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Our cellarman has assured us there will be over three hundred and fifty beers available during the course of the festival although as he always finds plenty of new and unusual brews they will not all last for the duration. You have been warned!

Traditional ciders and perries, country wines and bottled beers will all be available along with many stalls and the tombola. Thursday is quiet night with no live entertainment. Friday night and Saturday night feature live bands. However with two halls there is always one quiet room

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For some time, Nottingham CAMRA has been organising minibus trips around some of the villages that lie in the branch area. These trips allow some of the less accessible pubs to be visited and also produce some entries for the selection for the Good Beer Guide from the more remote areas, the city centre is always well covered.

One of the joys of the trips is discovering new pubs. On one recent trip ye Olde Bridge Inn on Nottingham Road at Oxtun was visited. The current owners Jeremy and Richard Lloyd have been improving the pub since they took it over in October 2003. No major building works have been undertaken on this 1926 ex Home Brewery pub although I gather several skips of rubbish were removed from the cellar! The pub still retains many separate area including one set aside as a restaurant and one as a no smoking area. In fact the pub has become known for the quality of the food, the only problem with these trips – no time to sample a meal, oh well, an excuse to return. There is a fine array of hand pumps, Adnams Bitter and Broadside, McEwans 80/-, Timothy Taylor Landlord and Deuchers IPA being available on our visit. There are outside drinking area



See Spykes Travels on Page 8 for his visit to the Peacock Inn in Chesterfield

to three sides of the pub and disabled access from the front door – flat route from the rear car park. The pub is open Tuesday to Friday lunch, every evening and all day at the weekend. Food is served at lunchtimes and in the evenings.

Many thanks to Jeremy and Richard for their welcome which included a trip around the cellar and viewing of some of the photos taken during the works.

The minibus trips always start from Cast at 7 o'clock and are usually at the beginning of the week. Details of forthcoming trips are in the Drinker and Top Up. Why not try one out and see what delights in the country you have been missing and if you are in the area of Oxtun why not call in to Ye Olde Bridge Inn.

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Each year SIBA holds a competition to select its champion beers. This is done by holding regional heats and then a final judging. For 2003/4 the regional judging was carried out at a special beer festival held for the purpose in Melton Mowbray, organised by Brewsters Brewery with the help and assistance of Nottingham CAMRA and the Vale of Belvoir sub-branch. The champion beer of the region was judged to be "Harvest Pale" from the city's Castle Rock Brewery and this went on to be judged overall champion in the "bitters" category at the national competition.

For 2004/5 the local regional competition will be incorporated into Nottingham Beer Festival with the judging being carried out on the Friday afternoon. Clearly it will not be practical to judge each of the 350 real ales on sale at the festival, indeed many are not from our region or are brewed by companies who are not members of SIBA. Instead each brewery will be invited to nominate up to five of its cask beers to be judged in one of the six categories available. Once the judging has been completed and the winners announced the beers will go on sale to the public - so you can see if you agree with the tastebuds of the judges!

No Spirits at the 'Ale'oween Festival

The Mallard at Worksop Railway Station is holding an 'Ale'oween Beer Festival on Friday 29th October and Saturday 30th October. The festival is open daily from 12 noon through till 11pm. There will be around eighteen cask ales, including some festival beers and brand new beers along with a selection of fruit wines, ciders, lagers and bottled continental beers. The pub is the current holder of the North Nottinghamshire CAMRA Pub of the Year and is easily reached on the Robin Hood Line. Further details can be obtained on 01909 530757.



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CAMRA goes Green
 On a hot September Sunday on the Victoria Embankment, in amongst the Green Power displays, Veggie Food Wagons and Co-op Fair Trade marquee, Nottingham CAMRA had a little stall at the Nottingham Green Festival. As well as the usual CAMRA info, we ran an item called "Name That Pub" where we displayed unusual photographs of pubs to identify. Most of hostleries were correctly named and the girls certainly knew their pubs, winning all three of the free-draw prizes on offer. Answers were: 1 Rose of England, 2 Bell Inn, 3 Navigation, 4 Old Trip to Jerusalem, 5 Langtry's, 6 The Peacock, 7 Turf Tavern, 8 Fellows Morton Clayton, and the "hard ones": Cock & Hoop, Salutation and Keans Head. In addition only two people correctly named all the pubs on display. Well done Jean and Yvonne.

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RICHARD'S REAL ALE MUSIC DIARY

Music Dates for October and November

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 11th November.

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); **October** – Wed 6: Rif-raf; Wed 13: Richie Muir; Wed 20: Lovers Block

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

Bunkers Hill, Hockley, Nottingham. 0115 910 0114 **Regular** – Open mike session every Mon night; Live music every Friday evening

Chestnut Tree, Mansfield Road, Sherwood. 0115 985 6388 **October** – Sat 30: Amada

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

Dunkirk Inn, Lace Street, Dunkirk. Occasional live music

Frog & Onion, Noel Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham. 0115 978 7072 **Regular** – Open mike session every Tues night; **October** - Fri 1: Skinny Sumo; Fri 8: Fat Digester; Fri 15: Cows***t Bingo; Fri 22: Modus; Fri 29: U.P.R

Gladstone Hotel, 45 Loscoe Road, Carrington. 0115 912 9994 (pub) **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 Roots (Open mike session); Tue: 8-11 pm Acoustic Roots 2 (Open mike session with a half-hour mini gig from two different bands each week) **October** - Fri 1: Fever; Sat 2: Made in the Shade; Fri 8: Parka; Sat 9: Chicago Green; Fri 15, Sat 16, Sun 17: Blues Festival, Blues Basement, Karma, Tetley Knights; Sat 23: Shades of Blue; Sat 30: Glasshour

Horse & Groom, 462 Radford Road, Basford. 0115 970 3777 Occasional live music at weekends

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

Johnson Arms, Abbey Street, Dunkirk contact Fred Taylor 0115 9786355 Occasional live music

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 – 4.30 pm) Live music every Friday and Saturday evenings

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!)

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 **October** – Sun 3: Fab Four; Sun 10: Funky Way; Sun 17: Rolling Clones; Sun 24: Jazz Juniors; Sun 31: Rock Steady **November** – Sun 7: Fab Four; Sun 14: Roy De Wired; Sun 21: Mood Indigo; Sun 28: Roy De Wired **December** – Sun 5: Fab Four; Sun 12: Rolling Clones; Sun 19: Roy De Wired; Sun 26: Rock Steady; Sun 31 (New Year's eve): Rolling Clones

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

Stanton Arms, Stanton, 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.

Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. 0115 925 4049 **Regular** – Jazz club every Monday evening (see listings for details)

White Hart, Glasshouse Street, Nottingham. Occasional live music

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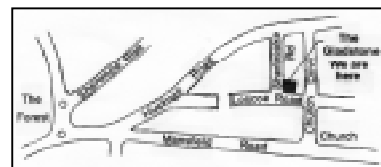
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Dear Editor,

I picked up the attached flyer while attending the Great British Beer Festival last week.

JD Wetherspoon were sponsoring one of the bars.

Although the flyer is a promotion for their beer festival in October 2004 the 99p for a pint of real ale offer is valid from 4 August 2004 - 31 October 2004. It seems clear from the flyer that the voucher is valid at any JDW free house during this period and is only subject to local licensing hours and supplies.

I tried to use the voucher at the Wetherspoons on the Market Square in Nottingham on Saturday 7 August 2004. They would not accept the voucher! They said these vouchers are not valid in Nottingham city centre and suggested I visit one outside the city! I think an article in the next issue of the Nottingham Drinker is merited.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID L DOBSON

J D Wetherspoon's reply is below from Clare Martin, Head of Marketing, JD Wetherspoon - obtained via CAMRA HQ (I have never had a reply to any of my emails).

"In Nottingham there is minimum pricing of £1.00 per pint. This is unfortunately outside of our control and a legal requirement for us to abide

with. This has therefore meant that no pubs in central Nottingham (or under similar schemes) can honour the 99p / pint voucher without jeopardizing their license. This was covered by the Terms and Conditions on the vouchers. These included: - subject to availability at participating free houses.

Issuing £1.00 vouchers is unfortunately equally complicated as we also have minimum pricing in Saffron Waldon, Perth, Dundee and several other towns. These each have their own price specific restrictions e.g. £1.25 / pint, £1.50 per pint subject to the abv of the product and similar complexities. It is very difficult to offer a consistent price base on all of these factors. Nonetheless, over 600 of our pubs are able to accept the 99p vouchers!"

Editors comment

It is an interesting point to make that they could not accept the voucher as it was against the minimum price policy. Currently Wetherspoons have made it clear that they will ignore the current £1.50 minimum

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price policy, even going to point of attacking it in the press. They are currently advertising drinks at £1.29 a pint outside their establishments. Personally I would rather pay an extra 21p a pint if it allowed them to employ some extra staff and then I might actually get served in the city centre Wetherspoons.

Just a quick note to advise that The Willow Tree whilst being wheelchair friendly is not a Hardy and Hansons pub but an Ember Inn as are the Apple Tree in Compton Acres, Cadland in Chilwell and Punchbowl on Porchester Road. These are owned by Mitchells and Butler selling Bass and London Pride on draught as regular choices and a guest beer, which at this moment is Everards Tiger at the Willow Tree, can't comment on the others as I work at the Willow Tree and choice is up to pub manager of the other hostellers.

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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 1 am.

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 - may close early if no students around..

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.



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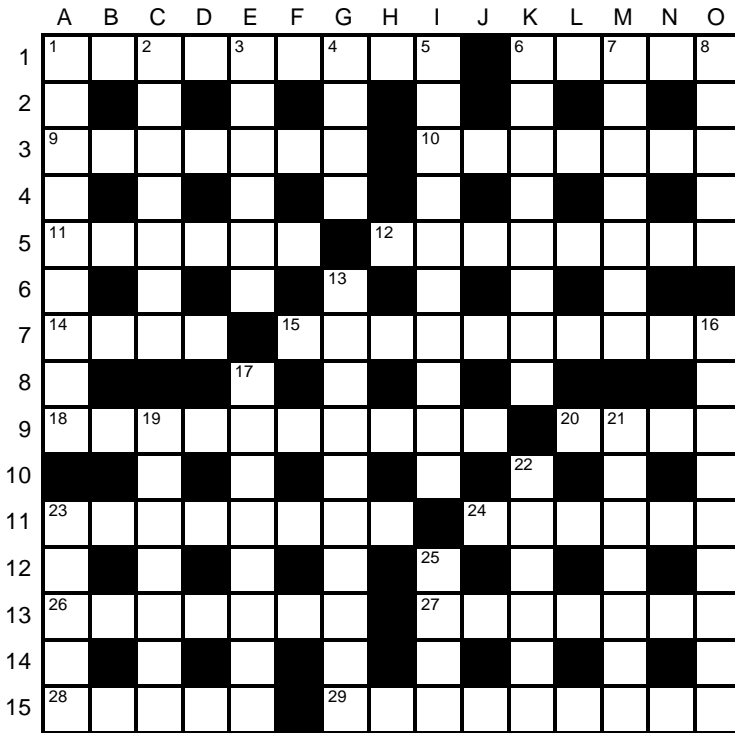
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Across

- 1 Officer may wrongfully complain about type of mail. (9)
- 6 Who doesn't start first gets raise. (5)
- 9 It's rum when I doctor a taxi going backwards. (7)
- 10 Consumed in the home is best. (7)
- 11 Don't pay attention to what you read into the ensign or embler
- 12 I may trip over as a result of unevenness. (8)
- 14 Finally grab the nice lager for example. (4)
- 15 Exploits fishes for drinks. (10)
- 18 Having her fingers around is energising! (10)
- 20 Worn instead the dress you flipping picked last! (4)
- 23 Informal drink found in a hundred picnic baskets. (8)
- 24 Wine bar causes good man to be put in the pen. (6)
- 26 Hepatitis C our generation had was a cause of suffering. (7)
- 27 Touched by the pain seen in Scarlet. (7)
- 28 Beautiful, like a piece of crockery? (5)
- 29 Cashier has endless praise for tourist. (9)

Down

- 1 This is not the room for boozing loungers. (6,3)
- 2 Instrument a pub legally requires? (7)
- 3 A shooter with this may make you very relaxed. (6)
- 4 A virgin found behind the bar? (4)
- 5 Can corrupt monk sign on yet still display abstinence. (3-7)
- 6 Painful excuse for refusal. (8)
- 7 Romantic epic known to reveal means of breaking up. (3,4)
- 8 Being worn out may be statutory without ours. (5)
- 13 Senior clergyman has ripe thighs perversely. (4,6)
- 16 Left, for instance, to arrange chips maybe. (4,5)
- 17 The girls celebrate, get drunk then pray. (3-5)
- 19 Get off with Animal Liberation Front returning to vessels. (7)
- 21 Bag discovered after chalets demolished. (7)
- 22 Verbal abuse after reported break-in to steal menswear. (6)
- 23 In the box having planned robbery. (5)
- 25 My field is about being in a sobering organisation. (4)

Across

- 1 Constable. (9)
- 6 Lift. (5)
- 9 White rum. (7)
- 10 Most tidy. (7)
- 11 Disregard. (6)
- 12 Inequality. (8)
- 14 Ale. (4)
- 15 Dairy drinks. (10)
- 18 Invigorating. (10)
- 20 Not new. (4)
- 23 Sparkling wine informally. (8)
- 24 Wine bar. (6)
- 26 Whip. (7)
- 27 Attained. (7)
- 28 Sexy. (5)
- 29 Tourist (9)

Down

- 1 Drinking room. (6,3)
- 2 Permit. (7)
- 3 Dart poison. (6)
- 4 Unmarried girl. (4)
- 5 Tobacco-free. (3-7)
- 6 Worry. (8)
- 7 Breaking tool. (3,4)
- 8 Scruffy. (5)
- 13 Senior clergyman. (4,6)
- 16 Main course supplement. (4,5)
- 17 Women's celebration. (3-5)
- 19 Drink containers. (7)
- 21 School bag. (7)
- 22 Critical speech. (6)
- 23 Enclosed. (5)
- 25 Region. (4)

Answers to August/September 021Crossword

Across: 8 Abhorred, 9 Carrot, 10 Sewage, 11 Activist, 12 Sleighed, 13 Talent, 14 Stayed the course, 18 Larvae, 20 Espresso, 23 Leapfrog, 24 Listed, 25 Attune, 26 Triplets.

Down: 1 Abseil, 2 Voracity, 3 Breech, 4 Edward the Eighth, 5 Ecstatic, 6 Grovel, 7 Consents, 15 Travesty, 16 Drearier, 17 Utensils, 19 Vapour, 21 Pallid, 22 Scents.

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Famous? "I've never heard of it" I hear you cry! Maybe its fame has not yet spread to Nottingham, but it is certainly famous in its own area. Many years ago when we had Shipstones and Home, our best-known pub-crawl was Canning Circus to the Grand, and comprised some 16 pubs all selling real ale. To complete it was always considered a popular local challenge. The same applies in Chesterfield, and, coincidentally there are also 16 pubs. However, as only 10 sold real ale on my visit, your task is not quite so daunting.

Chesterfield is probably most famous for its crooked spire. It is so shaped because it was built from unseasoned wood, which soon warped. The poor man who designed the spire is said to have drowned himself when he saw what had happened to it! Local legend, however, has it that one day the Devil was sitting on the spire when a real virgin arrived for her wedding. He was so surprised that he jumped off, twisting the spire. If another virgin ever comes to be married, he will jump the other way and straighten the spire. Locals need not worry about losing their landmark - judging by the local girls I met on the Mile, there's not much chance of that ever happening!

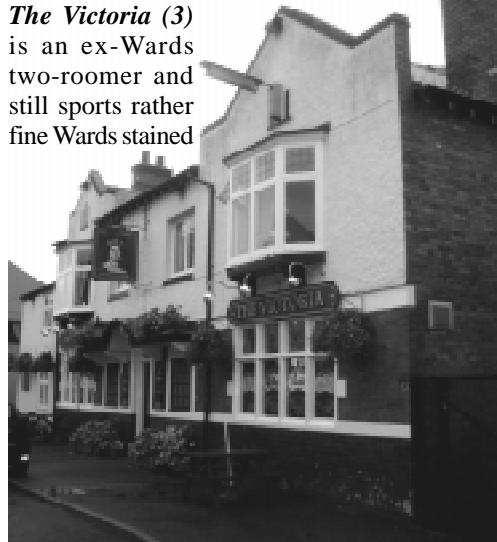
The best way to get to Chesterfield is by Central Trains. For a weekday evening visit I recommend the 18:42 train outbound, and the 23:55 back. Please check if you are going on a Saturday as services vary due to line maintenance. The cheap day return fare is £8.80, but you can halve this if four of you take advantage of the company's four for two offer. It is also possible to travel by National Express bus, departing at 18:05 and returning at 02:05 - so you could go clubbing or enjoy a late curry! The fare is £6.25, but remember you need to buy your ticket in advance. It is possible to book on the Internet and print your own e-ticket. Once in Chesterfield, you could share a taxi (£3.20 from the railway station) to the first pub, *the Star (1)* on Chatsworth Road, or take a Stagecoach bus no. 25 from New Beetwell St. at 19:58.

This pleasant, quiet pub has one long room and the bar, with stools, runs most of the length of it. The mock Tudor style room is carpeted and has comfortable upholstered settles and stools. It is pleasantly lit, and there are lots of prints, horse brasses and plates, and over the bar you will find a collection of brass plaques bearing amusing anecdotes. The well-kept beers are Timothy Taylor's Landlord, Tetley Bitter and a guest, Bateman's XB on this occasion. The only semblance of a beer garden are two benches (no tables) in a narrow alley leading to the car park - but there are some lovely flowers in tubs all around.

The Peacock (2) is another quiet, pleasant mock Tudor pub, with exposed beams and real fires. There are two rooms, the one to the left has wooden tables and chairs, the other upholstered settles and stools and a TV; both have lots of

mirrors and prints. The excellent rear beer garden has swings and a roundabout for the kids, and a lawn sheltered by tall conifers. There are also outside tables at the front. The beers, again in fine fettle, are Black Sheep Bitter, Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Tetley Bitter, Adnam's Broadside and a guest, this time Jennings Cumberland.

The Victoria (3) is an ex-Wards two-roomer and still sports rather fine Wards stained



glass windows. Another music-free two roomer, it is popular with the locals and often sells produce such as eggs, pickled onions and cheese. The room to the left has leatherette covered settles and chairs and an interesting collection of miners' lamps over the bar. There is a dartboard, and a deep alcove with a pool table. The smaller lounge has comfortable upholstered settles and stools.



The excellent beers are Greene King IPA, Black Sheep Bitter, Adnam's Bitter, Tetley Bitter and a guest - Highgate Copper Nob on my visit.

Just around the corner is *the Britannia Inn (4)*, a veritable labyrinth of rooms, some more

traditional than others. One room in particular is very olde worlde and has no bar, and there are some great brasses to be found round and about. Once again there is no music (this will be more than made up for later) although a large TV was showing the Olympics where I sat near the bar. Good beers again too - Stone's Bitter and Caledonian Deuchars IPA.



In total contrast *the Rose and Crown (5)* is like a cross between a British Legion Club and a third rate disco. Cavernous, with a colour scheme like Neapolitan ice cream, big screen music videos and a prominent pool table, the much-altered pub echoed with music that sounded like synchronised tyre changing. The barmaid, with dyed blonde hair and a top designed to expose as much as possible without being arrested served me with a pint of the only real ale - John Smith's Bitter. It was, however as good as it gets - how pleasing that a pub of this kind, aimed mainly at younger clientele offers a well kept real ale. I quite fancied that barmaid too.

If I thought that the music was loud there, it was nothing compared to the next stop, *the Barrel Inn (6)*. This place was heaving and the music throbbing, and the disco lighting made it difficult to describe what the place looked like! I took refuge in a quieter room to the right with a dartboard and silent TV and was impressed again with the beer quality - Caledonian Deuchars IPA and Ruddle's Bitter were in great form and again it was good to see good real ales being promoted in a young person's pub.

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Time to give the ears a rest in the rather quieter *New Inn (7)*. Like many pubs today this is a one roomer made from several knocked together, but at least this one has the air of being professionally put together rather than the JCB job to which we have become accustomed. The style is modern, with a harmonious colour scheme of crimson, cream and terracotta and good, well-positioned prints including some of old Chesterfield trams. The one real ale is Tetley bitter, and in excellent condition too. The solitary hand pump sits right next to the cream flow dispenser – long may it survive against its patently inferior competitor!

Music was back at *the Grouse (8)*, but nothing like as loud as we had endured earlier. The pleasant lounge was spoiled a little by the presence of a couple of those ultra-violet tubes that cause your white clothing to glow, yet there was normal, warmer lighting as well. The separate public bar was a straightforward affair with a pool table. Yet again the beers, Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Stones Bitter and John Smith's Bitter, were in great form.

Our penultimate stop, *the Royal Oak (9)*, claims to have the "largest selection of cask ales in Brampton". Unfortunately this was not the case on my visit as several guests had run out, and it seemed that the place was far too busy for anyone to replace them. However, Theakston's Best Bitter and XB, Ruddle's Bitter and Whim Hartington IPA were all there. It is an interesting, multi-roomed pub, and, I am told, always busy. Sport, pool and horse racing are popular here, and live music is often an evening feature.

The final pub on the Mile, *the Masons Arms (10)*, belongs to no other than our very own Hardy's and Hanson's, and serves up a decent

pint of their Bitter. It is rather Sixties in style with a basic bar with pool table and a comfortable lounge. The large bar has leapt into the 21st century with the addition of a big screen showing music videos. The lounge is a mish-mash of styles; the upholstered bar has two stools, and there is a decent carpet, crimson ceiling and mock beams screwed to the peach walls.

It is not too far to walk to the railway station from here, turn left outside the pub, and at the roundabout shown on the map take the second exit, West Bars. Bear left along Low Pavement; and keeping to the right of the market place continue straight along Vicar Lane. Turn left at the T-junction into St. Mary's gate, and right along Corporation St. and you will come to a clearly signposted walkway to the station. You will pass plenty of take-aways on this route should you feel the need for bulk after all that beer!

You may be wondering what the pubs are like in the town centre. Rest assured I am looking into this one for a future article. I am reliably informed that there are another ten real ale pubs to go at, so, watch this space!

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Apparently, my last musings, appear to have upset the people from the jazz fraternity, (i.e. those who perform in the Bell) who seem to have taken umbrage at my diatribe on their musical form, as recited in the last edition of this manuscript.



It was not my intention to decry their performance, but merely to state that their choice of musical interpretation is not to my particular taste.

Had it been opera or classical music (i.e. Mozart, Mussorgsky, Chopin ect.) I would probably have been as equally disparaging.

All these forms of music have many supporters and I'm sure, just as many detractors. The jazz performances in the Bell attract a very enthusiastic following, (if they did not, then I'm sure they would not continue)

It is not to my taste, nor ever will be. I can listen to Django Reinhardt, (classed as jazz in some circles) John Lee Hooker, John Mayall, Motorhead, Pink Floyd, Oasis, The Smiths, Joy Division, Leonard Cohen etc. but that's my musical taste, I don't need any acceptance from anyone else for this, nor do I expect anyone else to listen to my tastes.

Oh, and by the way, this is still a free country, (just) EVERYONE is still entitled to their own opinion, unless it is outright offensive, I will continue to express mine, until it becomes a criminal offence to do so.

Right, enough of my ranting, let's get down to the real business of this column.

By the time you read this, the dust will have settled at the newly refurbished Bunkers Hill. (not that I saw any dust, mind you) and in my opinion, they have done an excellent job and a word of warning for those of you who haven't been before you read this, they have moved the front door!

Six handpumps are on the bar. The selection at the time of my visit were Nottingham Rock Bitter 3.8% £1.85, Mallard Duck 'n' Dive 3.7% £2 Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% £2, Draught Bass 4.4% £2.10, Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% £2.10 & Titanic White Star 4.8% £2.30 (this had changed to Springhead Roaring Meg 5.5% £2.30 at my second visit) and all the beers were excellent (so if you hear a rumour to the contrary, ignore it!)

Many thanks to Vanessa and her excellent staff for their hospitality on the preview night. (see elsewhere in this publication for a description of the place and probably some photos)

Having heard that the Black's Head, Burton Road (next to Carlton Square) was now changing its beers on a regular basis, I decided to have a look. Whilst in the area I thought I'd start at the Old Volunteer, this is a music pub, with bands on a number of nights a week. The beer

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was Marstons Pedigree 4.5% £2.10, they also have Greene King Abbot, but as I went on a Monday (I know, I go out on some strange days!!) it wasn't available.

Then it was just a couple of minutes walk to the Black's Head. They have three pumps, but only two were in use (yes, Monday again!) The beers on were Jennings Cumberland 4% £2.30 and Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% £2.30, both in good nick. Apparently a Hop Back beer had been on over the weekend just gone! Next time I'll go on a Friday or Saturday! I'll definitely be returning a bit more regularly.

The other pub in the area is the Windsor Castle, a nice pub but only Hardys & Hansons Olde Trip 4.3% £2.30 was available as a cask ale.

As usual don't forget the CAMRA discount (30p off a pint) at the Globe, Sunday to Wednesday, also if you are in the area 'early doors' the Southbank does a 30% discount on beer and food in their "happy hour" between 5 & 6pm, weekdays.

So until next time, happy drinking.

Cheers, Ray.

Embers to last for for six weeks at Local Beer Festivals

Our Ember Inns pubs; The Cadland at Chilwell, The Apple Tree Compton Acres, Willow Tree at West Bridgford and the Punch Bowl at Mapperley are each gearing themselves up for another 6 week long beer festival. From 15th October to 28th November they will be offering up to 6 cask ales at any one time from breweries around the country. This time, the landlords themselves will be choosing the ales, Mark at the Willow Tree will be looking forward to Orkney Dark Island amongst others. Steve and Gill at the Cadland have an eye on Timothy Taylor Landlord (Madge Ale to the celebrity spotters), Moorhouses Black Cat and Hop Back Summer Lightning. Also expect a fourth handpull to be installed at the Cadland.



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BREWERY SNIPPETS

Hardys and Hansons seasonal beer for October is Guzzling Goose whilst Classic will be available during November.

Castle Rock's seasonal beer in support of the Wildlife Trust for October is called Bank Vole, 3.9%, a pale and refreshing using malted oats. November's brew is called Stoa, 4.0% very pale and lightly hopped with mount hood hops. The Derby Brewing Company is hoping to produce its first brew in October. The beer is to be called Business as Usual (Harris Hawk) after being set up by Trevor Harris, former owner of the Brunswick in Derby.

There are a few other likely brewery start ups in the area. Danelaw is looking to set up in Chellaston whilst Barn Brewery hopes to base itself on the Chatsworth Estate. Milestone at Cromwell north of Newark is also hoping to start brewing in October. A new brewery is planned at Thornbridge Hall at Ashford in the Water. Bells Brewery at Enderby started in July with three regular beers.

Full Mash in Stapleford is producing more beers, two new regulars are Anvil, a 4.4% dark bitter, and Black Widow, a 5.2% dark brew. The brewery beers are a regular at Out of the Vaults in Leicester.

Wolverhampton & Dudley have relaunched Marston's Burton Bitter, formerly Marston's Bitter.

Asda has signed a deal with SIBA to source local beers from micro brewers whilst Avebury Taverns have extended the availability of SIBA beers to all 800 of its tenanted houses.

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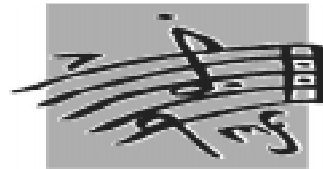
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Festival time in the Vale

Greetings and welcome once again to VoB stuff. We start, obviously, with the 2nd Melton Beer Festival, this year run with the help of the newly formed Melton sub branch.

Once again, the venue was the Cattle Market, although there were some changes from last year, notably 2 rooms, one for the beer and the other housing the band. This made it much more bearable for staff who were there throughout the evenings. The trad jazz band on Friday & Saturday afternoon was very well received and the sound levels fine, but it has to be said that the evening band was a bit too loud for comfort, especially for the older visitors, particularly Mr W. Parsnip of the Radcliffe area (see letter below). Anyway - ONTO THE BEER! Once again festival cellar man, Steve Westby, scoured the country for the best & most unusual beers around. With beers ranging in strength from the excellent Grainstore Rutland Panther Mild at 3.4% to the mind-blowingly strong Baz's Bonce Blower from Parish at 11%, and with over 50 beers, there was something there for all tastes. Particularly well received were the Burton Bridge Damson Porter and the award winning Castle Rock Harvest Pale. Also popular was the Cairngorm Sheep Shagger at 4.5% and the prize for the longest name (and possibly the most apt going by this year's runner up at GBBF) was Buntingford God Knows Idiots Present Awards at 3.7%. Even at this early stage we have had some really positive feedback on the festival which is much appreciated. Thanks to everybody who helped out over the 3 days.

August saw us at the Cranmer Arms, Aslockton, getting absolutely stuffed at skittles. Our performance was so abject that now might be a good time for Newark to challenge us to a match! Our best player on the night was Mild in May Coordinator, Steady Eddie Fendel, who at least managed to hit some skittles whilst Treasurer Pete, after his experience with his oddly shaped balls at the Bull, Bottesford (see Drinkers passim) never really felt comfortable. Deuchars IPA seemed to be the drink of choice on the night and very good it was too. Still at the Cranmer, Sunday 15th saw a mini beer festival with around 10 beers which went down very well.

Whilst on the subject of beer festivals, the Plough, Hickling held

theirs on the August Bank Holiday weekend and it once again proved to be very popular.

Pub news wise there are quite a few changes going on in the Vale at the moment, starting with the Manor Arms, Elton, which has been taken over by Hassan Ahmad. Renovations are planned over the next couple of months resulting in a Red Pepper restaurant serving international & English cuisine. The pub will stay open during refurbishments and there are no plans to change the beers on offer, currently Riding Bitter & Marstons Pedigree.

The Chequers, Barketstone le Vale has a new proprietor, Rachel Harris, who took over in late August. The beers are Bank's Bitter & Pedigree with an occasional guest, hopefully to be sourced from local brewers. Previous landlord, Mark Attewell has moved all of 2 miles down the road to the Peacock, Redmile, in partnership with Mark Jordan & Andy Mackley. We have no news on which beers will be served as yet.

On to brewery news - Colin, at Belvoir Brewery, has a new beer out called Rare Breed (4.3%), which went down well at Melton Beer Festival and he is planning on bringing out a beer for Nottingham Festival called Basford Bitter. The latest Wicked Woman in Brewster's range is Roxanne, once again at 4.8%.

Finally, back to Melton, on Sat October 9th & Sun Oct 10th, the Cattle Market hosts the East Midlands Regional Food & Drink Festival with appearances by such luminaries as Clarissa Dickson-Wright, Sophie Grigson & Anthony Worrall-Thompson (Wozzer) and, not to be left out, CAMRA will have a stand there, so pop up & see us, it should be well worth the trip.

That's about all from us for now, happy drinking!

Letters Page

Sir, re. your article above, it has to be said that the evening band was a bit too loud for comfort, especially for the older visitors, Yours etc

Mr W. Parsnip, The Radcliffe Area

Pubs in the Vale – the Bull at Bottesford

We are lucky at VoB having a village such as Bottesford where all three pubs are worthy of a visit. The Bull is the one in the middle of the three and it is known locally as the Laurel and Hardy pub due to the fact that Stan Laurel's sister, Olga Healey, ran the pub in the early 1950s. Stan and Ollie were performing at the Empire Theatre, Nottingham over Christmas 1952 and stayed at the Bull during the run, apparently causing mayhem whilst serving behind the bar. The Laurel and Hardy Society holds an annual meeting at the pub, usually in July.

The connection with the duo is immediately obvious as you enter this 17th century inn - there are pictures on the wall plus a plaque. To the left of the main entrance is a comfortable lounge and the bar is over to the right. The bar is stone flagged and leads to a gamed area further back. There are outbuildings containing a skittle alley which is in regular use by the pub team. The room has also been pressed into service for beer festivals from time to time.

The Bull has four handpumps; one serves a guest which on our last visit was Jennings XXXXXX at 4.3%, an excellent choice. Permanent beers are Greene King IPA, Theakston's bitter and Timothy Taylor's Landlord. The proprietors, Geoff and Linda, rightly take pride in the quality of the beer they sell - on our many visits we have always found it excellent. In common with many country pubs the regular customers often favour session or premium ales over the very strong ales.

The Bull is a friendly pub which supports all the traditional activities. VoB CAMRA have been involved in a few games evenings with the pub teams. Whilst we will draw a veil over the results the evenings enabled us to experience the superb hospitality of the pub and its regulars.

Bottesford has the distinct advantage over many country villages in that it is well served by public transport, having a bus service (Reliance 625) and is on the Nottingham-Grantham trainline, so is well worth a visit without having the excuse of not being able to get there!



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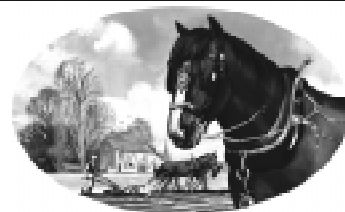
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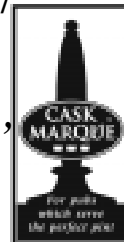
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Diary of a Travelling Tippler

Needing an overnight stop in the Bath area, I thought Bradford-on-Avon looked promising and so it proved. Largely unspoilt and with many ancient buildings, the town is crammed into the Avon gorge with steep approaches from the north. The (operating) Kennet & Avon canal is another attraction. The Bear, right in the town, provided super value B&B at £30 including huge breakfast. Probably built as a commercial hotel, and lately a somewhat rundown Ushers house, it's becoming re-established as a mid-range traditional pub & restaurant. A respectable menu of homely food was well served - with good Butcombe Bitter plus Wadworth 6X.

From an old map, the King's Arms once had a very substantial brewhouse - but on my visit all the hand- pump clips had been turned, so I didn't investigate. By the Avon bridge is the Swan - pretty upmarket, and sadly offering only the "Greene King range". I'd heard that rooms were £60, so I didn't bother to check how expensive the beer was! Over the bridge to the Three Horseshoes - a nicely unspoilt pub which may have been a Wadsworth house: 6X and Butcombe were on offer. A good walk on to cross the canal to visit the Barge - despite recommendations, I found it disappointing (though canalside accommodation is offered). There was only 6X on handpump, but it seems the food is good.

It's interesting that all these pubs appear on an 1899 map - of course a good few more are now vanished, including the Queen's Head, Lamb, and Old Bear. The town was once much more important commercially as a centre of woollen production - and boasted three large breweries: Seven Stars; G & T Spencer; and Wilkins Bros & Hudson (who also brewed at the Pickwick Brewery, Corsham). Brewing was concentrated in the Newtown area, where several pubs also had active brewhouses.

The return leg started at the Canal Tavern, right on the canal bridge and lock. This old building may have been canal offices, but serves excellently as a pub with nice small rooms, screens, old furniture: and cast-iron signs and canalware for decor. A large modern dining lounge is discreetly

sited at the back, and there are extensive canalside gardens. An ambitious menu was served until 9pm. There was a full selection of Wadworth's ales, prices medium to high (up to £2.50) - but overall a very friendly and comfortable pub.

The Riverside was a rather unpleasant call - obviously aimed at the "younger market", at least in the evening. Deafening "music" didn't improve the experience. Lastly, a quick call at the Dandy Lion - which seemed to be a converted shop rather than a "proper" pub, but was nevertheless quite friendly (this was a Saturday night). Though I didn't spot the "gently erotic" pictures noted in one guide book, I did enjoy a rather cheaper pint here - Wadworth's "Henry's" at only £1.95. An upstairs restaurant provides evening food - lunchtimes only at the bar. I didn't really feel this lived up to its GPG entry.

This tour covered most of the pubs in the old town - the surrounding heights are a stiff climb, so their attractions await a return visit. If visiting, bear in mind that in the narrow streets very little parking is available in the old town area.

Moulders Arms

Located on Bovill Street, just off Alfreton Road (600 yards down from Canning Circus) is the Moulders Arms. The pub offers both Old Tom Mild and Bitter from the Oakwell Brewery at very competitive prices of £1.30 mild and £1.38 bitter.

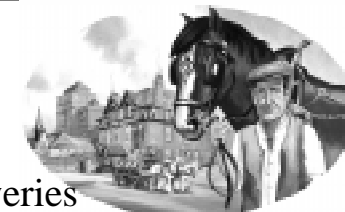
The pub was taken over by Sandra & David about 18 months ago and is open all day. The main bar is comfortable and at one end houses a Pool Table. The other bar area is no smoking and has a darts board and table skittles. This room can also be booked for private functions - at no charge!

Food is normally available all day, up to 8.00 pm (7.00 pm on Saturday) but not on Sundays, at the moment and is cooked to order and very reasonably priced with for example a small breakfast costing as little as £1.10 (Large £3.30). Mugs of tea cost 25p, with coffee costing 40p.

See page 19 for a photograph

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ND QUIZ - No 11 – JUST FOR FUN

Quiz number 11 from Gordon, answers to the quiz are on page 17.

- 1) Which two items feature on the badge of Derbyshire County Cricket Club?
- 2) Who presents 'Bargain Hunt' on BBC1?
- 3) Which chef was featured in ITV's 'Hells Kitchen'?
- 4) What date is St Georges day?
- 5) Hydrophobia is the fear of what?
- 6) The home ground of Newcastle United Football Club?
- 7) The author of 'Watership Down'?
- 8) What was the name of the character played by Courtney Cox in 'Friends'?
- 9) In which country is Mount Olympus?
- 10) What is the name of the Queen's personal flag?
- 11) What was the name of the beagle in the cartoon 'Peanuts'?
- 12) Which is the fastest running bird?
- 13) Al Gore was Vice President to which U.S. President?
- 14) Which planet is closest to the Sun?
- 15) Lime Street railway station is in which city?



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October Gig Guide

Fri "Fever"
 Sat 2 "Made in the Shade"
 Fri 8 "Parka"
 Sat 9 "Chicago Green"
 Fri 15 Blues Festival "Blues Basement"
 Sat 16ⁿ 3 Nights of "Karma"
 Sun 17 Fantastic Blues "Tetley Knights"th
 Sat 23 More Blues with "Shades of Blue" +
 Steve & Traceys 6th Anniversary @ the Golden
 Fleece Pop in to say hello before heading off
 to the Nottingham Beer Festival
 Sat 30 "Glasshour"

November Gig Guide

Bands appearing are:
 Head Gone Red
 Parka
 Papastachio
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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

11th - 17th - Maze - Goose Fringe Festival
12th - Stratford Haven - Brewery evening (tbc)
14th - Newshouse - Music quiz every Thursday
31st - 5th November - Newshouse - Whitches & Whizzbangs Beer festival

NOVEMBER

9th - Stratford Haven - Live music with Roy De Wired & Brewery night (tbc)
25th - Lincolnshire Poacher - Hopback Brewery evening
End of month - second Chilli Festival -
Lookout for details
Broadway Café Bar - see in-house leaflet for details of cinema showings



Trips and Socials

The free mini bus trips, for the coming period will be October, Radcliffe on Trent, November, West Leake, East Leake and to round off the year, in December, it will be the East Bridgford area, please remember to book early.

Due to an unfortunate experience recently, I will be putting the brewery tours on hold until the new year, (one person isn't going to put me off altogether)

The final outing of the year will be the annual end of year villages trip, this time I will be trying out the delights of Leicestershire. Full details to appear in the next edition.

Also, I shall have details of the new year's first offerings, and a slightly different way of doing things.

Now just a quick word on some of our past excursions.

The trip to Stamford, went very well despite the Green man, changing the date of their beer festival. The the pubs were that good, I think those who went didn't even miss it.

Mansfield branch brought 16 or 17 people on their trip to Nottingham (the reason I'm not sure is that we appeared to gain and lose people on a regular basis throughout the day!)

Everyone seemed to have had a good time and an article should be appearing in this publication at some time, (I'm not sure if it will be this issue or the next, there should even be some photos courtesy of Brian "David Bailey" Hayden).

If any other branch fancies doing the same thing, then please get in touch, we would be glad to see you.

As usual, don't forget, that EVERYONE is welcome to any CAMRA meeting or outing, you do NOT have to be a member. I might present you with a membership form, but you can ignore it if you want, (most people usually do!) 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 page 18 for full listing of dates and times of the above mentioned events.

As always I can be contacted electronically at: - raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org

City Brew

David Bruce's latest venture, the Capital Pub Company is to be listed on the stock market. Mr Bruce previously founded the Firkin brewpub chain. There has been a management buyout of Yates, formerly Yates's Wine Lodges. Private equity company GI Partners provided the additional money required. GI Partners is now expected to be one of the main bidders for Laurel when it goes up for sale.

Scottish and Newcastle is to develop an estate of waterside pubs in partnership with British Waterways. They will take over 33 existing pubs while developing more locations. Wolverhampton and Dudley is still looking to expand it's pub estate.

J D Wetherspoon has denied rumours of a management buyout. Punch Taverns, owners of the Bunkers Hill, has announced a further investment in their pubs to build better businesses. Punch Taverns has spent £335million to acquire InnSpired Pubs from Jon Moulto's Alchemy Partners.

Spirit Group, the pub operator that acquired Scottish & Newcastle is preparing to sell 300 pubs. The company currently runs 2400 pubs. Regent Inns may be taken over following the departure of two top executives.

Still got some items from Christmas you don't know what to do with? Can't be bothered to have a car boot sale. We are always looking for items for the Tombola at the Nottingham Beer Festival. If you have anything you think might be useful then please phone Keith on 07811 909688

**Nottingham Beer Festival
21st - 24th October 2004**

Erewash Valley Branch

Erewash Valley trip report

On a recent Saturday, four of us decided to take a local run out just over the border into Leicestershire, to visit the Old Crown at Cavendish Bridge.

This GBG listed pub has recently (as I am sure many of you will know) been taken over by Burtonwood brewery.

For the new landlord this is his first pub, he has kept the interior pretty much as it was, but according to other branch's reports he does not perhaps, have the same freedom of choice regarding the beer range that was offered to the previous owners. However this did not detract from the choice available on the day of our visit.

The pub now opens all day every day.

Bass, Pedigree and Wadworths 6X may not be the exciting products they once were, but if well kept, they should have a place on any bar.

Also available, as you would expect, are two products from Burtonwood, their Bitter and Top Hat. Also on the pumps was Yorkshire Terrier Bitter, and Summer Lightning, all the beers we tried were in top condition and along with the welcome we received, made it a very enjoyable lunch time.

Which reminds me, in addition to the usual lunchtime food, you can also get a meal in the evenings Monday to Thursday 5-8pm.

The next stop was The Jolly Sailor at Hemington.

This ex weaver's cottage has recently undergone a refit, the toilets which used to be outside are now incorporated into the body of the pub (not literally)!

A little alcove has been added to the lounge and has helped to make this cosy comfortable pub into something that little bit extra.

Seven handpumps are constantly in use, with Abbeydale and Kelham Island being of particular interest to yours truly on the day of our visit!

The Kelham Island Gold is a permanent guest, along with M & B mild, rare to see a mild on hand pump these days.

Again all beers in excellent condition, and it should be noted that 4 of the pumps do not have the magic swan neck and attached sparklers, another rarity these days!

This true village local also has a 26-seater restaurant serving top quality food as well as the top quality beers.

Social News

We as a branch have a rail trip social arranged for Saturday 30th October to take in the delights of Cheshire.

The main target is the Paradise micro brewery at Wrenbury, but the trip will also include visits to pubs in Nantwich and Kidsgrove.

The train to catch is the Skegness to Crewe train leaving Derby at 10.29am.

All details available from Mick Golds on 0115 9328042.

Branch Meetings: (all 8:30pm start)

Wednesday 6th October – Potters Snooker Club, Langley Mill.

Tuesday 2nd November - Royal Oak, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton. (Please note different day from usual)

Wednesday 1st December – The New Inn, Bath Street, Ilkeston.

Beer Festival Meeting: start at 8:00pm

Monday 25th October The Dewdrop Inn, Station Street, Ilkeston.

Please bring along any prizes you have for our Tombola stall.

Erewash Pub News

The Litten Tree in Long Eaton no longer serves real ales.

The Blue Bell at Sandiacre has new tenants as will the Bridge Inn at Cotmanhay from 12th October.

The Red Lion also at Sandiacre is to have a refit during October. The pub will remain open during the renovations.

The Coronation Club on Derby Road in Heanor now serves Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter.

Also on the club front, the Ilford Club on Station Road in Ilkeston is to hold a beer festival from 26th to the 28th Nov.



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SNIPPETS

The Bromley Arms at Fiskerton and Langtrys in Nottingham have both obtained the Cask Marque award.

Travelled on the Tram recently? Noticed the maps at each stop showing the local area? Now they show the location of the pubs in the 'Beer by Tram' guide so you should have no problem finding a decent pint. The maps are also available on NET's website - www.thetram.net

Debbie Law of the New Foresters on St Ann's Street has won an award for the best kept pub cellar. The award was given by the Pub Estates Company. Planning permission has been submitted to convert Bramcote Manor into a church. The pub is situated off the new Coventry Road at Bramcote.

Eastwood's first beer festival is scheduled for next spring; look out for further details nearer the time.

The Criterion in Leicester has become the first pub in the UK to become an Orval Embassy. Grant Cook of the Criterion was presented with a commemorative glass by Alan Worsfold of Orval, one of only six trappist breweries.

The Gladstone Guitar Festival is currently happening on Sunday evenings at the Gladstone in Carrington. Woody Mann is appearing on Sunday 3rd October, John Renbourn on Sunday 10th October and Martin Stephenson on Sunday 17th October. For more information and tickets call 07770 226 926

Nottingham City Centre pubs have introduced a minimum price of £1.50 a pint although not all establishments are adhering to the guidelines. The minimum pricing scheme started on the 1st September in a bid to prevent binge drinking that occurs in the city on a Friday and Saturday night.

Fancy a Change

As you have probably gathered, Nottingham is about to experience the annual Beer Festival. The festival is run entirely by volunteers, and you've seen this coming, we are always keen to recruit some more. If you have ever fancied working at a festival then please come along and offer your help. It is not all selling beer, there is the membership stand, glasses, tombola and plenty of other jobs that go on in the background. You may only be able to offer a couple of hours but it is always appreciated. There is also a lot of work to do before the festival and afterwards, setting up and dismantling, moving barrels, (easier at the end!) Setting up takes place on the Wednesday, 20th October, and taking down on Sunday 24th October. You never know you may be coming back every year. If you are interested then please either contact Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or at raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org or look out for him at the festival, you can't mistake him - see his picture on page 10.

QUIZ NO 11 ANSWERS

The answers to quiz number 11 on page 14

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1) The Rose and Crown | 9) Greece |
| 2) Tim Wonnacott | 10) The Royal |
| 3) Gordon Ramsay | Standard |
| 4) 23 rd April | 11) Snoopy |
| 5) Water | 12) Ostrich |
| 6) St James Park | 13) Bill Clinton |
| 7) Richard Adams | 14) Mercury |
| 8) Monica Geller | 15) Liverpool |

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NOTTINGHAM AND AREA CAMRA BRANCH DIARY DATES

Nottingham

Trips and Socials

October

Tue 5: **Radcliffe on Trent**, Free minibus trip from Cast (formerly the Playhouse Bar) - 7pm

Wed 20: Set up day at Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, Sneinton

November

Wed 3: **West Leake & East Leake**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm

December

Mon 6: **East Bridgford area**, Free minibus trip from Cast - 7pm

Thur 30: **Leicestershire Villages**, End of year trip from Cast - 6pm

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 £2 discount offered on some trips.

Branch Meetings

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

September

Thur 30: **Plough**, St Peters Street, Radford. Pink line buses from Parliament Street, alight near White Horse.

October

Thur 28: **Bunkers Hill**, Hockley, bottom of Goosegate. Top Up available

November

Thur 25 **Grosvenor**, Mansfield Road near Forest recreation ground, any bus along Mansfield Road Nottingham Drinker available

December

No Branch meeting

Committee Meetings

October

Thur 14: **Bell**, Market Square

November

Thur 11: **Salutation**, Maid Marion Way

December

Thur 9: **Rose of England**, Mansfield Road

Regional Meeting

November

Sat 20: Erewash Beer Festival, Sandiacre - noon

All details on
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Beer Festivals

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

Thur 30 Sept - Sat 2 Oct: Sheffield Beer Festival, St Phillips Social Club, Netherthorpe. 60 beers, cider and perry, continental beers, live music. Open 6 - 11 Thur, 12 - 4 & 6 - 11 Fri, 12 - 11 Sat.

Fri 1 Oct - Sun 3 Oct: Cloktoberfest Clock Inn, South Normanton

Thur 30 Sept - Sun 3 Oct: Brunswick Beer Festival, Railway Terrace, Derby

Mon 4 Oct - Sun 17: J D Wetherspoon Beer Festival, All Wetherspoons pubs in the area

Thur 7 Oct - Sat 9: Horse & Groom Goose Fair Beer Festival, Radford Road, Basford. (Tram to Shipstone St or Wilkinson St stops). Approx 15 beers. Free admission. Open all day. Live music Fri & Sat Eve

Thur 7 Oct - Sun 10: Royal Oak Beer Festival, Ockbrook, Approx 40 beers, many from Devon

Thur 14 Oct - Sat 16: Quorn Octoberfest, Quorn Village Hall, Leicester Road, Quorn Buses from Loughborough & Leicester, 30 beers, ciders, bottled beers, Open 6 - 11 Thur & Fri, 12-11 Sat.

Thur 14 Oct - Sun 17: Bell 'Warm Up' Beer Festival, Market Square, Nottingham Approx 25 beers - prepare for the Nottingham Beer Festival

Thur 21 Oct - Sun 24: Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, a few minutes walk from bus and rail stations. Over 350 beers, ciders, perries, country wines. Entertainment in one hall only, Food. Open 11 - 11 Thur & Fri, 10 - 11 Sat, 12 - 3 Sun - See front page for details

Thur 28 Oct - Sun 31: Hollybush Inn Beer Festival, Makeney

Thur 28 Oct - Sun 31: Cross Keys Beer Festival, Belper

Fri 29 Oct - Sat 30: Mallard 'Ale'ween Beer Festival, The Mallard, Worksop Railway Station, Approx 18 beers inc some new ones

Sun 31 Oct - Sat 6 Nov: Newshouse Beer Festival, Canal Street, Approx 15 beers

Thur 18 Nov - Sat 20: Cask & Cutler Beer Festival, Henry Street, Sheffield

Fri 19 Nov - Sat 20: Erewash Beer Festival, Friesland Sports Centre, Nursery Avenue, Sandiacre. 35 beers, cider and perry, fruit wines, hot & cold food, live music Fri & Sat eve. Open 6-11 Fri, 11 - 11 Sat.

Thur 2 Dec - Sun 5: Bell Winter Beer Festival, Market Square, Nottingham Approx 25 beers - a haven away from the Christmas shopping

Thur 16 Dec-Sun 19: The Old Oak Beer Festival, Horsley Woodhouse
Wed 26 Jan - Sat 29: National Winter Ales Festival, New Century Hall, Corporation St (Entrance off Miller St) Manchester, Beers including ones only winter brewed, ciders, perry and foreign beers, Open 5.30-11 Wed, 4-11 Thur, 12-11 Fri & Sat

Erewash

October

Wed 6: **Potters Snooker Club**, Langley Mill Branch Meeting 8.30pm
Mon 25: **Dewdrop Inn**, Station Street, Ilkeston. Beer Festival Meeting 8.00pm please bring along any prizes for the Tombola

Sat 30: **Cheshire**, rail trip including Paradise Brewery. Depart Derby 10.29am More details from Mick 0115 932 8042

November

Tue 2: **Royal Oak**, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm **Please note differnt day**

December

Wed 1: **The New Inn**, Bath Street, Ilkeston. Branch Meeting 8.30pm

Contact John Parkes on 0115 849 1354 for further details or check the website. www.erewash-camra.org

Mansfield

Branch Meeting start at 8.00pm

October

Tue 5: **The Boundary**, South Normanton

November

Tue 2: **Royal Oak**, South Normanton

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

Belvoir

September

Tue 13: **Boot and Shoe**, Granby. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm

October

Tue 12: Minbus trip to **Saltby, Barketstone & Bottesford**. Depart Horse & Plough, Bingham 8pm

November

Tue 9: **Greyhound**, Aslockton. Branch Meeting - 8.30pm

December

Tue 14: **Wheatsheaf Xmas Social**, Cropwell Bishop. Chinese Meal. Booking essential

For details contact Martyn or Bridget on 01949 876 479 or bridgetandmartyn@supanet.com

Newark

Branch Meetings start at 8pm

October

Thur 6: **Mayze**, Newark (TBC)

November

Thur 4: **Vine Hotel**, Newark AGM Please make every effort to attend

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Bunkers Hill Reopens

Bunkers Hill reopened on Friday 10th September and anybody familiar with the original décor will not recognise the new. You now enter via a door in the middle of the front wall and you are met by an altogether lighter and brighter venue. There is floor to ceiling wood panelling to the right hand side of the bar whilst the bar is finished in dark wood. Whilst we are on the subject of the bar you will be pleased to see seven hand pulls, one of them a real cider. The offerings on three of the other six pumps will be from local micro breweries. Nottingham Rock Bitter will be a permanent feature whilst on my visit the other two were Mallard Duck and Dive and Titanic White Star. Beers from Kelham Island, Oakham, Hopback, Abbeydale and Nottingham micros will be appearing in the near future. The other three pumps will be sourced from national and regional breweries, Caledonian Deuchers IPA, Bass and Charles Wells Bombardier were present at the time. There will be a brewer of the month event similar to the Lion at Basford.

The furniture is all new and includes a couple of settees if you are looking to relax. The outside features some tables cordoned off from the pavement and the good news as the nights are drawing in, is that there are gas heaters as well.

Food from an interesting menu is available lunchtimes and early evenings and includes baguettes, wraps and a varied selection of main courses. Traditional Sunday lunch is available from 12 till 4pm. There is a wide selection



of coffees including 'speciality coffees' made with your choice of spirit or liqueur. Wines are available by the glass or the bottle.

The function room upstairs has also been refurbished and will host an open mic night on Mondays, live acoustic music on Friday evening and live bands on Saturday evenings. The room is also available for hire and will host the October Nottingham CAMRA branch meeting. Whilst the establishment is owned by Punch the Pub People Company

are running the pub and have overseen the refurbishments and in my opinion they have done a good job, I look forward to another pint there.



The Moulders Arms off Alfreton Road
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CAMRA has launched a bottled beer accreditation scheme and 90% of 'Real Ale in a Bottle' producers back the new campaign. The scheme allows easy identification of a bottle-conditioned beer. All the breweries listed in the CAMRA's Good Bottled Beer Guide are eligible to join the scheme. A logo has been devised and this will appear on bottles.

CAMRA has also published a new edition of the Good Bottled Beer Guide. There are now well over 600 bottled real ales produced in the UK from 143 different breweries and these can be discovered in a wide range of outlets, from supermarkets and corner shop grocers to farmers' markets and craft centres. The guide costs £9.99.

More 'Real Ale in a Bottle' (48) by Andrew Ludlow

A recent visit to East Anglia turned out rather well as I was able to obtain a bottle of Augustinian Ale brewed by the Nethergate Brewery.

The Brewery is located in Clare, Suffolk and has been around since 1986. Currently it provides beer to about 360 outlets and can be found mainly in East Anglia.

Augustinian Ale interested me as it is clearly designed for the American market – even advising that the bottle contains 1Pt 0.9 US fl oz!

Gently pouring the beer into the glass was required as there was evidence of sediment in this real ale in a bottle. The overall effect was good with the beer having a copper/tawny hue and possessing a lasting head.

The beer was clear and immediately the aroma indicated that it would be a rich mixture of fruit and hops. My immediate reaction to the taste was to notice the citrus fruit and the beer had a lemony/coriander flavour which was very pleasing. Sometimes brewers tend to overdo the flavouring but Nethergate had balanced this well and have produced a truly wonderful brew.

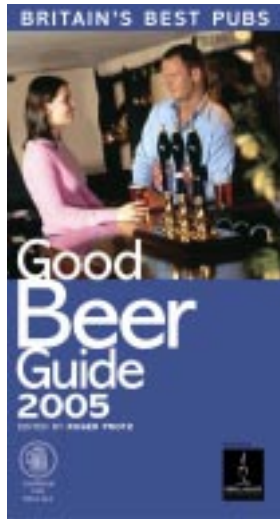
Weighing in at 5.2% ABV, it is truly a strong premium ale and should you see it for sale in either a pub or off license (or perhaps America) it is well worth buying.

Slightly confusing, Nethergate also brew a cask Augustinian Ale but this is different from the bottle conditioned ale and has a 4.5% ABV.

Perhaps the best description for this real ale in a bottle is to say that it is a fine example of a brewer who has

taken the best from both British and Belgian brewing and the result is an inspired quality beer. For more information about Nethergate see their web site www.nethergate.co.uk





Good Beer Guide 2005
 The 32nd edition of the 'Good Beer Guide' has been launched. The CAMRA guide to Britain's 4,500 top real ale pubs is now available in the shops however it will be on sale at £10 at the Nottingham Beer Festival, a saving over the £13.99 cover price. The guide is also available at Branch meetings. This years edition has a full list of CAMRA's National Inventory of Pubs and a special features on small Craft Brewers. There are over a 1000 new pub entries this year and over 60 new breweries.

Look out for a warm up to the Nottingham Beer Festival at the Bell in the Market Square. Just to whet your appetite Brian, landlord of the Bell, will be holding a mini beer festival the weekend before. Whilst it is unlikely that he will get the 350 beers of the Nottingham Festival in the pub his previous festivals have shown that there is always a good choice available. Call into the pub for further details and don't forget, after you've sampled a pint at the Bell you'll be ready for the following week's event running from 21st October through to the 24th October!



Why not advertise in Colour?
Fancy brewing your own beer?

Ever fancied brewing your own beer? Well now's your chance. Courtesy of Castle Rock Brewery and head brewer Pete Wooding you will be able to visit the brewery and help brew the beer under the supervision of Pete. You will start early in the morning as it is a full day following the process from beginning to end. Seven days later you will be invited back to rack off your own 36 pint polypin to take home. To enter the competition is ever so easy, all you have to do is fill in your name on the form below and place it in the collecting box on the Castle Rock bar at the forthcoming Nottingham Beer



Festival. The winner will be drawn from the box at the end of the festival. There are also runners up prizes of two Castle Rock fleeces and four polo shirts.



The recent Melton Mowbray Beer Festival - see page 12 for details



**Erewash Valley
 CamRA 9th Annual
 Beer Festival**



**Friday 19th and Saturday 20th
 November 2004**

Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre,
 Nursery Avenue, SANDIACRE

Friday 6:00pm - 11:00pm
 Saturday 11:00am - 11:00pm
 approx. 35 Beers. Cider. Perries and
 Fruit Wines also available

Hot & Cold Food & Soft Drinks at all sessions
 Music Friday and Saturday evening.
www.erewash-camra.org



Fill in your name and address and place in the box on the Castle Rock Bar at the Nottingham Beer Festival 21st - 24th October 2004

Name _____

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Postcode _____

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