



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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

Branch Meetings & Functions

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings & Committee Meetings (all start at 12.30pm) (only committee vote).

Branch meeting Red Lion Manningtree **Saturday 22nd Feb**
Committee meeting Blacksmiths Lt Clacton **Saturday 15th March**
AGM Maybush Grt Oakley **Saturday 4th April**
Morris Traveller by coach **Saturday 26th April (TBC)**

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

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

All dates/destinations may change. Car sharing may be 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 at the Village Maid in Bradfield whilst at our last committee meeting. We hold our meetings in different pubs around the branch, they are never stuffy. In fact most of the time is spent chatting with each other and (obviously) downing a pint or two.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Jeremy Clarkson has admitted that he was 'naïve' about what goes into running a pub when he purchased The Farmer's Dog. "It's galling to see how much effort is required to make so little money on the farm. It's worse at the pub," he wrote. This isn't the first time Clarkson has spoken about the costs which come along with running a pub (particularly where food is concerned). Due to his determination to serve exclusively British produce. "But there have been some problems like, for instance, the simple G&T. You can't have a pub that doesn't offer a gin and tonic. But there is quinine in tonic water, and you can't grow that in Britain." He continues: "Sure, I could have served gin and water instead, but I didn't think you'd enjoy it very much. Especially as, instead of a slice of lemon, you'd have been given a slice of turnip, or some potato peelings".

~Jeremy Clarkson—on running a pub.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
588**

If you haven't yet voted for our Pub of the Year (POTY) 2025, there is still time to do so. 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 to visit and vote, as more votes makes for a better representative result. To this end if you know of any CAMRA members that have not voted please encourage them to do so, or better still travel around together.

I know it is a couple of months away but our AGM will soon come round. I think it is great when new people step forward and take on a role. Please give it some consideration as you can be on the committee 'without portfolio'. I would be happy if someone wanted to take over from me and I could remain on hand to help get them up to speed. We will also be looking for a Clubs Officer which involves visiting clubs (sports and social) in the Tendring area and reporting back what you find, encouraging them to stock Real Ale and find out if they would welcome CAMRA members. We also need someone not on the committee to help examine our branch accounts which is only a once a year requirement.

Please keep Saturday 26th April free for our annual very popular Morris Traveller event, more details to follow.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Beer Festival 29th Jan - 1st Feb
Great British Winter Beer Festival 12th-15th February
Maybush Grt Oakley Beer Festival 14th-16th February
Chappel Winter Beer Festival 27th Feb - 1st March
Maldon Beer & Cider Festival 2nd - 5th April
Colchester Summer Beer & Cider Fest 28th - 31st May
Braintree Real Ale Festival 5th-17th June
Gruff Fest II (ticket only) Stratford St Mary 21st June
Manningtree Beer Festival 18th- 19th July
Redoubt Harwich Beer Festival 24th - 27th July

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.