



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at 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).

- 12th January Branch cider POTY trip
- 17th January Full Branch Meeting Ship Kirby-le-Soken
- 25th January Robert Burns night at Bromley Cross
- 6th February Committee Meeting TBC
- 9th February Branch POTY trip
- 18th February Social / Branch Meeting Stingray Harwich

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 via email.



Tendring CAMRA arranged our Christmas Social trip as an over the county line 'Suffolk Raid'. We had 22 members all wearing a Christmas Sweater, all the 4 great pubs we visited enjoyed our uplifting visit.

The group picture was taken at the first pub visited The Ark in Cattawade, the other pubs we visited was the Gardeners Arms, Stutton, The Case is Altered, Bentley and then the Wheatsheaf, Tattingstone. If there had been a prize for the pub with the best fire it would have been won by the Wheatsheaf. Coincidentally the 'Save the Children' charity held a fund raising Christmas Jumper Day the day before & we raised £44 for their appeal.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

I will honour Christmas in my Heart, and try to keep it all the year.
~ Charles Dickens

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
798**

It is the time of year to choose our Pub of the Year (POTY) and cider POTY. 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. Forms must be returned by our branch meeting on 18th February. You must visit and score each pub for your vote to count. You may find it strange or even worse you believe the standard has fallen in two of our great pubs that are not listed. The reason being the White Hart in Weeley (beer POTY) and the Ship Kirby-le-Soken (cider POTY) have been voted POTY for two consecutive years and under branch rules cannot be awarded that accolade a third year but can next time around.

So the festive season is upon us, this year has certainly flown by! Tendring CAMRA has had another enjoyable and successful year with numerous social events including our two Festivals. These events would not be possible, if it was not for the hard work of all the volunteers and committee members. My thanks to everyone that has given their time to help run our Festivals and social events, the amount of work done by these members is truly staggering. I also thank the volunteers who run the community buses. Without these people, transport around the branch would be quite difficult. This time of year should be the busiest for our pubs, but that cannot be said for the rest of the year. Pubs need our support if they are to survive. So please consider using them throughout the year and not just at Christmas time.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to another busy year for Tendring CAMRA.

Cheers, Peter Butler,
Tendring CAMRA Chairman

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Festival 29 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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