



BRANCH INFORMATION: FEBRUARY 2009 BRANCH MEETING

SECOND NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Discussions with the Castle have confirmed earlier hopes that the 2009 event will be larger than the 2008 Festival. The Festival will be open Thursday 8 to Sunday 11th but staff will be needed for the period Monday 5th to Monday 12th October, inclusive. Already 18 people have volunteered but more staff are urgently needed. One of the aims this year is to 'bring a friend' to help work at the Festival – so please start asking now. Anyone interested please e-mail acl_50@ntlworld.com.

CAMRA LocAle

The next edition of Nottingham Drinker will feature all the local pubs that have joined LocAle. The scheme is seen as integral to CAMRA's national strategy on sustainable communities.

LOCAL PUBS WEEK

Local Pubs week will be between 4th and 12th July and will consist of a series of events – details will appear in the Nottingham Drinker and Web Site.

STOUT & PORTER STROLL

The annual Stout and Porter stroll takes place 7th to 28th March and features 24 pubs. Full details are in ND issue 90 (February/March). These can also be downloaded from the Web Site.

MILD TRAIL

The annual mild trail is being prepared and will feature in the next edition of ND. It is hoped that this year's event will be in a slightly different format but its aim is still to promote cask mild. The Mild trail will start at the end of April and will continue until early June.

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Mar 11-14 (Wed-Sat) Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay St/South Churchgate. Off St Margaret's Way next to St Margaret's Church, approx 5 min walk from St Margaret's bus stn or a 15 min walk from London Road rail stn. 200+ beers, inc fest specs + 30 Real Ciders/ Perries. LocAle bars feature approx 70 beers brewed within 25 miles of Leic City Centre. Famous Authentic Indian curries +. For admission times and costs see www.camra.org/leicester.

Mar 12-16 (Thur – Mon) Trent Navigation first annual spring Beer Festival, Meadow Lane. For more details check web site www.trentnavigationinn.co.uk

Mar 13-14 (Fri-Sat) 2nd Burton Spring Beer Festival, Town Hall, Burton on Trent. 100 + real ales + cider/perry. Admission prices and opening hours see www.burtoncamra.org.uk

Mar 19-22 (Thur-Sun) The Criterion, 44 Millstone Lane, Leicester. LE1 5JN. Holding a Hereford & Worcester Beer Festival.

Mar 20-21 (Fri-Sat) Bingham Rugby Club Beer Festival, Brendon Grove (Trent buses alight Balmoral Road), 10 real ales + ciders 7-11 pm Fri and 12-11 Sat.

Mar 27-28 (Fri-Sat) Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby ground, Butts Park Avenue. 90 + beers, ciders, perries + country wines. See web site for admission costs and hours of opening uk.geocities.com/covcamra/index.html

Mar 26 -29 (Thur-Sun) Royal Oak Beer Festival, Main Road, Watnall. 20 real ales + cider. Veolia bus service.

Apr 2-5 (Thu-Sun) Mansfield Beer Festival, Intake club, Kirkland Avenue, NG18 5QP. 80 + beers, cider, perries & wine. Opening hours and admission costs see web site www.mansfieldcamra.org

Apr 10-13 (Fri-Mon) Victoria Easter Beer Festival, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. Over 50 beers (30 at any one time) + ciders and perries

Apr 30 -3 May (Thur-Sun) Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfreton Road, Codnor.

