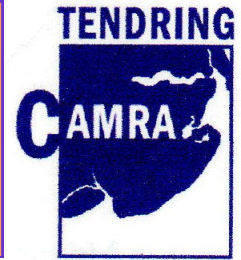




Tendring Branch Information Sheet

(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).

16th November Short Branch meeting Railway Tavern Brightlingsea
25th November trip to Harwich & Parkeston Beer Fest
8th December Committee Meeting Lion at Ardleigh
17th December social trip to Wibblers Brewery.
25th January Robert Burns themed night

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.



Picture taken on a sunny but very cold day whilst at the Harwich Sausage Festival. Here we have some of the officials (what a fine body of men) and crowds expectantly awaiting the next thrower. A day not unlike the **quote below!** It seems one of the officials has been 'Time warped' from 1592!

QUOTE FOR TODAY

The Harwich ship-master Thomas Thompson was renowned nation-wide, he rose to be one of six "principal masters of the Navy" – a position of high responsibility. There was a dash of the pirate in his make-up, the greatest moment of his career came in 1592 when he sailed into Harwich harbour in a vessel owned by Sir John Hawkins- the Dainty – with her holds full of Spanish treasure. **Skipper and crew paraded the streets with their spoils, and the day, with its auction sales, tavern brawls and singing of sea shanties,** was remembered for decades after.

~ From *Discovering the Essex Coast* by Rudolph Robert, 1969.

*Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
716*

It takes a hardy breed to stand around throwing sausages on a cold day but Tendring CAMRA proved they are up to the job for the sixth Harwich Sausage Festival on Saturday 5th November. The throwing competition and public taste-off were both very close this year. The throwing was won by reigning champion Nick Aldridge on his second throw but two new throwers came within 6 feet of his winning 132 feet. In the public tasting the Alma won the Innovation Class and Smiths Butchers of Brightlingsea won the Butchers Class with Primrose Pork of Great Bromley and Shaws Farm Meats of Dovercourt Market tying for second place. Smiths Butchers of Brightlingsea narrowly beat off the competition to be named Harwich Champion Sausage on their first attempt. Once again the festival proved that the public are interested in real sausages, real ale and real cider and they enjoy a day out in our pubs.

It is that time of year again when we ask you to choose your favourite pubs (max of 12) from our top list of pubs that is maintained throughout the year at branch meetings. Once votes are tallied the top nine will be submitted as entries for the 2018 Good Beer Guide. The top five will also go forward as our 2017 Pub of the Year shortlist - the form for that will be available from the [members area of our website](#) soon after this round of voting closes. The official form can be downloaded from the [members area of our website](#) and returned by via email or post.

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Harwich Winter Real Ale Festival 23-26 November
Pigs Ear Hackney, Beer & Cider Festival 29 Nov to 3 Dec
The Dove Ipswich Winter Ale Festival 30 Nov to 4 Dec
Anchor Inn Nayland Beer Festival 16-18 December
Colchester Winter Ale Festival 25-28 January
Chelmsford Winter Beer & Cider Festival 15-18 February
Harwich Spring Ale Trail 27th April to 1st May

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.

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