



Tendring CAMRA Newsletter

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If you've suggestions for Social Activities, please contact us 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. Also around the patch which will give all members at least the opportunity to attend some.

Clacton Pub walk-about Saturday 22nd August
Branch meeting White Hart Weeley Saturday 19th September
Cravat Day Sunday 18th October
Harwich Sausage Festival Saturday 7th November
Christmas Jumper Day Saturday 12th December

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.

**Tendring Branch Membership
now stands at
541**



In case you have missed it this is our Real Ale & Cider Festival logo for this year. We do hope you will find the time to attend. This is taking place from Wednesday 26th (6pm to 10pm), Thursday, Friday and Saturday (11am to 10pm) at St James' Hall, Tower Road Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1LE, which is behind the Hospital and ideally situated for the Clacton Air Show on Thursday and Friday

QUOTE FOR TODAY

Why did people drink 'groaning ale'?

According to a tradition in early modern Europe and colonial North America, the announcement of a pregnancy would be marked by immediately brewing a special ale, which was left until the moment the labour (and groaning) began. Only then the cask was opened for the midwife and the group of women assisting the birth to enjoy.

~ From an article in the BBC History magazine

A recent decision to take a local pub off the market was made because of 'locals' concerns. The owner Mr Prior said the decision to no longer sell The Court House came after the reactions of locals. "We realised that selling it was a bad idea as locals got the hump a bit". In an era when far too many pubs are closing their doors for good, every thriving venue is worth celebrating. Like lots of our cherished 'locals' The Court House in Great Bromley is steeped in history, with roots stretching back centuries. *As reported in the local Gazette newspaper.*

A tremendous amount of hard work over several months (and particularly during the event) goes into running the Clacton Real Ale & Cider Festival by unpaid CAMRA members. There is something for everyone in the drinks department, 50 + real ales, ciders, Essex wines, zero and low alcohol beers and soft drinks. Entry is free to card carrying CAMRA members.

Not an organised group activity but members could get together and support their local. During World Cravat Day on Sunday 18th October celebrated in Croatia and various cities around the world. This traces back to the time of the seventeenth-century Thirty Years' War when Croatian mercenary cavalry wearing knotted neckerchiefs aroused the interest of the Parisians.

If possible please let us have any photographs, especially wearing your cravat's (neck ties) which we can use on social media.

Mick has decided to take a break from being social secretary and producing this newsletter.

Whilst he takes some time out we'd like to thank him for everything he has done in preparation for this year's festival and we look forward to welcoming him back in the near future.

Beer / Cider Related Diary Dates

Clacton Beer & Cider Festival 26th - 29th August
The Rodney Inn Lt Baddow Beer Fest 26th-29th August
Maybush Gt Oakley Cider Festival 29th-30th August
Chappel Beer Festival 8th-12th September
Harwich Shanty Festival 9th-11th October

If your 'local' is hosting a Beer/Cider related function and you would like it added to this list please let us have the details.