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LATEST VOTE IS AGAINST THE MANOR - but it is not over yet

Earlier this month, Rushcliffe Borough Council approved the latest plans submitted by Marks and Spencer for a store and car park on the site of the Manor pub. The development committee voted 13 to 12 in favour of the planning application after a debate at the Civic Centre with a large turnout of local residents in attendance. The public enquiry scheduled for July, called as Marks and Spencer had appealed against an earlier rejection by the Council of a previous application, will not now go ahead. The Central West Bridgford Community Association is now considering their next steps including the possibility of an appeal to the decision.

Two other pubs in West Bridgford also face an uncertain future; developers want to demolish the South Notts Hussars in Greythorn Drive to build flats whilst the Chateau on Wilford Lane is to close. This will reduce the number of pubs in the area yet further and it wasn't high to start with.

For more information on the Save The Manor campaign visit the website www.bridgfordmonster.co.uk.

White Hart Returns

Following on from Hardys & Hansons' successful refurbishment of the Bell Inn and the award winning Test Match, the Nottingham based leading independent pub retailer and brewer has restored another of its landmark pubs. Owd Boots, on Glass House Street, has been transformed back into a traditional tavern and to mark the occasion the pub is changing its name – back to the White Hart.

The former railway pub built in the Victorian period has been given a traditional city centre tavern feel with a new bar area and décor. Original style wooden furniture and comfy sofas have been installed to add the finishing touches to make it a home from home for drinkers and diners.

Traditional ale lovers will find all the Hardys and Hansons' favourites on sale behind the bar, as well as the popular new Olde Trip.



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You will probably have noticed two changes to the newsletter with this edition - it is now called Top Up and it is A5 in size. The size change came about because the A4 sheets wouldn't stand up in the holders in the pubs!

Check out www.nottinghamcamra.org for the latest news



THE GROSVENOR REOPENS

The Grosvenor on Mansfield Road has reopened after a refurbishment. The general layout has remained as before however the toilets, apart from the disabled, have been moved upstairs. This has allowed an extra area to be opened up for seating and the bar is now an island with seating area all around. These are broken into discrete areas, some raised and one dedicated as non-smoking. The popular outside area with patio heaters remains. There are fourteen handpumps and eight beers were available when I visited, including three guests not frequently seen locally. These were Charles Wells Summer Solstice, Jennings Crag Rat and Ridley's Rumpus. Other more common beers available were Pedigree, Landlord, Directors, Bombardier and Theakstons XB. Food features quite prominently but doesn't dominate the pub as is sometimes the case and is available all day. The function room is still available for hire and a new departure is a comedy club held every month. Mansfield Road is becoming quite a mecca for the drinker, a lot of the pubs near the city are now open past eleven and many out of the city have been refurbished recently. Brewsters Brewery's new bottled beer, Vale Pale Ale, has been selling well at le Mistral, Sherwood.



White Hart Returns *continued*

John O'Donnell, area manager at Hardys & Hansons, said, "The popularity of the traditional British pub is increasing which has been evident in our growing customer base at the Bell Inn and the Test Match. In an effort to continue this we have refurbished another of our city centre pubs to be sympathetic to its original era. Owd Boots will now be called the White Hart – its original name – to mark the fact that it has reverted back to a traditional city centre tavern that are being appreciated again by the British public."

On a recent visit Hardys & Hansons Bitter, Olde Trip and the seasonal 1832 were available. An interesting wall display consists of cask delivery notes dating from 1953, the casks having been despatched from a certain James Shipstone and Sons Ltd of the Star Brewery.

A First for Melton Mowbray

As we went to press arrangements were being finalised for the first beer festival in Melton Mowbray. It is hoped this will become an annual event. The festival will be held on Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September with around 50 real ales and ciders. Look out for full details in the next edition of the Nottingham Drinker.

Mild Trail Latest

As ND Top Up went to press we had received 95 entries for the Mild Trail, with a record number of 61 completing all 31 pubs. Voting for Best Pint of Mild sees the Plough at Radford in the lead ahead of the Fox & Crown, Peveril, Victoria and Horse & Groom. 24 of the 31 pubs received votes for Best Beer! Stepping out in front for the Best Mild Display is the Rose of England, followed by the Horse & Groom at Basford and the Newstead Abbey at Bulwell. Prizes of a gallon of beer (donated by the Fox at Sneinton) and the T-Shirts (kindly provided by Hardys and Hansons) will be distributed along with the certificates after the draw at our June Branch Meeting at the Victoria Hotel in Beeston. Our thanks go to all those who took part in the Trail and especially to the licensees and staff of the participating pubs.

More Beer!

Local micro brewery beers have been appearing more widely in local pubs including the Newmarket on Parliament Street and the Three Wheatsheafs on derby Road. There is new management at The Bunkers Hill Inn and a wider choice of ales is now available, good value Sunday lunches are also on the menu. More details in the next Nottingham Drinker.

Visit the GBBF

The Great British Beer Festival is held at London's Olympia and has much to offer. There is live entertainment and music, traditional pub games and a fine selection of food including many pub favourites. The festival runs from Tuesday 5th August through to Saturday 9th August. The festival is open from 5 till 10 on Tuesday, noon till 10.30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 11.30 till 7pm on Saturday.

The festival brings together a wide beer range from around the country with a selection of over 700 real ales, ciders and perries. There is also a wide-ranging international choice of beers and real lagers including beer from Germany, Belgium, Italy, USA, Russia and the Czech Republic.

Cider drinkers will find a wide choice of real ciders on offer and there is also a large range of bottled real ales for you to enjoy. There are dozens of different bars at the festival and you will find many of your favourites as well as some of the newest beers available. 2002 saw a record 44,000 visitors and between them they downed 200,000 pints as well as bottled beers, cider and perry.



CAMRA welcomes families to the festival and provides a Family Room with entertainers and games which is open until 9pm every night. Children must be supervised by a family member at all times.

Further details can be found at www.gbbf.org or on the Information Line 0900 525 2525 (calls to this number cost 60p per minute). Tickets can be booked online or by telephoning 01727 867201; discounts are available for CAMRA members. Remember to leave your car at home as London Olympia is easily reached by public transport. Midland Mainline run trains to London and if you have a group of people, advantage can be taken of the 4-sight ticket (£48 for up to 4 people). Two people can use a 2-some ticket (£36 for 2) and for single travellers the Capital ticket is available (£19). All tickets have to be booked a minimum of seven days in advance.

Interested in attending but still need that extra something – how about a free admission ticket for the Saturday? You can win a pair of tickets (5 pairs to be won) by sending the answers to the following ten questions to David Mason, Nottingham Drinker, 49 George Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LP or to davidmason@nottinghamcamra.org by 1st August.

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Useful Addresses

For complaints about short measure pints etc contact: Nottingham Trading Standards Department, Consumer Protection, NCC Advice Centre, 15 Middle Pavement, Nottingham Tel: 0115 950 7910.

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 i.e. passing nitro-keg smooth flow beer off as real ale, or pubs displaying signs suggesting real ales are on sale or guest beers are available, when in fact they are not, contact the: Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN

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Thanks to Mick Jackson for suggesting the new name - Top Up. Any thoughts on the newsletter or you have a contributions, then send them to davidmason@nottinghamcamra.org

1. Which famous American singer recently revealed her love of real ale?
2. What does the name "CAMRA" stand for?
3. Which Scottish brewer was the first winner of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain in 2002?
4. Which pub name is the most popular in Britain, The Crown or The Bell?
5. What does "ABV" stand for?
6. Name three of the main ingredients of real ale
7. What does "IPA" stand for?
8. Which fruit is added to a Belgian Gueuze beer to make frambozen or framboise?
9. Where is the 2003 Nottingham Beer Festival to be held?
10. The newly refurbished White Hart on Glass House Street had been trading under what name?

Nottingham Branch Events Trips and Socials

July

Mon 7: **Wysall and Widmerpool** free minibus trip from the Playhouse Bar 7pm

August

Tue 12: **Papplewick and Linby** free minibus trip from the Playhouse Bar 7pm

Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896.

Branch Meetings

All meetings begin at 8pm and everyone is welcome to come along

June

Thurs 26: **Victoria**, Dovecote Lane Beeston, Any Orange bus to Beeston or No 13 or take the train

July

Thurs 31: **Peveril**, Beacon Hill Rise, St. Anns, Bus 21 from King Street. Nottingham Drinker available

August

Thurs 28: **Rose of England**, Mansfield Road, near Victoria Centre. ND Top Up available

Committee Meetings

July

Thurs 17: **Peacock**, Mansfield Road, Nottingham

August

Thurs 14: **Bell Inn**, Market Square, Nottingham

Beer Festival

19 Thur 16 Oct - Sun 19: Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, near Sneinton Market. Over 340 beers, ciders, perries and country wines. entertainment Friday and Saturday evening
Open 11-11 Thur & Fri, 10-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun

More information on
[www.nottinghamcamra.org/
nottmbeerfest2003](http://www.nottinghamcamra.org/nottmbeerfest2003)



Local Beer Festivals

Fri 27 June - Sun 29: The Crown Beer Festival, Old Dalby. Approx 20 beers. Phone 01664 823134 for details.

Wed 2 July - Sun 6: Rum Runner Idle Festival, Wharf Road, Retford. 40 beers, ciders and fruit wines. Entertainment and food available. Admission Charge.

Wed 9 July - Sun 13: Derby Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby. Over 100 beers, ciders, perries and fruit wines. Entertainment and food. Open 6.30 - 11 Wed, 11.30 - 3 & 6.30 - 11 Thur, 11.30 -4 & 6.30 - 11Fri, 11.30 - 4 & 6.30 - 11 Sat, 12 - 2.30 Sun. www.derbycamra.org.uk

Wed 23 July - Sat 26: Olde Dolphin Inne Beer Festival, Queen Street, Derby. 95 Ales.

Tue 5 Aug - Sat 9: Great British Beer Festival, London Olympia Over 450 Beers, ciders, perries and imported beers. Entertainment and food stalls. Open 5 - 10 Tue, 12 - 10.30 Wed, Thur & Fri, 11.30 - 7 Sat,. Details on www.gbbf.org.uk

Tue 19 Aug - Sun 24: Peterborough Beer Festival, The Embankment, a few minutes walk from bus and rail stations. Over 350 beers, ciders, perries and country wines. Entertainment in separate marquee, Food stalls. 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 Details on www.beer-fest.org.uk

Sun 24 Aug - Mon 25: Moorgreen Show, Watnall - CAMRA Real Ale bar at the agricultural show. Open 12-7 Sun, 11-7 Mon. £2 saving on admission to the show for CAMRA members

Fri 12 Sept - Sun 14: North Notts Beer Festival, Market Hotel, West Carr Road, Retford. Open 11-11 Fri & Sat, 12-3 Sun. —

JOIN CAMRA TODAY!

I/We wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale and agree to abide by the Rules.

Name(s)

Address

Signature

Postcode

Date

I/We enclose the membership subscription for:

Single £16 Joint £19 (same address)

OAP £9 OAP joint £12 (same address)

Under age 26 £9 (date of birth

Unemployed/disabled £9

For Life and Overseas rates, or payment by direct debit, contact
CAMRA HQ (01727 867201).

Send your remittance to: The Membership Secretary, CAMRA,
230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 1LW.

or join online at www.camra.org.uk



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