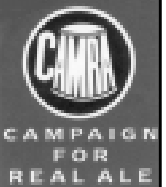


ND Update

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THE FREE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH OF CAMRA - THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

A new Publication hits the Pubs of Nottingham

Welcome to the first edition of **ND Update**. This new newsletter supplements the Nottingham Drinker and will also be published every two months just like ND, but in the in-between months. This will give Nottingham CAMRA a monthly newspaper to keep all you drinkers out there informed of events, beer festivals and brewery news. So if you are organising anything you think the readers would be interested in, or you have some news to be passed on to a wider audience, then get in touch. All the contact details are on the back page. Enjoy the newsletter and if you have any comments then let me know at the address overleaf or at any local CAMRA meeting – again details overleaf.

Fly over to the Newark Beer Festival

This May, Newark CAMRA celebrates the eighth year of the “event in the tent”. The annual Beer Festival is being held at the usual Riverside location from Friday 23rd May through to Sunday 25th May. Opening times are 11am till 10pm on Friday and Saturday and from noon till 10pm on the Sunday. There will be over 120 beers available along with cider and perry for visitors to sample.

It is 100 years since the first controlled flight by the Wright Brothers and to commemorate the occasion, Newark CAMRA has commissioned flight-inspired brews for the festival. Look out for them as you stroll around the marquee and remember to shout “contact” just before you take your first sip!

As in previous years, live entertainment will be provided. The site is just a few minutes walk from the Newark Castle railway station with frequent trains running from Nottingham. For more details check out the web site www.newarkbeerfestival.co.uk

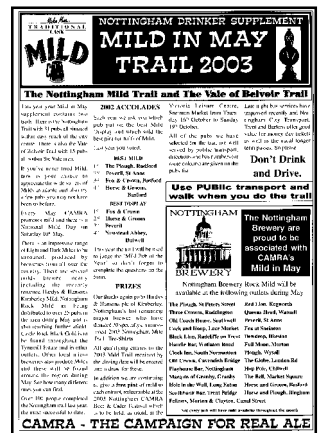
May promises to be Mild

Hopefully the weather but definitely the beer! May is Mild month. Throughout May you have not one but two mild trails to take part in. Full details are in the orange supplement included with the latest edition of the Nottingham Drinker (55). Every pub on the trail should also have some of the supplements available. The Nottingham trail has 31 pubs in and around the centre of Nottingham. Collect eight stickers from different outlets and you will receive a certificate, 8 stickers for bronze, 16 for silver and all 31 for gold. All entrants will be entered into a draw for a unique T-shirt from Hardys and Hansons. As an added incentive for visiting all 31 pubs, the Fox at Sneinton has offered a gallon of beer to the first person drawn out of the draw. If that wasn't enough there is still more – all qualifying entries also receive a free pint of mild at the Nottingham Beer Festival (16th to 19th October 2003).

The Vale of Belvoir has fifteen pubs on its trail, many of these don't usually serve mild throughout the year so now is your chance to visit the pubs and sample a drop of mild. You will receive a certificate for your efforts, gold for all 15, silver for 12 and bronze for 10.

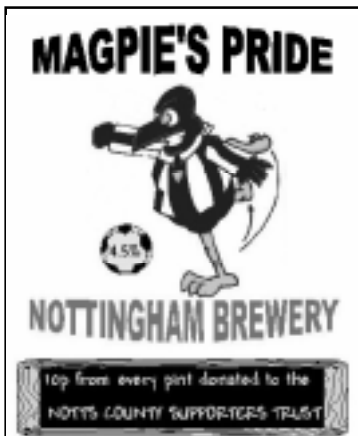
There is also a National Mild Day, Saturday 10th May, when many pubs who won't be stocking mild throughout the month will be promoting the ale.

For those who have not tried mild, May is your ideal time. However, if you want to know what you are letting yourself in for, then here is a description: ‘Mild’ is an ale of low gravity and hop rate that usually tastes sweeter and distinctly less bitter on the palate and in aroma than more hopped bitters. Mild is usually darker in colour than bitter, through use of higher roast malt or caramel – try it and see if you agree.



Proud Magpie Comes Out to Play

For all you Notts County fans, and everyone else, you now have the opportunity to help the historic club and drink beer – just the excuse you have been waiting for all these years. Nottingham Brewery, based at the Plough in Radford, and Notts County Supporters Trust have got together and created a new brew, Magpies Pride. Around 5,000 pints of the beer are being produced and for every one sold 10p will be donated to the Trust. Notts County have been in administration for almost a year and there are fears that the club may be thrown out of the Football League. The Supporters Trust has been formed to give the fans a voice in helping to save the club. Steve Westby, co-editor of the club fanzine “The Pie” came up with the idea and Nottingham Brewery were more than happy to create the new brew. The beer can be sampled at The Globe on London Road and at the Plough on St Peters Street from April the 28th and it is hoped that the beer will be widely available - look out for it in your local. The beer will also be on sale at the Newark Beer Festival.



Check out www.nottinghamcamra.org for the latest news

Nottingham Branch Events

Trips and Socials

May

Wed 14: **Tollerton / Keyworth** minibus trip from the Playhouse Bar 7pm

June

Mon 23: **Woodborough / Lambley** minibus trip from the Playhouse Bar 7pm

Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896. CAMRA cards must be shown for the £2 discount offered on some trips.

Branch Meetings

All meetings begin at 8pm

Everyone is welcome to come along

May

Thurs 29: **Horse and Groom**, Radford Road, Basford, Turquoise Line No 80 or 82 bus from Victoria Centre or Parliament Street

June

Thurs 26: **Victoria**, Dovecote Lane Beeston, Any Orange bus to Beeston or No 13 or take the train

Committee Meetings

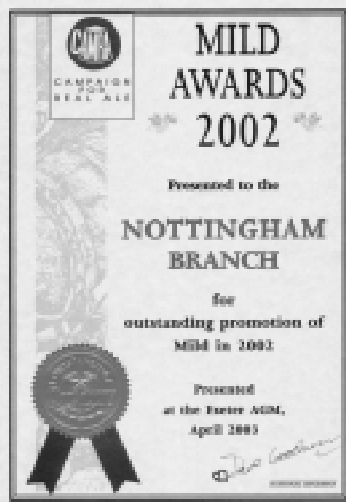
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Thurs 15: **Golden Fleece**, Mansfield Road

A Mild Award

At the recent CAMRA AGM held in Exeter Nottingham CAMRA received an award for the 2002 Mild Trail. The award was presented by John Norman, Chairman of the Light and Dark Supporters and received by Richard Studeny.

An award was also presented to the Stockport Branch for their Mild Trail. Every year more people take part in the trail and hopefully this year will be no exception, so with two holidays in May and 31 days get collecting those stickers.



Local Beer Festivals

Thur 24 Apr - Sun 27: Cask and Cutler 10th Anniversary Beer Festival, Henry Street, Sheffield.

Fri 25 Apr - Sun 27: Mallard Beer Festival, Worksop Railway Station, Worksop. 16 unusual beers, bottled beers, wines and ciders Food and B&B available

Sun 4 May - Tue 6: Globe Beer Festival, London Road, Nottingham. Beers on the bar and in the function room, food and entertainment

Mon 12 May onwards Wetherspoons Beer Festival - Wetherspoons throughout the area

Fri 16 May - Sun 18: The Clock Inn Spring Fest, Market Street, South Normanton. Entertainment and food every day

Fri 23 May - Sun 25: Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park - see front page for details

Fri 23 May - Mon 26: Peaks Booze and Blues Festival, The Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley, Derbyshire. 75 real ales and live music Weekend and day tickets available - for information call 01335 350474 or www.bentleybrookinn.co.uk

Sat 24 May - Mon 26: Black Lion Beer Festival, Radcliffe on Trent - see this page for details

Fri 6 June - Sun 8: The Plough Beer Festival, St Peters Street, Radford. Unusual and new beers available throughout the weekend

Fri 6 June - Sun 8: Lincolnshire Poacher 14th Birthday Festival, Mansfield Road.

AVOID THE BANK HOLIDAY JAMS AT THE BLACK LION

The Black Lion on Main Street in Radcliffe on Trent is holding a beer festival over the Spring Bank holiday. The pub, which always has a selection of micro brewery beers throughout the year, is aiming to have even more from Saturday the 24th of May through to Monday the 26th of May.

There will be at least twenty beers to choose from and to keep you sustained, a barbecue will be running from 1 to 8pm every day. Each afternoon, from 3 till 6pm, there will be live music. There is a regular bus service with a stop outside the pub, and a train service to Radcliffe from Nottingham so no excuse for sitting in a traffic jam on the way to the coast!



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Useful Addresses

For complaints about short measure pints etc contact: Nottingham Trading Standards Department, Consumer Protection, NCC Advice Centre, 15 Middle Pavement, Nottingham Tel: 0115 950 7910.

For comments, complaints or objections about pub alterations etc, or if you wish to inspect plans for proposed pub developments contact the local authority planning departments. Nottingham City's is at Exchange Buildings, Smithy Row, Nottingham.

If you wish to complain about deceptive advertising i.e. passing nitro-keg smooth flow beer off as real ale, or pubs displaying signs suggesting real ales are on sale or guest beers are available, when in fact they are not, contact the: Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN

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Meet the Brewer

The Cock & Hoop is holding a "meet the brewer" evening on Tuesday 13th May from 7pm onwards. A guest speaker from Adnams Brewery will be along to talk about brewing and cask beer, a quiz will follow and tastings will be available throughout the evening. The pub, situated on High Pavement in the Lace Market, has recently been awarded Cask Marque status. The award, with a high 95% achievement, comes only four months after the opening so congratulations to all concerned at the pub.



Drinkers have to spend another Penny

The budget again hit beer drinkers with a penny increase in excise duty on a pint of beer. This maintains the rate of excise duty as one of the highest in Europe. The current amount of excise duty in pence per pint of a 5% ABV beer in the UK is now 33.8. Out of fifteen countries across Europe surveyed only Ireland (34.8p) and Finland (50.1p) are higher. The lowest is Spain (2.9p) with Germany and Luxembourg (3.3p) not far behind. Our closest neighbour, France, has a rate of 4.5p whilst Belgium, the home of many fine beers, has a rate of 7.2p.

This increase is a blow for consumers after freezes in the last two budgets, as a penny tax increase will tend to add two or three pence onto a pint over the bar because of the way pubs set prices. There is some good news though; the duty on cider has not been increased.

In a previous budget the chancellor reduced the tax paid by micro breweries and it was hoped that a sliding scale would be introduced to benefit the regional family brewers who still supply a large proportion of the real ale available.



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(We wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale and agree to abide by the Rules.)

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