

# NOTTINGHAM DRINKER Top Up



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## Nottingham drinks swimming pool dry

It started off as a sports hall and a swimming pool but by Thursday morning it had been transformed into a beer festival with two halls containing almost as many gallons of beer as gallons of water that had to be drained from the pool. Over the four days, many people came from near and far and by the Sunday we were left with two halls of empty casks.

The selection was as wide as ever, the irritable cellarman being up to his usual standard. He had obtained beer from no less than twenty seven new breweries. Brewers from the local area entered their wares in the regional round of the SIBA Champion Beer competition held at the festival – look out for the results.



The Beer Festival - ready for the first customers



Later - In full swing

If you were a first time visitor and it has given you a taste then keep an eye on the listings in the Drinker, the Top Up and Richard Studeny's column in the Evening Post EG supplement every Friday. Not many festivals are as large but all offer you a selection of the beers that are available from brewers, both small and large. Don't forget the Erewash beer festival on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Friesland Leisure Centre in Sandiacre.

If you missed the Nottingham festival, shame on you, and if you didn't miss it the dates for your Christmas gift diary are Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2005.

## Traditional Yellow to Stay

Good news for the CAMRA and English Heritage Award winning Bell in the Market Square. Sense has prevailed and the yellow painted exterior, likely to have been a feature in the eighteenth century can be retained. The decision of the planning inspectors decision was announced in September following a complaint to Nottingham City Council.

Following the refurbishment in 2002 the Bell has gone from strength to strength. The pub now regularly holds beer festivals (more later) but the selection of beers on the bar at any time is now much wider. Manager Brian Rigby now has a supply arrangement with Burton Bridge for guest ales allowing a greater choice for the customer. He has even started a weekly newsletter – nothing like a bit of competition.



The recent beer festival at the Bell

Much as some of us don't like to think of Christmas there are some things to look forward to... another Bell Beer Festival (see I told you there would be more later). The Christmas festival will be held from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December through to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, easy to remember 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> – 25, Christmas Day again this year. Strangely 25 beers have been promised, all with a Christmas theme, Brian has even promised snow in the Market Square.



# The Bell Inn

[www.thebell-inn.com](http://www.thebell-inn.com)

## Christmas Beer Festival

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

25 beers - 2 ciders - all with a Christmas theme

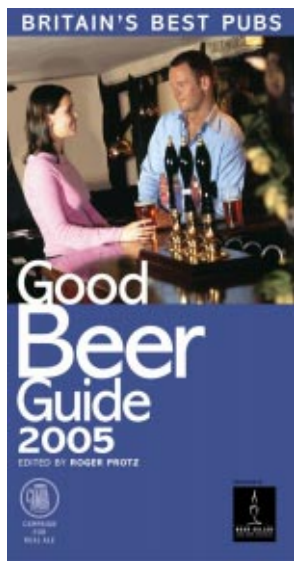
Thursday is race night on a big screen  
Sunday night is Doc Foster

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Nottingham  
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Jazz Festival 14<sup>th</sup> November  
with Terry Lightfoot  
[bjr@brianrigbyfsnet.co.uk](mailto:bjr@brianrigbyfsnet.co.uk)



The Good Beer Guide 2005 is now available. It has a great advantage at this time of year, it is easily wrapped as a Christmas present

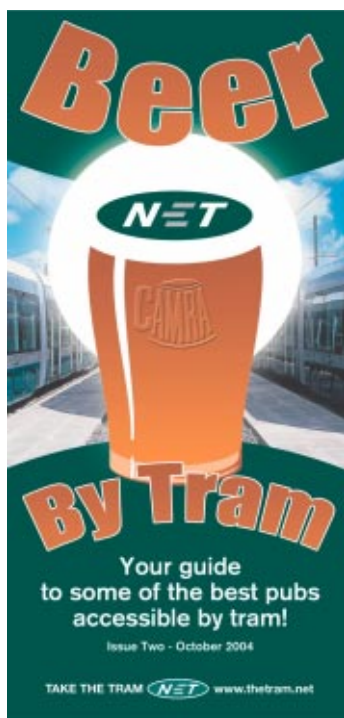


– much easier than that bubble bath you bought last year! It is the guide you will need to find the pubs serving the best beer around the country. The guide is available in all good bookshops and from CAMRA. You could even pick one up at the November branch meeting, at the Grosvenor, Mansfield Road, for the bargain price of £9.

Save time compiling lists, buy everyone a GBG05. Word of warning though – if they are a CAMRA member they have probably got a copy. CAMRA members can obtain the guide for the even better bargain price of £8.50 if they subscribe by Direct Debit. Bubble bath it is for CAMRA members then – at least it hides my beer belly!

## Drinker gains colour

You will have noticed that both the Top Up and the Drinker have gone colour. Hopefully you will all like the change and the photographs look so much better and now you can see that the Bell really is yellow! This also allows us to offer adverts in colour. If you are interested then please contact me on 0115 9673047 or [drinker@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto:drinker@nottinghamcamra.org) for details



## More Beer by Tram

To coincide with the beer festival the second edition of 'Beer by Tram' has been published. The first print run of 20,000 left the NET depot even quicker than the new trams. There has been such demand that a reprint was inevitable so if you missed out the first time round look out for the new edition, it will be available in pubs along the tram route and at the Tourist Information centre.



## Food and Drink finds Melton Mowbray

Good beer, how about some good food and perhaps some other good drinks? So thought the organisers of the first East Midlands Food and Drink Festival, held at the Melton Mowbray market in early October. To help promote the good beer CAMRA had a stall staffed by the local branches including the newly formed Melton Mowbray sub branch. Beers from local brewers Parish and Brewsters were available on the stall, both to sample and purchase. Colin Brown of Belvoir Brewery also had a stand and his Melton Red bottled beer was selling fast.

Luckily there was time to wander around the show to see the other stands and sample some of the food. For a first event it was very successful, so if you like food and drink look out for next year's event. Can't wait that long? Fortunately you don't have to. The BBC Good Food and Drink show is held every year at the NEC in Birmingham. This year's event runs from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There is plenty for everyone and CAMRA will have a stand. The beer pavilion has a wide selection and the temptation is to buy too much to carry home! More details on [www.bbcgoodfoodshow.co.uk](http://www.bbcgoodfoodshow.co.uk)



National Pubs Week  
2005  
19th to 26th February

Look out for  
events happening  
in local pubs



## TRICK OR TREAT



You're spoilt for choice this Halloween. You could wait in for the Trick or Treaters or you could go out and find your own Treat in the shape of a beer festival.

The Plough in Radford is holding a festival from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October with 36 beers, many of them new brews. Themed food and prizes for Halloween fancy dress will accompany the beer. The Johnson Arms in Dunkirk is also having a festival, from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October through until Halloween Sunday. There is live music on Thursday evening and an open mic on Saturday evening. A souvenir glass with the Nottingham Brewery logo on is available from both festivals.

Further north on the Robin Hood Line the Mallard at Worksop railway station is having an 'Ale'oween festival on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Expect around 18 beers including some new brews.



## QMC FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser for Nottingham Queens Medical Centre Cancer Surgical Departments has been organised and one of the donations is a barrel of beer from the Nottingham Brewery in Radford. The event is to be held at the Victory Club on Station Road at Beeston on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Entertainment will be provided by the Stapleford Big Band, Sinatra Darren & Sammy Davis, the Johnny Johnstone Quintet and comedian A J Hammo. There is no admission charge however the idea is to collect donations on the day. Further details from Eric Wood on 0115 9229188.

## apologies - 5 letters

For those of you who have been trying to fit the Drinker edition 64 crossword answers into the key-word boxes and having difficulty, here is the reason why. Your editor used the keyword box from the previous edition instead of replacing it with the correct one - sorry. Below is the correct set of boxes.

A1	C1	E2	K6	I7	O8	J13	C15	G15



# The PLOUGH INN at Radford

**Halloween Beer Festival**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
**36 Beers, many new brews**  
**Festive menu, live music**



**17 St Peters Street 0115 9422649**  
**Pink line buses from Parliament St**

### Information

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For comments, complaints or objections about pub alterations etc, or if you wish to inspect plans for proposed pub developments contact the local authority planning departments. Nottingham City's is at Exchange Buildings, Smithy Row, Nottingham.

If you wish to complain about deceptive advertising, eg passing nitro-keg smooth flow beer off as real ale, pubs displaying signs suggesting real ales are on sale or guest beers are available, when in fact they are not, contact: Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN

#### Next Nottingham Drinker

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# NOTTINGHAM AND AREA CAMRA BRANCH DIARY DATES

## Nottingham

### Trips and Socials

#### November

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

Sat 13: Historic pubs of Nottinghamshire - Peterborough CAMRA trip. Meet at the Bell, Market Square at 9.45

Mon 29: **Moot Hall**, Carlton Road. Presentation of Pub of Excellence Award. 7.30pm onwards

#### December

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

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

Book with Ray Kirby on 0115 929 7896 or by email to [raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto:raykirby@nottinghamcamra.org) CAMRA cards must be shown for £2 discount offered on some trips.

### Branch Meetings

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

#### 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

#### November

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

#### December

Thur 9: **Rose of England**, Mansfield Road. Including presentation of Best Mild Trail Display

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



Look out for all the Cask Marque listed pubs in the local area - see the next Nottingham Drinker

Your next edition of the Nottingham Drinker is published on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Highlights include details of the winners of the SIBA competition held at the Nottingham Beer Festival. Travelling to Tunisia? Gazza reports on the beer. Plus the usuals, Spyke's PUBLIC Transport, Bottled Beer, Ray's Round - and now in colour! Want to see your name in lights? Send your contributions to [drinker@nottinghamcamra.org](mailto:drinker@nottinghamcamra.org)

## Beer Festivals

Wed 27 Oct - Sun 31: **Johnson Arms Halloween Beer Festival**, Abbey Street, Dunkirk, Minimum of 14 beers over the festival duration, open all day, live music Thursday.

#### The Radford - Lenton Link

Fri 29 Oct - Sun 31: **Plough Halloween Beer Festival**, St Peters Street, Radford, Approx 36 beers inc some new ones, live music on Saturday evening, special festival menu available, open all day.

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

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

Thur 4 - Sat 6 Nov: **The Alfred Beer Festival**, 51 Derby Street, Burton on Trent

Thur 11 Nov - Sat 13: **West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival**, 276 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford. Next to the fire station - Bus No 10. 22 beers, free entry, info at [www.wbhockey.co.uk](http://www.wbhockey.co.uk)

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.

Fri 26 Nov - Sun 28: **Ilford Beer Festival**, Station Road, Ilkeston. 15 beers, cider and belgium bottled beers. open all day.

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

Fri 4 Feb - Sun 6: **Ashfield Beer Festival**, Festival Hall, Hodgkinson Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, 5 mins to Rail Station, 50 beers, cider, perry & fruit wines, entertainment Fri/Sat evenings, food. Open 11-6 & 6-11 Fri, 11-6 & 7-11 Sat, 12-2 Sun Note Ticket sales for Sat Eve - £6 on the door

Wed 9 Feb - Sat 12: **Derby Winter Beer Festival**, Assembly Rooms, 80+ beers, ciders, bottled beers, live music

Thur 17 Mar - Sat 19: **Leicester Beer Festival**, Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way, nr St Margaret's church (5 mins bus stn, 15 mins Rail stn), 100 beers, ciders, Indian & English food available Open 11-11 Thur, Fri & Sat.

## Erewash

#### October

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 different 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](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

## Bully Bully

The Horse & Groom, Basford, recently had a packed house when they held a charity Blind Darts Marathon, where both sighted and non or partially sighted teams challenged each other. The sighted throwers were blindfolded in order to balance the odds, and over £200 was raised on the night for Guide Dogs for the Blind, the pubs adopted charity. It is hoped that the event will be repeated again soon.



Casks ready for action at the Nottingham Beer Festival

## 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

For further details please contact Terry, Festival Organiser 0115 9171076  
[www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)