



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at social@tendring.camra.org.uk

Branch Meetings & Functions

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings. Meetings will be alternating between weekdays and Saturdays. We have suggested venues and dates. However, this will be dependant on the pubs agreement. Therefore they will be published ASAP.

RambAle 2a Great Oakley to Harwich 24th January (email to follow)
Branch meeting Kirby-le-Soken Ship 4th February 19:30
Branch AGM New Bell Harwich 25th April 2026 at 12.30pm

You will find later activities on our diary page.
<https://tendring.camra.org.uk/diary/>

All dates/destinations may change. Car sharing may be 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.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
565**

Sorry to start this editorial with the sad news of the passing of one of our valued members - Chris Griggs. Even if you didn't know him personally you may have seen him at our local Beer Festivals drinking out of his leather pint pot. Chris was a man of many interests and talents, from medieval weaponry to 3D printing, with a lot in between. He was also a lover of the darker ales and partial to a gourmet sausage, delighting in both at the Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Ale Festival and the Harwich Sausage Festival. He gave up his time to volunteer at many events, where his big personality always went down well with fellow enthusiasts, and he had an impressive speaking voice, which went all the way up to 11. Chris was taken suddenly to the Harwich New Bell in the sky, where there is always a hand-pull with Gruff P2 Porter.

On a happier note here is our Chairman's (Peter Butler's) Christmas message:

December is normally a busy time for pubs, with people out celebrating the festive season with family and friends.

January is a difficult time for the pub trade, with the media promoting Dry-January.

If you are able to, please support your local pub in both the run up to Christmas and into the new year, remember "use it or lose it"

I thank you for supporting the branch over the last year, and hope you will continue to do so.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Pictured here is a group of branch members taken during our recent Christmas Jumper trip to Manningtree, briefly before scattering to licenced premises across the town.

SPOT THE DOT!

Please note tendringcamra.org.uk is moving to tendring.camra.org.uk—spot that extra dot!

QUOTE FOR TODAY

The Moody Blues rock band formed in 1965 was initially named 'The M&B Five'. The name was chosen to catch the attention of Birmingham-based brewery Mitchells & Butler – who owned many of the area's live music clubs. The band hoped the company might sponsor them.

~ From the Daily Express 'Your Questions Answered' page

Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Fest 28th - 31st January 2026
Maybush 10th Anniversary Beer Fest 13th - 15th Feb
Colchester Summer Beer Festival 27th - 30th 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.