



# 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 & Functions

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings (all start at 12.30pm).

Morris Traveller by coach **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Branch meeting Stingray Harwich **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
Clacton Pub Walk-About **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
Including a branch meeting at the Railway Club.

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**

A trip in the pipe-line this year is a self-funded 'Steve Burgess Commemorative trip' to Rowhedge. Steve was one of our active members who unfortunately passed away last year and Rowhedge was one of his favourite haunts. For the Clacton members it is suggested we travel by train to Wivenhoe then get the foot-ferry across to Rowhedge with two pubs right on the quay. The two suggested dates are Saturday 5th July or Saturday 2nd August. If you would like to join us please let me know your preferred date and we will pick the most popular. My email address is in the header above.

Our 'Pub Passport Trail' has now started, the trail involves visiting the featured pubs & getting a 'pub passport' stamped when you buy a real ale or cider. Passports are available in participating pubs and can be redeemed (with rewards) at the Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival. Details can be found on our website.  
<https://www.tendringcamra.org.uk>

Our much anticipated Real Ale & Cider Festival takes place on 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> August in St James Hall Tower Road, Clacton (behind the hospital) which is an ideal location for the Air Show. Staffing forms will be out soon however, we are particularly short of staff able to do some of the heavy lifting. So any help for a couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon or Sunday morning would be appreciated. Any adults or son's / grandsons are insured when they fill in a staffing form.

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Ship Kirby Spring Beer Festival 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April  
White Hart Weeley Heath Gruff weekend 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April  
JackRabbit Good Friday event @ Prettyfields 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Lt Bentley Church Beer Festival 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Harwich Ale Trail 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Railway Tavern Cider & Perry Festival 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Colchester Summer Beer & Cider Fest 28<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Braintree Real Ale Festival 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Gruff Fest II (ticket only) Stratford St Mary 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Railway Tavern Real Ale Festival 27<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Manningtree Beer Festival 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Redoubt Harwich Beer Festival 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> August

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.



Here is a picture of a previous Morris Traveller Event. This years Morris Traveller (St George's Day) celebration is on 26<sup>th</sup> April. There are a few seats left so if you contact me ASAP you may be lucky and join us.

After all what could be more quintessentially English than watching 'The Morris' perform traditional dances outside rural pubs with a beer or two! If you cannot join us why not pop along to one of the pubs? The Maybush 12noon, White Hart 1.15pm Blacksmiths Arms 3pm.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

As leeks and St David's Day go together, how about asparagus and St George's Day? In the Vale of Evesham, the 23<sup>rd</sup> April has been designated as the day the asparagus season kicks off, a hotbed of asparagus-growing, with the traditional last day of cutting being the summer solstice in June.

*~ I must say asparagus is my favourite vegetable. Did you know the growing of which was banned on most council owned allotments during the world wars because of its low productivity?*