



**CAMPAIGN
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CHELMSFORD & MID-ESSEX BRANCH WINTER 2009 CIRCULAR

Thursday 4th-Sat 6th February 11th Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival Triangle Club, Duke st, Chelmsford. See attached poster.

Wednesday 10th February Survey of Pubs for Good Beer Guide 2011

The route will be revealed on the night. If you have any suggestions for pubs to survey in this survey period please contact Brian Debenham. Bus dep. opp. Railway Stn 8pm, free to mems, £5 non-mems.

Wednesday 17th February Branch Meeting at The White Hart, Margareting Tye. Bus fare £5 members, £6 non-members. Depart from opp. Railway Stn at around 8pm. **TO REDUCE BUS SUBSIDIES WE WILL TRAVEL TO THIS MEETING BY TAXIBUS - PLEASE ARRIVE OPPOSITE THE STATION BY 7.55PM SO THAT WE CAN PHONE FOR ENOUGH SEATS TO COVER US. THERE WILL THEREFORE BE NO DROPOFF CIRCUIT.**

Friday 26th February Bus to 1st Chappel Winter Beer Festival Bus departs opp. Railway Stn at 7.30pm, fare £7 mems/OAPS, £8 non-mems **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FESTIVAL IS ALL-TICKET WITH TICKETS ONLY VIA THE WEBSITE - <http://essex-camra.org.uk/cwb/>. IF YOU DON'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS I CAN GET ONE ON YOUR BEHALF. IN ANY CASE PLEASE BOOK WITH ME (AND GET YOUR FESTIVAL TICKET ONLINE IF APPROPRIATE) ASAP AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED. WHEN YOU BOOK WITH ME PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU ARE GETTING/HAVE GOT YOUR OWN TICKET.**

Can we send you this circular by email in future?

I am very keen to save the Branch postage and me the effort of stuffing envelopes! If you would like to receive this circular by email in future **INSTEAD** of by post (or my hand deliveries in Old Moulsham/Moulsham Lodge), therefore saving the Branch postage and me effort, email me at **brian@bdebenham.co.uk** The circular can be sent either as a plain text file thus making no assumptions about your computer hardware/software but losing some formatting or as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file to give the fully formatted version. Give your name, postal address, email address and whether you want text or PDF. Knowing your email address will also allow me to send you updates and additions earlier than you would see them in *What's Brewing*. **Of 838 mailing labels for this circular I currently only have email addresses for about 380 members so still have about 450 envelopes to stuff and post.**

Would you like to be our Pub Liaison Officer?

Nigel Sadler has been doing a sterling job as Pub Liaison Officer this year but would like to stand down at the end of the year. Whilst quite hard work he says it's enjoyable travelling around the Branch's pubs promoting CAMRA and keeping up to date with their news. If you think you might like to take on this role please contact us, or come along to a Branch Meeting.

CAMRA Essex Liaison Meetings

All the Essex Branches of CAMRA get together on the last Tuesday of every other month to discuss news and matters of common interest. Meetings are held at The Cricketers, Moulsham St, Chelmsford from 8pm and during the time covered by this program there will be a meeting on 26th January. All branch members are welcome.

Some forthcoming local(ish) beer festivals (for full details of CAMRA festivals see [What's Brewing](#) or our [Website](#))

Tue 1st-Sat 5th December
Wed 2nd-Sat 5th December

Fri 15th-Sun 17th January
Thu 21st-Sat 23rd January
Fri 26th-Sat 27th February

**26TH PIG'S EAR BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL
8TH HARWICH & DOVERCOURT BAY WINTER
ALE FESTIVAL
CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL
3RD COLCHESTER WINTER ALE FESTIVAL
1ST CHAPPEL WINTER BEER FESTIVAL**

CONTACT: Brian Debenham on 01245 600294(h)/01245 242394(w), email brian@bdebenham.co.uk. Subject to availability and any comments above tickets/places can normally be bought at the time of the events. For other events please contact Brian preferably at least a couple of weeks in advance so that your places can be reserved and where appropriate to allow suitably sized buses to be booked.

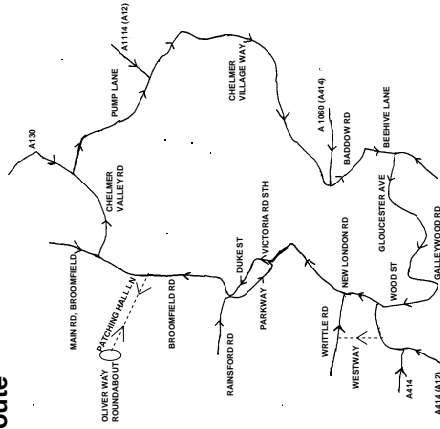
SEE OUR WEBSITE for regularly updated social listings and other information, including local beer festivals:
<http://www.chelmsfordcamra.org.uk/>

Social Event Bus Drop-off Route

Newer members may not be aware that on return to Chelmsford from all social events, with only very occasional exceptions which would always be stated, the bus drops off on a circuit around Chelmsford covering Broomfield Rd (with a diversion down Patching Hall Lane to the Oliver Way junction and back), North Springfield, Chelmer Village, Army & Navy, Moulsham Lodge, Wood St, Westway, Writtle Road, New London Road, Parkway and the Town Centre. We begin the circuit at the point from which we reach it depending on which direction we're coming from and then go round it clockwise. This ensures that the same people are not always last (or first!) off the bus! It should ensure that the majority of people only have a shortish walk after getting off, but it's obviously impossible to cater for every eventuality.

We are currently looking at possible options for extending the circuit, with the prime candidate being covering the Chignal Rd area a bit more. Any (sensible!) suggestions please contact me.

Drop-off Route



Social Programme and Diary of Events

Please note that for oversubscribed events we reserve the right to give priority to CME Branch members over members of other Branches or non-members.

Friday 4th December Rail Trip to 8th Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Ale Festival Dep Chelmsford 1805, Change Colchester & Manningtree, arr Dovercourt 1916. Back on the 2156 departure, change Manningtree, arr Chelmsford 2256. Meet at Chelmsford Station 1750 to arrange Groupsave tickets.

Tuesday 8th December Mystery Real Ale Runabout

Bus departs opp. Railway Stn at 7.30pm, fare £7 mems/OAPS, £8 non-mems. A one-stop runabout to an excellent beer destination (not the Pigs Ear BF or the Prince of Wales!)

Wednesday 16th December Branch Meeting at The Woolpack, Mildmay Rd, Chelmsford

No bus to this meeting which starts at 8.30pm.

Friday 18th December Christmas Social - Visit to Wibblers Brewery and Queen's Head, Burnham-on-Crouch

A visit to the brewery, followed by a buffet at the Queen's Head, Burnham-on-Crouch. Total cost £10 mems/£12 non-mems including bus, which will depart from opposite the Railway Stn at 7.30pm. **PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR THIS**

Tuesday 22nd December Survey of Pubs for Good Beer Guide 2011

The route will be revealed on the night. If you have any suggestions for pubs to survey in this survey period please contact Brian Debenham. Bus dep. opp. Railway Stn 8pm, free to mems, £5 non-mems.

Tuesday 5th January Real Ale Runabout to Cold Norton & Stow Maries

At Cold Norton we'll visit the Norton Barge which is now a community-run pub. Bus departs opp. Railway Stn at 7.30pm, fare £7 mems/OAPS, £8 non-mems

Wednesday 13th January Branch Meeting at The Cricketers, Moulsham St, Chelmsford

No bus to this meeting which starts at 8.30pm.

Friday 22nd January Walking GBG 2011 Survey of Chelmsford Pubs

Meet at the Golden Fleece, Duke St at 7.30pm. The second half of the Chelmsford survey.

Tuesday 26th January Survey of Pubs for Good Beer Guide 2011

The route will be revealed on the night. If you have any suggestions for pubs to survey in this survey period please contact Brian Debenham. Bus dep. opp. Railway Stn 8pm, free to mems, £5 non-mems.

Tuesday 2nd February Real Ale Runabout to Stock, Ramsden Heath & Basildon (!)

Bus departs opp. Railway Stn at 7.30pm, fare £7 mems/OAPS, £8 non-mems