



BRANCH INFORMATION: JANUARY 2009 BRANCH MEETING

SECOND NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Agreement has been reached with the Nottingham Castle Manager to stage a second Beer Festival in the Castle grounds. The 2009 event will be between Thursday 8th and Sunday 11th October and as plans are already in hand to allow for an increase in admission numbers even more volunteers will be required. Investigations are taking place to see if some jobs can be outsourced – for example admissions on the gate. Last years Festival was the biggest and best ever held by Nottingham CAMRA – the aim for 2009 is to eclipse that success.

CAMRA LocAle

Its official – the scheme has now topped 100 pubs! The credit crunch is see every increasing numbers of pubs going out of business but ‘LocAle’ pubs are bucking the trend.

NATIONAL CASK ALE WEEK

National Cask Ale week is between 6th and 13th April and Nottingham CAMRA is aiming to commemorate the week by staging an event – further details will be announced.

LOCAL PUBS WEEK

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

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Jan 29 - 31 (Thu-Sat) Magpies Beer Festival, Wheelers (formerly Meadow Club), Meadow Lane. 50+ beers plus cider. Open Thur 5-11; Fri 11-11; Sat 11-3 & 5-11; Sun 11-3 & 5-7

Jan 30-31 (Fri-Sat) 1st Newark Winter Beer Festival, Newark Town Hall over 40 different real ales, live acoustic entertainment and a range of nibbles. Open 11.00 - 4.30 and 5.30- 11.00. Tickets £4 in advance per session (£5 on the door) CAMRA members will receive 2 free beer tokens per session (on presentation of valid membership card) Special Festival souvenir tankards £2.50.
www.newarkcamra.org.uk/wbf/index.htm

Jan 31 (Sat) East Leake Beer Festival, The Village Hall. Tickets £5. Inc. free pint glass and first drink in advance only from Lantern Lane School, or by calling 559308. Beers from Leicestershire, the Champion Beer of GB, Bottled Cider & Lager. Pukka Pies & Peas. All profits to Lantern Lane School.

Feb 6-7 (Fri-Sat) Chesterfield “War of the Roses” Beer Festival, The Winding Wheel, Holywell St. S41 7SA. 5 mins walk from Rail Station. 100+ Real Ales (from Lancs + Yorks), LocAle bar, Ciders, Perry, Country Wines, bottled World beers + free soft drinks. Tickets avail (Sat 6 Dec) from Pomegranate Theatre Box office 01246345777; Chesterfield Tourist Info Centre 01246345222; For more details, opening times and admission costs see www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk

Feb 6-7 (Fri-Sat) West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, Loughborough Road (behind Fire Station) Bus 10 to ASDA or Arriva 99 to door. Open Fri 4.00-11.00, Sat 12.00-11.00
www.wbhockey.co.uk

Feb 12-15 (Thur-Sun) SIBA Festival, Canalhouse, Canal Street. Try all the winners from Thursday until the beers run out. Free admission.

Feb 18-22 (wed-Sun) Johnson Arms Beer Festival, 59, Abbey Street, Dunkirk (NCT No 13) 20+ Real Ales over five days. LocAle from SIBA scheme to include Notts and Derby brews. Beer Vouchers £9.70 for 8 half pints. For more details see www.johnsonarms.co.uk or Tel 0115 9786355

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.