



Nottingham Beer & Cider Festival update from CAMRA - July 2018

Nottingham's Outdoor Beer Festival!

Yes, you read that right, our beer festival is again this year mostly outside. It is at the Motorpoint Arena, but this is the Arena as you will have never seen it before. It is true that some of the bars will be on the ice (covered and insulated!), but this area leads directly to the outside Backstage beer Garden, where one of two stages will be located.

There are in fact two large outdoor areas, the Backstage Beer Garden, with brewery bars, food and other stalls and live music, and the Bolero Square village which also offers bars, stalls and live music! Both with areas where you are free to smoke or vape if you so wish.

We also have a Cider Barn, just off the ice, in another area you will not have seen before. This will offer our usual large selection of ciders and perries plus seating. "How many beers will you have?" is a common question every year. Well we don't know for sure yet, but it will certainly be over a thousand different real ales. This is of course more draught real ales than any other beer festival in the world!

The amount of live music will virtually double this year as it will be featured in both the Backstage Beer Garden and the Bolero Square village. This should mean non-stop music all day every day at one or other of the two locations, timed so that the two don't clash.

For the first time we also have what some might term a "craft beer" bar, unusual and rare beers served from a tap that is connected to a keykeg, like many of the beers found at the recent Nottingham Craft Beer Festival. A keykeg is a plastic container with a flexible bag inside containing real ale. The beer is served by forcing compressed air between the inside of the container and the bag, which squeezes the bag and forces the beer to the bar. We already have a range of rare keykeg beers lined up, some of which have never been seen in the city before.

Ok, it is not the Castle, that is now closed for a few years, but we are determined to make it as enjoyable and entertaining as always. For more information, visit <http://beerfestival.nottinghamcamra.org/>