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Beer Festivals - LARGE & small

Nottingham Beer Festival, with 340 beers, will be taking place as usual at the Victoria Leisure Centre near Sneinton Market. The festival will be held between Thursday 16th and Sunday 19th October, with opening times of 11am to 11pm Thursday and Friday, 10am to 11pm Saturday and 12 noon to 3pm Sunday. A range of traditional ciders and country wines will also be available. Thursday evening will be quiet and there will be live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening. More details can be found at www.nottinghamcamra.org/nottmbeerfest2003.htm



On a smaller scale, and before the Nottingham event, Melton Mowbray will be holding it's first beer festival with around 50 real ales plus ciders and country wines. It will take place between Friday 19th and Sunday 21st September at the Melton Mowbray Cattle Market, which is two minutes walk from Melton town centre. The festival will be open from 11am to 11pm on Friday and Saturday and from 11am to 3pm on the Sunday. Details at www.nottinghamcamra.org/melton2003.htm

In November Erewash Valley will be holding their eighth beer festival at the Friesland Leisure Centre in Sandiacre. There will be around 35 beers, ciders and wines. The event will take place on Friday 14th November, 6 till 11pm and Saturday 15th, 11 to 3pm and 6 till 11pm.

Two pubs are also holding beer festivals. The Bell in the Market Square has 40 ales straight from the cask between Monday 15th September and Friday 19th. The Mallard on Worksop railway station is holding an 'Ale'oween festival, with 16 beers, between Friday 31st October and Sunday 2nd November.

Champion Beer of Britain

'Bitter & Twisted' brewed by Harviestoun of Dollar in Clackmannanshire was been judged to be the best beer in Britain by a panel of brewers, beer writers and journalists. This is the second year in a row that a Scottish brewery has won the award following the success of Caledonian's Deuchars IPA in 2002. The Scottish brewed beer was chosen as the overall winner from over fifty finalists in eight categories including beers from tiny micros to major regional brewers. The award was announced at this years Great British Beer Festival. The festival is held every August at Olympia in London.



The Great British Beer Festival at Olympia

The Silver award went to Crouch Vale Brewer's Gold from Essex. Bronze went to Lidstones Rowley Mild from Suffolk.

**Don't
forget**

**Nottingham Beer Festival
16th - 19th October 2003**



Check out www.nottinghamcamra.org for the latest news

Bank Holiday Bonanza of Beer

The bank holiday weekend saw a lot of local pubs holding beer festivals; you certainly needed a good pair of walking shoes to visit them all. To get you in the mood an eleven day summer festival took place at the Fox and Crown in Basford, finishing over the holiday weekend. 22 beers were available from the festival bar and a further 12 from the regular bar. Many unusual summer brews were on offer and selling well on my visit.



Beer straight from the barrel at the recent festival at the Fox and Crown

Holding a beer festival? organising an event?

Let Nottingham Drinker know about it

drinker@nottinghamcamra.org

or 0115 9673047

Cask Beer Week Events

To coincide with the Independent Family Brewers of Britain third Cask Beer Week Nottingham CAMRA is organising a pub-crawl around Nottingham. Interested? Then come along on Saturday, 27th September, to family brewer Hardys and Hansons Bell Inn in the Market Square at 7.30pm. The Bell is also organising a beer festival in support of the IFBB from Monday 15th September to Friday 19th.

A Star Guest

The Star on Middle Street in Beeston has a new licensee. They are currently selling Ruddles Best and a guest beer and the hope is that an additional guest will soon make an appearance. The pub, which is now open all day, is a traditional three roomed local and very handy for the bus station.

Two festivals took place in the Vale of Belvoir, the second Marquis of Granby event produced a good selection of beers whilst at Hickling the Plough presented another alternative venue for the holiday beer drinker.

To the west of Nottingham the Harrington Arms in Sawley held it's annual outdoor beer festival with over 45 ales available and plenty of jazz. To the east The Wheatsheaf Inn at Burton Joyce joined in the festival fun.

Once again Mansfield CAMRA organised the beer tent at the Moorgreen Agricultural show so a welcome pint was available whilst watching the events or wandering amongst the livestock. Another advantage was the discounted admission offered to CAMRA members.



The Five Ways

To mark the launch of CAMRA's updated National Inventory of pub interiors of outstanding historic interest and the appearance of the Five Ways in the guide, Nottingham CAMRA is holding a presentation and social evening on Tuesday 2nd September. The pub is easily reached at the junction of the ring road and Edwards Lane, NCT's purple route goes past the door. Why not come along and see why the pub is in the guide and sample the beers.



Three Crowns

Landlord and Landlady Robert & Kate Herrick have retired from running the very popular Three Crowns, Wymeswold. ND understand that they are in Launston, Cornwall and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Nelson & Railway

Following on from a number of recent refurbishments Hardys & Hansons have now got round to the Brewery Tap. Perhaps better know as 'Harry's', The Nelson & Railway is just opposite the Brewery and has featured in the national Good Beer Guide since the seventies.

The pub was shut for two weeks to enable the finishing touches to be applied, and re-opened on Monday 28 July. First impressions are that little has changed – but a closer inspection shows that a light touch has been applied in upgrading the pub.



The bar is still the same shape and size but has been delicately improved, and darts and dominoes have not been forgotten. The lounge area has effectively been made into three discrete areas, with one being no smoking. The toilets have been radically upgraded and a new disabled toilet has also been provided

As previously, a good range of food is available 12-2.30 & 5.30 – 9 (Mon-Sat) and 12-6 on Sunday and the famous good value accommodation (four rooms) had been modernised with en suite facilities being added.

Hardys & Hansons Bitter, Olde Trip and Seasonal Guest ale are available and with the changes to the pub there is also a change in management with

Harry's son Mick Burton now effectively running the pub. So pop down and try a pint or three at 'Harry & Mick's' – The Nelson and Railway.



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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 e.g. 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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The cover of the 'Good Beer Guide 2004' book. It features a black and white photograph of a man and a woman smiling and holding glasses of beer. The text on the cover includes 'BRITAIN'S BEST PUBS', 'Good Beer Guide 2004', 'Edited by Stanley Roger Pratt', and the CAMRA logo. On the right side, the title 'Good Beer Guide 2004' is written vertically in a large, bold font.

Available at the
Nottingham Beer Festival
16th - 19th October
Victoria Leisure Centre

Nottingham Branch Events Trips and Socials

September

Tue 2: **Five Ways**, Edwards Lane, Sherwood. Social including Presentation of National Inventory certificate 7.30pm onwards

Sat 13: **Willoughby Arms, Little Bytham (home of Newby Wyke) and Green Man Beer Festival, Stamford** Trip from the Playhouse Bar - 3pm

Mon 15: **Nottingham Pub Crawl** starting at the Bell, Market Square Meet in the back bar at 8pm (coincides with Bell Beer Festival)

Wed 17: **Hoveringham / Thurgarton** free minibus trip from the Playhouse Bar - 7pm

Sat 20: **Melton Mowbray Beer Festival** Trip from the Playhouse Bar - 5pm

Sat 27: **Independant Family Brewers Pub Crawl** starting at the Bell, Market Square Meet in the back bar at 7.30pm

Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or by email to raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org CAMRA cards must be shown for the £2 discount offered on some trips

Local Beer Festivals

Thur 4 Sept - Sat 6: Birmingham Beer Festival, Aston Students Guild, Aston Triangle. 90 real ales, ciders and entertainment. Open 12-3.30 & 5.30-11 Thur & Fri, 12-11 Sat

Thur 4 Sept - Sat 6: Tamworth Beer Festival, Assembly, Corporation Street. Open 5-11 Thur, 11-11 Fri & Sat

Fri 12 Sept - Sun 14: North Notts Beer Festival, Market Hotel, West Carr Road, Retford. Open 11-11 Fri & Sat, 12-3 Sun.

Mon 15 Sept - Fri 19: Bell Beer Festival, Market Square, Nottingham. Over 40 beers, food. Open all day (Open for CAMRA members 12-6 Sun 14 Sept)

Fri 19 Sept - Sun 21: Melton Mowbray Beer Festival, Cattle Market, Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray, 2 minutes from town centre, over 50 beers. Open 11-11 Fri & Sat, 11-3 Sun.

Thur 25 Sept - Sat 27: Burton Beer Festival, Burton on Trent Town Hall, King Edward Place, 5 mins to Rail Station over 100 beers, food, live music. Open 7-11 Thur, 12-3 & 6.30-11 Fri, 11.30-5 & 7-11 Sat.

Thur 2 Oct - Sat 4: Sheffield (Steel City) Beer Festival, St Philips Social Club, Netherthorpe Road, 2 mins from Netherthorpe Tram stop, over 60 beers, food, live music. Open 6-11 Thur, 12-4 & 6-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat.

Fri 3 Oct - Sun 5: Clocktoberfest, Clock Inn, South Normanton, up to 20 beers and cider. Open all day (www.theclockinn.co.uk)

Thur 16 Oct - Sun 19: Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, near Sneinton Market. Over 340 beers, ciders, perries and country wines. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evening. Open 11-11 Thur & Fri, 10-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun More information on www.nottinghamcamra.org/nottmbeerfest2003

Fri 24 Oct - Sun 26: Bass Museum Oktoberfest, Bass Museum, Burton on Trent, up to 40 beers, entertainment in the evenings

Fri 31 Oct - Sun 2 Nov: 'Ale'oween Beer Festival, The Mallard, Worksop Rail Station (on the Robin Hood Line), 16 beers, ciders, wines. Open all day (07789 778857)

Fri 14 Nov - Sat 15: Erewash Valley Beer Festival, Friesland Sports Centre, Nursery Avenue, Sandiacre. Up to 35 beers, ciders & wines, live music. Open 6-11 Fri, 11-3 & 6-11 Sat.

Branch Meetings

All meetings begin at 8pm
Everyone is welcome

September

Thurs 25: **Newshouse**, Canal Street, near Broadmarsh Bus Station. Nottingham Drinker available

October

Thurs 30: **Old Moot Hall Inn**, Carlton Road, near Sneinton Market. ND Top Up available

Committee Meetings

September

Thurs 11: **Salutation**, Maid Marion Way

All details on

www.nottinghamcamra.org

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Name(s)

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Date

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