

NOTTINGHAM BEER DRINKER

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365 beers and only 4 days to drink them!

It may have only lasted four days but all 365 beers were drunk at the recent Nottingham Beer and Cider Festival. They came from far and wide, the beers and the drinkers, and they were a varied lot, ditto. Many of the local beers were entered into the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) Midlands competition and judging took place on the Thursday. The overall winner was Elsie Mo from Castle Rock. The eight category winners were:

- Bitter - Rebellion Beer Co IPA
- Best bitter - Bebellion Beer Co Mutiny
- Premium Bitter - Castle Rock Brewery Elsie Mo
- Strong ales - Thornbridge Hall County House Brewing Jaipur
- Milds - Potbelly Brewery Beijing Black
- Porters, strong milds, old ales & stouts - Shakespeare's Tempest
- Speciality beer - Titanic Brewery Iceberg
- Bottled beers - Loddon Brewery Ferrymans Gold

The winners will progress to the national competition at the SIBA Annual Conference next April.

So now it is time to plan for next years festival to be held from Thursday 19th October till Sunday 22nd October.



This years beer festival



Castle Rock brewer Adrian Redgrove receiving the Overall Champion award



Friday 18th November & Saturday 19th November
Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre,
Nursery Ave (just over the M1)
 Friday 6:00pm - 11:00pm
 Saturday 11:00am - 11:00pm
35 beers, ciders, perry & fruit wines

Admission: Friday £2.00 NUS & OAP - £1.50
 Saturday before 6:00pm £1.50 NUS & OAP £1
 after 6:00pm £2.00 NUS & OAP - £1.50
 includes festival programme
 CAMRA members free to all sessions
 Commemorative glass - £2.00

Saturday evening - Kick 'N' Rush
Saturday afternoon - classic car display outside

Hot & cold food available

For further details go to
www.erewash-camra.org

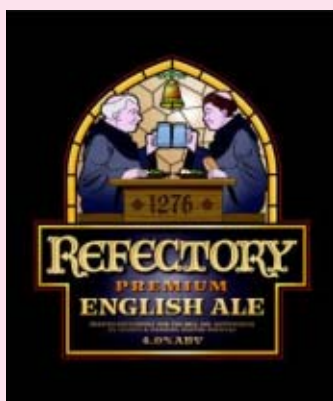
Refectory – Let silence be the order of the day

Hardys & Hansons have launched a new beer and if you missed it at the recent Nottingham Beer and Cider festival then you had better get along to the Bell Inn in Angel Row, Nottingham, Refectory is a pale golden traditional cask conditioned

Premium English Ale. Light and smooth but with a refreshing dry finish, its delicate, slightly spicy hop aroma is the result of dry hopping with best quality Goldings.

Refectory draws its name directly from the fact that the Bell Inn, with its small cellar cave that was used as a brewhouse in medieval times, was once the guest house and refectory for a nearby Carmelite monastery.

Given that supplies at the Bell Inn are strictly limited, you should get there quickly. Once you have sampled this traditional English brew, you may be asked to take a strict vow of silence and keep the secret to yourself!



Beer at the Hockey Club

The Nottingham beer festival may have just finished but don't worry, there are still many other festivals to attend. The West Bridgford Hockey Club is holding its annual festival starting on Thursday 10th November at 6pm. The festival closes at 11pm in the evening and continues on Friday from 4pm till 11pm and all day on the Saturday, noon till 11pm. The venue is next door to the fire station and easily reached on an NCT number 10 bus from the Market Square. There will be over 20 beers and full details are available at www.wbhockey.co.uk

Oak Tree opens but where has the beer gone?

Springhead beers were spotted in the Oak Tree in Sherwood on the opening night however they have not been seen since, the three handpumps being empty. The pub, formally Katmando, on Mansfield Road was originally the bus garage. Let's hope the real ale continues at this new venture.

The Golden Fleece on Mansfield Road is currently closed and due to reopen after a refurbishment at the beginning of November.

Local pub company Tynemill have been named 'Pub Operator of the Year' by the 2006 Good Pub Guide.

Getting into the Spirit of Things!

Real ales and spirits might be common place in some pubs, but there appears to be a shortage of ghoully displays in the Nottingham area re the Halloween celebrations.

Nottingham's White Hart, Glasshouse Street, has certainly done its bit to celebrate the last day in October. Their display, put together by Kelly Clarke, was certainly the best that "Top-up" spies spotted during the last seven days.

Pictured: Kelly Clarke of the White Hart, and her Halloween display



The Falcon Inn - Nottingham's First Curry Pub

The Turmeric Indian Restaurant has opened at the Falcon Inn on Canning Circus. The Falcon appears in the 2006 Good Beer Guide and features Adnams' cask ales and now you can have the perfect dish to go with the quality beer, a curry. The Falcon will be the first pub in Nottingham offering Indian cuisine seven days a week.

Customers will have a choice of dining either in Turmeric, the first floor restaurant, or more informally downstairs in the main pub. They offer a contemporary Indian cuisine, each meal having its own unique and distinctive aroma of fragrant and exotic spices. Take-away and home delivery services are also available.



Go North or South at Ruddington

The first Ruddington Beer Festival will be jointly hosted by the White Horse Inn and the Three Crowns. There will be approximately 50 cask ales available, with a North / South divide. Southern breweries will be available at the White Horse on Church Street whilst breweries north of Ruddington will be served at the Three Crowns on Easthorpe Street. Food will be available and the village is easy to reach from Nottingham, take either the Barton No 54 from the Broadmarsh or the NCT No 10 from the Market Square.

For further information telephone Lindsey at the White Horse on 0115 984 4550 or Ben at Three Crowns 0115 921 3226.

Six Years at the Fox and Crown

Things are happening at the Fox and Crown in Old Basford, home of the Alcazar Brewery. They are celebrating their sixth anniversary by opening a new brewery shop and visitors centre. The shop will sell an extensive selection of bottled beers from around the world as well as brewery memorabilia. The opening coincides with their Autumn Beer Festival to be held from Thursday October 27th through till Sunday October 30th.



The Roebuck on St James' Street in Nottingham has reopened with a difference after a refurbishment. The J D Wetherspoon pub is now a no-smoking establishment. It is the first one of the company's pubs in the area to go no smoking. There are plans to have 100 of its pubs no smoking by next April with all of the pubs smoke free by 2008. One strange anomaly though – why is there a cigarette machine in the bar?



Best foot forward...along the Pennine Way!

Local landlord Mike Horner of the White Hart, Glasshouse Street, deserves to have a toast in his honour. Following a 268 mile trek along the Pennine Way, Mike raised £1120 for the Nottingham chapter of the National Federation for the Blind who hold meetings in the pub once a month.

Pictured is Mike Horner presenting the cheque to Stuart Jones, Nottingham Branch vice-chair.



Your next edition of the **Nottingham Drinker** is published on Thursday 24th November. All the usuals, Spyke's PUBLIC Transport, Bottled Beer, Ray's Round, Brewing News. Any comments - please send to drinker@nottinghamcamra.org

The Black Moon Ceremony and Three Rivers

You may have noticed the Black Moon Stout at the recent Nottingham Beer Festival, well there is a bit of a story concerning how it came about. The rich dark and unique stout is brewed under licence from The Storm Brewing Company, Bali, Indonesia, by the Three Rivers Brewery and celebrates the Black Moon ceremony that is carried out once a month by Hindus throughout the island. During these ceremonies, offerings of chocolate, black rice and alcohol are made to the demon god Liak, to ensure that no evil befalls the village in the coming month.

This full-bodied beer, smooth yet still bitter for its style, has chocolate and liquorice traits, supplemented by the addition of genuine balinese chocolate in the recipe. This leads to a complex and extremely satisfying stout.

The Three Rivers Brewery was commissioned by Storm to design and install their brewery and Black Moon is one of the recipes their Head Brewer Michael Hitchen formulated for them. The brewery was designed on graph paper in England and faxed to a fabrication company in Surabaya in Southern Java who manufactured the plant. There was a bit of confusion with the language as Michael can't speak Javanese and no one could speak English! When he arrived in Bali the plant was held in customs together with two Javanese welders! It was a national holiday in Bali when he arrived so no work got done! The Brewery was installed in Gitgit in Northern Bali and has now been operational for just over a year. They also do a dark wheat beer to a Three Rivers recipe and a number of fruit beers.



Information

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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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Not sure what to buy your Mum, Dad, Brother, Sister or friends for Christmas? Then try something a little different this year to the usual socks, perfume or naff CD!

CAMRA Gift membership is the perfect gift for that special person who loves real beer and fantastic pubs. And if you are looking for that something extra special then we are also offering a variety of books at a discounted rate to complement the CAMRA gift membership.

Please tick the appropriate boxes and complete the necessary details on this form:

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NOTTINGHAM AND AREA CAMRA BRANCH DIARY DATES

Nottingham

Trips and Socials

November

Wed 9: **Bleasby/ Thurgarton**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm
Sat 19: **Hull**, Evening trip leaving from Cast 5.00pm

December

Tue 6: **Gotham**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm
Thur 29: **End of Year villages trip**, destination TBC, Evening trip leaving from Cast 6.00pm
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

October

Thur 27: **Navigation**, Wilford Street, adjacent to Waterfront

November

Thur 24: **Plough**, St Peters Street, Radford, pink line bus

Committee Meetings

November

Thur 10: **Moot Hall**, Carlton Road

December

Thur 8: **Rose of England**, Mansfield Road

All details on www.nottinghamcamra.org

Erewash

November

Wed 2: **The Old Ale House**, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton Branch Meeting. 8.00pm

Sat 26: **West Midlands**, minibus trip leaving leaving Ilkeston at 10:30am, Long Eaton at 10:45am. £12.00 per person. £5.00 deposit required to reserve your seat. Contact John on 0115 8491354 for further details.

December

Wed 7: **Spanish Bar**, South Street, Ilkeston Branch Meeting. 8.00pm

Sat 17: **Leicester**, Christmas social by train. Meet at Long Eaton station at 11.20 or at The Hind opposite Leicester station at 12.00 noon. contact Mick on 0115 9328042 for further details.

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

www.erewash-camra.org

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

Beer Festivals

Thur 27 Oct - Sat 29: **Ruddington Beer Festival**, White Horse, 60 Church Street and Three Crowns, 23 Easthorpe Street 50 beers in total.

Thur 27 Oct - Sun 30: **Fox and Crown Autumn Beer Festival**, Church Street, Old Basford. New brewery shop and visitors centre open

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

Thur 27 Oct - Sun 30: **Holly Bush Inn Beer Festival**, Makeney

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

Mon 31 Oct - Sun 13 Nov: **Wetherspoons Beer Festival**, Wetherspoons outlets in the area

Thur 10 Nov - Sat 12: **West Bridgford MHC 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

Fri 18 Nov - Sat 19: **Erewash Beer Festival**, Friesland Sports Centre, Sandiacre. 35 beers, ciders, perry, fruit wines, food available, entertainment Sat evening
www.erewash-camra.org

Thur 24 Nov - Sun 27: **Ilford Club Beer Festival**, Station Road, Ilkeston

Fri 25 Nov - Sun 27: **Queens Head Beer Festival**, Chesterfield Road, Belper

Fri 9 Dec - Sat 10: **Out of the Vaults Beer Festival**, King Street, Leicester, 35 beers

Thur 15 Dec - Sun 18: **Old Oak Inn Xmas Beer Festival**, Horsley Woodhouse

Fri 27 Jan - Sat 28: **Burton Winter Ales Festival**, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton on Trent, open all day

Belvoir

November

Tue 8: **Marquis of Granby**, Pub of the Year vote.

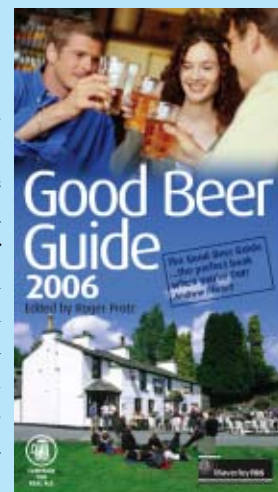
For details contact Martyn or Bridget on 01949 876 479 or martynandbridget@btinternet.com

Cock and Hoop

The Cock and Hoop is the only Nottinghamshire pub to feature in Michelin's 'Eating Out in Pubs Guide'. The no-smoking pub on High Pavement in the Lace Market also appears in the 2006 Good Pub Guide so you can have good beer and good food.

Good Beer Guide 2006

The 33rd edition of the 'Good Beer Guide' has been launched. The CAMRA guide to Britain's 4,500 top real ale pubs is now available in the shops. However it will be on sale at CAMRA branch meetings at a saving on the £13.99 cover price for CAMRA members. There are more than 80 new breweries in this edition, which list over 500 micros, 35 family owned breweries and several larger regional producers. There is a history of the National Inventory of pubs including a full listing of all those on the list.



'Ale'oween at The Mallard

Looking for a trip on the Robin Hood line? Then here is your excuse but look out for ghosts. The Mallard at Worksop railway station is holding it's annual 'Ale'oween beer festival on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October from 12 noon - 11pm. There will be approx 18 cask ales, including some festival beers and brand new beers, a selection of fruit wines, ciders, lagers and bottled continental beers.

The latest edition of the Tynemill Times was launched at the recent Nottingham Beer and Cider festival however if you didn't manage to pick up a copy don't worry, there are copies in all the Tynemill pubs – just in case you need something to read whilst waiting for the next edition of the Nottingham Drinker!

Old and New for the Young(ish)

A pub-crawl, specifically aimed at members under the age of 30 has been arranged for Saturday 17th December 2005. The aim of this crawl is to bring together the younger element of CAMRA, as well as the opportunity to drink plenty of Real Ale in some of Nottingham's great pubs!

The theme of this tour will be pubs 'Old & New'. In other words, the crawl will visit some historic pubs, and some very modern ones.

WHEN: Saturday 17th December, 12 noon onwards.

WHERE: Meet at 12 noon in the VAT & Fiddle, 12-14 Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham NG2 1NB. We'll leave the VAT & Fiddle at 12.30 prompt.

For more details e-mail nigeljohnson@nottinghamcamra.org

CAMRA's Good Cider Guide to be launched

CAMRA's Good Cider Guide will be launched on Saturday 29th October to coincide with National Cider & Perry Month. This is the guide for real cider and perry-loving connoisseurs. It is organised into counties and contains maps, listings of producers and a selection of approximately 500 outlets. Real Cider and Perry is produced in at least 35 counties in England as well as in Wales and Scotland and there are at least 154 cider and perry producers in the UK. There are over 2,040 varieties of apples and 502 types of pears.

The Nottingham Beer Festival may be over for another year but you still have the Erewash Beer Festival to look forward to. It will be held as usual at the Friesland Leisure Centre on Nursery Avenue just off Derby Road in Sandiacre. The festival is open on Friday 18th November from 6pm till 11pm and on Saturday 19th November from 11am till 11pm. There will be a classic car display during Saturday afternoon and Kick 'N' Rush perform on Saturday evening. To get there catch a Rainbow 4 and alight just after crossing the M1.