



# TO PARAD Real Ale Drinkers

*In The Sticks*

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Welcome to this months edition of "In the Sticks"

## Beer and Pub News

Last month saw yet another new milestone for "In the Sticks" as over 650 copies were distributed in the pubs and clubs locally.

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The opening times of **Leadmill's King William** in **Milford** are 5 til 11 pm Monday to Thursday, 4 til 11 pm Friday, 12 til 11 pm Saturday and 12 til 10.30 pm on Sunday.

The next beer festival at the **Hollybush Inn Makeney** is some time in October we will advise the exact dates when known.

If you want to be kept up to date with what's happening at Kim and Jackie Beresford's pub the **Old Poets Inn Ashover** why not log onto their web site on [www.oldpoets.co.uk](http://www.oldpoets.co.uk)

You'll find details of the Real Ale menu with what's currently being served, what's waiting to be tapped and what you have missed together with restaurant and bar menus, directions and opening times.

Rumour has it that the **Liversage Arms** on Nottingham Road **Derby**, which has been closed for some two years, could soon re open again.

Tom and Sue, the landlord and Landlady, of the **Gate Inn Codnor Gate** are celebrating 22 years at the pub, which currently has one regular real ale Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% at £2.06 a pint.



The Royal Oak Mill St Belper

The future of the **Royal Oak** on Mill Street **Belper** is again uncertain, as the pub has been on the market for a number of weeks on a free hold interest basis.

Options include staying as a pub or conversion into a private dwelling. The real ales currently on offer alternate between Draught Bass 4.3% at £2.20 a pint and Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.26 a pint.

Real ale is available at the **Leisure Centre Belper**.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June was regular Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.10 a pint and Titanic Ale Over 4.5% at £2.20 a pint, which somehow seemed appropriate after England's penalty shoot out the previous evening. The guest's are changed on a weekly basis. In Addition to the real ales was Hoegaarden 5.0% at £2.50 a pint.

On the same evening **The Greyhound Belper** had two regular real ales Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% and Fullers London Pride 4.1% both at £2.30 a pint.

**Deano's Bar Jacksdale**, formerly the **Portland**, is due to close at the end of this month for housing development.

The **Thorn Tree** at **Woodlinkin** is set to reopen, after a period of closure and following an extensive refurbishment, as a free house in October this year.

Our best wishes go to Brian and Kim Davies, formerly of Great Yarmouth, who took over as the new licensees of **The Eagle Tavern in Heage** on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

We also wish Lorraine Scott, the out going licensee, good luck in the future.

The **Fox and Hounds** in **Coxbench** no longer serves real ale.

**Moss Cottage Ripley** has been extended and will open, as a 14-room hotel complete with Honeymoon suite and a function room for 50 people, on the 18th July.

The pub currently has Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 as the regular with Harleys XB 4.0% at £2.15 as the guest. Also Landlady Karen Walker has had one beer renamed as Hague Ale 4.0% at £1.95 in memory of one of her regulars who sadly passed away recently.

The **Royal Oak Marehay**, which has been closed since March, could possibly disappear as part of a housing development.

Forthcoming attractions for the remainder of July at the **Cross Keys Belper** are: -Cotliegh Barn Owl 4.5%, West Berkshire Good Old Boy 4.0%, Abbeydale Moonshine 4.3%, Elgood's Mad Dog 4.4%, Abbeydale Wheat Beer 4.5% and Highwood Summer Days 4.4%.

## Brewery News

### Falstaff-Normanton.

Following on from their Spaghetti Western theme of beers Falstaff are set to brew a range of beers "muted" to be with a "Carry On" theme.

Falstaff brewed a "festival special" called Radiator at 5.5% for Derby CAMRA's Rolls meets Royce beer festival.

### Leatherbritches-Fenny Bentley

have acquired additional plant from another brewery, which will enable them to increase their brewing capacity from 2.5 to 20 barrels, thereby upping their weekly output from 30 to 120 barrels.

**Leadmill's** latest beer is called Strawberry Blonde 4.3%.

**Leadmill** are soon to replace pins with "Beer in a box" in 18 and 36-pint containers which are suitable for private functions. The move has become necessary, as some of the pins are not being returned after use.

Changes at **Leadmill's King William** in **Milford** will see stillages, for gravity-dispensed beers, doubled and a new cooler installed in the Cellar. Also a Cider from Thatcher's on hand pump is planned. Long-term plans are to have most of the beers gravity dispensed along side the usual hand pumps.

Forthcoming attractions at **Leadmill's Old Stables Bar** in **Denby** the **Old Oak** in **Horsley Woodhouse** and the **King William** in **Milford** include Blackwater White Wizard 4.3%, Frankton Bagby Gold Rush 4.3%, Cairngorm Cairngorm Gold 4.5%, Cotliegh Blue Jay 4.2%, White Star Royal Standard 4.3%, Milk Street Hope & Anchor 4.6% and Ventnor Hippy High Ale 4.4%.

### Bateman's-Wainfleet.

We understand that Bateman's are to run a Summer version of Rosey Nosey at 4.9%, which is slightly lighter in colour than the Christmas beer.

Artwork for the pump clip depicts Father Christmas on the beech sat in a deck chair complete with his red nose.

If Summer Rosey Nosey is well received there is a possibility of Spring and Autumn versions.

**Bateman's** are also to re introduce Victory Ale 6.2% to mark the major celebrations of the Battle of Trafalgar in October of this year. The name Victory Ale has been trade marked by Bateman's.

### Funfair Brewing Co-Holbrook

Three months after their first beer The Big Wheel 3.9%, comes Funfair's second creation, which is dark in colour and brewed with black cherries prior to fining. The beer is called Ghost train and has an ABV of 5.0%. Charisma and I were fortunate enough to sample a taste during a visit to the **Wheel Inn** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Danelaw-Chellaston** Paul and Steve, the two enterprising Rolls-Royce employees who purchased Leadmill's redundant plant, have chosen the name **Danelaw** for their new microbrewery. We will bring you more details when we have them.

**Four** beers from the **Falstaff Brewery** are to appear among the guest beers at the **Thorn Tree Belper** these being:-

Doc Holiday 4.8%, Corby's 5.0%, Phoenix 4.7% and a Fist Full of Hops. After three years, of an ever-changing range of guest beers, James and Yvonne plan gradually to reduce the range of guest beers available and focus on some of their regulars favorites beers.

## Visit reports

### Holbrook, Bargate & Openwoodgate Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

All the pubs visited are on, or close to, the R71 Trent Bus route.

**My** journey from Belper took approximately 10 minutes with the bus dropping me off just over the road from my first pub the **Spotted Cow** in **Holbrook**.

As the pub didn't open until 6pm I took advantage of the beer garden at the front to admire the view across the valley towards the A38 and beyond.

Two regular real ales were on offer Marstons Pedigree 4.5% and Morland Old Speckled Hen 5.2% accompanied by two guests which change "every month or so" these being Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% at £2.40 a pint and Green King Abbot Ale 5.0%.

For future reference the pub opening times are Monday to Saturday 12.00 to 2.30pm and 6pm to 11pm, Sundays 12.00 to 4pm and 6.30pm to 10.30pm.



Spotted Cow Holbrook

After leaving the Spotted Cow, and turning left then right into Moorside Lane, for a 5-minute walk passing Holbrook C of E Primary School on the left then turning left into Chapel Street for my next pub **The Dead Poets Inn**.

Here a wide selection of real ales and Ciders were available including Holdens Bilston Breezer 4.8% at £2.30 a pint, Burton Bridge Bramble Stout 5.0% at £2.40, Titanic White Star 4.8% at £2.30, Bateman's PortuGoal 4.0% at £2.10, Burton Bridge Golden Delicious 3.8% at £2.10, Oakham Bishops Farewell 4.6% at £2.30 ales from the Jug included Marstons Pedigree 4.5%

## Visit reports continued...

at £2.25 and Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at £2.30. The Ciders from Weston's were Stowford Press 4.5% at £2.25, Old Rosie 7.3% at £2.60 and Stowford Export 6.0% at £2.40 a pint.



Dead Poets Inn Holbrook

On leaving the Dead Poets it was a short walk up Chapel Street to the **Wheel Inn** home of the **Funfair Brewing Company**.



Wheel Inn Holbrook

Again another wide selection of real ales and Ciders were available including Moorhouses Summer Time Blues 4.6% at £2.25, Holland Golden Blonde 4.0% at £2.15, Abbeydale Belfry 4.5% at £2.25, Rudgate Viking 3.8% at £2.15, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6.0% at £2.40, Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.25 and Courage Directors 4.8% at £2.30.

Ales from the Jug included Funfair's The Big Wheel 4.7% at £2.25, Archers Golden 4.7% at £2.25 a pint Scrumpy 6.0% at £2.45 a pint and Thatcher's Cheddar Valley. Dave reminded me that the next beer festival will be held on August Bank Holiday weekend from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Having just missed the bus I decided to take a 10-minute stroll down Belper Road to my next

pub the **White Hart in Bargate**.

Here two regular real ales were on from Hardy and Hanson's being Kimberley Bitter 3.9% at £2.00 a pint and Olde Trip 4.3% at £2.20 a pint.

Chatting to the Landlord I learned that the pub used to be on a coaching road and that the original coaching window can still be seen in the bar.

Outside at the front of the pub set into the footpath were some stones with the words "HKB LTD Boundary" does anybody know what they are?

At the end of the bar is the cellar where reputedly coffins were once stored.

Allegedly the pub has its own ghost, thought to be an old coachman, who opens doors and even turns off the CO2 for the Lager- obviously a Real Ale fan!



White Hart Bargate

It was then time to move on for a 15 minute walk, thankfully down hill, to **Openwoodgate** and the **Hop Inn** where one real ale was available this being Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.30 a pint.



Hop Inn Openwoodgate

Just across the road is the **Bulls Head** a gem of a pub even if I do say so myself.



Bulls Head Openwoodgate

Three real ales from Hardy and Hanson's were available including Kimberley Bitter 3.9% at £1.95 a pint, Olde Trip 4.3% at £2.15 and Guinea Gold 4.3% at £1.95 a pint.

Les the Landlord proudly showed me his collection of over 1000 key rings brought in by his customers from all over the world.

Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to find the very first in Les's collection, which is from Darwin Australia. Also try to spot the key from Alcatraz prison.

Keep an eye out for offers, which appear from time to time when beer prices are reduced for special occasions such as Euro 2004.

Finally another item of interest is that Les is mulling over the possibility of holding a beer festival in the future-"watch this space" (sorry Pip).

All that was left to do now was to drink up and head off in to the sunset.

## Billy One Mate

## Stop Press

The Royal Oak at Ockbrook will be holding a beer festival between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October with approximately 40 beers from breweries in Devon.

## **Forthcoming Trips**

Train trip to York on a Saturday for 2<sup>nd</sup> city centre pub-crawl the "Gentle Giant" is now back from Euro 2004! and is currently working on the route. -Date yet to be finalised.

## **Beer festival Diary**

16<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August Victoria Summer Beer and Music Festival- Dovecote Lane Beeston.  
21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July Ye Olde Dolphin-Derby.  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July Mallard -Worksop Station Worksop.  
29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July Kings Lynn Beer Festival Stuart House Hotel 35 Goodwins Road-Kings Lynn.  
29<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August Captain Cook Inn, Staithes.  
30<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem-Castle Road Nottingham.  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August Great British Beer Festival-London Olympia.  
6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August Huntley Cricket Club, Gloucestershire.  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August The Victoria Inn-Alfreton.  
13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August Swan Inn-Milton near Repton.  
13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August The Crown Inn-Trunch.  
14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August Magna Charta Beer Festival-Lowdham.  
24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Peterborough Beer Festival-The Embankment Bishops Road-Peterborough.  
20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August Piper Beer Festival Windmill Avenue-Kettering.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August Bewdley Beer festival-St Georges Hall off Load Street Car Park Bewdley.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August Cherry Tree 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival Little Bowden-Market Harborough.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August The Wheel Inn-Holbrook.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August The Dolphin Inn Marsh Lane-Long Preston.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August Bulls Head Kelmarsh Road-Market Harborough.  
28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August CAMRA Beer festival tent at the Moor Green County Show-Watnall near Nottingham.  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September The Thorn Tree-Waingroves.  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September The Green Man Stamford.  
16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September Birmingham Beer Festival Aston Students Guild, Gosta Guild-Birmingham.  
17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September Coalheavers Arms Park Street-Woodston Peterborough.  
17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September Hand and Heart Beer Festival-Peterborough.  
18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September The Green Man German Beer Festival East Street-Colne.  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September Burton Beer festival-Town Hall Burton on Trent.  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September Booze on the Ouse Beer Festival Burgess Hall St Ivo Centre-St Ives.  
24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September Mild Only weekend at the Prince of Wales-Foxfield.  
30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 30<sup>th</sup> Steel City Beer festival-St Philips Social Club Sheffield.

In the next issue of "In the Sticks" look out for visit reports to **The Bell Inn** and **Nags Head Smalley** and Essex CAMRA pub of the year.

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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