

Nottingham CAMRA Timeline

So, what has happened in the years since CAMRA and its Nottingham Branch was formed?

Year	Events
1971	On the 16th of March, Michael Hardman, Graham Lees, Jim Makin and Bill Mellor formed the Campaign for Real Ale. Somewhat ironically the organisation's birth took place in Kruger's Bar , Dunquin in the Dingle Peninsula of the Irish Republic. ¹
1972	Hardy's Kimberley Brewery Limited changes its name to Hardys & Hansons Limited, despite having merged with Hansons Limited in 1930. ¹² <i>The Victoria Centre shopping centre is completed by Taylor Woodrow on the site of the old Victoria Railway Station, demolished in 1967.</i> ²⁰
1973	The Nottingham Branch of CAMRA was formed on the 15th August at the Newcastle Arms in Basford. A Branch Committee was agreed upon and a vote held as to whether or not cheese sandwiches should be served at the next meeting..... ² <i>Notts County FC finish the 1972-73 season as Third Division Runners Up and are promoted to Division Two.</i> ⁴
1974	CAMRA publishes the first edition of the "Good Beer Guide". ²⁴
1975	<i>Brian Clough becomes manager of Nottingham Forest F.C. on the 5th January, 12 weeks after his 44-day tenure at Leeds United.</i>
1976	Nottingham CAMRA launches its first branch magazine, the Notts & Derby Drinker under the editorial leadership of Spyke Golding. ⁹ <i>Peter Taylor joins Nottingham Forest as Assistant Manager and the club wins the Anglo-Scottish Cup, beating Orient 5-1 on aggregate.</i>
1977	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the Silver Jubilee Beer Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre Thursday, 13th October to Sunday 16th October 1977. ⁸ Graham Smith becomes editor of the Notts & Derby Drinker . ⁹ The real ale retailer, "Tynemill", was formed by former national CAMRA Chairman, Chris Holmes, with the acquisition of the Old King's Arms in Newark. ³ The Brewhouse Yard cottages restored and converted into a museum.
1978	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the Guy Fawkes Beer Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre, Thursday 2nd November to Sunday 5th November 1978. ⁸ James Shipstone & Sons acquired by Greenalls of Warrington.
1979	Leicester-based Everards had brewed in Burton-upon-Trent since 1893 and seeks to move production to their home city. Everards buys 54 hectares at Grove Farm, Leicester for development as a new brewery. <i>Nottingham Forest F.C. wins the 1979 European Cup final, beating Malmo 1-0.</i>
1980	Mansfield Brewery acquires the jam manufacturer T.W. Beach as part of its Mandora soft drinks division. ⁷ Whitbread & Co Ltd opens the home brew house Fellows, Morton & Clayton , which uses a malt extract plant and is named for the canal freight company in whose former offices it is located. ¹² Rock City music venue opens. <i>Nottingham Forest F.C. wins the 1980 European Cup Final, beating</i>

	<i>Hamburg 1-0. Players and officials from the ice hockey team the Sheffield Lancers relocated to Nottingham and reformed the Panthers, a team which had previously operated between 1954 and 1960.</i>
1981	<i>Notts County F.C. promoted to the First Division at the start of the 1981-82 season.⁴ Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the County Championship.¹⁵</i>
1982	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the Nottingham Real Ale Oktoberfest at the Victoria Leisure Centre, Thursday 28th October to Sunday 31st October 1982. ⁸ The last issue of the Notts & Derby Drinker is produced in late autumn. ⁹ Mansfield Brewery reintroduces cask ale production after a break of 10-years. ⁵
1983	The first issue of the new Nottingham CAMRA branch magazine, the Notts & District Drinker , is produced under editor Graham Smith. ¹⁰
1984	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the 8th Nottingham Beer Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre in Sneinton Market.
1985	Nigel Lawson MP opened Everards Castle Acres Brewery, Leicester on the 29th March. Mansfield Brewery acquires North Country Breweries of Humberside (formerly Hull Brewery) for £42m, acquiring 212 tied houses as part of the deal. ⁶ <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the County Championship.¹⁵</i>
1986	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the 10th Anniversary Beer Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre. ⁸ Home Ales, Daybrook, sold to Scottish & Newcastle and re-branded as Home Brewery.
1987	Shipstone becomes the main shirt sponsor for Nottingham Forest F.C. and Home Brewery become sponsors of Notts County F.C.shirts. ²³ Mansfield Brewery has an estate of 420 tied pubs. ⁶ <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club wins the NatWest Trophy (60 over).¹⁵</i>
1988	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the 1988 Nottingham Real Ale Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre in Sneinton Market. The special festival ale is Kangaroo XXXXXXXXX with an original gravity of 1065, the name no doubt to cock a snook at the contemporary popularity of Australian-style lagers.
1989	John Westlake joins Graham Smith as co-editor of the Notts & District Drinker . ¹⁰ UK-brewed and imported lager accounts for around 75% of the beer consumed in the UK. ¹⁴ <i>Kegworth Air Disaster in which 47 passengers die and 74 are seriously injured in an emergency landing at East Midlands Airport.²² Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the Benson & Hedges Cup (55 over).¹⁵</i>
1990	Greenalls announce they are to cease brewing activities and become a retailer only. The "Guinness Four" (Ernest Saunders, Jack Lyons, Anthony Parnes and Gerald Ronson) were convicted of conspiracy to defraud, false accounting and theft in the rigging of the Guinness share price.
1991	Greenalls ceases brewing activities at Shipstone's Star Brewery in Basford after 139 years, though some Shipstone brand production was shifted to Burton on Trent. Ernest Saunders, known to Guinness colleagues a "Deadly Ernest" for his ruthless cost-cutting, was released from prison after serving only 10 months (of a

	30 month sentence) in the belief he was suffering from the incurable Alzheimer's Disease. Saunders subsequently made a full recovery.....
1992	The last edition of the branch magazine the Notts & District Drinker is published ¹⁰ and is followed by the first edition of the Nottingham Drinker . ¹¹ <i>Trent Polytechnic becomes Nottingham Trent University.</i>
1993	<i>Galleries of Justice Museum opened at the old Shire Hall and County Gaol.</i>
1994	Bert Hennessey becomes editor of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 2). ¹¹ Shipstone ceases to be the main shirt sponsor for Nottingham Forest F.C.
1995	Richard Studeney becomes editor of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 6). ¹¹ The Mallard Brewery of Carlton commences production under Phil Mallard. <i>Notts County win the Anglo-Italian cup at Wembley.</i>
1996	Scottish & Newcastle closes Home Brewery. Home Brewery ceases to sponsor Notts County F.C.shirts. ²³ Fiddler's Ales begins brewing in an extension to the Fox & Crown , Old Basford. ¹² The Bramcote Brewery begins production at Derby Road, Bramcote. ¹²
1997	Castle Rock Brewery established as a partnership between the now defunct Bramcote Brewery and the pubco Tynemill. ³ Production moves to the Meadows in Nottingham.Tynemill has an estate of 12 pubs. ¹² The Caythorpe Brewery opens in premises to the rear of but independent from the Black Horse Inn at Caythorpe. ¹² The Red Shed Brewery starts brewing in Kimberley. <i>The Victoria Centre is extended to provide more retail space and allow the addition of a new anchor, House of Fraser. Following this the rest of the centre is refurbished.</i> ²⁰
1998	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the 1998 Nottingham Beer Festival at the Victoria Leisure Centre in Sneinton Market. On offer were some 331 real ales produced by 65 brewers with around 20 real ciders. The festival theme was a protest against the "Beer Tax Rip-off"!
1999	Local pub-going character and branch stalwart, Stan "The Man" Peterson dies. ⁸ Mansfield Brewery acquired by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. ¹² In February, Everards Brewery (Leicester) celebrated its 150 anniversary with a visit from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The Alcazar Brewery takes over Fiddler's Ales premises at the Fox & Crown in Old Basford. ¹²
2000	Holland Brewery began brewing on Brewery Street, Kimberley. ¹² <i>The National Ice Centre skating rink opens.</i>
2001	David Mason becomes editor of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 44). ¹¹ The Nottingham Brewery Company Limited begins brewing at the Plough in Radford with some plant from the former Ford & Firkin in Romford. ¹⁷ Mansfield Brewery branded beer production ceases in Mansfield and transferred to the Park Brewery in Wolverhampton. ¹⁷ <i>The "Sky Mirror" sculpture by Anish Kapoor is unveiled outside Nottingham Playhouse.</i>
2002	Chancellor Gordon Brown introduces Progressive Beer Duty, taxing smaller

	breweries at a lower rate than the larger breweries then dominating the market. Small Breweries Relief also introduced a reduced rate of duty to brewers producing less than 60,000HL per year. ¹⁴
2003	Mansfield Brewery site acquired by Mansfield Land Developments. ⁵ The Full Mash Brewery commenced production in Stapleford. ¹²
2004	Adrian Redgrove appointed Castle Rock Brewer. ³ <i>Nottingham's trams begin running.</i>
2005	<i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the County Championship.</i> ¹⁵
2006	Greene King acquires Hardy's & Hansons Brewery, Kimberley, which ceases brewing in the December of that year. Magpie Brewery opened in June on Aisling Street, Nottingham. ¹² CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival moves to Earls Court, London. ¹
2007	CAMRA holds the 30th Great British Beer Festival. ¹ Nottingham CAMRA hosts the Nottingham Beer Festival 2007, the last to be held at the Victoria Leisure Centre from Thursday 18th October to Sunday 21st October 2007. ⁸ Spyke Golding becomes the editor of the Nottingham Drinker (No.82). ¹¹ The Health Act 2006 introduced the smoking ban in all enclosed workplaces in England came into force in 1st July 2007. The ban hits traditional "wet-led" pubs particularly hard. ¹⁴
2008	Nottingham CAMRA's Steve Westby wins CAMRA's Real Ale Campaigner of the Year Award for promoting the LocAle concept which is adopted by CAMRA nationally. The Nottingham Real Ale Festival relocates from the Victoria Leisure Centre to Nottingham Castle, running from Thursday 9th October to Sunday 12th October. ⁸ Brewing at the Fellows, Morton & Clayton ceases, with their beers being brewed at The Nottingham Brewery for a short while afterwards. ¹² Blue Monkey Brewery established in Ilkeston. Chancellor Alastair Darling introduced the Beer Duty Escalator, which saw the price of a pint rise 2% above inflation every year. By 2013, this was seen as a 42% tax hike - almost 10 times what others in the EU paid. ¹⁴
2009	CAMRA national membership reaches 100,000. ¹
2010	Nottingham CAMRA hosts the Nottingham Real Ale Festival 2010, which runs from Thursday 14th October to Sunday 17th October, the last festival to open on a Sunday. ⁸ Spyke Golding, Branch Chairman and editor of the Nottingham Drinker sadly dies. Ray Blockley becomes editor of the branch magazine (No. 101). ¹¹ Steve Westby becomes Branch Chairman. The UK now has some 800 breweries, with micros increasing at the rate of around 50 per year. ¹⁴ Castle Rock Brewery undergoes expansion to 360 barrels per week. Harvest Pale wins the Supreme Championship Beer of Britain 2010. ² The Flipside Brewery begins brewing in Colwick. ¹² The Mallard Brewery moves from Carlton to Southwell. ¹² Blue Monkey Brewery relocates to new brewery in Giltbrook. Reality Brewery commence brewing on a 2.5 barrel plant in Beeston, relocating nearby to Chilwell a year later. ¹⁷ <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club wins the County Championship.</i> ¹⁵

2011	Nationally, CAMRA membership reaches 130,000. ¹ At the same time CAMRA raises a glass to its 40th birthday. ¹ The Localism Act 2011 creates the “Asset of Community Value”, which may include public houses.
2012	CAMRA mass lobby of Parliament asks MPs to support the scrapping of the Beer Duty Escalator. Over 1,000 people attend and speak directly to their MP. ¹ The Lincoln Green Brewery commences brewing at its site at Wigwam Lane in Hucknall. ¹² Navigation Brewery established at the Trent Navigation Inn on Meadow Lane. ¹² White Dog Brewery at Moorgreen opens. ¹² Holland Brewery of Kimberley ceased production on the sad death of branch member Len Holland. ¹⁷ Medieval Brewery commences brewing in a garage in Bestwood, relocated to farm buildings in Colston Bassett later the same year. ¹⁷
2013	Nottingham CAMRA’s website wins CAMRA’s “Branch Website of the Year Award” under webmeister Dee Wright. The Chancellor announces a 1p cut in duty on a pint of beer, the first cut in duty on beer in 60 years! CAMRA’s 150,000 members celebrate. ¹ White Dog Brewery at Moorgreen closes. ¹² The Wollaton Brewery commences brewing in Radford, the company head office being in Lenton. ¹² A new Shipstone’s-named brewer, Shipstone’s Beer Company Limited, established with beers contract brewed at Belvoir Brewery ¹² . Robin Hood Brewery begins brewing at North Gate Place. ¹² Nomad Brewery start production of bottled beers in a unit at Moorgreen Industrial Park, but closes later the same year. ¹⁷ <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the Yorkshire Bank 40-over competition.</i> ¹⁵
2014	The Government announces a statutory code of practice for the large Pubco’s. ¹ Matt Carlin becomes editor of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 124). ¹¹ The Lenton Lane Brewery began brewing under the name Frontier using equipment left by the Black Iris Brewery (originally the Headless Brewery kit) at the Flowerpot in Derby. ¹² Black Iris brewery relocates to Basford from the former Headless brewery at The Flowerpot, utilising newly installed plant. ¹⁷ The Totally Brewed brewery commences production at the Fruit & Veg. Market at Meadow Lane, using plant from the White Dog Brewery of Moorgreen. ¹² Scribbler’s Ales begins brewing in Stapleford. ¹²
2015	The Government modifies the planning rules to remove permitted development rights from pubs which have been registered as “Assets of Community Value”. The Wollaton Brewery of Lenton ceases brewing. ¹² Medieval Brewery ends production. ¹⁷ The Beeston Hop Brewery begins production. <i>In June the A453 dual-carriageway upgrade between Kegworth and Crusader Island, Clifton was opened and later named Remembrance Way in honour of the 453 British service personnel killed in Afghanistan.</i> ²¹
2016	The Alcazar Brewery ceases brewing. The premises are taken over by Basin City brewing, however due to some technical issues the venture is short lived. The new Shipstone-named business, Shipstone’s Beer Company Limited takes over the brewery premises at the Fox & Crown in Old Basford. ¹² Frontier Brewery moved from Derby to Lenton and changed its name Lenton Lane to avoid copyright infringement re a brand of lager. ¹² The Neon Raptor Brewing Company beginning life as a “cuckoo brewery”, with small scale production at the Stumble Inn in Long Eaton and then at the Black Hole brewery in Burton-upon-Trent. ¹² Good Stuff Brewing begins production at the Abdication in

	Daybrook, Arnold using a 15-gallon mini-brewery at the back of the pub. Acquired from Canada, all brewing processes take place within the same vessel. ¹²
2017	In May, the Government removes permitted development rights for public houses, meaning all redevelopment of pubs will require planning permission. By August, there were 104 pubs registered as Assets of Community Value in the Branch Area. In September, Castle Rock re-opened the Fox & Grapes in Sneinton Market. The branch hosts the last Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival at Nottingham Castle, Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th October. ⁸ The Flipside Brewery becomes a cuckoo brewery. ¹² The Neon Raptor Brewing Company opens its own premises in Sneinton Market. ¹² The Nottingham Brewhouse and Kitchen opens in the former Town Arms on Trent Bridge, part of chain of modern brewpubs. ¹² Liquid Light Brewing Company starts production, based in Sneinton, but much of their output is produced on the plant at Magpie brewery. ¹⁹ Everards cease brewing at Castle Acres, which is to be demolished to make way for a retail park. Everards beers are contract brewed by several brewers including Robinsons, Purity and Joules. <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the Royal London 50-over and the T20 Blast 20-over competitions.</i> ¹⁵
2018	Mark Giles and John Westlake become co-editors of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 148). ¹¹ The branch hosts its Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival at Nottingham Arena, a new venue for the event. Neon Raptor opens a tap room in its Sneinton Market premises. ¹² The Caythorpe Brewery closes upon the retirement of the brewer. ¹² Lazy Bay Brewery establishes a small micro brewery in the Lady Bay area of West Bridgford. ¹⁸
2019	The branch hosts the Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival at Nottingham Arena for the second consecutive year. Fish Key Brewing commenced production at the Woodlark Inn in Lambley, having relocated from Looe in Cornwall. ¹⁷ The Beeston Hop Brewery relocates to Sneinton and the Robin Hood Brewery ceases production.
2020	The Covid-19 pandemic forces massive change on the UK's hospitality industry. Nottingham CAMRA cancels the annual Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival due to be held in October at Nottingham Arena. The April / May edition of the Nottingham Drinker (No. 157) is the last produced in the year and this is a pdf-only release with no hardcopy production. <i>Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club win the T20 Blast 20-over competition.</i> ¹⁵
2021	Everards new brewery is scheduled to open at "Everards Meadows" on the other side of Soar Valley Way to Castle Acres. The new brewery will also feature offices, a shop, a pub and a restaurant.

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