



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 (all start at 12.30pm)

Branch meeting Stingray Harwich **Saturday 7th June**

Clacton Pub Walk-About **Saturday 16th August**

(walk-about follows 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 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.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
580**

At the recent Gruff Brewery Tap 'Takeover' at The White Hart the Brewer Gareth Francis very kindly donated a signed Gruff Brewery beer mat and asked if it could be auctioned and all proceeds going to the charity chosen for this year's Clacton Beer & Cider Festival. Steve Alpe did so and he is pleased to announce that the mat sold for £24.83.

Please let me know of any business that may be happy offering sponsorship for our much anticipated Real Ale & Cider Festival, which takes place on 20th - 23rd August in St James Hall Tower Road, Clacton (behind the hospital). Sponsorship opportunities are available for beer glasses, beer cards, or individual ales. Get in touch for more details.

I am very sorry to announce that our friend and active branch member Tom Anderson has sadly passed away. Our thoughts go to his wife Carol and all his family. His funeral takes place at Weeley Crematorium on Thursday 22nd May at 14.00. It was Tom's wish that if possible any CAMRA members attending wear a Tendring Beer & Cider Festival polo shirt.

If you know any CAMRA branch member that doesn't receive this Newsletter it would be worth checking with HQ. Because when joining members are requested to 'opt-in' for information from their branch and this is by a small tick box.



Here is a picture of one of our stops (at the Blacksmiths Arms) on the recent Morris Traveller St George's Day celebration. The objective of this branch campaigning event is trying to get people back into their 'local pub'. This picture shows some very enthusiastic locals joining in with the Morris.

We did get some very useful press coverage of the event which not only promotes the pubs but CAMRA and the work we do in supporting real pubs.

We must also thank 'Leading Lights' Morris for their support for our endeavour.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Those of us of a certain age can remember being stranded in the car park with our siblings, whilst our parents nipped in for a drink. We might be fobbed off with a soft drink and a packet of crisps, brought out by dad, moonlighting as a waiter.

~ From the book 'Pub' by Philip Howell

Beer Festival Diary Dates

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
Railway Tavern Real Ale Festival 27th - 29th June
Chelmsford Beer & Cider Festival 15th - 19th July
Manningtree Beer Festival 18th - 19th July
Redoubt Harwich Beer Festival 24th - 27th July
Epping Ongar Railway Beer Festival 25th - 27th July
Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival 20th - 23rd August
Chappel Summer Beer Festival 9th - 13th September

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.