



# 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 Activities

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

22<sup>nd</sup> November Harwich & Parkeston Beer Festival visit.  
4<sup>th</sup> December Committee meeting Never Say Die Jaywick  
15<sup>th</sup> December National Christmas Sweater Day run-about  
17<sup>th</sup> January Full Branch Meeting TBC  
25<sup>th</sup> January Robert Burns night at Bromley Cross  
18<sup>th</sup> February Social / Branch Meeting TBC

You will find later activities on our diary page see:-  
<http://www.tendringcamra.org.uk/diary.html>

*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 above. By sending an email to Mick, you agree to being contacted by him via email.*



This picture was taken on the House of Commons Strangers Bar's balcony during CAMRA's Lobby Day at Westminster on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Giles Watling (MP for the Clacton part of our patch) arranged to meet our three Clacton representatives in the Stranger's Bar and bought Jeff, Judith & Barrie a beer! They were one of the very few CAMRA contingent's that met their MP in this bar to highlight the current plight of the Great British Pub.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

Amid a depressing digital dystopia, we're losing our beloved locals thanks to characterless chain coffee shops, crippling taxation and, worst of all, pesky neo-Prohibitionists. It's time for us all to put down our phones, pick up a pint – and maybe a packet of tasty nuts – and breath life back into the struggling British boozier before it's too late.  
~ The Thinking Drinkers

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
798**

Please note our branch social Burns Night celebration supper is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at the Cross Inn Great Bromley. There maybe transport available so if you would like to join us please let me know your home location. I will then get back to you if transport from your area is available. This is a ticket only event (£12.50 each plus £5 for transport) so please get back to me ASAP if you would like to join in the fun. There are still 5 seats available on the Clacton mini bus.

It is time again to choose your favourite pub (plus cider pub). You can download the forms and voting instructions from the [members area of our website](#). If you are unable to do so email me your address and I will put them in the post for you. The results are also used to select which of our Tendring pubs go into the Good Beer Guide so it is an important campaigning function.

It is getting close to that time of year when you would expect pubs to be busy and Landlords happy! However I recall a conversation I had with my local Landlord a couple of years ago, when he stated he disliked Christmas. I asked why and he said the problem was people come into his pub one or two days over the Christmas period and never throughout the year, then treat him like their best mate. They try to take over the pub and hence are prone to upsetting his regulars and because they are not as used to drink they are the first to cause problems! An interesting point of view!

## Beer Festival Diary Dates

Harwich & Parkeston Winter Ale Festival 21-24 Nov  
Rochford Beer & Cider Festival 21-24 Nov  
Colchester Winter Ale Festival 30 Jan to 2 Feb  
National GBBFW Norwich 19-23 Feb  
Chelmsford Winter Beer & Cider Festival 20-23 Feb

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.



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