** voting closes in early December. Details (and online voting form) are in the members area of our website.

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Meet the Brewer (Bishop Nick) Bottle Kiln Dovercourt  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov from 6.30pm (some free food)  
Colchester Winter Beer Festival 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Chappel Winter Beer Festival 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Great British Winter Beer Festival 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February

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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