



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. Meetings will be alternating during weekdays and Saturdays. We have suggested venues and dates. However, this will be dependant on the pubs agreement. Therefore they will be published ASAP.

Branch Sausage Festival Harwich 1st November

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Saturday 13th

December & branch meeting in Manningtree.

Branch AGM New Bell Harwich 25th April 2026 at 12.30pm

You will find later activities on our diary page.

<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 at the Warwick Arms, Clacton, during one of our Cravat Day, celebrations on Saturday October 18th - a day to honour the humble neck scarf, that has become a fashion staple worldwide. The cravat was worn by Croatian mercenary cavalry in the 17th century and adopted by French aristocrats, and has since evolved into the modern necktie.

During our visit the pub cat joined us and had a boxing match with two of our number Jim & Alun, and Alun lost!

QUOTE FOR TODAY

When you think of beer, you're probably not envisioning a thick, sour, porridge-like concoction. That's what the ancient Sumerians were quite happy to quaff. We know this because the first known written recipe for beer comes from an ancient Sumerian hymn to the goddess of brewing, Ninkasi, dating from around 1800 BC.

~ Hilary Mitchell, freelance writer for the BBC History magazine

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
575**

Why not come along to Harwich on Saturday 1st November and enjoy the eccentric fun at the annual 'Sausage Festival'. There will be a throwing event & a tasting event. People amble between the participating pubs to taste the competing sausages (not the thrown ones as only out of date bangers are used!) and cast their vote for the tastiest sausage of the event to find which butcher will take the 2025 title.

This year the nine participating butchers are: Smiths Butchers Brightlingsea, Pier Avenue Butchers Clacton-on-Sea, Shaws Farm Meats Dovercourt and Manningtree Markets, Becky's Butchers Great Bromley, Chas Bower Holland-on-Sea, Frinton Road Butchers Holland-on-Sea, Ragmarsh Farm Shop Manningtree, Ramsey Master Butchers Ramsey and St Osyth Butchers St Osyth.

If you feel like the magic and mystique of Christmas has faded with maturity and age? Well fear not, join us in Manningtree on Saturday 13th December when we visit the pubs in small groups (with family & friends) for Christmas Jumper Day to save us from that buttoned up corporate version of yourself you have grown to despise. This is a day of light hearted fun which we hope will brighten up the pubs and put a smile on customers faces. It is a campaigning event which publicizes our branch and its activities.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Jack Rabbit Halloween Beer Festival - 31st Oct
Chelmsford Hockey Club Beer Festival 7th - 9th Nov
Beer by the Pier 'Beer & Cider Fest' Naval & Military Club 29 Royal Terrace, Southend 20th - 22nd November
Pig's Ear Beer & Cider Fest 2nd - 6th December
Colchester Winter Ale Fest 28th - 31st January 2026
Colchester Summer Beer Fest 27th - 30th May 2026

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.