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Tax On Fresh Air Branded 'Illegal' By Local CAMRA man

Recent Government proposals to suggest that 95% of a full pint is acceptable may soon become law.

Whenever there's a budget or a price increase at the bar people regularly respond saying 'soon the Government will be taxing us on 'fresh-air!' Well according to Nottingham CAMRA Chairman Richard Studeny, they already are, and he condemns it as 'illegal!'

Mr Richard Studeny told *ND*:

"This is ludicrous – the drinker is not only being ripped off, but they are paying beer duty and VAT on what amounts to fresh air!"

"As far as I am concerned some licensees and the Government are breaking the law – we all breath in fresh air, which is meant to be free (zero-rated) but drinkers are being taxed on exactly that every time they accept a short measure pint. How can this be allowed? It's morally wrong, and as I see it, totally illegal!"

"If people were short changed on cigarettes, getting only 17 when they were in fact paying for 20; or receiving only four eggs when they were in fact paying for a box of six, there would be an out-cry."

CAMRA have been positively campaigning for full measure pints for several years. Every CAMRA beer festival, including the Great British Beer Festival in London (August 6-10) and the Nottingham Beer Festival (October 17-20) use lined glasses so you are guaranteed a full measure pint every time – but very few pubs do! Mr Studeny added:

"If I had a backer to pay my costs, I would take this Government to the European Courts on a human rights basis – why should I be taxed on 'fresh air'? It's my right as a human being!"

Thanks to CAMRA now pub goers will be able to check if they are being ripped off by using CAMRA's new 'caught short' beer calculator. Credit card sized coloured versions are available from any Nottingham CAMRA meeting or direct from CAMRA HQ at St Albans. However there is your very own cut out and keep calculator on page 6.



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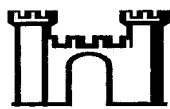
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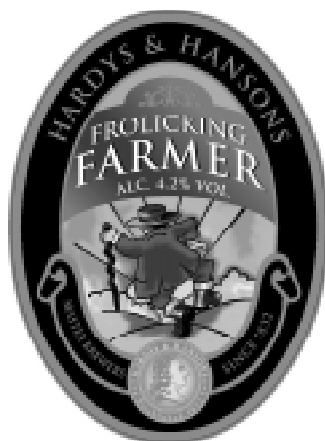
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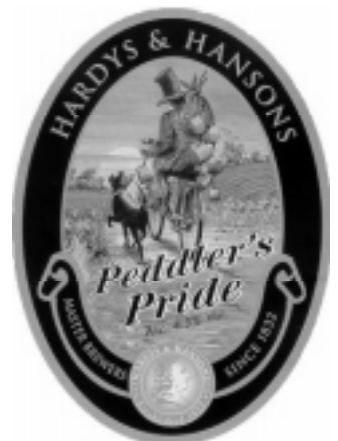
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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Just recently on a crawl round Nottingham I came across a pub not regularly mentioned in Notts Drinker and after an interesting phone call to Ray Kirby (Cheers Youth!) I thought I'd write and tell folk about it. It's the Coach and Horses on Parliament Street. During the week the Landlord has usually two real ales on. On my first visit they were Lees Scorcher and Caledonian Golden Promise, both £2 a pint in excellent condition. About a week later my friend and I called in on a Monday and the beers were Tetley and Highgate Fox's Knob, once again both good quality.

When down Nottingham again, this time on a Saturday there were 4 real ales on: Tetley Bitter, Lees Scorcher, Caledonian Golden Promise and Hydes Red Admiral. Meals were available 2 for £5.99 (12-2.30). The staff were friendly and helpful as was the landlord who took time out for a chat. Apparently he used to run the Vic in Derby.

Could you please give this pub a mention in Notts Drinker as it is well worth a visit. Cheers.

Pete Webb



Another pub in the city centre, in fact on the opposite side of Parliament Street to the Coach and Horses, worth a visit, is **The Turf Tavern**. The landlady, Marcia, keeps six different beers, including a mild and guests. In an area where new bars seem to be appearing weekly we need to support the traditional real ale pubs in the city centre or we could lose them.

BEER NATURALLY

Britain's small family brewers are backing a new initiative to persuade consumers to 'think again about beer' when they are at the bar or supermarket. Originally initiated by Coors, the Beer Naturally campaign has been endorsed and supported by the 33 independent family brewers. Expect to see therefore a new initiative to promote a better understanding of the heritage, flavours and benefits of beer as a social drink.

ED - I could drink to that.



HARDYS AND HANSONS

Another good half-year report from The Kimberley Brewer reveals that turnover increased to £30.5 million from a £25.2 million figure for 2001. The good news was that growth continued in sales of the cellarman's range of cask ales (although growth also occurred with the nitrokeg brands - Kimberley Cool and Kimberley Dark).

INVESTORS HEAR IT FROM AN ANALYST

The Campaign for Real Ale Investor's Club had their annual general meeting at the Victoria Hotel, Beeston, recently. The meeting heard from guest speaker Graham Page, a former board member of Ansells, who spent 21 years with what became Allied Domecq, as well as a CAMRA member since the 1970s. He described the current trend in alcohol spending, and the move towards off-trade sales, currently the split is £19 billion on-trade sales and £9 billion off-trade. He foresaw more pub and brewery closures in the future and more emphasis on food in pubs. He also went on to outline some ideas to halt the decline of beer sales.

The meeting also heard from CAMRA chairman, David Goodwin, who outlined the plight of the independent brewer. "They have declining profits, or maybe none at all if they sell through the free trade," he said. "There are problems if family members want to forget what granddad did, take their money, and run - and why not? Why have the difficulty of running a brewery in a town centre? Is it not better to let someone else do it for you?" He then went on to praise the small brewers who are "doing rather well."

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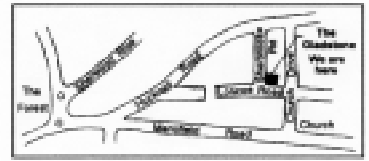
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Third North Notts Beer Festival

The North Notts Branch of CAMRA are holding their third annual beer festival in the Banqueting Suite of the Market Hotel on West Carr Road at Retford. The hotel is only two minutes from the station and there promises to be over 30 Beers, Lagers, Ciders and Fruit Wines. There will also be live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings and the festival is open all day on Friday and Saturday. Interested.....then you need the dates for your diary, they are Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September 2002. Further details from the branches recently launched web site www.camra.org.uk/notts

City Brew

Scottish and Newcastle is planning to securitise over 1000 of its pubs to raise one and a half billion pounds. S&N will not sell the properties outright but will sell the buildings, allowing investors to have a stake in the pub estate in return for cash. This will also mean that S&N will continue to supply beer to the pubs. The money is being raised to strengthen their position in Europe. A possible acquisition could be the Danish brewer Carlsberg. Details of which pubs are to be sold have not been agreed but S&N own several pubs in the area. Wolverhampton and Dudley have decided to retain the Pitcher and Piano chain, including the one in Nottingham's Lace Market, as they were unable to secure a sufficient offer.

South African Breweries has bought Miller Brewing of America for \$5.6 billion. This has taken the fourth largest brewer to the second largest by taking over the sixth largest. The world's largest brewer Anheuser-Busch currently brews over twenty-five and a half billion pints per year.

Enterprise Inns is selling 60 pubs because of concerns by competition minister Melanie Johnson regarding its purchase of 1860 outlets from Laurel.



The Queen's Jubilee saw a number of special bottled beers being produced to commemorate the event and locally Hardys & Hansons produced a special cask ale. The 4.3% ABV brew appeared on bars around the Country and was well received. The lightly hopped and refreshing beer was a great way to celebrate the Jubilee but we are left to wonder - will we have to wait at least another 50 years before it will be seen again?



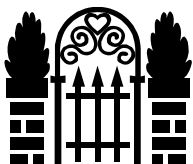
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The first stop was the Tap and Spile, there was a very impressive selection of beers and although it was very busy we found a quiet snug tucked away. The Head of Steam is in part of the railway station and is opposite the Stephen Joseph Theatre. They were offering free gifts to CAMRA members who bought pints, the more pints the better the gift, however there was such a range of beers that I stuck to halves. The last two pubs of the evening before a pizza were Scholars Bar and The Hole in the Wall.



The following morning after a hearty breakfast it was off to the conference. Whats Brewing has all the details of the discussions that took place. For lunch we walked along the sea front to the Harbour trying some of the local seafood fresh off the boats and to wash it all down Sam Smiths Bitter at a very reasonable £1.25 a pint.

The afternoon had several workshops including one on mild trails jointly presented by our own Steve Armstrong. There is always a beerex at the AGM and this year was held in the Spa complex. All the beers were brewed in Yorkshire and forty were available. As there were so many beers available we only managed two pubs that evening. First the Scarborough Arms on a road that doesn't exist on any road map: head for Auborough Street! The last port of call was the Indigo Alley where there was a good selection of beers. One that people may have heard of was Hemlock, there were also a few people from Tynemill to sample it!

The AGM continued on the Sunday and the beerex was open but I limited myself to a few sips as the delights of Robin Hoods Bay awaited us for the evening. Six pubs all with decent beer and we nearly won the quiz.

For anybody who fancies the trip next year the venue is Exeter. The AGM will be held at the University from Friday 11th April through to Sunday 13th April.



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Scarborough in April wasn't quite as warm as it seemed. My first mistake was claiming no need for a coat whilst walking from our hotel to the Spa complex to register for the AGM. As there wasn't a lot happening on the Friday we decided to try a few of the local pubs. We took the easy way up the cliffs behind the sea front, a tram car. The Highlander is part of a large hotel at the top of the cliff. The selection of Whiskies behind the bar is very impressive. Beers from Yorkshire and Cumbria were sampled. A walk back to the hotel followed, perhaps a whiskey would have kept us warm! The Cellars was right next to the hotel, luck not judgement, and they were holding a beer festival. After a few halves coats were collected for the venture back into Scarborough. The local branch had produced a guide listing all the real ale pubs, it also included a map and some suggested crawls. However that would have been too easy so armed with their guide and a copy of the GBG and an old North Yorkshire pub guide we were off.

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RICHARD'S REAL ALE MUSIC DIARY

Real Ale Music Listings for August/September 2002

Here is a listing of real ale venues in the Nottingham area offering live music/entertainment on various evenings. Most evening gigs start at 8.30 pm and are **FREE** but bookings & times etc need to be confirmed with the individual venues. Venues listed are the ones that have been in contact with *ND*, so if you know of, or work at, a real ale venue that ought to be included, we would be glad to hear from you. See next *ND* deadline on page 11.

Bell, Angel Row, Nottm 0115 947 5241. **Regular** (most Sundays) Sun 12.00-2.45 Footwarmers (Trad. Jazz); Mon 8-10.30 pm Omega Jazz Band; Tue 8-10.30 pm Johnny Johnson Quintet (Trad Jazz) **July** –Wed 31: Pesky Alligators **August** – Wed 7: Comin' Home High; Wed 14: Bjuzuz; Wed 21: Little Flame; Wed 28: Pesky Alligators

Bunkers Hill Inn, Hockley, Nottm 0115 910 0114. Occasional live bands in the upstairs bar – check venue for details **August** – Sat 31: Lockjaw

Chestnut Tree, Mansfield Road, Sherwood 0115 985 6388. **August** – Thurs 1: Cactas Jack; Sat 3: Performance; Thurs 8: Sunset; Thurs 15: Happy Hour (that's the name of the band...not the pub experience!); Sat 17: Mick Rutherford Blues Band; Thurs 22: Rolling Clones; Thurs 29: Pesky Alligators; Sat 31: Stumble Brothers

Frampton's Bar & Bistro, 9-11 St James Terrace 0115 941 1997. **Regular** – live music on Tuesday nights – check with venue

Fox & Crown, Basford 0115 942 2002. Occasional live jazz – check with venue

Frog & Onion, Noel Street, Hyson Green, Nottm 0115 978 7072. **Regular** – open mike session every Tues night **August** – Fri 2: Minouka

Gladstone Hotel, Loscoe Road, Carrington 0115 912 9994 (pub) Web Address: www.nottmus.freeserve.co.uk/gladstone/frontpag.htm **Regular** – Weds nights: Carrington Triangle Folk club meet in the upstairs room from 8.30 pm

Golden Fleece, Mansfield Road, Nottm 0115 947 2843. **Regular** – Mon: 8-11 pm Acoustic Routes (open mike session). Tue: 8-11 pm Acoustic Routes 2 (open mike session).

Horse & Groom, Radford Road, Basford 0115 970 3777. **Regular** – Tues nights: Acoustic open mike night and other occasional live music – check with venue

Horse & Jockey, David Lane, Basford 0115 978 7883 Soon to have regular live music – check with venue

Horse & Plough, Long Acre, Bingham 01949 839 313 – occasional live music

La Mistral Mansfield Road, Sherwood, Nottm 07770 226926 – **Regular** – Sun lunch: (jazz) **September** – Sat 22: Special performance by the Hot Lick Cookies. Other occasional live music – check with venue

Lincolnshire Poacher, Mansfield Road, Nottm 0115 941 1584. **August** – Thurs 29: TBA Occasional other live music – check with venue

Limelight Bar, Wellington Circus, Nottm 0115 941 8467. Occasional live music – check with venue

Lion Inn, Mosley Street, Basford 0115 970 3506. **Regular** – Thurs: Open mike night with Steve Bliss & Steve Daulton; Sunday lunchtimes: various Jazz; live music most Fri & Sat nights – call venue for details **July** – Fri 26: Blues Basement; Sat 27: Shamous Quo **September** – Fri 2: The Pulse; Sat 3: Rolling Clones; Fri 9: The Junk Puppets; Sat 10: Stomp Bothers; Fri 16: Ann Duggan; Sat 17: Blinsky Stomp; Fri 23: Trickster; Sat 24: TBA; Fri 30: Spacehopper; Sat 31: Sunset **September** – Fri 6: Magic Carr; Sat 7: Trailer Trash; Fri 13: Calm Down; Sat 14: The Idle Hands (rock & roll); Fri 20: Old School; Sat 21: Moto

Peeveril, Beacon Hill Rise, St Anns 07799 044 617. **Regular** – Sunday lunch; Pete the feet (pianist extraordinaire!)

Plough, 17 St Peter's Street, Radford, Nottm 0115 942 2649. **Regular** – Sunday lunch (12 noon – 4 pm) Jazz

Portland Arms, Portland Road, Nottm 0115 942 0181. **August** – Sat 3: Bruce Christie; Sat 10: Herb Birds; Sat 17: Moon; Sat 24: TBA; Fri 30: Tee Diamond

Rose of England Mansfield Road, Nottm 0115 947 2739. Occasional live music Fri & Sat nights – check with venue

Running Horse Canning Circus, Nottm 0115 978 7398. **Regular** – Mon: 'Rock the Runner' rock jam; Weds: Colin Staples Blues Jam

The Maze, North Sherwood Street, Nottm 0115 947 5650. **Regular** – Live music most weekend evenings. Late license – admission charges apply – check with venue (Closed September for refurb)

Turf Tavern, North Sherwood Street, Nottm 0115 911 1719 **Regular** – Sun: Pete the feet (pianist extraordinaire!); Wed: Harry & Wayne (guitar & double bass); Thurs: (pianist & vocalist)

Vat & Fiddle, Queensbridge Road, Nottm 0115 985 0611. Occasional live music – check with venue

Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston 0115 925 4049. **Regular** – live music most Sunday evenings **July** – Sat 27 (1-8 pm): Red Start, Kellys Heroes and Mas Y Mas; Sun 28(1-8 pm): Glen Hughes Jazz, Sanders & McCloud and Matt Palmer **August** – Fri 2 (6-8 pm): Jazztastic; Sat 3; Manouka, Magic Car and Five Go Off; Sun 4 (2-4 pm): Pesky Alligators, plus Ann Duggan

Comment

Tuesday nights seem to be abundance with open mike nights...it's a pity landlords who have recently started up don't see sense and talk to each other before the bubble bursts...and it will!

INNS AND OUTS OF PUB NAMES: 29 – News House

At one time there were two public houses in Nottingham by the name of the *News House*; the survivor on Canal Street and the house that was known as *Bar Oz* when I last looked in St James Street.

The derivation of the name is quite simple because what it says it means. We must go back to the days when most people were unable to read but still wanted to hear the news. Such news addicts went to a place where someone was paid to read the newspaper to them; the forerunners of today's newscasters. The problem was the newsreader might be making it all up and the trusting listener had no chance of checking the truthfulness of the reportage. I shall leave it to your opinion whether things have since changed (why does the *Evening Post* give the lead to the other lot over the more important Notts County?).

Both pubs have existed for some time (as you would expect from the names derivation). The Canal Street house dates from before 1848 and the now misnamed pub in St James Street has a date before 1799.

So, quite a simple name but it does have a connection with the past and a comment on social history therefore, again, it is sad when such a name is destroyed. The *News House* had a rather nice neon hanging sign advertising both the pub's name and Home Ales; this, of course, had to go; what a shame. Now we have a name for a theme which is totally hollow.

As opposed to all those pseudo-Irish bars *Bar Oz* is supposed to be an Australian bar but a friend of mine who is an Australian entered *Bar Oz* (probably looking for a fight or a vomiting competition) and was so bemused at what he found, that he walked out laughing. Why do pub owners try to foist watered down versions of foreign bars onto us? Moreover why do people insist in using them? There is obviously something wrong and I feel Mr Barnum got it right when he said: "There's one born every minute".

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Also newly re-opened is the Red Lion, Stathern, owned by Ben Jones, Marcus Welford & Sean Hope, operating as The Rutland Inn Company Ltd, also owners of the Olive Branch, Clipsham. Needless to say, a varied and exciting food menu is on the cards, but the beer selection is certainly not found wanting. The house beer is Olive Oil, brewed by Grainstore Brewery & alongside this there will always be a beer from Sarah Bartons local Brewsters Brewery. A 3rd guest will be available also.

As an aside here, for those whose preference during the summer months is for a chilled drink, why not try the draught Hoegaarden. This Belgian wheat beer has bags more character than the ubiquitous bland fizz passed off as Lager. Also available at the Red Lion on tap is the Abbey Style Leffe Blond, although at around 6% this may be a bit strong for some.

The Old Greyhound, Aslockton has new incumbents in Geordie & Linda Dykes, also first timers. They are initially keeping to the Home Bitter but hope to bring in some guest beers in the future.

Away from the pubs and onto the Breweries. On June 12th A minibus full from VoB travelled to Grantham and the Oldershaw Brewery, where we were joined by some of the Grantham members for a very enjoyable evening hosted by Gary and Diane Oldershaw. Gary is an excellent brewer whose background was home brew and it was very interesting to learn his progression to running a commercial brewery. A quick straw poll amongst the party came to the conclusion that the favourite beer on the night was High Dyke, a golden ale full of flavour with a hoppy finish at 3.9%. Many thanks to John and the Grantham crew for helping to arrange the trip.

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Brewsters Brewery have added another beer to the well received Wicked Women range, called Monica (after Lewinsky - draw your own conclusions! All bad jokes received will be read, laughed at & thrown in the bin). Also from Brewsters is Owd Sam, a dark, ruby beer of 4.2%, named after Sam Marriot, a well-known Stathern character. Finally, Sarah tells us that the brewery extension is finished with an increase in capacity to 10 barrels.

Mild In May in VoB generally went very well with a record number of completed entries and some excellent beers offered by pubs through the Vale. The completed card drawn out of the hat was Rosie McCoy of Wollaton. A very cheap prize is now winging it's way to her! The pub receiving the most votes for the best mild was the Marquis of Granby, Granby, closely followed by the Black Horse, Hose & The Martins Arms, Colston Bassett. Our thanks go out to all the landlords & pubs for their efforts put into this year's trail.

That's all this time - keep visiting the Vale!

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15th - The Newshouse, Everards Brewery Night

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More Bottle (35) by Andy Ludlow

As I passed the shelves of Safeways Store in Gamston I noticed they were selling an Organic Rye beer, which turned out to be bottle conditioned. This just had to be tried – so the 5.0% ABV beer from O'Hanlon's was added to the shopping, destined for a tasting session. The beer, once delivered to glass, turned out to be a light copper brown brew, which possessed a deep and creamy head. True to the label sediment was evident but by slowly pouring this remained in the bottle.

The beer had a delicate, clean aroma with light hoppiness and I assume the added ingredient was the organic rye. First taste identified that the overall flavour was that of hops, although this was tempered by a slight fruitiness, which allowed the dryness of the hops to be balanced into a rather enjoyable beer. There was no significant aftertaste and overall the effect was that of a very pleasant refreshing beer.

O'Hanlon's, hail from Whimble, Devon and commenced brewing in 1996.

The Rye beer is normally a seasonal cask beer with an ABV of 4.3% and having tried its stronger bottled conditioned brother, I look forward to the day when an opportunity is presented to try the cask version.

The Organic Rye beer is brewed using organically produced malts, rye and hops and sells in a standard 500 ml bottle. For more details on the beer and the company visit www.ohanlons.co.uk.



Award of Excellence for Frampton's

July saw Nottingham CAMRA Branch Chairman Richard Studeny present its first Pub of Excellence Award this year...this time to a Bistro Bar rather than a pub...namely Frampton's, situated on St James Terrace, in the city centre, just off Maid Marian Way and up Mount Street. The bar was nominated by Ross and Catherine of Basford at the February branch meeting, along with several other contenders before an open vote declared Frampton's to be the overall winner.

Little more than a year ago Frampton's sold no real ales at all, but following the enthusiasm of landlord Mick Cholerton, and pressure from some regulars, the bar now regularly sells three ever-changing cask beers from various brew-houses throughout the UK.

Mick told ND, "I'm extremely pleased to win the award and will continue stocking real ales as long as people keep coming in and drinking them!"

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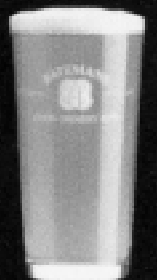
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TALES OF A BLO

One of the roles of some members of CAMRA is that of Brewery Liaison Officer (BLO). This as the title suggests involves liaising between the Breweries, both small and large, and CAMRA headquarters. As you would expect there are BLOs all around the country each carrying out their task in their own way. As a means of sharing some of the knowledge and ideas collected over the years a Brewery Liaison Officer day was organised at Burton on Trent. The day started with the 8.59 train from Nottingham, who says CAMRA

people aren't dedicated. However it wasn't all work and we enjoyed a tour of two breweries at Burton, one small, the Museum Brewery at Bass, and one a bit larger, Marstons. Thanks to both brewers for showing us around.



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BEER ORDERS TO BE REVOKED

CAMRA has condemned Government plans to revoke the 'Beer Orders' introduced in 1990 to overcome the 'complex monopoly' in brewing and pub retailing and included the 'guest beer' law which meant national brewers must allow their tenants to buy an extra bottled and draught real ale outside the brewery tie from a supplier of their choice. CAMRA claims that, while the orders are not entirely relevant to today's market, they play an important role in helping to prevent mergers and takeovers, maintaining consumer choice and preventing community pub closures.

CAMRA concludes that the Government should leave the Beer Orders intact and launch an immediate investigation into the industry in an attempt to overcome the complex monopolies which now exist in pub ownership and beer supply.

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In praise of PUBLIC transport

No 18 in the series visits Bottesford and Aslockton

Central Trains' Skegness service stops at several villages with pubs; and in this article we are going to visit two of them. It is possible to buy a day return ticket and break your journey on one leg to visit both places. My suggested itinerary is to catch the 19:17 (19:10 Sat.) train to Bottesford, then the 21:08 (21:10 Sat.) back to Aslockton, and the 22:32 (22:28 Sat.) train back to Nottingham.

Bottesford (Population 2,871), once a market town, retains a high street, market place, central cross and stocks. The River Devon divides the old village, and was the subject of an ND article last year when a certain CAMRA committee member fell in it whilst attempting a short cut to the railway station. A ford was used by larger vehicles until recently on Normanton Road. A pack horse bridge built in the 16th century spans the river a few yards to the east.

Upon leaving the station, turn left, and look out for a footpath on the right. Take some bread to feed the ducks you will be sure to meet along it! You will pass the parish church of St. Mary, which, at 210 feet has the highest spire in Leicestershire. It contains spectacular monuments, including the tomb of the 6th Earl of Belvoir. The inscription alleges that two of his sons died as a result of witchcraft which led to the 1619 "Trial of the Witches of Belvoir".

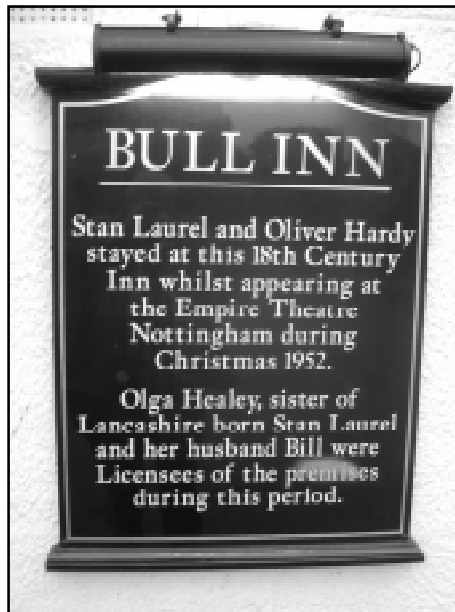
The path will bring you onto Church Street, follow it to the end, and just around the corner to the left, on Grantham Road, is the *Red Lion*.



The Red Lion at Bottesford

This hostelry boasts beamed ceilings throughout and has a delightful "olde worlde" atmosphere. The tiny public bar somehow finds room for darts, and a selection of board games is available. On the walls are a selection of old census entries from the village archives. Just behind it is an even tinier room with one cane settee. It is on the way to the Gents, which boasts a remarkable loo seat which really must be seen to be believed! The central lounge, complete with Wurlitzer jukebox, leads to the restaurant at the far end. Food times are 12-2 lunch, and 6.30-9ish evenings

(except Tuesday and Sunday). The menu features an imaginative range of meals and snacks at value for money prices, and there are daily specials. Thursday night is Italian night, and a special chef is brought in for the occasion. It is a true locals' pub, with a Sunday night quiz and a barman who has been there for 22 years. Oh, and the beers? As a Kimberley Brewery tied house, it serves Hardy's and Hanson's Best Bitter and their seasonal beer.



Turn right outside the pub, and then left along Market Street to reach *the Bull* on the right. This is another old inn sporting beamed ceilings (mind your head in this one!), and there are dark panelled walls and a flagstone floor. The vaults has comfortable bar chairs with a foot rail; and wooden settles with cushions. There is a pool table in a partially separated area at the far end. There is a similar, but more comfortable lounge, outside tables and chairs by the car park, and a function room in which microbrewery beer festivals are regularly staged.

The regular beers are Home Bitter (now brewed by Everards) and a range of microbrewery guests.

Upon leaving the pub turn right, and right again into High Street to reach *the Rutland Arms*. This ex-Shipstones house has recently been pleasantly refurbished, and serves Tetley Bitter and Mild,

and two guest beers. On my visit these were Draught Bass and Banks and Taylor's Dragon Slayer. There's a games room with pool, jukebox and games machines, a pleasant L-shaped lounge and a separate restaurant. Food is served from 12-2 and 6.15-9. Bar snacks include rolls, jackets and bruschetta, and a selection of full meals at £5.99. A restaurant meal will set you back on average £15 a head without drinks. Starters include tiger prawns with chilli, lemongrass, ginger and coriander or mussels with garlic, saffron and herbs. For your main you might select chicken in stilton sauce or duck in black cherry sauce from the extensive menu which includes fresh fish and daily specials. On Saturday nights you can B.O.G.O.F. on main courses.

Time to retrace our steps to the station and ride on to sleepy Aslockton. The two pubs are a mere stone's throw from the station. Unfortunately at present only Everard's Home Bitter is served in both pubs, but I'm told guest beers may soon return to the *Old Greyhound*. This is a delightful, multi-roomed pub but was unusually empty on my Saturday night visit. There is a characterful room on the right, and a larger darts room to the left. Further back is a comfortable split room where the bar is situated, and there's a children's room through the passageway on the left. The pub is full of prints of fox hunting scenes and lots of bric-a-brac.

The *Cranmer Arms* is more a locals' pub, with a good lively atmosphere. There's a tiny pool room at the rear with pictures of the Falklands fleet on the walls. The front room, originally two, has a darts area to the left and a lounge area with comfortable settles to the right. Simple, value for money food is served Wednesday to Saturday lunchtimes from 12-1.30.

As an alternative to Aslockton, it is possible to continue to Bingham or Radcliffe on the train. I have written about these in previous articles, but Bingham has changed considerably for the better since my article two years ago. *The Cavalier* has been purchased by the owners of the Horse and Groom on Radford road and renamed *The Horse and Plough*. It now sells a range of eight real ales at sensible prices and in superb condition, and is extremely popular. Also, the *White Lion* has been totally refurbished, so much so that the lounge and bar have swapped places. Reports of beer quality here, however, have been variable.

If your train is late getting back to Nottingham, don't forget that you can get a late drink on Fridays and Saturdays in Fellows Morton and Clayton and the Canal House.



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PUB SNIPPETS

The Fairway at Keyworth now has five real ale pumps on the bar and Budweiser Budvar is also available on draught. The selection of beers in this pub has improved since the present Landlord took over (none available two and a half years ago) and there is usually a mild on

NBL are now the new owners fronting Nottingham's Limelight Bar (next to the Nottingham Playhouse). Notting CAMRA hopes that real ales will continue to be on offer by the company which also owns the 'Scuffy' chain of outlets, and the 'Brass Monkey' nightclub in Nottingham's infamous Lace Market area.

Jon Holland who has been a barman for four years at the Bunkers is currently running the pub

EDITORIAL

June was certainly a busy month for beer festivals and as the back page shows there are still plenty more to go. It was good to see so many pubs putting on beer festivals but a shame that so many chose the Jubilee weekend. These days most weekends produce a clash but there are some festivals that I have been going to for years and it is now a 'tradition'. One of those was the Derby festival followed by a walk along the River Derwent to the Abbey at Darley Abbey for a pint of Sam Smiths. Another 'tradition' is the trip to the GBBF in London followed by a visit to some of the capitals hostleries, very reasonable on 4-Sight with Midland mainline. A 4-Sight ticket also took me to Brighton for a long weekend, someone's birthday celebration if I remember, but an opportunity to visit two brewery taps, the Evening Star (Dark Star Brewery) and the Hand in Hand (Kempton Brewery). The recommended Basketmakers Arms is handily placed near the North Laine area to allow the less dedicated shopper the opportunity to slip away unnoticed!

Till next issue, happy drinking and don't forget if you are a budding writer and you want to contribute to ND send any contributions to the Drinker address on page 11.

Hardys and Hansons have bought the Sherwood Manor pub come restaurant in Sherwood. The pub will be revamped next January but will continue to trade until then. Although food is still to feature it is anticipated that there will be more emphasis on pub than restaurant in the future.

The Cross Keys in Arnold has reopened after a refurbishment, unfortunately there was no real ale available on opening night although there were two hand pumps. The Horse and Jockey opposite is currently closed for refurbishment.

The Dale Hotel in Sneinton has just won the Evening Post Pub of the Year. The pub features a weekly guest ale.

Nottingham Brewery beers are still spreading, they have been spotted as guests at the Fox at Sneinton and the Hop Pole in Chilwell Road has their beers regularly.

Mild Trail - Update

The Nottingham Mild Trail 2002 was completed during May this year and has proved to be our best ever with over 100 entries received. Thirty-one pubs were on the Trail and entrants had to complete a minimum of eight to qualify for their Certificate and a free pint of Mild at this year's Nottingham Beer Festival in October. There were also 30 lucky winners of specially designed T-Shirts, which were kindly donated by Hardys and Hansons of Kimberley Brewery. Those who sent in their entries voted for the Best Mild of the Trail and also Best Display. Voting for Best Mild on the Trail put The Plough (Radford) first, The Peveril (St Anns) second, The Fox & Crown (Basford) third and The Horse & Groom (Basford) fourth. First place for the Best Display went to The Fox & Crown, second The Horse & Groom, third The Peveril and fourth The Newstead Abbey (Bulwell). Our thanks go to all those who entered and to the licensees and staff of the participating pubs who all helped to make the 2002 Nottingham Mild Trail such a great success.

Fat Cat Café Bars has bought the Red Lion in Nether Broughton, currently closed, and plans to refurbish it and open it as a gastro-pub reflecting the image of both Fat Cat and Bluu. Other Fat Cats have had real ale and it is to be hoped that this new venture will be no different. Fat Cat are also proposing to take two floors in the Chapel Quarter development on the site of the old cinema and their former premises.



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There is a rumour that Nottingham CAMRA may decide to move towards the 21st century. Progress is being made on a web site and hopefully by the next issue of ND it will be up and running. ND should also be available on line. For those without a computer, don't worry, the traditional printed version of the Drinker will still be produced, after all you need an excuse to go to the pub to read it!



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BEERWORD 43

Answers next time. Answers to the last beerword (No 42) can be seen below. All solutions involving beers, breweries or non local pubs can be found in the 2002 CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

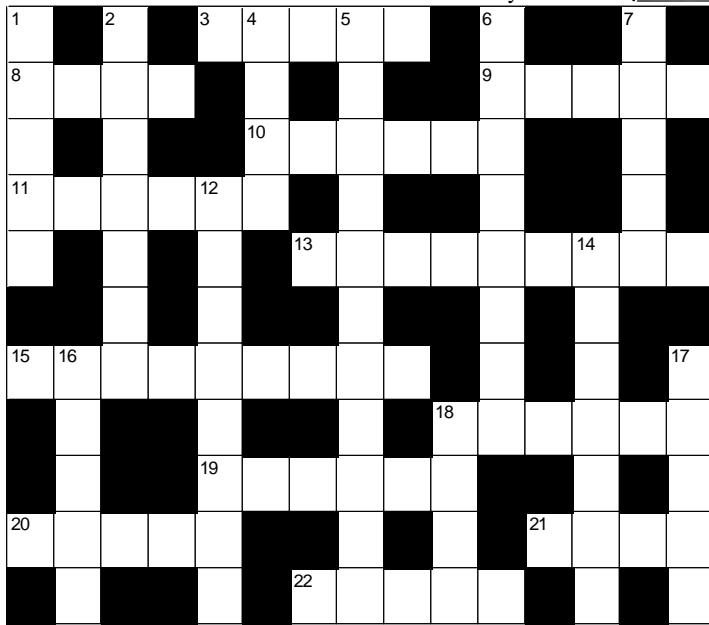
Across

- 3. Double parking in the way of pig at Gales (5)
- 8. Cover on square for Teme Valley bitter (4)
- 9. Archdeacon and number of muses in velvet at Lloyds (5)
- 10. Harviestoun's old lubricant holds diesel perhaps (6)
- 11. In May short Mr Bilk takes on real ale in the far north (6)
- 13. Brewers in street at Stathern (9)
- 15. Great bear by old bear when artist mixes sour jam (4,5)
- 18. Gribble Inn hosts fursty car in imperial measures (6)
- 19. Assorted toys join queen for rooster's stout (6)
- 20. Inland waterway at sunset finds five in a mixed clan (5)
- 21. Lies in the Irish Sea. Could be a man! (4)
- 22. Two directions lead to sex in mighty oak county (5)

Down

- 1. Short stomach in final odds is black at Barge & Barrel (5)
- 2. Idle Leominster brewer charms Englishman perhaps (7)
- 4. Heather loses father and temporary grassland to leave a new grassland (4)
- 5. Tis poor grim seasonal at Uley (5,6)
- 6. You can have a full pint and a head with this glass (8)
- 7. Dark Tribe ale causes one rage (5)
- 12. Evesham ale is in a mugs old assortment (4,4)
- 14. Public relations in a mess to the east of Fernandes (7)
- 16. Fireworks ale without a candle at Smiles or Man? (5)
- 17. Devon brewer can be found in hot territory (5)
- 18. This kind of house has no ties (4)

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Solution to Beerword 42

Across: 1. Duck, 3. Skiddaw (anag), 9. Reeket (anag), 10. (Pinch) o-gin, 13. W-her-ry, 14. Friar (Duck), 15. F-lint (Knappers Mild), 17. BO)Ok-ells, 19. Trip (to Jerusalem) 22. Bomber, 23. S-cat-ty, 24. Zebede-e 25. Bet-e.23. Trot-to-n Bi-tt-er.

Down: 1. Dark (Horse), 2. Czech (Mate Saar), 4. Kiwi (Pale), 5.(Great) Dane, 6. Aegir (anag), 7. (Fursty) Ferret, 8. Vicars (Ruin), 11. (Wat) Tyler, 12. (Brewers) Dr-o-op, 13. W-all-op (anag), 14. (Golden) Fleece, N-OB-le (anag), 18. Litre, 19. True (Glory), 20. Isle (of Man), 21. Fyfe.



Beyond the City boundaries, to the north, life does exist and whilst it has often been thought as being a poor place to find real ale, there are reports emerging to suggest that it is safe to venture further afield.

Bulwell has long been considered a place not to linger, although the Kimberley in the Lion Revived, and the Greenalls/Tetleys in The Newstead Abbey have made it possible to sample the odd brew. Good news though has been brought to ND – The Limekiln, the Banks's pub on the outskirts (heading for the M1) has reopened and not only does it stock a rather fine Banks's Original (mild to you and me), but it also has handpulled

Banks's bitter and Marstons Pedigree (Mansfield Original) guesting for the Banks's bitter every odd week or two).

The pub reopened on 16 April and the Brewery has spent a bob or two on making it a very comfortable out of town pub/restaurant. Good quality food, at good value, and a separate family area plus garden makes this a real treat not just for the drinker but also somewhere to take the little ones as well.



For those who wish to visit the real countryside then a trip to Linby is recommended (a mile or two north of Hucknall (Trent Bus 141 from Victoria bus station). In June 2001 the Horse & Groom won one of Nottingham Camra's prestigious Pub of Excellence Awards and Dave & Carol are obviously not sitting on their laurels. The pub has been given a full refurbishment and it has to be

said it transforms the pub. The separate rooms remain, and the overall effect is that the pub has that amazing feel of being both old and new at the same time. For a change, ND has to say well done to Scottish & Newcastle for retaining all the good points whilst at the same time upgrading the pub. A visit to this delightful village is a must and it is possible to enjoy a fine meal along with a choice of imaginative guest ales in probably the best setting in all of Nottinghamshire.

Hucknall, not to be out done, has also had money spent on one its pubs. The Nabb Inn, Nabbs Lane, located on the fringe of Hucknall (about half a mile from Hucknall Town's football ground) has been extended and was re-opened just before the world cup. Fittingly the pub does have large screen TV, which proved very popular, and currently has one handpull selling the Kimberley Cellarman beers.

The pub is a popular estate pub (reached by the Hucknall Flyer from Victoria bus station) and is trying to sell cask conditioned ales in an area where sadly nitrokeg tends to be king, so the challenge is to pop in and help save the cask ales – by drinking as much of it as possible! One interesting feature is the new pub sign – is this perhaps the new image that Hardys & Hansons will use in the future?



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Beer Festival Round Up

The back page reveals that there are plenty of festivals on the horizon but here some views on festivals that have recently taken place

A report from the Fox and Crown

Just a few lines (mainly to upset those that missed it) about the recent beer festival at the Fox and Crown, Basford. It was held over a week to cover both Canada Day (the landlord is Canadian in case anybody doesn't know) and American Independence Day. They had 29 guest beers plus 7 of the house beers, these included a new honey beer called Maidens Mead at 5.6%.

The majority of the guest beers (25) were on stillage, and the remainder and the Alcazar beers were on handpump. (who was that pleasant guest barman? You don't mean that scruffy long haired yob!- the landlord). David had really made the effort to try and get as many new beers as possible, a real tickers delight. These also included 2 brews from a Canadian brewery (R & B Brewery) brought over especially by his friend, Jack, he carried them through customs himself (that was 17 litres of beer in a container, times two!) All the beers very well received and most sold out. Music was featured on both weekends. The final Saturday featured a barbecue which went well and the band were the Beer Monsters, an excellent three piece who did mainly rock and blues covers for nearly four hours! (That did include a few beer breaks) Well worth a look if they are at your pub. If you visit the Fox and Crown, and try their excellent beers, they will give you a contact name for the band.

Drinkers at the recent Derby Beer Festival held in the Assembly Rooms



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Thurs 15: **Peacock**, Mansfield Road

September

Thurs 12: **Lincolnshire Poacher**, Mansfield Road

Regional Meeting

September

Sat 21 : Scunthorpe Beer Festival

Trips and Socials

Once again the mini bus outing has proved very popular. The Notts. villages' trip being filled, with a couple of people being disappointed. (The moral is book earlier!) Everyone that went seemed to enjoy it.

The next such outing will be to some Leicestershire villages. I hope to take in the villages of

Bottesford, Stathern, Hose and Old Dalby. In September I will be running a large bus to Stamford, (this will coincide with a beer festival at the Green Man). Lets see how much support we can get on what is one of the few popular town centre outings.

See the diary dates column for details of all the trips.

On the social front, we had the presentation of the Award of Excellence to Framptons. We had a very good turn out and managed to finish two of the three beers that were available, (one of which had only gone on the previous day!). Once again I would like to thank Mick for the excellent buffet that he put on.

Lastly don't forget that a map and list of buses (and times thereof) for the up and coming meetings, is available, on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope to the Drinker, to anyone unable to attend a meeting (it also includes an up to date, list of diary dates).

Local Beer Festivals

Further details of some of the Beer festivals are elsewhere in the Drinker

Tue 6 Aug - Sat 10: Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London

Open 5-10.30 Tue, 11.30-3 & 5-10.30 Wed, 12-10.30 Thur & Fri, 11-7 Sat, Lots of beers, cider, continental lagers, music, entertainment, food

Fri 16 Sept - Sun 18: Mallard Beer Festival, Railway Station, Worksop, Open 12-11 Fri & Sat, 12-10.30 Sun, 15 beers, fruit wines, ciders, continental beers, food

Tue 20 Aug - Sun 25: Peterborough Beer Festival, Embankment, Peterborough Open 7-11 Tue, 12-2.30 & 5.30-11 Wed & Thur, 12-3.30 & 5.30-11.30 Fri, 12-3.30 & 6-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun, Lots of beers, cider, bottled beers, music, entertainment, food

Sun 25 Aug - Mon 26: Moorgreen Show Beer Tent Moorgreen Country Show, Watnall Open 12-7 Sun, 11-7 Mon £2 discount for CAMRA members

Thur 5 Sept - Sat 7: Tamworth Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Corporation Street, near railway station, Open 5-11 Thur, 11-3 & 5-11 Fri, 11-4 & 6-11 Sat, 60 beers, food, entertainment Fri & Sat eve

Thur 12 Sept - Sat 14: Birmingham Beer Festival, Aston Students Guild, Gosta Green, 10 min from city centre, 90 beers, food and entertainment

Thur 19 Sept - Sat 21: Sheffield Beer Festival, St Phillips Social Club, Netherthorpe Road, On the tram line, Open 6-11 Thur, 12-4 & 6-11 Fri, 12-11 Sat 60 beers, food and entertainment Fri & Sat eve

Thur 19 Sept - Sun 22: Burton Beer Festival, Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton on Trent, near railway station, Open 7-11 Thur, 12-3 & 6.30-11 Fri, 11.30-4 & 7-11 Sat, 12-2.30 Sun, 100 beers, food and entertainment (in only one hall)

Fri 20 Sept - Sun 22: North Notts Beer Festival, Market Hotel, West Carr Road, Retford, behind the railway station, Open 11-11 30 beers, ciders, fruit wines, food and entertainment Fri & Sat eve

Thur 17 Oct - Sun 20: Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, near Sneinton Market, Open 11-11 Thur, Fri & Sat 12-3 Sun beers, food and entertainment Fri & Sat eve

Newark

BM = Branch Meeting start at 8pm
August

Thur 1: **Muskam Inn**, A1 near North Muskam

September

Thur 5: **Crown and Mitre**, Newark

October

Thur 3: **Vine Hotel**, Newark
Call Phil Ayling for more details on 01636 687013 or web site: www.newarkcamra.org.uk

Erewash

BM = Branch Meeting start at 8.30pm
Contact Mike Doyle on 0115 849 0885 for further details. or web site: www.erewash-camra.org.uk



RAY'S ROUND

with Ray Kirby

Following a couple of pub refurbishments on Mansfield Road, I decided to take another look at this area, taking the opposite side of the road to the normal crawl. (I looked around for somebody to hold my hand while I crossed the road, but sadly nobody obliged!) I started in **Bensons**, no change to the pub, but they have now got three cask ales on. The regular beers are John Smith Magnet 4%, £2 (a rare one for this area), Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3 %, £2. 1 0, and a guest, (I just missed Elgoods Cambridge). From here I moved on to the **Rose of England**, this seems much lighter since its refurbishment. Their regular beers available are: Tetley bitter 3.7% £1.90, Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% £2.15, Marstons Pedigree 4.5% £2, Adnams Broadside 4.7% £2. 10 and Greene King Abbot 5% £2.15. On my visit they also had Adnams Regatta 4.3% £2.10 & Jennings Sneck Lifter 5.1% £2.15. The function room upstairs is now available for meetings and is also used for live music. This pub has a late license, and they are now open until midnight, Thursday to Sunday. My next stop was a bit of a walk up the hill, to the **Nags Head**. This has been opened out into one large room with a single central bar, and a large beer garden has been created on the left-hand side. Part of the garden is under cover, very useful at this time of year; (you will probably be able to use it properly some time in November!) Four handpumps serve Draught Bass 4.4% £1.95, Flowers Original 4.3% £1.95, Greene King Abbot 5 %

Belvoir

BM = Branch Meetings start at 8.30
August

Tue 13: Skittles vs Newark, **Durham Ox**, Orston TBC

September

Tue 10: **BM Chequers**, Barkestone

October

Tue 15: **Social Horse and Plough**, Bingham
Phone Bridget on 01949 876 479 for the latest news.

Mansfield

BM = Branch Meeting at 8.30pm
First Tuesday in the month
August No Branch meeting
September

Tue 3: **Red Lion**, Underwood
Call Brian Haydon for more details on 01623 453148 or web site: www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk

£2.10 and Adnams Broadside is also available. Once again this is another pub that is open until midnight, Thursdays to Sundays. It is nice to see that more pubs are now opening later, hopefully more will join them, and we can get closer to having sensible drinking hours in this country. Fortunately the pubs and the licensing magistrates seem to be doing things on their own, sooner than waiting for this pathetic excuse for a government to do something! (Somebody tell them that the war finished years ago). With the addition of these houses it has now almost doubled the number of pubs on the Mansfield Road "crawl", all you have to do is be brave enough to cross the road!

Loyalty cards were mentioned in the last issue, and in connection with that I have had a call from Graham the manager at the **Hogshead** on Pelham Street. (Thanks for that). They are doing a free pint for every six bought, just ask at the bar for your collectors' card. This is an on going promotion (subject to availability of collectors' cards) and is on at all times. With this added to those already being done by the **Fox and Crown** and the **Horse and Groom**, both at Basford, we'll soon all have pockets full of cards. How will we cope with all this free beer? Also CAMRA members don't forget the 30p discount at the **Globe**, London Road, (Sunday to Wednesday). If there are any more pubs out there who are running similar schemes, then please let me know, and I'll pass on the information.

So until next time, happy drinking. Cheers, Ray.