

NOTTINGHAM DRINKER

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The Plough Wins Nottingham's First Pub of the Year Award

Nottingham CAMRA has announced it's first Pub of the Year award. The final judging took place between four pubs and the scoring was very close. The winner was the Plough in Radford. The Plough is the brewery tap of the Nottingham Brewery, set up by Philip Darby and Niven Balfour. The pub is run by the joint licensees, David Williams and Peter Darby, and features Nottingham beers and a selection of brews from other micros on the bar. The pub has been restored to it's



former glory as a traditional alehouse with two distinct rooms. A warm and friendly welcome awaits regulars and visitors alike.

The judging was based on several criteria and full details are provided by one of the poor judges who had to visit all the pubs on the shortlist - see page 2.

A presentation will be made to the Plough on Wednesday 23rd June. All are welcome to attend and find out why this hostelry is Nottingham CAMRA's first 'Pub of the Year'.



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Nottingham Drinker wins Award - see page 5



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POTY Training

Not anything to do with babies, they don't mix with beer. No, it's just a new one of those acronyms some people are just too fond of using. In this case it stands for – "Pub Of The Year".

In Nottingham branch we have long strayed away from having a POTM(onth), POTS(eason) or the like as it was decided to have occasional POE's – got there yet ? – Pub Of Excellence. These have been put forward at irregular intervals, voted for at branch meetings (see back page for next ones) and awarded prestigiously with great pomp and circumstance (there's a tune in there somewhere) two or three times a year. Gives our chairman the chance, yet again, to have his mugshot in the local rag and an outlet for us to appreciate the efforts of the local licensees. However, I digress.

Nationally there is a Pub Of The Year competition, as has been reported recently in this magazine, where the Marquis of Granby in our Vale of Belvoir branch area came in the top four. Congratulations to them and commiserations on losing out to the winner. So it was suggested that we should join in and nominate one of our wonderful local hostellers to join the ranks of the famous.

Over a couple of recent branch meetings, we requested nominations. This ended with a shortlist of four. So, how do we decide which to choose? You can't just ask people which they prefer and have a vote on it. There is a procedure (always is). This is used nationally to select the POTY (there I go again) from all the nominations. So why don't we use this to base our judgement on? Good idea, someone said – now who's going to volunteer to do this? There were 3 of us who, I think were on a beer break, who were volunteered for this arduous task. Well it would be a night out and I'm running short of excuses at home.

First stop was a visit to the national website to obtain all the information. Not an easy task. First there is "how to log on as a member". Don't know? I'd forgotten, but here it is: Your login name is your membership number, without all those 0's at the front. Your password is your postcode without the space. Try it with capitals. Give it a go. Can't

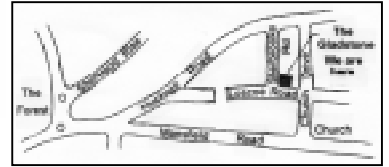
guarantee there's anything better on there. Second is getting special permission to access all the boring, but useful tools for us to look after you all better. About time I read some more of that.

So one Thursday evening at the beginning of April (yes, the first day, worried us too) we set out on the logistical exercise to get round all four in the same go. Seven o'clock start at the Victoria? Strewth, never be able to get out that early. We all arrived within a couple of minutes of each other! Glad of these day rider tickets and NCT (Nottingham City Transport for the out of townies). Someone cheated and used the train, but got lost trying to cross the platform. What was that ringing in my pocket, especially with the large "No mobiles" notices on all the doors? Red face later, I switched it off. Leaving the food behind we took our pints into the quieter back room. Comments later from the landlord of "I think I ought to charge for office space", as we and another couple of business types spread papers all over tables, were heard. Working logically (no, really, we did) through the guidelines and categories we came up with scores to fit, marking on Atmosphere/Style/Décor, Service/Welcome, Clientele mix (did someone say TOTTY or POTY?), CAMRA sympathy and Good Value. I was praised for suggesting that the all important Beer Quality should be deduced from the survey forms regularly handed in at branch meetings rather than us trying (would be a bit blurred after four pubs) to compare all beers in one (hic) evening. Relief all round. That's one job less.

Next problem. How the **** do we get to the Plough from here? Our forward thinking working wonders here. The bus times I'd scribbled down on a piece of scrap paper did not match up. Either back into the city or change at Canning Circus...and wait. Not promising. Taxi! Twenty past eight when we reached the Plough, but guess what? Food. Yes we know the Vic does great food, but free chilli? Thursday nights? Stop advertising. Good job we'd decided not to check beer quality (not a problem anyway in all our selected venues). Chose the right beer and it washed down a treat. Good for the "welcome" score.



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This form filling isn't getting any easier.

Which way now? Too soon for the 28 bus, lets walk (yes we are capable) to Alfreton Road and see what turns up. The new (60)/62 did from Bulwell running in conjunction with the tram and replacing the 80/81/82. Good timing. Into the city at the Royal Centre and a walk down to the Bell. Quiet spot in the back room, more filling in of forms – we're beginning to actually enjoy it. Finished just nice as the band began to play (pity we've another one to do, sounds very reminiscent of some old youthful 70's prog. rock... memories..).

Out the door and head across the square to get up to the Lace Market and the Cock & Hoop. What time's the next tram? 1 minute said the board as the tram appeared down Market Street. Well we did have day rider tickets. Lazy so and sos.

And so to the last stop. Relaxing in the comfy seats and no smoking area. Eyeing up the.. No stop, we've a job to finish. What do you mean you haven't seen the downstairs room? Go and have a look. We can relax now it's all over.

A very satisfactory evenings "work". Tough going, but very rewarding and eye opening. I left the others to catch their respective midnight buses while I dashed ot and caught another tram back to Market Square (well it was just coming, honestly). I even totted up the scores when I arrived back home. It was a lot closer than we originally thought. 8 out of 130 separating all four pubs! Next time we will have to be a bit stricter.....

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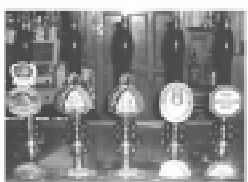
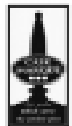





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Mild in May Update

As you are reading this, another successful Mild in May is coming to a conclusion. Yet again we have over a hundred completed trail forms and I expect there are many more out there - don't forget to send them in. A full report will appear in the next edition of the Nottingham Drinker and the winners of the best pint of mild and best mild display will be announced. By then all you lucky winners will be proudly wearing your Hardys and Hansons T-shirt.

Unfortunately there were some problems with the supply of mild for various reasons. One, I suppose we shouldn't complain about, is that the mild ran out too soon at some pubs and they didn't have another barrel ready. This is always a problem with a live product and please bear with the licensees - we can't help running a successful trail! Secondly, but more worryingly, milds that were ordered were not delivered. Again this is out of our and the licensees hands. It was also noticed that some of the milds from the large brewing companies did come with a pump clip to advertise their presence on the bar - a worrying sign of what they think of this type of beer?

Needless to say we will be back next year and if you have any ideas for the promotion of light and dark milds please contact the Drinker at drinker@nottinghamcamra.org

Crown Inn

The Crown Inn roundabout is now worth visiting, especially when the traffic is heavy. Since Thursday 29th April drinkers can now stop at the Crown, for a pint of Charles Well Bombardier and let the traffic go past!

The pub is reintroducing real ale and hopes that customers will take advantage of the beer and if this proves successful a further real ale could be added to the bar in the future.

The Crown Inn is open 11-11 (Sun 12-10.30) and serves food every day from opening time to 9.30pm.

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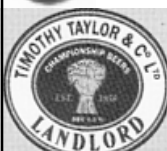
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BATEMANS MISS LUSCIOUS 4.3%
WOODFORDES GREAT EASTERN 4.3%
ARCHERS GOLDEN 4.7%

MAULDENS MAY BEE 3.9%
WYCHWOOD LITTLE PUCK 3.7%
SKINNERS COASTLINER 3.4%
SPRINGHEAD SWEET LIPS 4.6%
MOORHOUSE BLACK CAT 3.4%
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Harvest Pale is a Winner

Harvest Pale from Castle Rock brewery has won Champion Bitter of Britain at the annual SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) competition held at Southport. The beer, already holder of the Midlands best bitter title, was one of over sixty regional winners put forward for the final held at the resort's Scarisbrick Hotel. The overall winner was another East Midlands brew, Frog Island's Croak and Stagger from Northampton.



Harvest Pale was originally launched at the 2003 Nottingham CAMRA beer festival in celebration of the new tram system and called Trammie Dodger. It is now a regular at Tynemill and Castle Rock pubs and is available in the free trade. The beer is selling so well that output at the brewery is expected to double over the next year.

The Castle Rock winning team (l-r) Colin Wilde, commercial director Castle Rock; Neil Harrison, Neil Trafford, Pete Wooding, head brewer; and Joan Shaw with the SIBA champion bitter award.

Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. 0115 925 4049 **Regular** – Jazz club every Monday evening **May** – Mon 31: Wendy Kirkland Trio **June** Mon 7: Swing Beans **July** – Sat 17: Music 1-8pm inc Pesky Alligators, Toe Tappers, Mas-Y-Mas; Sun 18: Music 1-8pm inc Carmina, Fieldwork, Kellys Heroes; Sat 24: Music 1-8pm inc Hot Club, Richie Muir; Sun 25: Music 1-8pm inc Ann Duggan & Beyond the Blue.

details of all the events advised of are on the web site
www.nottinghamcamra.org

RICHARD'S REAL ALE MUSIC DIARY

Music Dates for June and July

Here is a listing of real ale venues in the Nottingham area offering live music/entertainment. 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. The next *ND* deadline is 15th July.

Bell, Angel Row, Nottingham 0115 947 5241 **Regular** – Sun (lunch: 12.30-2pm): Footwarmers (Trad Jazz); Mon: Omega Jazz Band (Trad Jazz); Tues: Johnny Johnstone Quintet (Mainstream Jazz); **May** – Sun 30: Rif-raf **June** – Wed 2: Rif-raf; Wed 9: Performance & Cocktails (Stereophonics tribute band); Wed 16: Kellys Heroes; Wed 23: Rollo Markee & The Tailshakers; Wed 30: Pesky Alligators **July** – Wed 14: Richie Muir **August** – Wed 4: Sore Point; Wed 11: Lovers Block; Wed 18: Bosko; Wed 29: Richie Muir

Black Lion, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. 0115 933 2138 Occasional live music

Bunkers Hill Inn, Hockley, Nottingham. 0115 910 0114

Chestnut Tree, Mansfield Road, Sherwood. 0115 985 6388 **May** – Thurs 27: Tight Rope **June** – Thurs 3: Pulse; Sat 5: Escape; Thurs 10: Pure Genius; Sat 12: Little Giant; Thurs 17: Pesky Alligators; Sat 19: Smoking Gun; Thurs 24: Rolling Clones **July** – Thurs 1: Blu baker; Sat 3: Happy Hour; Thurs 8: Loaded Dice; Sat 10: Shades of Blue; Thurs 15: Electric Chillie; Sat 17: Hugo Steady Band; Thurs 22: Airborne; Thurs 29: Amada; Sat 31: Cactus Jack

Cow, 46 Middle Street, Beeston. 0115 925 6070 **Regular** – Jazz every Tuesday evening

Dunkirk Inn, Lace Street, Dunkirk.

Frog & Onion, Noel Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham. 0115 978 7072 **Regular** – Open mike session every Tues night

Gladstone Hotel, 45 Loscoe Road, Carrington. 0115 912 9994 **Regular** – Weds nights: Carrington Triangle Folk club meet in the upstairs room from 8.30 pm

Golden Fleece, Mansfield Road, Nottingham. 0115 947 2843 **Regular** – Mon: 8-11 pm Acoustic Routes (Open mike session); Tue: 8-11 pm Acoustic Routes 2 (Open mike session with a half-hour mini gig from two different bands each week) **May** – Fri 28: Deep Sound Channel; Sat 29: Crisis Zone **June** – Fri 4: Bourmemouth; Sat 19: Blu Baker; Sat 26: Absolute Zero

Horse & Groom, 462 Radford Road, Basford. 0115 970 3777 **Regular** – Tues nights: Acoustic open mike night

Horse & Plough, Long Acre, Bingham. 01949 839 313 Occasional live music

Johnson Arms, Abbey Street, Dunkirk contact Fred Taylor 0115 9786355

Lion Inn, 44 Mosley Street, Basford. NG7 7FQ 0115 970 3506 **Regular** – Thurs: Open mike night with Steve Bliss & Steve Daulton; Sun (1.30 pm start): various Jazz bands on Sundays (1.30 – 4.30pm) **May** – Fri 28: MC Cajun (Cajun); Sat 29: Freedom Sound (psychedelic rock & soul) **June** – Fri 4: Relax (80's covers); Sat 5: Kingsize (ska & reggae); Fri 11: Dave Onions (original acoustic); Sat 12: Redmile (blues); Fri 18: Performance & Cocktails (Stereophonics tributes); Sat 19: Loaded Dice (covers); Fri 25: Metric Conversion (originals/covers); Sat 26: Rolling Clones

Navigation, Wilford Street, Nottingham **Regular** – Saturday: Herb Birds; occasional live music on Thursday nights

Old Volunteer, 35 Burton Road, Carlton. 0115 952 8651 **Regular** – live bands every Friday evening and Sunday afternoons

Plough, 17 St Peter's Street, Radford. 0115 942 2649 **Regular** – Mon: Bluegrass Jam session (bring your own food and try each others); Thurs: Irish folk music in the bar (and a free bowl of chilli with your first pint!)

Plough, Stathern, Vale of Belvoir. 01949 860411 Occasional live music

Railway Inn Station Road, Lowdham. 0115 966 3214 Occasional live music

Rosie O'Briens, Mansfield Road, Carrington. 0115 962 2458 **Regular** – live music every Sunday afternoon (4 - 6 pm)

Running Horse 16 Alfreton Road, Canning Circus, Nottingham. 0115 978 7398 **Regular** – Mon: 'Rock the Runner' rock jam; Weds: Colin Staples Blues Jam

Southbank Bar, Trent Bridge. **Regular**: Thurs: Herb Birds; **May** – Sun 27: Rolling Clones **June** – Sun 6: Fab Four; Sun 20: Jazz Juniors; Sun 27: Rolling Clones **July** – Fri 2: Space Hopper (60s & 70s covers); Sat 3: Souled Up (soul); Fri 9: Old School (blues/covers); Sat 10: Alley & the Cat; Fri 16: The Last Pedestrians (urban blues); Sat 17: Congeroo (hi energy R & B); Fri 23: Stumble Bros (rock/blues); Sat 24: Mockingbird (rock); Fri 30: The Messengers (acoustic covers); Sat 31: 3 Wheel Drive (blues)

Star Inn, 22 Middle Street, Beeston. 0115 922 2234 **Regular** – Acoustic routes 'open-mike' night every Monday

Staunton Arms, Staunton, Vale of Belvoir. 01400 281062 **Regular**: Dixie Cats jazz band performs on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Stratford Haven, Stratford Road, West Bridgford. **Regular**: a live band performs on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (brewery nights).

Tap & Tumbler, 33 Wollaton Street, Nottingham. 0115 941 3414 Live music most Friday nights

Test Match Hotel, Gordon Square, West Bridgford. 0115 9811481 Occasional live music

Turf Tavern, South Sherwood Street, Nottingham. 0115 911 1719 **Regular** – Weds: Commuter & Last Pedestrian and friend(s); Sun: El Gecko.

White Hart, Glasshouse Street, Nottingham. Occasional live music

Newsletter of the Year

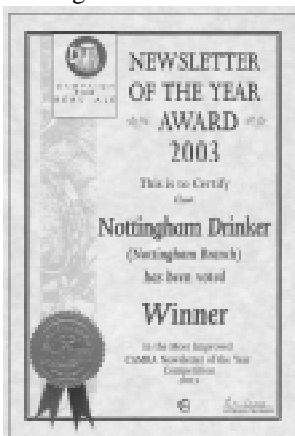
As I sit poring over this edition of the Nottingham Drinker by candlelight late into the night (electricity will reach Arnold soon!) you get to wonder – do your readers appreciate all the prose? Well I may not have the answer to that question but at the recent CAMRA AGM and Members weekend, held in Southport, I discovered that at least someone does.

Every year all the newsletters produced by CAMRA branches are judged, this year for the first time by What's Brewing editor, Ted Bruning. There are two categories, these are 'most improved Newsletter' and 'Best Newsletter'. This year Nottingham Drinker won the 'Most Improved' title. Nottingham Drinker also won a Highly

Commended in 1997 at the Llandudno AGM.

Whilst I felt very

honoured to receive the award on behalf of the Drinker, a newsletter would be nothing without the articles and news items so a big thank you to all those people who have contributed whilst I have been editing. Please continue, and if anyone else wants to contribute to the 'Award winning Nottingham Drinker' please send your pieces to the editorial address on page 19. You never know, 'Best Newsletter' may be next!



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Buses from Nottingham

White Horse Ruddington

The White Horse in Ruddington has reopened following a refurbishment. The team already running The Falcon Inn at Canning Circus took over the pub on 2nd April.

Their aim is to create a community orientated village pub with cask ales & good food. The fruit machines, jukebox and pool table have been removed whilst new upholstery, tables, chairs, bar servery and cask beer lines have been installed.

The pub reopened for business on Monday 19th April, and is currently

stocking Ushers Bitter and Spring Fever, Black Sheep Bitter and Hobgoblin. Adnams Bitter & Broadside will soon be appearing.

The lounge has been designated as No Smoking, which has proved a big success with customers. Smoking is still allowed in the bar, but it is thought that this is the first public house to offer a dedicated no smoking lounge room in the Nottingham area - unless you know different. Tea rooms will open shortly and a patio area for the summer will be available. There are several pubs to visit in Ruddington - see Ray's Round for his visit to this village easily reached from Nottingham.



There is an initial pleasant sweetness which is swiftly displaced by the overall dryness and fruity flavours which persist and grow in the aftertaste. Again, surprisingly for such a strong ale, it is incredibly moorish. The beer is sold in 500 ml bottles and any visit to Brighton should include a trip to the Evening Star pub, just up from the Railway Station on Surrey Street.

The Dark Star Brewery moved from the cellars of the Evening Star pub in Brighton, due to demand for the beer and is now located at Ansty in West Sussex. The brewery is probably best known for its 'Hophead' beer which is described as a light, hoppy beer, but this fails to truly reflect on the serious levels of hops which are found in its flavour. More details can be found on www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk

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More Bottle (46) by Andrew Ludlow

Brighton may be better known as the town with a pier or even a Royal Pavilion, but drinkers of real ale probably think of it more in terms of its beer. The town is blessed with a range of good quality ales from a number of fine regional brewers including both Harveys and Gales, yet it is perhaps the beers from micro brewers Kemptown and Dark Star which excite the most. The real ale in a bottle chosen for this column comes from the Dark Star brewery which was formed in 1995.

The brewery produce a rather special brew for the festive season called 'Critical Mass, which weighs in at a mighty 7.4% ABV. Of all the beers I have tried in a bottle, Critical Mass impressed me the most by the volume of sediment contained at the bottom of the bottle. The beer really does require careful pouring!

Having succeeded with this operation the beer in the glass is a very dark ruby/black ale with a delicate malty nose coupled with a hint of hops. The bottle I tried had fairly low carbonation and surprisingly for such a strong ale was extremely well balanced.

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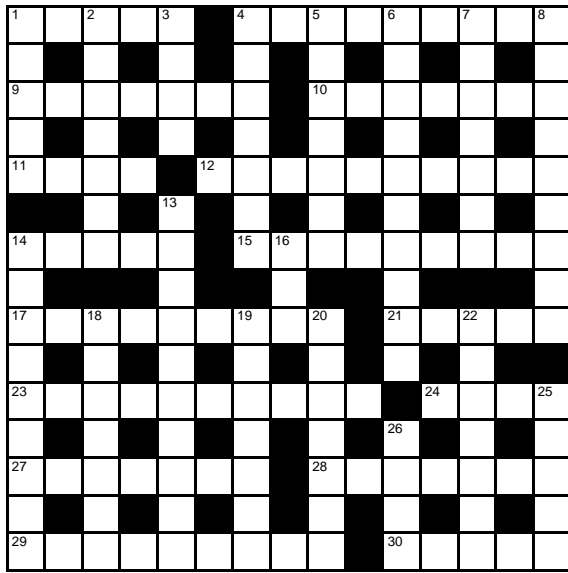
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Plenty to do in July

The last two weeks in July see many different types of entertainment in some local pubs. The events are organised by Cancer Care Concert and culminate in the main event at Cabaret on 29th July. Before that there are events in the Golden Fleece, Nags Head and Rose of England. Whilst there will be music nights in the pubs there will also be a poets night and a variety afternoon amongst other events. Further details will be available nearer the time in the venues however if you can offer any help, support or assistance with this charity event then please contact the Trust Coordinator, Neil, at the Golden Fleece on 0115 9472843 or 07866 560277.

Funfair in Holbrook

The Funfair Brewing Company of Holbrook, Derbyshire started brewing at Easter. The brewery is sited at the rear of the Wheel Inn on Chapel Street in a small out building. The first brew is Big Wheel, a pale IPA. Initially one beer will be brewed. The plant can brew two and half barrels at a time and came from the Parish Brewery in Leicestershire.



Across

- 1 British rail goes around extremities of Eire then heads South for drinks. (5)
- 4 He serves to kill Master Simpson. (9)
- 9 First, any landlord certainly obtains his official licence for liquor. (7)
- 10 Brits and French get drunk on them. (7)
- 11 District Attorney's hot in small measure. (4)
- 12 City in nation which loses its head after two reported transgressions. (10)
- 14 Initially lease ones domicile for example to return deposit. (5)
- 15 Figure tuts at tee that's vandalised. (9)
- 17 Look in the carb on a test drive and add gas. (9)
- 21 Small edges on bits of paper. (5)
- 23 Hear 'em being tied up in the city. (10)
- 24 Finally mock those carrying lagers. (4)
- 27 Peer that is head of Royalty before now. (7)
- 28 A young bear mother's spirit returns. (7)
- 29 Litigated about the cost of being temporarily barred. (9)
- 30 European computer expert embraces raw beginner. (5)

Down

- 1 Live on a road for growth. (5)
- 2 Justified when former Common's leader taken advantage of. (7)
- 3 Allowed out of Lesotho to see area of London. (4)
- 4 Guts needed if I am into belles. (7)
- 5 Does she play old instrument before going to California? (7)
- 6 The six-gun I spin can kill. (10)
- 7 Acid set around metal mould. (3-4)
- 8 Danger when redhead and I ski on loch. (9)
- 13 Remove from service when I bleed, I'm so upset. (10)
- 14 Parasites never start visits to publicans. (9)
- 16 Sus out stouts and get a drop. (3)
- 18 Exhausts again and becomes eligible for superannuation. (7)
- 19 Film star Richard is in and infuriated. (7)
- 20 The Spanish on return of the French spring passed. (7)
- 22 Three dimensional hard water? (3,4)
- 25 Break can supply a flipping chance to eat. (5)
- 26 Sticks up when self-satisfied! (4)

Easy Clues

Down

- 1 Beverages. (5)
- 4 Pub worker. (9)
- 9 Inebriant. (7)
- 10 Ales. (7)
- 11 Hurry. (4)
- 12 City in Ohio. (10)
- 14 Hotel. (5)
- 15 Figurine (9)
- 17 Make fizzy. (9)
- 21 Undergarments. (5)
- 23 UK City. (10)
- 24 Barrels. (4)
- 27 Sooner. (7)
- 28 Italian liqueur. (7)
- 29 In abeyance. (9)
- 30 Hellenic language. (5)
- 1 Facial hair. (5)
- 2 Pardoned. (7)
- 3 London district. (4)
- 4 Tummies. (7)
- 5 Isaac's wife. (7)
- 6 Put out. (10)
- 7 Formed metal. (3-4)
- 8 Peril. (9)
- 13 Release from service. (10)
- 14 Publicans. (9)
- 16 Sum. (3)
- 18 Pensions off. (7)
- 19 Infuriated. (7)
- 20 Passed. (7)
- 22 Frozen block. (3,4)
- 25 Bite. (5)
- 26 Self-satisfied. (4)

Cryptic Clues

Thanks to Kevin Armes of the Rose Grower on Sandringham Drive, Bramcote. Kevin has a weekly crossword in the pub and organises crosswords for licensees - visit the website for details.



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In praise of PUBLIC transport

No.29 of a series in which Spyke Golding looks at the use of buses and trains to visit pubs

This month, at long last, we are off to Beeston by bus or by train

Readers keep asking me why, in five years of articles, I haven't been to Beeston. I can't really give a reason – but here we are at last! Things have changed a lot here since the days of Home and Shipstones, and sadly some classic pubs no longer regularly serve real ale. Some pubs I visited, for example the Royal Oak and the Malt Shovel had hand pumps with turned round clips. Maybe they usually sell cask beer – but if they can't manage to order enough so it's available on the busiest day of the week I don't think they deserve to feature in my report!

Getting to and from Beeston is very easy. To do the crawl as published, it is best to get a Trent/Barton Rainbow 5, which leaves Broadmarsh then Friar Lane at 15 minute intervals in the evening. What's more, you'll know where to get off as the recorded female voice announces "Next stop, The Hop Pole". The NCT service 36 will take you as far as the Crown, and the 33 close to the Victoria. There are also frequent trains if you want to start at the Victoria. Returning, the last R5 is at 00:15, the 36 at 23:30, the 33 at 23:17 and there are trains at various times up till around midnight – check as a new timetable comes in shortly. One day there will be trams coming here too, Line 3 is scheduled to go to Beeston and Chilwell.

Our first stop, *the Hop Pole (1)*, is a good, down to earth boozery with a wide and varying range of real ales on sale.



On the Friday evening I called, there was Adnam's Bitter, Burton Ale, Black Sheep Bitter, Charles Wells' Bombardier, Flower's IPA, Greene King IPA, Marston's Pedigree, Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Wadworth's 6X. Maybe they are trying to sell too many, as not all the beers tried were in tip-top condition. I felt that the prices were a little high too, at, for example, £2.25 for the Adnam's bitter. The front bar has a tiled floor, a brown painted ceiling, pool, a jukebox and a piano. The larger and noisier back room is popular with younger customers. This pub, by the way, is not wholly in Beeston. As it straddles the border, about half of it is in Chilwell!



Built in the early 19th century, *the Crown Inn (2)* is the oldest pub in Beeston, and, thankfully, is largely unspoilt. The tiny snug to the right of the main entrance is an absolutely splendid room and a step or two back in time. At the end

is an even tinier room known as "the confessional" and seating just four or five punters. Suddenly you might think you aren't seeing straight in here – but, yes, the bar really does slope! To the left is another small and characterful room without a bar, and to the rear a slightly larger old room with a dartboard. All the rooms have low, beamed ceilings and are quiet and peaceful retreats. There is a larger lounge, but this room is not original, as the pub was extended back in the 1960s. It is a Hardy's and Hanson's tied house, and sells their Bitter, Olde Trip and seasonal beers in excellent condition.

In contrast, *the Last Post (3)* is modern in décor with a white painted ceiling, and visible



constructional beams and air conditioning ducts. This massive hall was the Royal Mail sorting office until they moved to new premises and J. D. Wetherspoon bought the building. There's a parquet floor, two wall paintings at the front and lots of historic prints. As well as this hall, a smaller family room lies to the left, and, if you want to drink al fresco, a tiny patio at the rear. The keenly priced beers included the usual Wetherspoons range and a couple of guests. Both were from Springhead on my visit; the Willy's Wheat was particularly good and just £1.49 for a 5.3 percenter! Excellent value meals are served all day, and Thursday night is curry night – you'd be amazed how hot the Vindaloo is!

The Commercial (4) is another Hardy's and Hanson's tied house, and the beer range is the same as at the Crown. It is an imposing Victorian red brick building set back from the pavement to create a narrow forecourt. I particularly liked the small, atmospheric and well-carpeted lounge, to the right of the entrance. There's a beamed ceiling hung with a huge collection of whisky water jugs, and the bar has comfy bar stools and a brass bar rail for your tired feet. The larger, L-shaped public bar is lively and has pool in the front alcove. A tiny passageway bar can be found to the rear. There is a large outside drinking area with a kids' playground.

Across the road, *the Cricketers (5)* was a Sixties creation from Shipstone's. Today it has just one large room with some

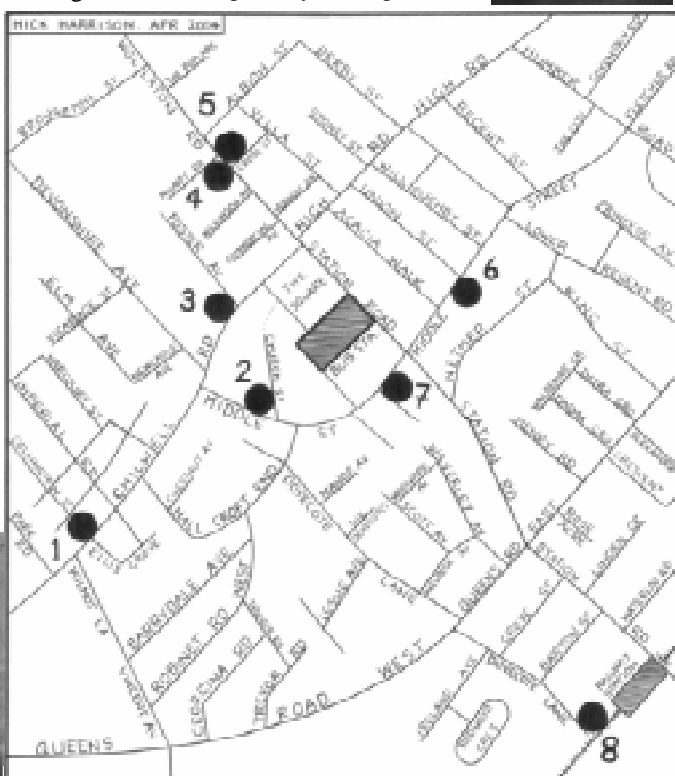


distinctive drinking areas. On my visit, one alcove was occupied by a disco, so it was quite noisy in there. The beers are Marston's Pedigree and two guests – on this occasion Gale's Frolic and Usher's Spring Fever. Good value food from a comprehensive menu is served from 12 – 8pm. and on Monday and Tuesday nights you can get two steak meals for £5! How do they do it?

The Cow at Beeston (6) is one of the newer pubs in town; the premises were once a club. However, they seem to have created a good pubby atmosphere; a live band called "Blu Baker" was playing when I called in – and jolly good they were too! Although it is essentially one room it is well broken up into lots of separate areas. The beers are Theakston's XB, Courage Directors, and a house beer called "Cow's Milk". They wouldn't tell me who brews it, and whilst it did not exactly excite the taste buds too much, it was properly cool and in good condition. Food is served until early evening, and there is a great value Sunday carvery.



The White Lion (7) is notable for the Council House size lion above the side entrance on Station Road. It is an imposing white painted building and has just received new licensees so things may change soon.



Presently serving Marston's Pedigree and two guests, there is a large, multi-alcoved room with a pool table at one end. Good value food is served, and, like the Cricketers there is a steak night with two for a fiver, this time just on Tuesdays. I will mention the pub next door, the Star, in passing. I cannot really recommend it as beer quality has not been too good on recent visits and the whole place seems a bit run down. It is, however, a superb old building in coaching inn style with some lovely small rooms inside. With the right people in charge and a bit of cash spent on it, this *could* be a superb pub.

It's a longer walk to the *Victoria Hotel* (8), but very well worth the effort. Located next to the railway station, for many years this classic Victorian pub belonged to Allied Breweries, badged as Ind Coope. The trouble was, hardly anyone ever went there. Until, that is, Nottingham based Tynemill recognised its true potential and made it the phenomenally successful pub it is now. There are several rooms to drink in which aim to suit all tastes. The "Red Bar" to the right of the main entrance is a true drinkers' bar where no hot food is served, just rolls. To the left of this is a popular room with a few tables and barstools. The blackboard menu is a big feature in here. It has to be big due to the large number of imaginative daily specials on offer, with vegetarians catered for in a big way as well as carnivores like myself. Fresh, locally sourced meat, fish and vegetables are always used and everything is freshly prepared on the premises.



Meals are served from 12.00 to 8.45pm. (7.45pm. Sundays), but it should be noted that no one under 18 is allowed on the premises after 8pm, not even in the garden. Further to the left is another room, this time without a bar but with plenty of tables at which to eat and drink, and beyond this is a non-smoking dining room. The outside drinking area includes a large gazebo that, in winter, is heated with portable outside gas fires. There are always 12 real ales on sale and this range always includes a mild (the only cask mild to be found in Beeston) and a stout or porter. Three are always from Castle Rock Brewery in Nottingham, usually Rylands Gold, Hemlock and Harvest Gold. Caledonian Deuchars IPA and Everards Tiger are ever present, and there is always a Bateman's beer on tap. The other six vary daily due to the massive turnover (which ensures they are always in excellent condition) and are from mainly microbreweries and the better regionals. If that is not enough for you there are two real ciders, properly served from a cooled cellar, at least two Continental draught beers, 110 single malt whiskies, and over 30 wines available by the glass! Soft drinks including fresh fruit juices are sold at low prices to encourage drivers, and absolutely no alcopops, Bacardi Breezers or energy drinks are allowed here. Neither is drinking beer from the bottle allowed! During the winter months, there is live entertainment on Sunday nights and Monday is Jazz night. There are regular beer festivals where extra beers are racked in the gazebo, the next one being in the last two weeks of July. See you there!

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"The Festering Slum" - Narrow Marsh a Century Ago by Ray Peters

Contemporary accounts paint a dreadful picture of the Narrow Marsh area in late Victorian times - poorly built back-to-back housing without proper drainage crammed in below the sandstone cliff (today's Cliff Road). There are something like 500 dwellings in the area of the map, interspersed with lodging houses, and small workshops and factories. I've been unable to find any pictures of old Narrow Marsh, but those of adjacent streets give the flavour of this notoriously lawless area.



In an equally awful area to the north, the building of the Great Central Railway (1895-9) had resulted in wholesale slum clearance - up to 1000 dwellings went to make way for the Victoria Station - but although the line skirted Narrow Marsh on its way south, only limited clearance took place here. The area remained a disgrace until 1933 when new council housing replaced all the slums, but in one respect Narrow Marsh was never lacking - its short length housed 11 licensed premises at the turn of the 20th century.

As early as 1800 there's a record of the *King's Head*, *Ten Bells* and *Red Lion* - and today's sole survivor, the *Loggerheads*, whose name seems to have a connection with whaling. Names which disappeared during the 19th century (eg *Star & Garter*, *Ragged Staff*, *White Hart*, *Barley Mow*) may well have been victims of renaming, by no means a modern curse! There don't seem to have been any pubs in the maze of alleys and yards leading to Leen Side (Canal Street), but it's interesting

to note the original position of the *News House* - today's building was erected some yards further back when the road was widened.

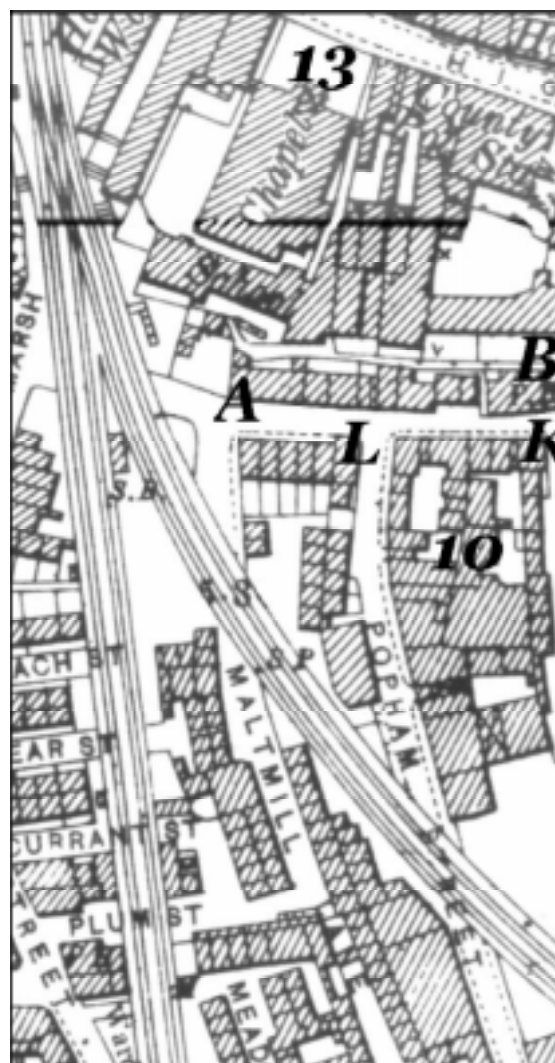
In nearby streets, some of the pubs did aspire to educating and otherwise helping their customers: the *Black's Head* (Broad Marsh) ran the 'Original Black's Head £40 Loan Club', and the *Rancliffe Arms* (Sussex Street) provided 'readers' to acquaint the often illiterate drinker with current news - and established a popular lending library. For better or worse, the public houses must have offered the only respite in the pretty miserable existence of their clientele.

Many of the streets in this map can still be traced, and here's a little gem of local knowledge - at Plumtree Square are the last 3 unmetered parking spaces in central Nottingham!

Above left: This tumbledown building at the end of Narrow Marsh was NOT demolished for the railway.

The tiny street ahead was Drury Hill - until 1740 the main road into Nottingham from the south!

Left: Western end of Narrow Marsh - buildings to the right about to be demolished for the Great Central viaduct (now the NET tram interchange).



Narrow Marsh, Nottingham c.1901

Location notes

- 1-1 Malin Hill
- 1-2 Long Stairs
- 3 Star & Garter Yard
- 4 Pepper Place
- 5 Norton Place
- 6 Byron Yard
- 7 Knob Yard
- 8 Martin's Yard
- 9 Taylor's Yard
- 10 Pearson's Yard & Vat Yard

Below: Sole survivor - the *Loggerheads* on Cliff Road (Narrow Marsh). The sandstone cliff rises 60ft immediately behind the narrow pub site.



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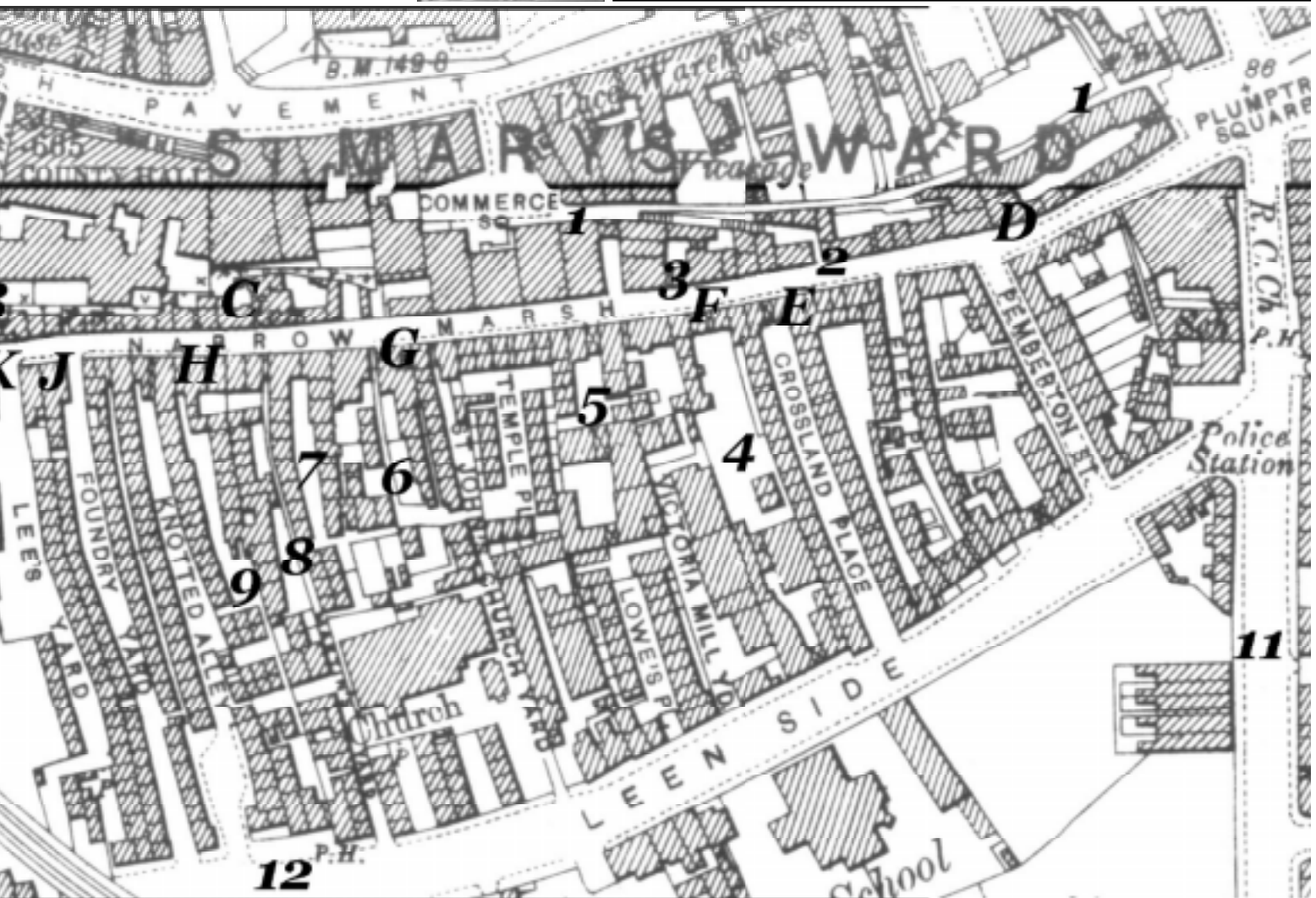


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 - 12 Original position of 'News House'
 - 13 Chapel = (present day) 'Pitcher & Piano'
- Fruity note: Peach, Pear, Currant & Plum Streets - all now under today's Middle Hill and Broad Marsh Centre.*

Licensed Premises, Narrow Marsh 1902

- A, No 11, 'Woodman' bh, William Elliott
- B, No 31, 'Old Red Lion' v, Mrs Emma Alford
- C, Nos 57-59, 'Loggerheads' v & reg'd lodging house, Mrs Rose Watchorn (possibly part of present building)
- D, No 109, 'Tiger's Head' v, Henry Hodges

- E, No 100, 'King's Head' v, Michael Lawson
- F, No 90, 'Travellers' Rest' bh, William Griffiths
- G, No 68, 'Lord Byron' v, James Murphy
- H, No 50, Elizabeth Terry, beer retailer
- J, No 40, 'Ten Bells' v, Stephen Pinder
- K, No 36, 'White Lion' bh, James Lodder
- L, No 22, 'Wheat Sheaf' bh, William P Hallam

Above from Wright's Directory 1902: bh= beerhouse, v= licensed victualler. Map taken from Alan Godfrey Reprints of OS Maps 1899/1901 with permission. Some detail removed for clarity. Dark line = join of sheets.

Erewash Valley

April 7th saw the second anniversary of Sarge's occupancy of the GBG listed Dewdrop on Station St. Ilkeston. Yes its two years since Graham took over from previous landlord Danny and, although it took a little while, the locals are now getting used to Graham's idiosyncrasies. To mark the occasion, a celebratory party was held with drinks at £1. The beers on offer included Roosters special and a house beer brewed especially by Kelham Island called Two Years. Unfortunately this event coincided with the Erewash branch's monthly meeting, but after a quick meeting those with transport made the journey back to Ilkeston to find members from Mansfield branch who had also made the trip to join in the celebrations with the locals. When we arrived we were duly informed the Two Years was that good, it had sold out within a couple of hours, but luckily the Roosters was still going strong and for a £1 a pint who could complain.

Recently we were asked if we had any pubs in the Erewash branch that sold real cider as CAMRA are bringing out a new cider guide this year. Well knowing most of the pubs in the area my first reaction was no, but then we had a beer festival meeting at the Durham Ox, Ilkeston. My partner had already had two glasses of coke and felt a bit bloated, when Sue the landlady happened to mention they had some cider in the cellar. When asked which it was, to my partners delight we were told Westons Old Rosie. Apparently they have had it for about a year and nobody thought to tell us, but you have to ask for it at the bar, as it's not advertised anywhere. So for all you real cider drinkers in Erewash, get down to the Durham Ox and support their efforts to supply our only outlet with real cider.

PS. there are also at least five beers on, one on gravity.

Erewash Pub News

The Old Ale House on Tamworth Road in Long Eaton now has a true guest ale policy, on the night of my visit I was able to try Pedigree, Bass, Tetley Bitter and Bombadier as the regulars, but the guest was Hobbogoblin Best Bitter from Wychwood Brewery, and it was excellent!!

Also on the same night, I had a chat with the landlord whilst he was talking to the head brewer from The Old Cottage Beer Co from Burton on

Trent, and lo and behold, Old Cottage Oak appeared later in the week. This is a thriving local's local, with a wooden floor throughout, very friendly staff and enthusiastic landlord regarding real ales.

The pub is very sports orientated with live football (courtesy of Sky) and darts and pool teams.

All in all, well worth a visit, so much so that the branch have booked a meeting there in August.

The Stanhope Arms in Stanton By Dale now has 5 handpumps in use with the usual suspects of Adnams, Directors, Abbott etc on sale along with a couple of guest beers, (more info to follow as it happens)!!!

The Jolly Colliers on Derby Road, Heanor is soon due to re-open with the promise of a real ale outlet.

The Derby Arms at Heanor along with many pubs in the branch area are having problems re-ordering Home Bitter, it would appear that the particular brew is just no longer available.

This is despite the fact that the locals are really upset at the loss of one of their favourite beers, this sentiment is echoed also at The Railway Tavern at Langley Mill.

The Eclipse at Loscoe, now has 3 handpumps serving Banks Original, Banks Bitter and Pedigree, a nice friendly pub and worth a visit.

As is the Gate Inn, also in Loscoe; this time as well as Pedigree, Wychwood Hobbogoblin was available on the handpumps, and both were in top condition.

The landlord was pleased to see us on the night of our visit, and although having been in the pub for 18 months, this was the first time he knew of a visit from any of the local CAMRA branches. It just shows how sometimes it's difficult to get round to visiting all of the pubs in a branches area!!

Social Dates

June 18th pub crawl around Ilkeston starting at the White Cow at 7.30pm then the Needlemakers for 8.00pm before moving on to some more of the local hostelrys.

Meeting Dates.

Tuesday 6th July Stanhope Arms Stanton by Dale (note the change of day, usually our meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month!).

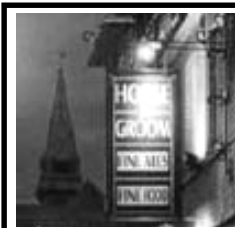
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Last year Hardys & Hansons were named Nottingham Company of the Year so this represents a further (national) award for the Brewery. Tim Bonham, Managing Director said: "It's a great honour to win one of The Publican awards, they are top accolades, which are very highly respected within the industry. We believe it is fitting testament to our great products, our service and our financial performance, and in particular the fantastic support of all our staff."

The brewery also picked up a highly commended award in the Managed Pub Company of the Year category.

The photograph shows Retail Director Jonathan Webster, (left) and Managing Director Tim Bonham (right) celebrating Hardys & Hansons success.

2004 Nottingham Beer Festival

The 'Octoberfest' in Nottingham could well have more than a hint of German about it this year. Four members of Nottingham CAMRA have recently returned from a visit to Karlsruhe, to have discussions with local brewers to see if some of their beers can be brought to Nottingham.

Karlsruhe has been chosen as the City is twinned with Nottingham and in beer terms have a number of similarities. The main brewery is Hoepfner, which is a regional family run brewery (same family for six generations) and there are a number of micro-breweries in the vicinity. Amongst those visited the beers from the Badisch Brauhaus seems a possibility and further talks are planned to see what can be achieved with regard to Nottingham beers appearing in Karlsruhe and their beers appearing in Nottingham.

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A Pier but no Sea

One of the good things about the CAMRA AGM is that it isn't held in London every year, but moves around the country. If you regularly attend the AGMs then over the years you can get to see some interesting bits of the UK. This year, the AGM took us to Southport, on the Lancashire coast. .

The AGM was as usual with motions, debate and workshops. If you're really interested, it will all be reported in next month's 'What's Brewing'. There were two interesting (honest!) guest speakers. Nigel Evans, MP for Ribble Valley and real ale and pub fan gave an entertaining view of beer and the House of Commons in the morning. In the afternoon, Sudarghasa Dusanj gave a presentation about how his families' firm has taken over, re-opened and re-launched Cain's brewery.

Oh yes, one particular highlight – the Drinker has won the national CAMRA award for the most improved newsletter.

Southport is quite a quaint, Victorian resort. Allegedly, it's by the seaside but the Hubble telescope would be necessary to see the waves – I've

never seen a beach go out so far! There were some very nice pubs, however. The Victoria opposite the AGM hall stocked the entire Thwaites range. Apparently, they usually only stock one and then only in the summer. Other pubs of note – the incredibly small Lakeside, the Guest House and the Falstaff. We saved the Berkeley for Monday lunchtime and typically, discovered it didn't open then – GBG surveyor please take note! Nigel's bar, however, in the Shelbourne Hotel where we were staying, did stock a good range of quality beer as well as providing a better than average vegetarian breakfast.

Next year's AGM is in Glasgow – with the low cost of flights why not think about combining a visit to one of the UK's most cultural cities and the AGM?

Nigel's Bar at the Shelbourne Hotel



The Beerex at Southport



The pier at Southport but where is the sea

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ND QUIZ - No 9 – JUST FOR FUN

Quiz number 9 from Gordon, answers to the quiz are on page 17 all the answers are numbers

- 1) The number of years celebrated by a Golden wedding anniversary
- 2) The number of commandments issued by God to Moses in the Bible
- 3) The number of steps in a famous novel by John Buchan. Three times made into a film, notably by Alfred Hitchcock in 1935 featuring Robert Donat as the hero Richard Hannay
- 4) The number of USA presidents to have been assassinated
- 5) The number of quarters in a half
- 6) The number of days in a leap year
- 7) The number of colours in a rainbow
- 8) The number of Dalmatians in a well known film
- 9) The number of dominoes in a set
- 10) The number of hours Gene Pitney was from Tulsa
- 11) In a Blake Edwards film, the number of marks by which Dudley Moore rated Bo Derek
- 12) The number of legs on a spider
- 13) The number of undefeated fights of Rocky Marciano
- 14) The number of crowns on pubs at Ruddington and Bulwell
- 15) The number of pages in the February/March 2004 issue of the Nottingham Drinker

The answer to question 3 of the February/March quiz was Curtis Stigers (not Curtis Sisters – blame the Editor!)

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Tynemill Pub Opening

The Keans Head on St Mary's Gate near the Lace Market Hotel will be reopening in the middle of June following the purchase of the pub by Tynemill. The pub is currently undergoing a refurbishment. The name is likely to change but as we go to print a decision had not been made. A selection of real ales will be available as in all Tynemill and Castle Rock houses. A full review will follow in the next edition of the Nottingham Drinker.

Tyne Brewery Closure

Scottish Courage, the brewing division of Scottish and Newcastle, is to close its Tyne Brewery in Newcastle. It has also bought the Federation Brewery in Gateshead. This now means that Newcastle Brown will be brewed in Gateshead and Scottish and Newcastle has applied to revoke the protected geographical indication status awarded to the beer under the EU protected Food Names Scheme.. The Theakston beers will now be brewed at John Smiths in Tadcaster. Federation is owned by 303 clubs, the last brewery to be owned by clubs. As S&N has already closed its Scottish breweries and now announced the closure of its Newcastle plant the name is some what of a misnomer, will it follow Bass, Tetley and Whitbread and just disappear.

The May Day holiday saw another beer festival at the Globe on London Road. The stillage was downstairs this time in the alcove. As usual a fine selection of beer was available, it is believed that Nottingham Beer Festival organiser, Steve Westby, keeps his hand in during the year by selecting some of the beers. Not only was there a wide selection but CAMRA members had the benefit of a discount on the Sunday and Monday. I'm sure Pete will be having another beer festival so look out for details, you can be sure they will be in Nottingham Drinker.



The stillage at the end of the festival – your hard working editor late as usual



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And in the process, Harvest Pale overcame stiff opposition from the likes of former CAMRA Champion Beers of Britain Harviestoun Bitter & Twisted and the revered Oakham JHB.

Commented Head Brewer, Pete Wooding, who is renowned for his quick wit and "cheeky-chappy" persona: "I can barley believe it – becoming a malty-prizewinner is more than I could ever have hopped for!"

BACKIN' THE WILD

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July: CUCKOO PINT (4.2%)

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August: STICKLEBACK (3.8%)

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE

8th - Stratford Haven - Caledonian Brewery Night with music from Roy de Wired
8th - Lincolnshire Poacher - 15th Birthday Bash with Live Music, Lincolnshire beers, free food and BBQ
25th - Horse & Jockey - Karaoke at 7.30pm

JULY

13th - Stratford Haven - Brewery night
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Trips and Socials

Greetings, we have a few events coming up which I hope will be of interest.

The free mini bus trips, as I have said previously are getting very popular and a number of people are now being disappointed, so please book early. Another plea I must make is, that if you are booked on a trip and cannot go, for whatever reason, (I don't need to know the reason, it's none of my business) please let me know as soon as possible, so I can offer the seat to another person who may be interested. The up and coming trips will be, June, the Watnall area, July, Gotham and August, Calverton.

Following on from the success of Hardys & Hansons brewery trip, (of course, as I'm writing this weeks before the event there is plenty of time for things to go wrong! Although I'm sure it won't but it was full before the end of April).

I have organised a trip around the Kelham Island brewery in Sheffield. Once again I'll be using public transport. This time it will be the train and tram (the Sheffield one, for anyone getting confused!) The brewery tour is limited to 24 people, for safety reasons, so it's on a first come, first served basis. Also on a health and safety note, please be aware that as we are touring a brewery, you are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Floors could be wet and slippery. After the brewery tour we shall be doing a crawl of some Sheffield pubs, so bring your drinking boots!

I'm intending catching the 10.42 train from Nottingham. Group Save (4 travel for the price of 2) is available on trains to Sheffield. I'll have full details available when you book.

I have organised another trip around Murphys factory at Basford, this was formerly Hutchinsons, Prince of Wales brewery and even though the brewery closed many years ago, a lot of the original features are still visible. This is an excellent tour for those interested in brewery history. This year Nottingham CAMRA have decided to introduce a pub of the year, (see details on page ??) The presentation to the first winner (the Plough) will take place on Wednesday 23 March. Dave Williams, the landlord has promised "a few sandwiches" so we would like to see as many as possible attend to see this new award presented.

It has come to my attention that some people seem to think that all of the CAMRA trips, socials etc. are for CAMRA members only, this is NOT the case. EVERYONE is welcome to come on any CAMRA trip, outing or whatever. You will be presented with a membership form, as a hint!, and I might also have to make a nominal charge to non-members for some over-subscribed outings (don't worry it will only be £1) and obviously on trips where we charge everyone, then you will have to pay £2 more than members. Membership is currently only £16, I'll leave it to you to do the sums.

As ever, please see the back page for full listing of dates and times of the above mentioned events. Also don't forget that you can now contact me electronically, through e-mail. I can be contacted at:- raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org

City Brew

Pubs group Regent Inns has warned of lower profits after disappointing sales at Walkabout bars. Plans to open new Walkabout bars will not now be pursued. Punch Taverns is still looking to acquire pubs locally following its acquisition of Pubmaster in December. Enterprise Inns has agreed the sale of 241 pubs to Admiral Taverns for £62.6M. The sale was necessary to ensure that Enterprise did not have more than 25% of pubs in any local market, most of the pubs are in the north of the country. Admiral is a new company recently set up by a consortium of property developers, it expects to sell 150 of the newly acquired pubs to County Estate Management. JD Wetherspoon has warned that annual profits may be on the low side. One of the reasons given was the lack of TV screens in their pubs and the forthcoming Euro 2004 championships. Another pub operator issuing a profit warning was Eldridge Pope, forcing the possibility of a takeover back to the fore. Wolverhampton and Dudley has announced increased sales at the half year stage. In the past year W&D has renovated 30 of its managed Pathfinder pubs and is looking to acquire further outlets. W&D is also proposing to build community pubs on new housing estates. Carlsberg is in talks to take a share in a brewery in China owned by Lanzhou Huanghe Group. Sales at Adnams have risen following the launch of its Beer from the Coast advertising campaign.

VALE OF BELVOIR

May The Mild Be With You

Hi, hope you're all "Milded out". By the time you read this we should be pretty much done with Mild in May, but so far so good. Our campaign was launched on Tuesday 4th at the Nags Head, Saltby, although, this being the Vale, we had already had one Mild trip in the bag on Saturday the 1st. Some fine beers have already been served up with the promise of more to come, over 20 new ones at the Marquis of Granby alone. This May has seen the largest Mild Trail yet in the Vale, with 18 pubs taking part, so we hope you've managed to sample a good few of them, if not all.

Our April social was held at the Bull, Bottesford, where we took on the pub teams at skittles and dominoes. We have to report that once again we had a great evening at this friendly and welcoming pub. The less said about the skittles the better, but suffice to say that we were trounced. We could come up with excuses about lack of practice, obscure Bottesford rules and Pete struggling with his oddly shaped balls but basically we lost. The dominoes, however, gave a different story. VoB won 4-1, Pete's concentration wasn't what it should have been as he was obviously still distracted and fretting about the afore mentioned deformity, otherwise it could well have been a clean sweep. A range of four cask ales were available, with the Theakstons Best & Timothy Taylor Landlord being the beers of choice on the night. Many thanks to Landlords Geoff & Linda and the pub teams for a highly enjoyable evening.

The end of March saw the 2nd Bingham Rugby Club Beer Festival. They had 20 beers available, several with a rugby theme, as the England-France match was showing on the Saturday night, which helped make

it quite a busy evening. The most popular beer by far was the Caledonian Six Nations which, although a strong beer, goes down very easily. Another beer newly introduced to the rugby club festival was the Hanby Cherry Bomb at 6%, always a favourite at Nottingham Beer Festival, possibly not quite as much on this occasion, as it is very much an acquired taste. A 3rd festival is planned next year so it seems to be becoming an annual fixture.

As mentioned last month, our June social will be held on the 8th at the Marquis of Granby when they receive the runner up award for CAMRA National Pub of the Year. The great and the good will be there (as well as regional director Julian Hough) so numbers should be high. We have no firm pub news in the Vale at the moment. The Red House, Knipton is still closed "for refurbishment", other landlord changes are imminent so we will endeavour to keep you informed in future Drinkers, whilst keeping up the thankless task of visiting our lovely vale pubs through the summer months - someone has to do it! It's a hard life.....

Caption Competition

This candid snap of Chairman Mart was taken at a recent VoB meeting. Only he knows the real reason for the "rabbit caught in headlights" look on his face, we can only guess! E.mail your captions to bridgetandmartyn@supanet.com and the winner will receive a personally signed letter from his solicitor.



VALE PUBS The Plough at Stathern

Stathern is a pleasant village lying at the base of the Belvoir Hills. It is typical of a lot of Vale villages, having very strong equine connections. It is home to a former 3DE Olympian, with the same property having previously been the family home of a former show jumping Olympian.

The village houses 2 very nice pubs, very different but equally popular. The Red Lion is to be found approx 500 yards away from the Plough, situated, strangely enough, on Red Lion Street.

The Plough is a large village pub situated on the main road. New landlords, Simon and Jacqui Sjenitzer, took over a few months ago and have begun to make a few changes.

As you enter from the main road there is a good old-fashioned bar to the left with pool table and dartboard. To the right is a large, comfortable carpeted lounge and at the back a further large function room. Outside there is a pleasant beer garden & a skittle alley still in regular use. The rear entrance offers wheelchair access.

There are two regular cask ales, currently Brewsters Marquis Bitter from the excellent brewery a mile away on the other side of the village, and Fullers London Pride. There are regularly two other guest beers as well as a real cider usually served by gravity.

There is a full home cooked menu available every day except Tuesday evenings, although this can be offered subject to sufficient prior arrangement. The Sunday carvery is so successful that booking is

essential. Opening hours are from 12.00 till 3.00 in the afternoon, re-opening at 4.45 and staying open till late because of the supper licence. Quite probably the pub will open all day for at least part of the week in the summer. The Plough is also regularly host to live music acts.

At the moment it is possible to reach the Plough by public transport, but readers are advised to check details as things can change. Stathern is also situated just off the Jubilee Way so the pub is an easy stop off point for keen walkers. To book meals the telephone number is 01949-860411.



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A.Tell him a joke on Thursday.
Q.How do you make a Stella drinker laugh on Saturday?
A.Tell him a joke on Tuesday.
Q.How do you make a Budweiser drinker laugh on Saturday?
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QUIZ NO 9 ANSWERS

The answers to
quiz number 9 on
page 14

- 1) 50 9) 28
- 2) 10 10) 24
- 3) 39 11) 10
- 4) 4 12) 8
- 5) 2 13) 49
- 6) 366 14) 3
- 7) 7 15) 20
- 8) 101

The Queens Hotel on Arkwright Street has been sold by Pubmaster, now owned by Punch. The property has been sold to the Nottingham Fireplace Company and will not be trading as a pub again.

Derby branch of CAMRA conducted its annual survey of the pubs in Derby City to determine the variety of real ale available. They discovered 121 different beers on sale, 11 more than last year. The Flowerpot had the widest selection, 19, with the Babbington Arms and Brunswick both having 14. Pedigree was the most prolific, found in 45 out of the 76 pubs surveyed. Anybody fancy surveying Nottingham?

South Nottinghamshire police are encouraging local late night bars and clubs to investigate a new high tech access system launched in Southend and Loughton, Essex. Participating customers would register their photo, fingerprint and personal details and these would be stored on a card. The card would have to be presented to gain admission and the details would be checked with the data held.

The government is looking to alter the Use Classes Order 1987. The current A3 class covers restaurants, pubs, cafes, wine bars and shops. It is expected that more classes will be introduced splitting the existing classes. There is likely to be less movement allowed between classes.

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SNIPPETS

Hardys and Hansons seasonal beer for June is Vintage 1832 whilst Guinea Gold will be available during July.

Castle Rock's seasonal beer in support of the Wildlife Trust for June is called Hawker, a 4.0% beer brewed with challenger hops and russet in colour. July's brew is called Cuckoo Pint, a 4.2% golden beer, well hopped with goldings hops.

It is all change along Arnold Lane and Oxclose Lane. Building work is about to start on the site of the Barrel, the new site being called the Green. The Nell Gwynne, which has been closed for some time, has been demolished. The White Hart name has returned to the pub on the corner with Mansfield Road, previously called the Harvester, although the word Sizzling is somewhat larger on the sign!

The Dewdrop in Ilkeston Junction held a healthy day for drinkers. A no smoking day was held on the 10th March in the pub. As an added bonus vegan beers from local Stapleford micro Full Mash were available. Landlord Graham Sargerson said the evening was a success as the pub was packed and there was every likelihood of repeating the event.

The Three Horseshoes in Willoughby on the Wolds is closing and is likely to be demolished for housing. Several locals have raised objections with Rushcliffe Borough Council and are trying to keep the pub open. The pub is owned by RBNB, the company behind Oakwell beers. There are other pubs in the estate that look likely to close.

The Beechdale at Aspley, the Cricketers Rest and Golden Guinea at Kimberley, the Crown Inn at Beeston, the Crusader at Clifton, the Millers Barn at Phoenix Centre, the New White Bull at Giltbrook and the White Hart and Olde Trip to Jerusalem in Nottingham have all obtained the Cask Marque award.

Some of CAMRA's suggestions have been included in the draft guidelines published for next years Licensing Act in England and Wales.

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Cains Brewery in Liverpool have rebranded their products with a new logo which will feature on the pump clips and in their advertising.

A new Indian beer is available in this country, the difference - it is brewed in India and imported. The brew is called Ambari and is a golden less gassy beer.

Chill Out Mr Irritable? - No Thanks!

About ten years ago I was touring New England and stayed overnight in the town of Brattleboro. No not because of the beauty of the surrounding countryside, "Vermont in the fall" and all that (it was in June anyway - I ain't paying double the price to see a few leaves fall off trees!). It was because the town had two brewpubs. We were staying at the art deco hotel attached to the Latchis Grille and Windham Brewery so started off there for a drink.

They had a list of five or six of their beers so I ordered what looked as if it might be the weakest (it was illegal back then to tell customers the strength of a beer in the USA), but when I took a gobful it about froze my ruddy tonsils off. It was ice cold! There was no way that I could drink it until it had warmed up several degrees. So while I was waiting I thought I would go and get a glass of the second beer so that also has time to warm up. But the barman refused to serve me, no not because I was inebriated, or even because I am a short, ugly, irritating person, it was the law! Apparently in Vermont you were not allowed to have two glasses of an alcoholic drink in front of you at the same time! This was despite the fact that I was sampling in US half pints (8oz) and I could have bought a beer in a British pint pot (20oz). When I explained the barman (accurately) thought I was a nutter but said he would pour my second beer and keep it under the counter for me.

Later on the same trip we were in a pub on Manhattan that served imported Young's draught beers. I ordered a pint of Old Nick, by now I was used to very cold beers in the US but this was a Brit beer so surely it would be better. Wrong! It was arguably the coldest beer I had tried over the whole fortnight. I stood trying to

warm the glass between my fingers, and even tried holding it under my armpit, but the effect was negligible. It was a red-hot day and I was gagging for a beer, but you can't knock back a beer that cold. The barman spotted what I was doing, and knowing I was a Brit, sarcastically asked if he should put my beer in the microwave. "Yes please" I gleefully replied "just about 15 seconds should do it!" He dutifully went away and microwaved my beer and handed it back to me with a disgusted look. As I happily sipped my pint, I could hear the barman walking round the pub pointing out the crazy fat little Brit with the mulled beer.

Of course all Americans think we drink warm ale. Come to think of it many lager drinkers over here think we drink warm "bitter" as well. This of course, couldn't be further from the truth. A well kept and well presented real ale should be served at 55/56° F which is cool, but certainly not either freezing cold or remotely warm. It is a temperature that allows the full flavour of the beer to be appreciated. British beers are not particularly strong (typically 3.8 to 4.5% ABV), when compared to beers brewed almost everywhere else in the world, where 5% or higher is more normal. But our beers have far more flavour and cold temperature masks this and spoils the taste.

British lagers (including those with a foreign name) seem to be served increasingly cold, in fact so cold it is a wonder that the beer doesn't freeze in the pipes, let alone anaesthetise your throat. This is a lot to do with the fact that they have no taste whatsoever. All you can discern is the extreme cold and the ridiculously high level of carbonation (fizziness). In fact, surely if it wasn't for the high level of macho marketing

nobody in their right mind would buy the stuff. What is winding me up big time at the moment is that too many pubs have started to serve their real ales far too cold as well. We recently measured a beer in a well known real ale pub near a tram stop in New Basford at a ridiculously cold 51.6° and that is by no means a rare occurrence at several pubs across the city. It is far too flaming cold and something needs to be done about it before real ale drinkers start to think that beer has lost its taste and move on to drinking something else.

A lot of the pubs with cold beer, but certainly not all of them, have Casque Marque accreditation, marked by a plaque on the wall outside (but conversely not all Casque Marque pubs sell over cold beer). This otherwise excellent scheme regularly monitors the quality of the real ales served in pubs that are a member of the scheme and should ensure a consistently good pint. If a pub is found to be serving warm beer, 57° or above, they are rightly in danger of being removed from the scheme. However they are allowed to have their beer as cold as 50° before they are marked down, a temperature that is way too low for cask conditioned beers. But is this encouraging landlords to hedge their bets by nudging the cellar temperature down a notch or two to avoid any risk of their beers climbing to 57° or above?

Whatever the reasons for over cold real ale, we drinkers need to take a stand against it. Let's start by talking to the landlords concerned to see if we can convince them to nudge up their cellar temperature. In the meantime I am on the look out for a battery operated pocket beverage warmer - anyone know where I can get one? The irritable cellarman



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Bunkers Hill Inn, Hockley - Friday & Saturday until midnight, may open until 1am if the trade warrents it

The Nags Head, Mansfield Road - Thursday to Sunday until midnight.

The Forest Tavern, Mansfield Rd - Monday to Saturday until midnight, Sunday until 11.30. (Please note that the Maze behind is open until 2am, but as they have live music most nights, entry will involve a door charge)

Cock & Hoop, High Pavement - Thursday until midnight, Friday and Saturday until 1am.

Company Inn, Castle Wharf, Canal Street - open every night until midnight.

Southbank Bar, Trent Bridge - Thursday to Saturday until midnight. Also occasional evenings until midnight, usually for sporting occasions - see pub for details.

Coach and Horses, Upper Parliament Street - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until midnight.

Orange Tree, North Sherwood Street - Monday to Wednesday until midnight, Thursday to Saturday until 12.30am.

White Hart, Glasshouse Street - Friday and Saturday until midnight.

Tap and Tumbler, Wollaton Street - Friday and Saturday until 1am

Grosvenor, Mansfield Road - Thursday to Saturday until midnight, Sunday 11pm.

Tap and Tumbler, Wollaton Street - Sunday - Thursday until midnight, Friday and Saturday until 1am.

Please give these houses your support, which will hopefully show other pubs that this is something that we, the drinkers, want and they will decide to apply for a late licence.

If there are any establishments out there, that are not on the above list, and offer this facility then please contact me, Ray Kirby, (0115 9297896) and I will be pleased to include them in future columns.

Rays Round continued from Back Page

£2.10, Adnams bitter 3.7% £2.10, Timothy Taylors Landlord 4.3% £2.20 and Springhead Goodrich Castle 4.4% £2.20. Very pleasant and friendly staff and my thanks to Ben for his hospitality.

Finally I call in at the Red Lion, a Scot Co. house, on the corner of Easthorpe Street and High Street. This has had a change of landlord, but little change to the pub itself. The beers on are Scot Co. Theakstons mild 3.6% £1.67, John Smiths Courage Directors 4.8% £2.10, Banks Mansfield Cask ale 3.9% £1.85 and guest Jennings Cumberland ale 4% £2.10. A friendly locals pub, with the bar catering for those wanting a games of darts or dominoes and the lounge meeting the needs of those looking for a quiet chat.

Those of you who frequent the Globe, will recognise the very pleasant young lady behind the bar here, as she has moved here as she is nearer home, very sensible, (obviously not a CAMRA member, as we will travel miles for a drink!) I must say there are some very good pubs out this way and I will visit again, I'll also be checking out the other three in the village to see if they are as good.

One final word of caution, if you

are catching a late bus back, go to the stop on Church Street, as Easthorpe Street is fairly dark and the driver will sail right past you, as I found out the hard way. I was forced to drink for another hour! The things I do for this magazine.

Finally, don't forget that The Globe on London Road still does a 30p discount, from Sunday to Wednesday, for CAMRA members, who says it doesn't pay to join CAMRA. Thanks Pete, Keep up the good work.

Also Tynemill are still running their "One over the eight" promotion, see their pubs, and their advert elsewhere in these pages, for the details.

If it ever stops raining, I might see some of you on the way to Trent Bridge, or on the way back, so until next time, happy drinking.

Cheers, Ray.



The beer garden of the White Horse at Ruddington - note the sunshine!

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Trips and Socials

June

Mon 7: **Watnall area**, Free minibus trip from Cast (formerly the Playhouse Bar) - 7pm

Wed 23: **Pub of the Year Award, Plough**, St Peters Street, Radford. Social and presentation of award. Social line buses from Parliament Street, alight near White Horse.

Mon 28: **Murphys (Hutchinsons) Visit**, Tour of this old brewery on Alpine Street, meet at main gates - 6pm

July

Sat 3: **Kelham Island Brewery visit and pub crawl - Sheffield**, Meet at Nottingham Railway Station - 10.30am (Booking for Brewery visit essential)

Tue 13: **Gotham area**, Free minibus trip from Cast (formerly the Playhouse Bar) - 7pm

August

Tue 10: **Calverton area**, Free minibus trip from Cast (formerly the Playhouse Bar) - 7pm

For more details on Trips and Socials see the article on page 15 Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or by email to raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org CAMRA cards must be shown for the £2 discount offered on some trips.

Branch Meetings

All meetings begin at 8pm Everyone is welcome to come along

June

Thur 24: **Old Moot Hall**, Carlton Road, near Ice Arena, lilac line buses, Nottingham Drinker available

July

Thur 29: **Globe**, London Road, ND Green line buses (except No 11). Top Up available

August

Thur 26 **TBA** Nottingham Drinker available

Committee Meetings

June

Thur 10: **Salutation**, Maid Marion Way

July

Thur 15: **Lincolnshire Poacher**, Mansfield Road

August

Thur 12: **Navigation**, Wilford Street

Regional Meeting

June

Sat 12: **Willys**, 17 High Cliff Road, Cleethorpes, noon

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Local Beer Festivals

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

Thur 27 May - Mon 31: Bell Inn Beer Festival, Market Square, Nottingham. 30 beers straight from the cask, open all day.

Fri 28 May - Sun 30: Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park, (2 mins Castle station), 120 beers, ciders, perries & country wines, live music except Fri lunch. Open 11-10 Fri & Sat, 12-10 Sun.

Fri 28 May - Sun 31: Stag Beer Festival, Nottingham Road, Kimberley. 20 beers.

Sat 29 May - Mon 31: Black Lion Beer Festival, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. 20 beers and ciders, live music, bbq, open all day.

Wed 7 July - Sun 11: Derby Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Square. Live music at all sessions.

Open 6.30-11 Wed, 11.30-3 & 6.30 -11 Thur, 11.30-3 & 5-11 Fri, 11.30-4 & 6.30-11 Sat, 12-3 Sun.

Fri 16 July - Sun 1 Aug: Victoria Summer Beer and Music Festival, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. 80 beers, ciders and perries, live music 17/18 & 24/25, open all day.

Thur 1 July - Sun 4: Fox and Crown 5th Annual Summer Beer Festival, Church Street, Old Basford, 30 beers, food available. Open all day.

Fri 30 July - Mon 1 August: Trip to Jerusalem Beer Festival, Castle Road, Nottingham. 12 beers straight from the cask, open all day.

Tue 3 August - Sat 7: Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, Kensington, London. 450 beers, cider & perry, bottled beers. Live music all sessions. Open 5-10.30 Tue, 12-10.30 Wed, Thur & Fri, 11-7 Sat. www.gbbf.org

Fri 14 July - Sat 15 August: Magna Charta Beer Festival, Lowdham. Events, Open all day

Mansfield

BM = Branch Meeting at 8.00pm, Mansfield BM

Call Brian Haydon for more details on 01623 453148 or web site: www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk

Newark

Branch Meetings start at 8pm

June

Thur 3: **Admiral Rodney**, Southwell

July

Thur 1: **Mail Coach**, Newark (TBC)

August

Thur 5: **Britannia**, Farndon (TBC) Call Phil Ayling for more details on 01636 687013 or web site: www.newarkcamra.org.uk

Erewash

June

Wed 2: **Harrington Arms**, Sawley. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm

Fri 18: **Ilkeston pub crawl**, starting at the White Cow at 7.30pm then the Needle-makers for 8.00pm before moving on to some more of the local hosteleries.

July

Tue 6: **Stanhope Arms**, Stanton by Dale. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm Please note the change of day Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

August

Wed 4: **Old Ale House**, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm

Contact John Parkes on 0115 849 1354 for further details.



When you are reading this, some of you could be finishing off your mild trail for this year, so don't forget to submit your form before the closing date! It would be a shame to waste all that effort.

I'm someone who likes to keep ahead of the game, so I'll be at the appearance of the new tram guide, (well as I write this I'm off to the launch tomorrow so hopefully there is guide otherwise I'm probably drinking alone, again!), but maybe not much change there - perhaps I ought to check on my deodorant?)

Anyway I thought I'd get in before line 2 or is it 3 or maybe 4? So I ventured out to Ruddington. (What excuse will he think of next, I hear you cry!) Joking aside, I'd heard that there had been a few changes out that way recently, and thought I'd have a look, as it's been a while since I visited that neck of the woods.

Jumping on a number 10 bus from the Victoria Centre, off I went. (But beware as the "10" goes out to the country park before a certain time, and if you're not careful you can be in and out of Ruddington before you know it! Fortunately for me the bus driver was more alert than I was and let me off)

My first call was to the White Horse, on the corner of Church Street and Chapel Street. This changed hands at the end of April and is now run by the same people who run the Falcon at Canning Circus. (see pictures, etc., elsewhere in this publication) Four beers were on, The regular beers are Ushers Best Bitter 3.8% £2 (brewed by

Belvoir

June

Tue 8: Presentation, Runner Up in National Pub of the Year, **Marquis of Granby**, Granby - 8.30pm.

July

Tue 13: **Plough**, Stathern. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm

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Wadworth) and Ushers seasonal (brewed by Wychwood) (Spring Fever 4% £2.20, until the end of May) The guests, at the time of my visit, were Belvoir Star 3.9% £2, and Black Sheep Bitter 3.8% £2. A pleasant two roomed pub, with a separate bar and lounge, and by the time you read this the pictures should be on the walls and the smell of paint gone! Also gone from the bar is the pool table, giving a bit more seating area.

I next ventured down to the Victoria Tavern, Wilford Road, this has had a refurb. This is another two roomed establishment with a long lounge, stretching the length of one side of the pub and a smaller bar at the other side. This is complete with a large wide screen TV, presumably for football etc. All the handpumps are in the lounge bar, so if you want to see your beer pulled, then this is the side where you need to be. (in case you are wondering, a chalk board in the bar, lists the cask ales available, so you don't have to keep walking round.) On at the time of my visit was Bass 4.4% £1.90, Cropton Two Pints 4% £2.10, Springhead Puritans Porter 4% £2.06 and Rudgate Ruby mild 4.4% £2.10 Very pleasant, and well worth a look if you are in the area. Another complete change is to the Three Crowns, Easthorpe Street. This has had a total revamp and is a very bright, airy, modern looking bar, with two partitioned drinking areas at the front. At the rear they also have a Thai restaurant for those who like their food a little more 'exotic'.

The walls are covered with framed drinks advertisements. Above the bar is a variety of framed beer mats (nothing I haven't got!) There are also some very interesting pictures of old (probably 40's or 50's) American beer delivery wagons, and lastly a small Watneys Red Barrel hanging at the end of the bar, to remind us what we escaped from! (narrowly!!) They have six pumps, all are in use at the weekends, but on my visit the ales available were: Nottingham Rock mild 3.8% £2, Nottingham Extra Pale ale 4.2%

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