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BRANCH INFORMATION: OCTOBER 2009 BRANCH MEETING



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SECOND NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

The event attracted upwards of 18,000 people this year - well above expectations and overall is seen as a major success. Despite ordering 25% extra beer and having extra supplies brought into the Festival on the Saturday morning it was clear by late Saturday afternoon that the 6,000 people already on site were likely to drink all the beers, ciders and country wines that were available. To avoid the Festival therefore closing early on Saturday the difficult decision was taken to stop new admissions so that those already in the Castle grounds could enjoy the entire evening. As a result of that decision the beer did not run out on Saturday but was sufficiently low that the Sunday lunch time session was cancelled.

For those who were not able to gain admission to the Festival on the Saturday night (or Sunday when the Festival was closed) we offer our sincere apologies. We are very sorry that you were disappointed and hopefully you will come again next year when we will do all in our power to ensure that there are adequate beer supplies for what is becoming one of the largest beer festivals nationally.

We are sure you will appreciate that lessons are still being learnt - this is after all only the second event at the Castle.

To help with our planning please send your comments/views on the festival, both positive and negative, to festival@nottinghamcamra.org, or alternatively complete the attached form and mail it back to us, so we can see what can be done to make 2010 the best festival ever.

TRIPS AND SOCIALS

The mini bus survey trip for November will be in the Bleasby and Thurgaton area. On Friday 20th November there will be a bus taking in some Lincolnshire villages. 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 26th November at 8.00 pm at Bunkers Hill. 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

Oct 29 – Nov 1 (Thur – Sun) Poet and Castle Beer Festival. Up to 60 beers. www.poetandcastle.co.uk

Oct 30 – 31 (Fri – Sat) Chesterfield 2nd Market Beer Festival, Market Hall Assembly rooms (upstairs). 35 beers from Derbys + S. Yorks. Tel 01246 34522. Afternoon tickets sold on door subject to availability.

Nov 5 – 8 (Thur-Sun) Victoria Cross Memorial Beer Festival, Canal house. Over 20 military style beers, big raffle prizes to be won. All money raised will go towards the V.C memorial fund. Comedians Thur & Fri.

Nov 6 – 8 (Fri-Sun) Beers for the Boys Beer Festival, Little Acorn, Awworth Road, Ilkeston. 23 real ales, live entertainment and food Charity auction.

Nov 11 – 15 (Wed – Sun) Johnson Arms November Beer Festival. 25+ cask ales over 5 days. Beer vouchers for f pints for £10 (includes voucher for 50p off food) Wed: Meet the brewer talk and taste at 8.00 pm. More details see www.johnsonarms.co.uk or ☎ 0115 9786355.

Nov 12 – 15 (Thur-Sun) 5th annual Lady Bay Beer Festival. 16 beers; music quiz Thur, live music Fri and Sat. More info ☎ 0115 9811228. NCT bus No 11 passes the door.

Nov 12 – 15 (Thur – Sun) West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, 276 Loughborough Road (next to Fire station) Bus No 10 to ASDA and walk toward Wilford Hill. Thur 6.00 – 11.00; Fri 4.00 – 11.00; Sat 12.00 – 11.00; Sun 12.00 – 4.00 pm. More info www.wbhockey.co.uk

Dec 14 (Mon) Pilgrim Oak, Hucknall. 10 min walk from tram terminus. Meet the Brewer night – Colin Brown, Belvoir Brewery from 7.30 pm. Pilgrim Oak Christmas raffle draw for CLIC Sargent - raffle tickets are £1 each with a number of great prizes and all profits going to CLIC.