



**CAMRA**  
**Chelmsford & Mid-Essex Branch**  
**Pub News**

August 2009 – The Early Autumn edition!

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I hope that you've all enjoyed the marvellous summer we've had and are now looking forward to the Autumn months which herald the arrival of the darker and more fulsome ales.

Having said that the August Bank Holiday weekend was a fine finish to summer and there were many festivals on that were well worth visiting.

I kick off this newsletter with the announcement of 2 more award winners in our inaugural Best Local Food Pub and Best Local Family Pub categories and they are: The White Hart, Margaretting Tye and The Six Bells, at Boreham respectively. Congratulations to them and we will be arranging informal presentations of certificates during our Local Pubs Week (see below)

It's hope that these awards will become an annual and they're also a way of encouraging branch members to get more involved vis a vis marking and voting.

### **LOCAL PUBS WEEK**

This is a CAMRA initiative to encourage members and non-members alike to support their local pub. We as a branch have nominated the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September as our Local Pubs Week and free packs are on their way to licensees to advertise events etc. As I have mentioned many times before the local pub is in danger of being lost in many areas and like the Post Offices they do provide a valuable asset to community life. Please do your bit by nipping to your pub and having a pint or two!

### **PUB NEWS**

**The Cricketers, Mill Green Nr Fryerning** – Marion jas organised another car boot sale on Saturday the 5th of September at 10am (£10 for one of their tables, £5 if you bring your own) in aid of Essex Air Ambulance. Free entry.

Friday the 18th September they are holding a charity night with music from Abba-Solutley! The evening starts with a tribute to Kylie, Madonna finishing with Abba. £15 per ticket which includes buffet in aid of SANDS (Stillbirth and neonatal death)

**The Endeavour, Springfield Road** – Mike and Jacqui have organised the following:  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Coach to Chappel Beer Festival – leaves the Endeavour at 6.30pm and leaves the Beer Festival at 10.00pm so plenty of time to try the beers. Names and deposits of £10 to Mike Jacqui or Helen as soon as possible please.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 8.30pm Singer Bri 'C' will be the entertainment.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am - Macmillan coffee morning, fund raising by drinking tea and coffee and eating cakes and pastries – how wonderful! (Home made contributions to the cakes and pastries always welcome)

**The Square and Compasses, Fuller St.** – Victor has asked me to give a big thanks to everyone that attended their Beer and Jazz festival at the beginning of August. They ended up selling 43 different ales and 12 ciders, many of them local. The lucky winner of their beer fest quiz is Ray Wright from Loughton. Forthcoming events

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – British Food Fortnight incorporating British Cheese Week, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. A fresh seasonal menu will include various dishes made from British ingredients sourced very locally from the surrounding area – look out for some stunning (also smelly) world class British Cheeses being served.

Their local game season starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October so we'll have some super beer and food matching and finally Victor would like you to know that Christmas and New Year's Eve reservations are now being taken.

**The Windmill Motorinn, Chatham Green** – Will be holding a Battle of Britain night in aid of RAFA. Elaine and Peter will let me have more details in due course but please check out their website for more info.

## **BREWERY BITS**

Mighty Oak will be offering SEARCH ENGINE 4.3% A.B.V. which is described as a golden IPA brewed with plenty of traditional English hops to give a pleasing bitter, floral taste which is balanced by a full biscuity maltiness and having tasted it at the Sportsman's Arms, Nounsley last weekend I can say that it is another fine beer from them.

There will also be Oak Nouveau 2009 4.0% A beer brewed with the new seasons green hops - available from 17th September

They will also have a stand at the Food and Drink Festival taking place in the Promenade Park Maldon over Heritage weekend - September 12th and 13th. They will be selling beer by the pint and in 1 litre and 4 pint carry outs plus they will be giving away free taster!

They will also have leaflets listing their Christmas beers!

Keep your eyes open for the next issue in October!

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