

# NOTTINGHAM DRINKER Top Up



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## Porter and Stout Eleven prepare for the Trail

Here is the first ever Nottingham CAMRA Porter & Stout trail. It's a week of campaigning in order to promote two of the oldest beer styles still sipped in Britain today.

The Trail will take place from Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> March 2005. There are eleven pubs taking part - the Stout and Porter team. To support them, just visit the pubs to find out what is available; today porters and stouts are enjoying a revival so there should be plenty to choose from; many outlets will be stocking several throughout the week. Once you have sampled your chosen tippie, shade the pint glass in the corresponding team member below. Once you've visited all eleven you've completed your trail - what could be simpler?

Don't forget the Bell Irish Beer Festival from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Want to know what you are drinking?

**Stout** - One of the classic types of ale, a successor in fashion to 'porter'. Usually a very dark, heavy, well-hopped bitter ale, with a dry palate, thick creamy head, and a good grainy taste.

**Porter** - A dark, slightly sweetish but hoppy ale made with roasted barley; the successor of 'entire' and predecessor of stout. Porter originated in London around 1730, and by the end of the 18th century was probably the most popular beer in England.

**Happy Trailing**

### The Porter and Stout Eleven

#### Victoria Hotel



Dovecote  
Lane  
Beeston

#### The Plough



St Peters  
Street  
Radford

### The Porter and Stout Eleven

#### Horse & Groom



Radford  
Road  
Basford

#### Vat & Fiddle



Queensbridge  
Road

#### Old Moot Hall



Carlton  
Road

#### Bunkers Hill



Hockley

#### Lincolnshire Poacher



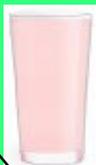
Mansfield  
Road

#### Lion Inn



Mosley  
Street  
Basford

#### Fox & Crown



Church  
Street  
Basford

#### Bell Inn



Market  
Square

#### Stratford Haven



Stratford  
Road  
West  
Bridgford

# The Bell Inn

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## Irish Beer Festival

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Music Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Richie Muir

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Beers subject to availability



## More Trailing during May but of the Mild Kind



Don't forget that May is Mild month. Throughout May the usual Nottingham mild trail will be taking place. Full details will be in the next Nottingham Drinker, which will include the trail supplement. There should be some changes again this year and hopefully a listing of some of the pubs from further afield that stock mild. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May is National Mild Day.

For those who have not tried mild, May is your ideal time. However, you want to know what you are letting yourself in for, then here is a description:

'Mild' is an ale of low gravity and hop rate that usually tastes sweeter and distinctly less bitter on the palate and in aroma than more hopped bitters. Mild is usually darker in colour than bitter, through use of higher roast malt or caramel - try it and see if you agree.



Erewash CAMRA is organising a train trip to Sheffield on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The trip will depart from Nottingham railway station at 11.42 and from Derby railway station at 12.07. The meeting place in Sheffield is the Devonshire Cat on Wellington Street. If you are interested then contact John Parkes on 0115 8491354 or 07962318605 (mobile).

### Chris Holmes to visit The Victoria

The March meeting of Nottingham CAMRA will feature Chris Holmes, the Chairman of Tynemill, the pub company, and Castle Rock Brewery, giving a talk and answering questions. The meeting will be held at the Victoria in Beeston on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Why not make an evening of it and sample the food from the menu as well as the wide selection of beers.

Don't forget that the Victoria is on the Porter and Stout trail and is hosting a beer festival over the Easter weekend.

### Mild for King William IV

The first beer festival held at the King William in Milford was a success. Eleven beers were available from the specially erected stillage to the side of the main bar along with ten different Leadmill ales on the main bar including two new beers - Dead End Job and Interstate 95 - plus the re branded house beer, King William IV ESM (formerly Milford Mild).

Pubs group JD Wetherspoon has announced that all its pubs will be non-smoking by May 2006. The Roebuck on St James Street is one of the pubs in the initial batch to trial the arrangement and will be completely non-smoking by May 2005.

Spring is on the way and there are lots of beer festivals taking place, both CAMRA festivals and the smaller ones held in pubs. Just look on the back page for details of all the ones ND knows about.

Following the relaunch of Hardys and Hansons **Olde Trip** at the Derby Beer festival the bottled version will be available at the end of February and will carry the CAMRA logo - look out for it.

Your next edition of the **Nottingham Drinker** is published on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Highlights will include details of the Mild Trail and if you are travelling to the Cologne area then you will want to read Gazza's report on the beer. Plus the usuals, Spyke's PUBLIC Transport, Bottled Beer, Ray's Round - and now in colour!

Any comments - please send to [drinker@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto:drinker@nottinghamcamra.org)

### LATE NIGHT OPENING

Nottingham CAMRA is updating the late night opening of pubs in the area. If you know of any pubs that currently have a late licence or any changes from the last edition of the Drinker then please email them to [latenightpubs@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto:latenightpubs@nottinghamcamra.org) or ring Ray on 0115 9297896.

The Morning Advertiser and Pub Chef, backed by Greene King, are promoting **Beer With Food Week** which is set to run from March 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. It's the chance for publicans to promote beer as part of the dining experience and for pub goers to return to ales after a brief dalliance with wine at meal times. Check out: [www.beerwithfoodweek.co.uk](http://www.beerwithfoodweek.co.uk).

### Pubs Competition for St George's Day

What is the pub associated with? Tradition. It is one of the many things that make this country unique. Many tourists enjoy their visit to this country and wouldn't think it complete without visiting the pub. So what better way of celebrating St George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, than combining it with the pub?

The Royal Society of St. George is holding a competition for pubs and clubs. There are four categories, entertainment, English food, traditional English games and pub or club decoration. An overall winner will also be chosen.

If you are doing anything special for St George's Day or just provide traditional English welcome throughout the year and would like to be considered for the judging then contact Tom at [t.butcher@ntlworld.com](mailto:t.butcher@ntlworld.com) or on 07734 144620.

Details of the Royal Society of St George and their aims are on their website

[www.royalsocietyofstgeorge.com](http://www.royalsocietyofstgeorge.com)

Also, don't forget to tell Nottingham Drinker if you are doing something special to mark St George's day as there will be a feature in the next Drinker published at the end of March.



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abbey street, lenton

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# Old Tom comes of age

Old Tom from Robinson's in Stockport was named as the Supreme Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2005 by a panel of judges at CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival held at Manchester.

The barley wine has an ABV of 8.5% and is described in the 2005 edition of the Good Beer Guide as a 'A full-bodied, dark beer, it has malt, fruit and chocolate in the aroma. A delightfully complex range of flavours including dark chocolate, full maltness, port and fruits lead to a long, bitter-sweet aftertaste'.

The silver prize went to Somerset based Bath Brewery for their superb Festivity, and the Bronze award went to Woodforde's brewery from Norfolk for their fantastic Headcracker.

# 24 Hours - Hardly Realistic

Currently there is a lot of talk in the media of 24 hour drinking following the licensing reform. Whilst this is very good for headlines and attracting a lot of negative reaction the truth will be far from 24 hour opening.

Nottingham CAMRA has spoken to several local licensees and of those who are looking to take advantage of the changes it is just for an extra hour during the week and perhaps an extra couple of hours at weekends thus allowing the customer to leave when they wanted, or when their buses left. Pubs are not going to remain open if there is no custom and each pub will be different depending on its locality and customer base. This is, simply, the reason that there won't be 24 hour drinking, pubs will not pay their staff and their overheads to remain open 24 hours a day without custom.

Whilst Nottingham CAMRA agrees that there are problems due to the 'binge drinking' culture the way to solve it is not to deprive the choice from everybody but rather to change the ways of a few people who cause the problem.

Greater freedom of choice for the customer and the licensee can only be a step in the right direction.

## Information

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### Web Site

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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, 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

### Next Nottingham Drinker

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# NOTTINGHAM AND AREA CAMRA BRANCH DIARY DATES

## Nottingham

### Trips and Socials

#### March

Tue 8: **Giltbrook area**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm

#### April

Mon 11: **Hoveringham & Caythorpe**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm

Fri 15: **Springhead Brewery**, Train and bus trip. 17.46 train from Nottingham £10 for brewery tour including buffet and samples

Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or by email to [raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto: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 come along

#### February

Thur 24: **Horse and Groom**, Radford Road. Tram - Shipstone Street. **AGM** - Vote for your new committee or volunteer

#### March

Thur 31: **Victoria**, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. Train or bus- 13 or 36. Talk from Chris Holmes of Tynemill and Castle Rock New Nottingham Drinker available

#### April

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

### Committee Meetings

#### March

Thur 17: **Bell**, Market Square

#### April

Thur 14: **Salutation**, Maid Marion Way

All details on [www.nottinghamcamra.org](http://www.nottinghamcamra.org)

## Beer Festivals

Barrow Hill, Chesterfield. Free bus from Chesterfield railway station. 80 beers, ciders & fruit wines. Train rides during the afternoon, live music in the evening. Open 12 - 11 Fri & Sat [www.barrowhill.org.uk](http://www.barrowhill.org.uk)

Thur 26 May - Sat 28: **Lincoln Beer Festival**, Drill Hall, Free School Lane. 60 beers, ciders & perries. Open 12-3 & 6-11 Thur, 11-4 & 6-11 Fri, 11-11 Sat. [www.lincolncamra.org.uk](http://www.lincolncamra.org.uk)

Fri 27 May - Sun 29: **Newark Beer Festival**, Riverside Park, two minutes from Caslte railway station. 120 beers, ciders, perries & country wines, live music Open 11-10 Fri & Sat 12-10 Sun. [www.newarkcamra.org.uk](http://www.newarkcamra.org.uk)

### Holding a beer festival?

Don't forget to tell Nottingham Drinker

## Beer Festivals

Fri 25 Feb - Sun 27: **Hucknall Beer Festival**, Community Centre, Ogle Street (just off Market Square). 40 beers, ciders & wines, live music Sat evening, food available. Open 4-11 Fri, 11-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun.

Wed 2 Mar - Fri 4: **Johnson Arms Beer Festival**, Abbey Street, Dunkirk, 12 beers over the festival duration, open all day, live music Wed & Thur.

Thur 3 Mar - Sat 5: **Loughborough Beer Festival**, Polish Club, True Lovers Walk off William Street, live music Fri & Sat evening, Open 12-11 Thur & Fri, 11-11 Sat.

Fri 4 Mar - Sun 6: **Royal Oak Winter Beer Festival**, Watnall, In the log cabin at the rear of the pub, 20 beers

Thur 10 Mar - Sun 13: **The Last Thomas Sykes Beer Festival**, Anglesey Road, Burton on Trent

Wed 16 Mar - Sun 20: **Bell Irish Beers Festival**, Market Square, Approx 18 beers, open all day [www.thebell-inn.com](http://www.thebell-inn.com)

Thur 17 Mar - Sat 19: **Leicester Beer Festival**, Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way, nr St Margaret's church (5 mins bus stn, 15 mins rail stn), 130 beers, ciders, Indian & English food available Open 11-11 Thur, Fri & Sat. [www.leicestercamra.org.uk](http://www.leicestercamra.org.uk)

Fri 18 Mar - Sat 19: **Bingham Rugby Club 3rd Beer Festival**, Pavilion, Brendon Grove, 20 beers Open 7-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat.

Mon 21 Mar - 27: **Babington Arms Beer Festival**, Babington Lane, Derby.

Thur 24 Mar - Mon 28: **Trip to Jerusalem Easter Beer Festival**, Brewhouse Yard, 15 festival beers plus regulars, open all day [www.triptojerusalem.com](http://www.triptojerusalem.com)

Thur 24 Mar - Mon 28: **Victoria Easter Beer Festival**, Dovecote Lane, Beeston, 60 beers over the weekend, ciders, perries, festival food, live music, open all day [www.victoriabeeston.co.uk](http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk)

Fri 25 Mar - Mon 28: **Newhouse Easter Beer Festival**, Canal Street, Easter beers, open all day

Thur 7 Apr - Sun 10: **Mansfield Beer Festival**, Mansfield Leisure Centre, Chesterfield Road. Over 100 beers, lagers, ciders & fruit wines, food & live music Open 5-11 Thur, 12-11 Fri, 11-11 Sat 12-2 Sun. Note charges for evenings with entertainment. [www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk)

Fri 22 Apr - Sat 23: **Mallard Beer Festival**, The Mallard, Worksop Railway Station, Approx 18 beers inc some new ones

Fri 20 May - Sat 21: **Rail Ale Festival at Barrow Hill Roundhouse**, Campbell Drive,

## Erewash

#### March

Wed 2: **New Inn**, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton Branch Meeting. 8.30

#### April

Sat 2: **Sheffield train trip** - 11.42 from Nottingham, 12.07 from Derby, meeting at the Devonshire Cat on Wellington St Contact John Parkes on 0115 849 1354 for further details or check the website. [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

## Belvoir

#### March

Tue 8: **Rose & Crown**, Hose, AGM, 8.30pm. (TBC)

For details contact Martyn or Bridget on 01949 876 479 or [bridgetandmartyn@btinternet.com](mailto:bridgetandmartyn@btinternet.com)



## Leicestershire Villages

Christmas is over but the New Year hasn't arrived, what do you do? One idea is to join the end of year villages bus trip organised as usual by Ray. A group of hardy souls met in Cast on the Thursday evening ready for their jaunt to north Leicestershire. A slightly larger bus than expected arrived and whilst there was plenty of room for the passengers the skill of the driver was tested on some of the narrow lanes around the villages, compounded by the organiser who had left his maps at home!

First stop was at the Bricklayers Arms at Thornton. By day there are views across the reservoir but we decided that due to the darkness and cold we would head straight for the bar and some Everards beer, there was also St Austell HSD available.

Back to the bus and a circular route that appeared to go past the same sign post more than once brought us to Newton Burgoland - an unusually named place. The Belper Arms is fascinating with plenty of history, dating from 1290. The food looked good and there are many themed evenings arranged throughout the year. See [www.comedinewithus.co.uk](http://www.comedinewithus.co.uk) for details. There were some interesting beers available including a couple from Wychwood. All went down very well whilst waiting for 'five to four Fred'. Perhaps it was because it was nearer eight o'clock but he didn't put in an appearance. In case you are wondering he is the ghost who reputedly haunts the building. Our last stop of the night was Whitwick. There are several pubs in the village including two in the Good Beer Guide. Our first call was the Three Horseshoes. This is listed on CAMRA's National Inventory of historic pubs. It is a nice traditional pub with a friendly welcome although the outside toilets on a cold evening were a reminder of days past when several local pubs had outside facilities and not so welcome! The second pub, the Forest Rock, is also on Leicester Road so a group of us set off to find it. After a ten minute walk which took us out of the village we decided to abandon the idea and head back to the warmth of the Three Horseshoes for our last drink of the evening. A look on the map the following day revealed that the pub is actually at the junction of Leicester Road and Meadow Lane, a full mile and a quarter from the village centre - perhaps the guide could be clearer.

Despite not making the Forest Rock it was an enjoyable evening, and we were back in time for the last bus home. However a bus journey after visiting several pubs by coach does reveal the problem caused by Nottingham City Council in closing all the public toilets in the city centre. At a time when we are trying to encourage responsible behaviour in the city this seems like a retrograde step to take. I encountered the same problem recently when returning from the Derby Beer Festival, the Red Arrow is a very good service but there are no facilities on board. The same problem occurs when travelling by train as the station

### Belper Arms

are not useable. Previously you could always use the Market Square toilets and prior to that the Broadmarsh bus station toilets before they closed them. Let's hope some facilities return shortly or we are all going to be caught short.

