Real ale festival comes to Edinburgh

Real ales in a pub setting. This was taken in the CAMRA award-winning Grey Horse in Balerno. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Joe Crawford promises a showcase for 170 Scottish real ales, cider and perry when the 2018 Scottish Real Ale Festival comes to Edinburgh in July.

It's at The Corn Exchange, Slateford, from Thursday, July 5 to Saturday, July 7 from noon until 10,.30pm. The Saturday session closes at 9.30pm.

Nicholson's are the principal sponsor of the event run by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Admission is £6 (£4 for CAMRA members) and Joe explained that the venue is easy to reach by train — one stop from Haymarket Station — or by a 4, 20, 34, 44 or 300 bus.

Get off at the busy ASDA bus stop at the foot of the stairs leading from Slateford Station and it is a short walk.

There will be traditional Scottish pub food but no

entertainment. The organisers consider festivalgoers want to savour their beer and chat rather than have a band.

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