



# 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 & Committee Meetings (all start at 12.30pm) (only committee vote).

Committee meeting Village Maid **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan (TBC)**  
Branch meeting Red Lion Manningtree **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**  
Committee meeting Blacksmiths Lt Clacton **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar (TBC)**  
AGM Maybush Grt Oakley **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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

*All dates/destinations may change. Car sharing maybe available depending on numbers & 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 whilst on our 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day, in the Crown, Thorpe-le-Soken. This was the first time we have held a cross branch social trip just using public transport. I was very pleased with the number of attendees and charity donation, which raised £86 for the charity.

We visited the three Real Ale Pubs (The Crown, The Bell, & Rose & Crown) in the village. This is a great number for a village and long may they continue trading. I had non-CAMRA family members with me who had never visited any of these pubs and they were genuinely impressed. My thanks to all those that attended.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

Great joy all yesterday at London; and at night more bonfires than ever and ringing of bells and drinking of the King's health upon their knees in the streets.

~ *Samuel Pepys Diary, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1660 – one time member of parliament for Harwich*

~ *This is the time of the Restoration of the monarchy after the puritan years of Oliver Cromwell. It reminds me of the line within 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. It's always winter and never Christmas.*

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
598**

This year has been a challenging one for the Branch. The loss of our former Chairman and Beer Festival Organiser, Jeff Luesley, wasn't a nice way to start the year.

The Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival was a hit with staff and customers. It is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. We really could do with some more help, especially from any members under 50, if this event is to continue.

Both the Clacton and Harwich sides of the Branch are having serious transport issues. This means any social event will probably have to be in parts of the Branch that are easily accessible by public transport.

As we are fast approaching the Christmas season, I hope you are able to go out and support our pubs. Remember that January is a very difficult time for the pub trade, so please continue to use them.

I wish all Tendring CAMRA members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best wishes, Peter Butler, Tendring CAMRA Chairman

It's that time of year when members vote for our Pub of the Year 2025. Whilst being awarded this accolade (or being in the top 5) may not increase foot fall it certainly demonstrates to landlords that their hard work in running a great pub is noticed and much appreciated.

The five pubs in the running are (in location order) Maybush Inn, New Bell, Stingray, Ship (Kirby-le-Soken) and the White Hart. To vote you must visit all 5 pubs and send in your results by 7am on Saturday 22nd February. Voting instructions can be found on our [branch website](#). If you are unable to find them send me an email and I will forward them to you.

I do hope as many members as possible can find the time and visit plus vote for the pubs, hence showing your support during January and February.

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Beer Festival 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Great British Winter Beer Festival 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February  
Maybush Grt Oakley Beer Festival 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February  
Chappel Winter Beer Festival  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> March

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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