



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 all Meetings (all start at 12.30pm)

Branch meeting Blacksmiths Lt Clacton **Saturday 15th March**
AGM Maybush Gt Oakley **Saturday 5th April**
Morris Traveller by coach **Saturday 26th April**
Branch meeting Stingray Harwich **Saturday 7th June**
Branch & Clacton Walk-About **Saturday 16th August**

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.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
583**

We do hope lots of you can find the time and attend probably our most important meeting of the year the AGM at the Maybush Inn, Great Oakley on Saturday 5th April.

We are holding our Morris Traveller (St George's Day) celebration on 26th April. When we travel around the patch in a coach with Leading Lights Morris on board and they dance at each pub visited. They are the Maybush, Great Oakley, White Hart, Weeley Heath & Blacksmiths Arms, Little Clacton. We will be eating at the White Hart. Let me know if you would like a seat?

Although we will be promoting CAMRA the main function is campaigning. As a campaigning organisation I hope the branch gives this event their full support. It is not just a 'jolly' it is supporting one of CAMRA's key missions. 'To promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres and part of the UK's cultural heritage'.

This is one of our important campaigning event's when we hope by giving a reason to visit the pub it may encourage some ex-pub regulars to fall back in love with pub culture again.

After all what could be more quintessentially English than watching 'The Morris' perform traditional dances outside rural pubs and supping a beer or two!



Owners: Diane Hampson and Terri Ryland of the New Bell Harwich, which is our 2024 Pub of the Year. This picture appeared in our local Gazette newspaper a short while ago. This paper supports local business and I have always found them very supportive of what we do encouraging customers for well run Real Ale pubs in our patch.

The runner-up was the community owned Maybush Inn in Great Oakley

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Our pubs were once the beating heart of our towns. They were the centre point of the weekend, to watch United, grab a couple of pints after work, or squeeze in a catch-up with long lost family members at Christmas.

~ Sacha Lord , guest columnist of the Daily Express

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Chappel Winter Beer Festival 27th Feb - 1st March
Bottle Kiln & Moon & Starfish Ale Fest 5th - 16th March
Maldon Beer & Cider Festival 2nd - 5th April
White Hart Weeley Heath Gruff weekend 17th-20th April
Lt Bentley Church Beer Festival 25th - 27th April
Colchester Summer Beer & Cider Fest 28th - 31st May
Braintree Real Ale Festival 5th - 8th 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.