



# Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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Suggestions for Social Activities, please contact Mick Hearn at [social@tendring.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@tendring.camra.org.uk)

## Branch Meetings & Functions

All members are very welcome at Branch Meetings. Meetings will be alternating between weekdays and Saturdays. Also around the patch which will give all members at least the opportunity to attend some .

Branch meeting Ship, Kirby-le-Soken 4<sup>th</sup> February 19:30  
Branch AGM New Bell, Harwich 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Anthony Benstead (of the Ship Kirby) had a nice surprise recently when one of his regular customers Chris Bailey (Chairman of a neighbouring CAMRA Branch – West Suffolk & Borders) warded the pub Community Asset 2026. Presentation picture above.

Anthony said "What a great honour to receive this from a visiting CAMRA Chairman".

### QUOTE FOR TODAY

I recently had a birthday and the card my brother gave me had this caption.

As I get older, I keep walking into things....

**PUBS, mostly!**

**Tendring Branch Membership  
now stands at  
556**

Welcome to the New Year.

Happy New Year to all our members! As we step into the new year, it is an ideal time to consider how we can offer more support to our beloved local pubs. Even small gestures can make a significant difference to their survival and success.

#### Simple Ways to Support Your Local Pub.

There are many easy ways we can show our support. For instance, you might pop in for a coffee or a non-alcoholic drink, or simply recommend a favourite venue to your friends or to groups you are involved with. Many pubs would be delighted to host group meetings, especially during quieter periods, which can help increase their business and create a welcoming atmosphere.

#### Examples of Community Engagement.

Some pubs have already embraced this spirit of community, with quiz & music nights plus darts and pool teams. For example, the Maybush hosts a Knit 'n' Natter group every Monday, providing a cosy space for like minded people to gather and connect. Similarly, the White Hart has organised activities such as bowling, race days, and golf days, fostering camaraderie and a sense of belonging among patrons.

#### Building Affinity Through Group Activities.

Arranging group activities, whether at the pub or elsewhere, can strengthen community ties and develop a lasting affinity with your local venue. In the past, group outings such as clay pigeon shooting and go-karting have been organised, further enhancing the sense of community and support for our pubs.

#### Kick 'Dry January' Into Touch!

For information a small party of us are visiting the Robert Burre pub on Saturday 31st from 12 noon.

### Beer Festival Diary Dates

Colchester Winter Ale Fest 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
Maybush 10th Anniversary Beer Fest 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Chappel Winter Beer Festival 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Little Bentley Beer Festival 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Colchester Summer Beer Festival 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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.