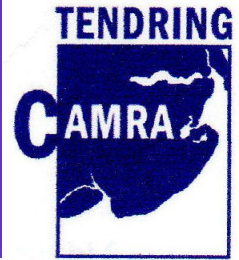




Tendring Branch Information Sheet

(News Letter)

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Branch Activities

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings (start at 8 pm)
& Committee Meetings (start at 7.30pm) (only committee vote).

- 6th February Cider POTY
- 10th February long Branch meeting Kings Arms Frating
- 10th March short Branch meeting Maybush Great Oakley
- 19th March RambAle No 6 Wrabness to Harwich
- 6th April Committee meeting Pointer Alresford
- 23rd April St George's Day Morris Traveller

*All dates/destinations may be subject to change.
Transport is available for some of the above, if you are
interested please contact Mick at the email address below.*



What is Sally doing with those glasses! This picture was taken in the White Hart Weeley Heath during our very enjoyable POTY trip. We met up with the Harwich contingent here and at the Old Lifeboat House. We also visited the Moon & Starfish, the Ship Grt Clacton and the Alma Harwich.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

CAMRA is at a crossroads ... We have to pull together a manifesto for the 1990's, ... We have to convince people that there is something to be done and that the people doing it are not hippies with open-toed sandals, braces and beer bellies

Andrea Gillies – editor of the Good Beer Guide in 1988.

Mick Hearn – I would also say we shouldn't be viewed as 'Beer Snobs'.

*Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
639*

If you haven't as yet voted for our POTY 2016 you still have time as long as your form is returned at or before our Branch Meeting in February.

Craft Beer gets a lot of column inches in our CAMRA newspaper 'WHAT'S BREWING' with a lot of indigent letters being sent in. Am I the only person that thinks this is getting out of hand? After all I love 'Real Ale' but I do drink non-bottle conditioned beer and wine at home. The term 'Craft' is just a marketing ploy to evoke a picture in your mind that may not have any substance. In the food industry the term 'Farm Fresh' is used in the same way, it has no legal standing. Yet I don't believe the farming industry gets so emotional about this, as some CAMRA members do about 'Craft Beer'! In the same way I don't believe professional chefs or butchers get upset when a set of kitchen knives are given the term 'Professional'!

For the record all cask-conditioned 'Real Ale' could be called 'Craft Beer' even if it doesn't carry that label, however not all beers labelled as 'Craft Beer' are 'Real Ale'. Some of these have been pasteurised, filtered, kegged, carbonated and served colder than 'Real Ale'.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

- Chelmsford Winter Beer & Cider Fest, 17-20 February
- Chappel Winter Festival, 26-27 February
- National AGM & Members Weekend 1-3 April
- Maldon Beer & Cider Festival 6-9 April
- Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival 24-27 August

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