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Welcome to this months edition of "In the Sticks"

Beer and Pub News

Last month saw a new milestone for "In the Sticks" as a limited edition were produced in colour, this month sees the possibility to receive your copy electronically. If you would like to take up this option please e-mail Billy One Mate on

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Regular guest beers continue to appear at Leadmill's **Old Stables Bar** in **Denby** and the **Old Oak** in **Horsley Woodhouse**.

Forth coming attractions include Three Rivers Manchester IPA 4.2%, Breconshire Discovery 4.5%, Loddon Hornets Nest 4.3%, Northern Brewing Co Spellbinder 4.1% and Outlaw Brewing Co Stars & Stripes 4.3%.

The **George Inn** at **Ripley** is becoming a regular outlet Leadmill's beer.

Mick and Jill of the **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** will be holding their first beer festival between the 10th and 12th of September.

At **Ye Olde Packhorse** in **Kings Newton** on the 22nd May were two "regular" real ales, Burtonwood Bitter 3.7% at £2.15 a pint and Burtonwood Top Hat Premium Bitter 4.8% at £2.25 a pint.

May's "Guest" was Wadworth 6X 4.3% at £2.25 a pint with the "guest" for June being York Yorkshire Terrier 4.2% at £2.25 a pint.

The next beer festival at the **Hollybush Makeney** is penciled in for the end of October this year-we will bring you the exact dates to when known.

On their preview evening on the 3rd of June, and prior to the official opening the day after at The **Old Poets Corner** in **Ashover**, Kim and Jackie had seven real ales available including two "House" beers Tower Old Poets Ale 4.0% and Leatherbritches Ashover Gold 3.6%, with "Guests" Leatherbritches Hairy Helmet 4.7%, Weatheroak Redwood 4.7%, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6.0% and two from the jug namely Marstons Pedigree 4.5% and Green King Abbot Ale 5.0%.

Mild is still alive and kicking as a regular at two of **Belper's** pubs. A visit to The **Imperial Vaults** on the 5th June saw M & B Mild 3.1% at £1.95 a pint along with other regular Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.25 and Adnams Broadside 4.7% at £2.30 as the "Guest".

On the same evening The **Cross Keys** had Bateman's Dark Mild 3.0% at £1.90 together with XB 3.7% at £2.00, XXXB 4.8% at £2.15, Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.20 and one guest Bateman's PortuGoal 4.0% at £2.10 a pint.

The **Lord Nelson** had regular Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at £2.10 with two guests Brunswick Old Accidental 5.0% at £2.10 and Jennings Crag Rat 4.3% at £2.10 a pint.

Jonathan, one of the proprietors, told me he was looking to hold a beer festival in late August or early September this year. Watch this space for further details.

Across the road in the **George and Dragon** were two-guest beers Fullers London Pride 4.1% at £2.30 a pint and Hop Back Crop Circle 4.2% also at £2.30 a pint with Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at £2.30 and Tetley Bitter 3.7% at £2.10 as the regulars.

The **Black Swan** in **Belper Market place** is closed until late July early August for refurbishment.

Alterations have been made to the entrance hall of the **White Swan Belper**, which now means you can get to the bar quicker!

The next beer festival at the **Queens Head Belper** is penciled in for the mid to end of November.

Real Ale is available at all the pubs on the main A6 Bridge Street Belper.

The **Eagle Tavern** in **Heage** will see a change of licensee on the 28th of June when Brian and Kim, formerly of Great Yarmouth, take over from Lorraine Scott.

The **Boat Inn** in **Cromford** is holding an "Ale-Ympics" beer festival between the 18th and 20th of June with 12 Real Ales and 2 Ciders on offer.

You soon may be able to enjoy bottled beer from Kelham Island on the train if a two-week trial by Midland Mainline is successful. Pale Rider 5.2% will be available at the mm's bar on board Midland Mainline's trains and in the Café at Chesterfield rail station.

Brewery News

On Saturday 29th May the **John Thomson Inn, Ingleby** had J.T.S. XXX 4.1% at £1.90/pint and J.T.S. Summer Gold 4.5% at £1.90 a pint with Ind Coopes' Burton Ale 4.6% at £2.20 a pint as the "guest".

Beers from **Falstaff** have been available at a number of local beer festivals recently including Fist Full of Hops 4.5%, High Society Mild 4.3% and Smiling Assassin 5.2% at **Barrow Hill**, The Good the Bad and The Drunk 6.2% at The **Wheel Inn Holbrook** and the **White Post Stanley Common Mini Beer Festival** with 3 Faze 3.8% and Phoenix 4.7% at the **Boundary's** 1st beer festival in **South Normanton**.

Leatherbritches, Bentley Brook Inn had no less than twelve of their own beers on during their 10th Annual Booze and Blues festival over the May Bank Holiday including two milds namely Festival Mild 4.4% and Almond Mild 4.2%.

Both **Leatherbritches** and **Tower** breweries are producing "House" beers for Kim and Jackie Beresford's pub the **Old Poets Inn Ashover**.

The beers are Leatherbritches Ashover Gold 3.6% and Tower Old Poets Ale 4.0%.

Leadmill have increased the size of their brewing plant from 2.5 to 4.5 barrels, thereby doubling their weekly capacity from 8 to 16 barrels.

Word on the street is that an approach has been made by two enterprising Rolls-Royce employees to purchase the redundant plant with a view to setting up a microbrewery on a part time basis in Chellaston.

The latest addition to the Leadmill's portfolio is a light coloured beer called UXB (Unknown Experimental Beer), which has an ABV of 4.2%.

Leadmill are about to launch their own website, details to follow at a later date.

Tower has brewed a new Stout called Man in the Middle with an ABV of 4.5% and is reported to be selling well further details to follow.

Visit reports

Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival Friday 21st May.

After a few last frantic phone calls and text messages earlier in the week all was ready and the day had finally arrived for our trip to Barrow Hill and the "Most atmospheric beer festival of the year".

Charisma had sorted a 51-seater bus, which was more than ample for our good friends from Derby CAMRA and ourselves.

We set off from the Council House in Derby around 6.30pm picking up at various points including The **Old Oak** in **Horsley Woodhouse** and the Market Place in Ripley.

It was then onto the M1, past Chesterfield until junction 30 where the invaluable skills of our navigator Big C once again came in to play.

We arrived at Barrow Hill around 7.45pm and headed straight for the roundhouse to view the impressive selection of Real Ales, Ciders, fruit wines and continental beers on offer.

Complimenting the beers were the railway centre's fine collection of steam, diesel and electric locomotives, which were on display in this grade 2, listed building. A Class 6P Steam locomotive No 45593 "Kolhapur" provided an interesting backdrop to the beers.

We were entertained by "Crossfire" the classic rock band, whose lead singer Kim Beresford, will be taking over the **Old Poet's Corner** (formerly the **Red Lion**) in **Ashover** on the 4th of June, and the music was that good that some were even dancing in front of the stage by the end of the night.

The time seemed to fly by and before we knew it was time to climb back on the bus again for the return trip home after what proved to be a most enjoyable evening of good beer, good company and trains Heaven!

To learn more about Barrow Hill roundhouse visit

www.barrowhill.org.uk

Out and about with **Charisma & Billy**.

Ashover Saturday 29th May.

On arrival into **Ashover** from Belper we visited our first pub The **Old Red** (soon to become **The Old Poets Corner**) where four real ales were on offer including three from Leatherbritches Ginger Helmet 4.7%, Goldings 3.6% and Old Red W.S.L (While Stocks Last) 5.2% and Timothy Taylors Landlord 4.3%. We then walked up the hill towards the Church to The **Crispin Inn** where Mansfield's Bitter 3.9% at £1.94 per pint and Marstons Pedigree 4.5% were on offer.

Next we visited the **Black Swan** where to our surprise no fewer than six real ales were available including Marstons Pedigree 4.5%, Theakstons Old Peculiar 5.7% at £2.40 a pint, Black Sheep Best Bitter 3.8%, Green King Abbot Ale 5.0%, Tetley's Bitter 3.7% and Morland Old Speckled Hen 5.2%.

To make the trip complete we visited **The Nettles Inn**, which is just up the road from Ashover village where, Hardy and Hanson's Kimberley Bitter 3.9%, Original Gravity 4.1% at £2.37 a pint and Olde Trip 4.3% were available.

A pleasant evening at a sedate pace.

Regular real ales on at the **Seven Wells**, Heage Lane, **Etwall**, on Saturday 12th June were Hardy & Hanson's Olde Trip 4.3% at £2.09 a pint and Kimberley Bitter 3.9% at £1.99 a pint.

The guest currently available is Hardy & Hanson's Original Gravity 4.1% at £2.08 a pint.

Guest beers are available for 4 weeks with the next one being Hardy & Hanson's Vintage 1832 ABV 4.6% at £2.08 a pint.

Visit reports continued...

Draycott Friday 28th May.

(Apparently by the cast of Only Fools and Horses)?

We decided to work East to West so our first stop was the **Olympic** where there where one real ale available, Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.26 a pint, and was in good order.

Just around the corner is the **Coach and Horses** (a pub with a bit more character) where along with Theakstons Old Peculiar 5.7% and Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.20 a pint was one guest beer Fullers London Pride 4.1% at £2.10 a pint, which was well kept.

Just along the road was the next stop on our route the **Victoria** where a low-beamed ceiling, lower in some places than others gave the place an air of distinction. The real ales available here were Marstons Bitter 3.8% at £2.16 a pint Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 a pint and a guest St Austell Tribute 4.2% at £2.10 a pint.

Just off the main road was our next port of call the **Rose and Crown**; here the real ales on offer were Draught Bass 4.4% and Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at £2.20 a pint (we had to settle for the bass because the Abbot was off).

It was then back on to the main road for our last stop the **Travelers Rest** where the choice was Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.24 a pint and our choice Mansfield's Cask Ale 3.9% at £2.15 a pint.

Snippets

Dave Tizard, of the Funfair Brewing Company at the **Wheel Inn Holbrook**, is reported to be experimenting with a new brew with an ABV between 5.0% & 6.0%. Watch this space for further details.

Heage Saturday 05th June.

Charisma was away on International duty or something like that so it was up to yours truly to carry out this survey trip to Heage.

My plan of attack was to catch Trent Bus R63 from Belper, which stopped conveniently opposite my first pub The **Windmill Inn** on Park Lane.

Here two real ales were on offer Draught Bass 4.4% as the regular with Timothy Taylors Landlord 4.3% at £2.10 a pint as the guest.

It was then a short walk down Parkside to The **Tollgate** to sample the one real ale Hardy & Hanson's Vintage 1832 4.6% at £1.98.

Chatting to one of the locals I learned of a short cut to my next pub the **Black Boy** on Old Road.

Here two regular real ales were available including Marstons Pedigree 4.5% and Adnams Bitter 3.7% at £2.20 a pint.

Then another short walk up the hill on Tenter Lane to the **White Hart Inn**.

Four real ales were available including the three regulars Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.25, Adnams Broadside 4.4% at £2.30 and Courage Directors 4.8% at £2.25 with guest Black Sheep Best Bitter 3.8% at £2.25 a pint.

Finally continuing a short distance down Eagle Street to the **Eagle Tavern** where the two regular real ales were available these being Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at 2.15 a pint and Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.15 a pint.

In summary of the pubs visited all five served regular real ales with two out of the five serving guest ales.

It was then back on the R63 to Beaufrepaire.

Finally forthcoming attractions, but in no particular order of appearance, at the **Thorn Tree Belper** are: -

Acorn Summer Pale 4.1%.

Archer's Silver Train 4.2%, Celebration Ale 4.5%, 3.7%, Merry Go Round, 4.1%, Golden Train 4.5% and Golden 4.7%.

Cottage Champflower Ale 4.2%, Golden Arrow 4.5% and Normans Conquest MM 5.0%.

Rudgate Special 4.5%, Brunhilda's Reserve 4.6%, Northern Brewer 4.3% and Well Blathered 5.0%.

Church End What the fox's Hat 4.2% and Classic Gold 4.5%.

Forthcoming attractions for the remainder of June, but in no particular order of appearance, at the **Cross Keys Belper** are: -

Abbeydale Alchemy 4.2%.

Burton Bridge Bitter 4.2%, Highwood Bomber County 4.8% and Woods Summer That 3.9%.

Stop Press!

The **Old Stables Bar Denby** has been prestigiously awarded Derbyshire pub of the year by CAMRA. The pub beat off stiff competition from three other candidates namely the **Arkwright Arms** at **Sutton Cum Duckmanton**, the **Dewdrop** in **Ilkeston** and the **Royal Oak** at **Caldwell**. Congratulations go to Richard his family and all the team at Leadmill.

Leadmill's third pub, the **King William** in **Milford**, opened its doors to the public again at 6 o'clock on the 14th June with a wide range of its beers plus two guests on offer.

On hand pumps were Leadmill Marehay Mild 3.6%, UXB 4.2%, Old Mottled Cock 4.2% and Rampage 5.1% 3 Rivers Manchester IPA 4.2% and Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6.0% all at £2.10 a pint.

Leadmill Apocalypse Now 5.2%, Wild Rover 4.2%, Old Oak Bitter 3.9% and Sidewinder 5.0% were gravity dispensed through, of all things, bath taps! a novel idea indeed.

Forthcoming Trips

Train trip to York on a Saturday for 2nd city centre pub-crawl now July due to our guide the "Gentle Giant" going to Euro 2004! -Date yet to be finalised.

Beer festival Diary

16th to 18th June Devonshire Arms-Burton on Trent.

18th to 20th June The Foresters Arms-Scropton.

18th to 20th June Boat Inn "Ale-Ympics" Beer Festival-Cromford.

23rd to 25th June Real Ale and jazz festival-Rugby Club Litchfield.

25th to 27th June Ashby Court Wood Street-Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

1st to 4th July Fox and Crown 5th Annual Summer Festival-Church Street Old Basford.

2nd to 4 July Ostrich Rock and Blues Beer Festival-Longford.

7th to 11th July Derby Beer Festival-Assembly Rooms Derby.

9th to 11th July Lord Tennyson-North Holme Road Louth.

10th to 11th July Party in the Park-Boston.

10th July Real Ale and music festival Haskin's Farm Camp Site New Road Whatstandwell.

14th to 18th July Beer festival for the Mayor of Dronfiled Charities appeal-Barraks Hotel Apperknowle.

16th July to 1st August Victoria Summer Beer and Music Festival- Dovecote Lane Beeston.

21st to 24th July Ye Olde Dolphin-Derby.

23rd to 24th July Mallard -Worksop Station Worksop.

30th July to 1st August Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem-Castle Road Nottingham.

3rd to 7th August Great British Beer Festival-London Olympia.

13th to 15th August Swan Inn-Milton near Repton.

24th to 29th August Peterborough Beer Festival-The Embankment Bishops Road-Peterborough.

27th to 30th August Bewdley Beer festival-St Georges Hall off Load Street Car Park Bewdley.

28th to 30th August CAMRA Beer festival tent at the Moor Green County Show-Watnall near Nottingham.

10th to 12th September The Thorn Tree-Waingroves.

23rd to 25th September Burton Beer festival-Town Hall Burton on Trent.

30th September to 2nd October 30th Steel City Beer festival-St Philips Social Club Sheffield.

21st to 24th October Nottingham Beer Festival-Victoria Leisure Centre Nottingham.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in the next issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-<mailto:billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk>

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