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BRANCH INFORMATION: NOVEMBER 2009 BRANCH MEETING



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THIRD NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

The third Robin Hood Festival will take place between Thursday 14th October and Sunday 17th October 2010. The venue will be the same – The Castle, but plans are already in hand to improve on the last two festivals. More details will appear over the coming months so please make a note in your diary now – to avoid missing the biggest party in the East Midlands in 2010.

PUB OF THE YEAR 2010 (POTY)

Nominations are being sought for the 2010 POTY award. If you know of a pub that you think is worthy of being considered or wish to take part in the judging process please contact David Mason on davidmason@nottinghamcamra.org or contact any of the committee.

LocAle

New additions to the LocAle scheme include The Crown, Beeston; Hogshead, city centre; Magpies, Stapleford and The Roundhouse on St James Terrace.

Online Guide & Data Base



We are currently creating a new online guide and pubs database. You can access this from the following link www.whatpub.org/. Type Nottingham in the Town field and you will get a list of pubs, click on the pub to view details. The listing at the moment is incomplete many without much detail and a warning of being out of date, but we are working diligently to bring this up to a full list of Nottingham and district pubs

(including non real ale pubs). You will notice it also serves Cheshire, Wigan, Chesterfield and parts of South & West London. The aim is for a common guide and data base across branch areas, and we hope that more branches will sign up to the system in the near future.

Volunteer to survey a pub

This is where we need your help to go and survey a pub. This is now the biggest stumbling block to completing this guide and we need all the help we can get. Even if it is just one pub, maybe your local it all helps. To volunteer please send an email with your name and the name or names of pubs you wish to do. This will be checked via our master list as we do not want to duplicate work. We will then contact you with further details. Email to: onlineguide@nottinghamcamra.org

TRIPS AND SOCIALS

The mini bus survey trip for December includes Caythorpe and East Bridgford. Other trips planned include: January the area around Calverton and in February Normanton on the Wolds/Plumtree area.

Also the end of year trip will be visiting Mountsorrel, Barrow on Soar, Walton on the Wolds and Wymeswold. It is hoped to arrange another trip to the Whittlesea Straw Bear festival in January; this will be, again, a train trip. As always, your CAMRA membership card is required to obtain your discount on paying for bus trips, don't forget, that EVERYONE is welcome to any CAMRA meeting or outing, you do NOT have to be a member. For more information or booking a trip please contact please e-mail raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org

COME AND JOIN US

The next branch meeting is on Thursday 28th January at 8.00 pm at The Gladstone. There is usually either a guest speaker or a quiz during the evening, so why not join us and enjoy a beer or two?

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Nov 25-Dec 2 (Wed-Wed) The Bunkers Hill St Andrew's Scottish Beer Festival.

Dec 10-13 (Thu-Sun) 1st Queens Head Beer Festival, Watnall Thu 4-11, Fri - Sun 12-11. 20 plus beers.

Dec. 3-6 (Thu-Sun) Good Old Days Beer Festival, Station Rd, Ilkeston. Thu. 18:00-00:00; Fri-Sun open all day

Dec 4-5 (Fri-Sat) Market Hotel, Market Place, Heanor Beer Festival. Opening times 11:00-00:00.

Dec 8-13 (Tue Sun) Taste of Lincolnshire. Beer Festival, Lion Inn, Moseley St. Basford (Shipstone St. tram stop) Impressive range of beers from micro-breweries.

Dec 14 (Mon) Pilgrim Oak, Hucknall. 10 min walk from tram terminus. Meet the Brewer night – Colin Brown, Belvoir Brewery from 7.30 pm.

Dec 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Amber Ales Beer Festival, Amber Brewery, Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich.
Details, including opening hours, at www.amberales.co.uk

Jan 20-23 (Wed-Sat) National Winter Ales Festival Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road, Manchester. Volunteers needed, contact ND editor for staffing form.

Jan 29-31 (Fri-Sat) Victoria Hotel Winter Beer and Cider Festival, Victoria Hotel, 85 Dovecote Lane, Beeston, NG9 1JG. Next to Beeston Railway Station. Featuring up to 50 Beers.(30 at any one time) Including Bitters, Milds, Old Ales, Winter Ales, Stouts, Porters, and Speciality Beers from Local and Regional Brewers, plus Ciders and Perries. Further details tel. 0115 9254049. www.victoriabeeston.co.uk.

Feb 4 – 7 (Thur – Sun) Canalhouse SIBA Champions Beer Festival. 56 Gold award winning beers all and hand pull. Thur from 5.00 pm.