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Melton Mowbray

Fri 16th and Saturday 17th September see the third annual Melton Mowbray Beer Festival. This extravaganza of real ale offers 50 different brews from all over the country, including several new and unusual brews, lovingly selected by the man who chooses the beers for Nottingham Beer festival. Eight different ciders are also on offer.

The festival is situated in two spacious halls at the cattle market, just two minutes walk from the town centre. There are frequent trains from Leicester and Peterborough and not quite as frequent direct buses from Nottingham. Open 11am to 11pm, admission is free before 6pm and £2.50 thereafter (£1.50 to CAMRA members). Food is available at all sessions and there is live music Friday and Saturday evenings (but mercifully the beer is in a separate room!). There is also a Farmers Market adjacent to the festival on Friday lunch time. For more information, call 01664 857805 or email kirtleymodels@ntlworld.com

Win pairs of Kangaroo Tickets see inside for details



Nottingham prepares for Number 29

Not the number 29 bus but the twenty ninth Nottingham Beer and Cider Festival! It is too early to tell you which beers will be featuring at Nottingham Beer Festival because we do not order them until a few weeks before the event. This is to make sure that we get the newest beers from breweries all over the country and beers from the newest breweries, some of which will not even have started production yet.

However, we can tell you that there will be a range of brews from the new Howard Town Brewery in Glossop. The new Danelaw Brewery has also promised several beers and both will be supplying brand new beers. You can also expect brews from the three new Northamptonshire breweries, Great Oakley, Nobbys and Potbelly. Everards are one of the sponsors of this year's festival and their full range of beers will be featured.

Nottingham Beer Festival runs from Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd October, and unlike some other big festivals we open all day! We will also be open Sunday lunchtime 12 -3 if the beer hasn't sold out. As always, the venue is the Victoria Leisure Centre.

Nottingham Beer & Cider Festival

Victoria Leisure Centre, Sneinton Market, Nottingham

Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd October 2005



FREE admission to CAMRA members at all times

Admission charges (includes programme):
Thursday & Friday £2 (before 5 pm), £4 (after 5 pm)
Saturday £2 (all day)
Sunday FREE

Commemorative festival glass £2 or bring your own lined and government stamped glass

Thursday eve is quiet night
Friday night - **SHADES OF BLUE** on stage at 9pm
Saturday night - **2 live bands @ 7.30 & 9pm**
(one room always music free)
Light entertainment during the Friday & Saturday afternoon sessions

Approximately
350 cask ales
+ 30 traditional ciders

Thursday 11am - 11pm
Friday 11am - 11pm
Saturday 10am - 11pm
Sunday 12 noon - 3pm



www.nottinghamcamra.org/beerfest2005.html



The Gladstone Autumn Beer Festival

Friday September 23rd
to Sunday September 25th

16 Festival Ales available over the weekend

Friday 5pm - 11

Saturday 12pm - 11

Sunday 12pm - 10.30 (subject to availability)

Loscoe Road, Carrington, Nottingham Tel: 0115 9129994

Marie's Third Anniversary at the

Horse and Jockey

Thursday 25th August

Irish Duo

Everybody Welcome

Mulligan & Mulligan

No admission

Bank Holiday Monday - 29th August

Family Fun Day from 1pm

Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Sumo Wrestlers

1 Mill Street, Basford Crossing 0115 9787883

Mucky Duck is cleaned up again!

By Richard Studeny

The White Swan, Church Street, Old Basford is the latest local haunt to join the cask ale circuit. Gone are the days of just fizzy draft beers being available at their bar. Today, real ales have returned to this tile-fronted Old Basford boozier. It's been several years since quality cask beers were sold at this former Home Ales outlet.



There's been a pub on this site since 1822, but it was rebuilt in 1928, then in 1993 it was purchased by the now defunct Mansfield Brewery.

The "Mucky Duck", as it was once known by locals is just a stones throw away from the nearby Fox & Crown pub, home to the Alcazar Brewery. Accessibility? The Swan's on a bus route, and even better, it's easily reachable by the tram (Basford stop). Apparently, the Mucky Duck nickname is derived from when the outside of the pub was regularly awash with dirt and grime as a result of industrial Nottingham and the once well-used main road which passes the pub.

Most of the inside has been tastefully refurbished. As a bonus, there are two lounges. Home comforts or what? You won't find many pubs in Notts with two lounges. Live music can be heard Saturday nights. A quiz takes place Sundays and a bingo caller entertains the dabbers on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

There's a dartboard in the main bar and a separate poolroom towards the rear of the premises. There's no need to play dodging the pool cue anymore as you sit down enjoying your refreshment!

Tom Wood's Harvest Bitter (4.3%) is on until the end of August, as is Wolverhampton & Dudley's Marstons Ashes (4.1%). The two guest beers change on a monthly basis. The Marstons Ashes has nothing to do with cricket. It's been brewed to commemorate the burning of a used Burton Union barrel. No, I don't understand either!

All in all, this pub is well worth visiting. The beers are good and the welcome is friendly,

something you don't find very often in today's climate of city centre super pubs. Oh, and if the weather's good, an enclosed outside seating area can be taken advantage of too.



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Nottingham's J D Wetherspoon pub situated in the Old Market Square is to be renamed the Joseph Else: but who was Joseph Else? Apparently, he was the man responsible for designing and carving the two lions to be found in front of the Council House.

A new sign and livery depicting the new name will soon adorn the pubs frontage. In the meantime, the old look Wetherspoons modern look pub sign will remain.

The Chequers at Barkestone le Vale in the Vale of Belvoir is holding a beer festival from Friday 26th August through till Monday 29th August. There will be 15 guest ales, a barbeque on Friday, live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday and a family fun day on Monday. Tel 01949-842947 for more details.

Also in the Vale, the Greyhound at Aslockton is holding a barbeque on Sunday 28th August from 2pm - 6pm Tel 01949-850957 for more details.

The first Newstead beer festival, held in the middle of July, was declared a success and looks likely to be a regular feature on the calendar. The festival featured beers from all the local breweries. The village is on the Robin Hood line north of Nottingham so look out for details in the Nottingham Drinker next year.

Mansfield & Ashfield branch of CAMRA have passed their first hurdle in their fight to save the Railway in Mansfield. Mansfield District Council's full planning committee rejected their planning officers recommendation, which was to accept the Batemans proposed conversion from a fine old public house to yet more offices.

Your next edition of the **Nottingham Drinker** is published on Thursday 29th September. All the usuals, Spyke's PUBLIC Transport, Bottled Beer, Ray's Round, Brewing News.

Any comments - please send to drinker@nottinghamcamra.org

Win a pair of Kangaroos

Nottingham Drinker Top Up has five pairs of Kangaroo tickets to give away courtesy of Nottingham City Council. You just scratch off the date you wish to use the ticket and then catch any bus, tram or Central train within the area operated by Nottingham City Transport, the ticket is valid for a whole day.

All you have to do to win is answer these two questions and send your answers to drinker@nottinghamcamra.org or Nottingham Drinker, 49 George Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LP

- 1) How much does a Kangaroo ticket cost
- 2) When is the Nottingham Beer Festival to be held

If you don't win the competition you can still get a Kangaroo ticket on any bus or tram for the bargain price of £2.50. The scratchcards can be bought in advance from Nottingham City Travel Centre in the Market Square and the Broadmarsh and Victoria bus stations. Now you have no excuse not to visit that pub you have always meant to, and all for only 20p over the cost of a City Rider but with the added flexibility of being able to use any bus, particularly useful in the evening.



Information

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Useful Addresses

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For comments, complaints or objections about pub alterations etc, or if you wish to inspect plans for proposed pub developments contact the local authority planning departments. Nottingham City's is at Exchange Buildings, Smithy Row, Nottingham.

If you wish to complain about deceptive advertising, eg passing nitro-keg smooth flow beer off as real ale, pubs displaying signs suggesting real ales are on sale or guest beers are available, when in fact they are not, contact: Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN

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It takes all sorts to campaign for real ale



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Nottingham

Trips and Socials

August

Fri 26: **Peterborough Beer Festival**, All day trip leaving from Cast 10am

September

Mon 12: **Awsworth & Cossall**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm
 Fri 16: **Melton Mowbray Beer festival**. Bus trip from Cast - 5pm
 Sat 17: **Stamford**, including Green Man beer festival. Bus trip from Cast - 5pm

October

Mon 10: **Lowdham**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm
 Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or by email to raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org
 CAMRA cards must be shown for £2 discount offered on some trips.

Branch Meetings

All meetings begin at 8pm
 Everyone is welcome to attend

August

Thur 25: **Rose of England**, Mansfield Road, near Victoria Centre. Talk by J D Wetherspoon Area Manager

September

Thur 29: **Gladstone**, Loscoe Road, Carrington. Just off Mansfield Rd
 Talk from Gus Manning on young members in CAMRA

October

Thur 28: **Navigation**, Wilford Street, adjacent to Waterfront

Committee Meetings

September

Thur 15: **Trip to Jerusalem**, Castle Road

October

Thur 13: **Salutation**, Maid Marion Way

All details on

www.nottinghamcamra.org

Erewash

August

Fri 26: **Peterborough**, evening minibus to Peterborough beer festival

Sun 28: **Harrington Arms**, Sawley afternoon social

September

Thur 8: **Heanor Miners Welfare**, Branch Meeting. 8.30pm

Fri 16: **Dixies Arms**, Bagthorpe. minibus trip to beer festival

October

Wed 5: **Durham Ox**, Ilkeston Branch Meeting. 8.30pm
 Wed 3: **The Railway**, Sawley Branch Meeting. 8.30pm

Contact John Parkes on 0115 849 1354 for further details or check the website

www.erewash-camra.org

Beer Festivals

Tue 23 Aug - Sun 28: **Peterborough Beer Festival**, The Embankment, near the town centre. 350 beers, ciders, live music every session, food, pub games. Open 7-11 Tue, 12-11 Wed, 12-2.30 & 5.30-11 Thur, 12-2.30 & 5.30-11.30 Fri, 12-3.30 & 6-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun. www.beer-fest.org.uk

Thur 25 Aug - Mon 29: **The Bell Inn 'Test Match' Beer Festival**, Old Market Square, Nottingham. 12 beers www.thebell-inn.com

Fri 26 Aug - Mon 29: **Roebuck Beer Festival**, St James St, Nottingham. Featuring Nottingham Brewery beers.

Fri 26 Aug - Mon 29: **Harrington Arms Beer Festival**, Tamworth Road, Sawley.

Fri 26 Aug - Mon 29: **White Post Beer Festival**, Stanley Common

Fri 26 Aug - Mon 29: **Green Man Beer Festival**, 21 High St, Lincoln.

Fri 26 Aug - Mon 29: **The Chequers Inn Beer Festival**, Barkstone Le Vale, 15 guest beers, cider, entertainment

Sat 27 Aug - Mon 29: **Ashbourne Beer Festival**, Royal Hotel, Ashbourne

Sat 27 Aug - Mon 29: **Old Mail House Beer Festival**, South Street, Ilkeston

Sat 27 Aug - Sat 3 Sept: **Lion Beer Festival**, Mosley Street, New Basford

Sun 28 Aug - Mon 29: **Moorgreen Country Show**, Watnall, real ale tent, over 40 beers, open 11-7 Sun, 10-7 Mon. Discounted admission for CAMRA members. The real ale tent is also open for CAMRA members only on Sat night (6-11.30) with live music and Sun eve (7-11)

Thur 1 Sept - Sun 4: **Old Oak Beer Festival**, Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse

Fri 2 Sept - Sun 4: **Glossop Victorian Weekend Beer Festival**, Labour Club, 13 Chapel Street

Fri 9 Sept - Sun 11: **Dewdrop Beer Festival**, Station Road, Ilkeston

Thur 8 Sept - Sat 10: **Tamworth Beer Festival**, Assembly Rooms, Corporation Street, open 11-11

Thur 15 Sept - Sat 17: **Birmingham Beer Festival**, Aston University Guild of Students, Gosta Green, Birmingham, 85 beers, food, entertainment Thur & Fri eve

Thur 15 Sept - Sun 18: **Bagthorpe Beer Festival**, Dixies Arms, School Rd, Bagthorpe 25 beers, open 5-11 Thur, 12-11 Fri & Sat, 12-10.30 Sun

Fri 16 Sept - Sun 18: **Green Man Beer Festival**, Stamford

Fri 16 Sept - Sat 17: **Melton Mowbray Beer Festival**, Cattle Market, Scalford Road. 5 mins town centre, open 11-11

Fri 16 Sept - Sun 18: **North Notts Beer Festival**, Ceres Suite, Queen Building, Potter Street, Worksop. Open 11-11 Fri & Sat, 12-3 Sun

www.camra.org.uk/nnotts

Belvoir

September

Tue 13: **The Castle**, Eaton, Branch meeting, 8.30pm.

For details contact Martyn or Bridget on 01949 876 479 or martynandbridget@btinternet.com

Please note the correct email address - the editor takes full responsibility for his incompetence.

Beer Festivals

Continued

Thur 22 Sept - Sat 24: **Burton upon Trent Beer Festival**, Town Hall, near the railway station, 100 beers, cider, perry, fruit wine, food, music Fri & Sat, open 7-11 Thur, 12-4 & 6.30-11 Fri, 11.30-11 Sat

Fri 23 Sept - Sun 25: **Gladstone Autumn Beer Festival**, Loscoe Road, Carrington 16 beers

Thur 29 Sept - Sat 1 Oct: **Sheffield Beer Festival**, St Philips Social Club

www.sheffieldcamra.co.uk

Thur 29 Sept - Sat 1 Oct: **Grapes Beer Festival**, High Street, Belper

Fri 30 Sept - Sat 1 Oct: **Solihull & District Beer Festival**, British Legion, Union Road, Solihull

www.solihullcamra.org

Fri 30 Sept - Sun 2 Oct: **Royal Oak Beer Festival**, Watnall, in the cabin at the back, beers and ciders

Thur 6 Oct - Sun 9: **Royal Oak Beer Festival**, Ockbrook

Thur 20 Oct - Sun 23: **Nottingham CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival**, Victoria Leisure Centre, Sneinton, Open all day every day, over 300 beers, ciders, perries, country wines.

www.nottinghamcamra.org

Thur 27 Oct - Sun 30: **Cross Keys Beer Festival**, Market Place, Belper

Fri 28 Oct - Sat 29: **Mallard Halloween Beer Festival**, Worksop Railway Station, open all day

Thur 10 Nov - Sat 13: **Monarch Hockey Club Beer Festival**, Clubhouse, 276 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford

Fri 11 Nov - Sun 13: **Boat Inn Beer Festival**, Cromford, 12 ales, 2 ciders, live music, food 01629 823282 for more information

Thur 17 Nov - Sat 19: **Cask & Cutler Beer Festival**, Henry Street, Sheffield, 30 beers

18 Nov - Sat 19: **Erewash Beer Festival**, Friesland Sports Centre, Sandiacre

www.erewash-camra.org

Holding a beer festival? Don't forget to tell Nottingham Drinker

Mallard goes Red

Phil Mallard unveiled a brand new beer during August, but there was only one cask of it and it was strictly a one-off. Phil Mallard explained "Loz at the Marquis of Granby in Granby had been asking me to brew a fruit beer for some time, but I was a bit reluctant to try it. In the end I agreed to add fruit to a cask of Feather Light as an experiment, because I was uneasy about using it in the actual brewing process".

So Phil added a puree of fresh raspberries to a cask of the beer and then nervously awaited the outcome. "It was as thick as soup before I delivered to the pub" he added "but after several days in the cellar the beer was virtually clear". So that is how the one and only ever cask of Raspberry Feather Light appeared and quickly disappeared again down the throats of the eager drinkers at the Marquis; and very nice it was too, they assured us.

Needless to say this coup by the Marquis greatly wound up the irascible cellarman from Nottingham Beer Festival, who believes new beers should all be launched at our festival. But don't worry, within minutes of hearing about the new beer he was on the blower to Phil Mallard and was then seen toddling off in his wellies across the field behind his house. He won't say what he has agreed with Phil but I think we can safely assume there will be an unusual new Mallard beer at Nottingham Festival, after all Steve was the bloke who dreamt up the mushy pea beer a few years back!

Talking of new Mallard beers, Phil is about to launch Duckade a brand new 4.1% brew. Why is it called Duckade? Because it has been brewed to commemorate Phil Mallard's decade of brewing as it was in September 1995 that the first beer was rolled out of the Mallard Brewery. It is intended to produce this new beer for a few months, so unlike the raspberry beer, everyone should have the chance to sample it. It will, of course, feature prominently at Nottingham Beer Festival.