



BRANCH INFORMATION: APRIL 2009 BRANCH MEETING

It is intended that at each Branch meeting these information notes will be supplied, keeping you informed over the issues that are being addressed by Nottingham CAMRA.

SECOND NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

The 2008 Robin Hood Beer Festival has been nominated for a tourism award with the winner to be announced on Thursday 14th May. The 2009 event will be larger than last year and more volunteers are needed, although it is expected that admissions/gate will be outsourced. Anyone interested in helping please e-mail acl_50@ntlworld.com.

CAMRA LocAle

Whilst the scheme continues to grow, with more and more branches taking up LocAle, it is essential that pubs are monitored. When a pub fails to either have a local beer or displays a locale crown this information should be passed to any committee member. Beer quality is also important as the locAle crown is a CAMRA award symbol. Recent pubs to join include the Wagon & Horses, Bleasby; Trent Navigation and The Nags Head, Mansfield Road.

MILD TRAIL

The mild trail has started and will continue up to Saturday 13th June – plenty of time to participate, as you only need to visit 8 different pubs to qualify for an award. Even if you are not a regular mild drinker, try a pint or two at any one of the participating pubs – and collect a sticker!

TRIPS AND SOCIALS

The mini bus survey trips are as follows: May it will be Caythorpe/Hoveringham and June will be East & West Leake. A bus to Spire Brewery (Chesterfield) takes place on Thursday 21st May (book by 10th May) - the cost of the brewery will be £12 (to cover the beer), the bus will be extra on top of this. As always, your CAMRA membership card is required to obtain your discount on paying for bus trips. For more information e-mail raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org

GREEN FESTIVAL

The Nottingham Green Festival takes place at the Arboretum on Sunday 31st May (12.00 noon to 6.00 pm) and it's free! Nottingham CAMRA are represented at the festival and all are welcome to this great family event. Further information tel 0115 9605276 or e-mail green.festival@dial.pipex.com

NOTTINGHAM DRINKER AWARD

The Nottingham Drinker got newsletter of the year award for the second year running at the recent AGM held in Eastbourne. This was possible due to the hard work of Spyke Golding and his team of contributors, proof readers and to all that have contributed articles throughout the year. Thank you.

COME AND JOIN US

The next branch meeting will take place on Thursday 28th May at 8.00 pm at the Globe, London Road. There is normally either a guest speaker or a quiz during the evening, so why not join the branch and have a few beers.

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

April 30 - May 3 (Thu-Sun) Poet & Castle, Alfreton Rd, Codnor Over 40 ales & ciders.

Entertainment nightly: 01773 744150. www.poetandcastle.co.uk

May 13-17 (Wed-Sun) Johnson Arms, 59, Abbey Street, Dunkirk. 25 ales over five days. Tel 0115 9786355 www.johnsonarms.co.uk

May 15-16 (Fri-Sat) Rail Ale Festival at Barrowhill Roundhouse, Campbell Drive, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. Over 140 ales. Tel 01246 472450 www.barrowhill.org

May 21-23 (Thur-Sat) Lincoln Beer Festival, The Drill Hall, Free school lane (5mins from rail/bus stations) 70+ beers.

May 22-24 (Fri-Sun) 14th Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park. Approx 140 beers.

May 28-31 (Thur-Sun) Ruddington Beer Festival, White Horse, Church Street & Three Crowns, Easthorpe Street, Over 50 beers from around the UK.

May 29-31 (Fri-Sun) Gladstone Beer Festival, Loscoe Road, Carrington. 25 real ales.

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