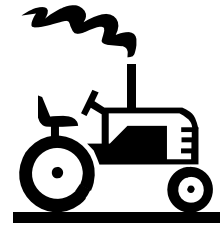


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Beer and Pub News

Keep an eye out at The Old Stables Bar Denby and The Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse for some unusual beers from the Green Jack Brewing Co in Lowestoft, which are set to appear as "guests" along side the usual range of beers from Leadmill. The beers are Canary ABV 3.8%, Gone Fishing ABV 5.5% and Orange Wheat ABV 4.4%.

To celebrate May as Mild month Leadmill will be selling their Marehay Mild at £1.30 a pint for the whole month.

We also understand that Leadmill intends to start selling a selected beer from its portfolio at £1.50 a pint watch this space for future developments.

On Saturday 27th March a visit to Ye Olde Dolphin Inn Derby revealed that sale of the regular Mild from Cains ABV 3.2% had stopped, on asking why our correspondent was told that he was the first to ask for it in over a week. If this wasn't bad enough not one guest beers were available.

A visit to the Thorn Tree in Belper on Sunday 11th April saw White Star Majestic ABV 4.2%, Holdens Tipton Flasher ABV 4.8%, Forthcoming attractions included Blackwater Riptide ABV 4.4%, Acorn Old Moor Porter ABV 4.4%, Enville Aussie Ale 4.2%, Church End Nun's Ale ABV 4.5%, Alcazar Vixens Vice ABV 5.2%, Church End Vicars Ruin ABV 4.4%. Storm Brewing Co Hurricane Hubert ABV 4.5%, Storm Brewing Co Bitter Experience ABV 4.0% and Alcazar Foxtail Ale ABV 4.9%.

Brewery News

As reported in the March edition of "In the Sticks" The Wheel Inn at Holbrook, home of the new Funfair Brewing Company had their first brew Big Wheel IPA ABV 3.9% available in time for their Easter beer festival.

The news on the street is that the beer may even make an appearance at the Rail Ale Festival at Barrow Hill.

Beer festivals

16th to 25th April The Steam Packet Swanwick.

21st to 25th April Bold Forester St Georges Beer Festival Botany Avenue Mansfield.

22nd to 25th April Lion Inn Mosley Street Basford St Georges Beer Festival.

23rd to 24th April The Horse and Jockey Basford St Georges Beer Festival.

23rd to 24th April The Mallard Worksop.

23rd to 25th April The Horse and Groom Basford.

29th April to 1st May Stourbridge Stourbridge Town Hall.

30th April to 3rd May The Clock Inn South Normanton.

30th April to 3rd May The Coalheavers Arms Woodston Peterborough.

30th April to 3rd May The Globe London Road Nottingham.

21st to 23rd May Rail Ale Festival Barrow Hill Roundhouse.

28th to 30th May Newark Beer Festival Riverside Park Newark.

28th to 31st May The White Post Stanley Common.

28th to 31st May Leatherbritches 10th Annual Peaks Booze & Blues Festival Bentley Brook Inn.

4th to 6th June 1st Boundary Beer Festival Broadmeadows South Normanton.

11th to 13th June The Cross Keys Belper featuring Scottish Micro Breweries Beers.

Forthcoming Trips

Coach to North Staffordshire Good Beer Guide Pubs on **Friday 16th April**.

Coach trip from Derby departs Bus Station at 18.45 picking up at the Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse 19.05 and Ripley 1910 to the Rail Ale Festival at Barrow Hill **Friday 21st May**.

Train trip to York on a Saturday in June– date yet to be finalised for 2nd city centre pub-crawl.

Survey Trip-Good Beer Guide pubs in North Staffordshire 19th March 2004

It was a Friday night after our leader had stuck a pin in the 2004 Good Beer Guide, and proclaimed “that’s where we are going North Staffordshire”. We duly set off down the A52 through Ashbourne arriving at our first pub the **Jervis Arms** in Oncote after about 50 minutes.

We left the car park, crossed the River Hamps via the wooden footbridge and into the pub to receive friendly welcome.

Six real ales were on offer with the two regulars being Draught Bass ABV 4.4% and Worthington Cask Ale ABV 3.6%. The four guests were Goldthorn Wulfrun Gold ABV 4.3%, Goldthorn STA ABV 4.6%, Titanic Red Ensign ABV 4.3% and Titanic Iceberg ABV 4.1%.

We learned of a forthcoming Beer Festival between the 9th and 12th of April with 20 plus guest beers from “obscure breweries” all over the country, well worth asking the Landlord if you can pitch a tent in the garden!

The next stop was **The Black Lion** in Butterton here four real ales were on offer including Everards Tiger ABV 4.2% at Theakstons Best Bitter ABV 3.6% as the regulars with Marstons Sweet Chariot ABV 4.8 % and Brains Reverend James ABV 4.5% as the guests.

The third pub was the **Butchers Arms** on Reapsmoor and according to the Beer Guide “difficult to find” but we didn’t seem to have a problem.

After receiving a warm and friendly welcome from the Landlord Carl, we noted one real ale available namely Worthington 1744 ABV 4.6%.

The landlord explained to us that he would rather keep one beer in excellent condition than four in average condition. On tasting our pint all agreed he was right, and if that wasn’t enough the Landlord even bought the beer!!!

He also showed us a photograph with his wife and non other than Prince Charles.

Next we continued to Leek, and called in at the **Red Lion Hotel** which is a Hyde’s pub selling Jekyll’s Gold ABV 4.3%, Hydes Bitter ABV 3.8% and Hydes Hunky Dory 4.8%.

A popular pub with loud music and “Doorway Technicians” on the door.

Next we visited **The Wilkes Head** a Whim Brewery tied pub selling Arbor Light ABV 3.6%, Whim Bitter ABV 4.0%, Whim IPA ABV 4.5% Black Christmas ABV 6.5% and one guest beer Amarillo ABV 5.0% from Crouch Vale.

From a poster still on the wall we realized that we had missed the 2nd mini beer festival at the Congleton Leisure Centre between 10th and 13th of March ah well maybe next year.

Next was the **Bulls Head** a Leek Brewery pub selling Black Goose ABV 4.4%, Tittesworth Tipple ABV 6.5% and Staffordshire Bitter ABV 4.2%.

Finally we called in at **Den Engel** a Belgian style bar famed for its selection of draught and bottled Belgian beers. Here two real ales were available these being Rudgate Viking ABV 3.8% and Burton Bridge Top Dog Stout ABV 5.0%.

Also available were the range of Belgian beers including Leffe Blonde ABV 6.6%, Juliper ABV 5.2%, De Koninck ABV 5.0%, Blanche de Bruxelles and Brinkhoff’s ABV 3.5%.

Then it was back to Ashbourne just in time to visit the chippy next to the market square.

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[Well that’s all for this issue folks if you have any information or news which could be included in the next issue of “In the Sticks” please contact Charisma Bypass on 0797 4171243](#)

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