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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 1000 copies were distributed in the pubs and clubs locally. Also the e-mail list is steadily growing. To receive your copy electronically e-mail Billy One Mate on billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk

Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 39 pubs in 23 different locations, 2 Breweries and 36 Beer Festivals.

The **Thorn Tree Belper** is having the exterior stonework pointed up and the roof refurbished. The interior of the pub is also being re decorated.

The **Devonshire Arms on Pentridge Lane End** had three real ales on offer on Saturday the 24th of July including two regulars Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.30 and Mansfield's Cask 3.9% at £2.20 and guest Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% at £2.30 a pint. Also available as a presentation pack from **Leatherbritches** were three 500ml **bottle beers** including Tipple 4.9%, Bespoke 5.2% and Ported 5.4% for £7.50.

Earlier on the same day the **New Clock Inn Codnor** formerly the **Red Admiral**, had Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.25 a pint with Draught Bass 4.3% settling in the cellar.

Also in **Codnor** the **Marquis of Ormande** on Codnor Road, had Timothy Taylors Landlord 4.3% at £2.30 a pint and Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.25 a pint.

The **Miners Arms** on Mill Lane **Codnor**, which currently does not serve real ale, will see a change of licensee as the current licensees were due to move to the **Royal Oak** in **Clay Cross** on Tuesday 27th July.

MAB, our North East Derbyshire correspondent, reports that Chesterfield **CAMRA's** nomination for Derbyshire pub of the year The **Arkwright Arms** at **Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton** will be holding a beer festival over the August bank Holiday weekend with upto 35 ales on offer.

The **Jolly Farmer** in **Dronfield Woodhouse** will be holding a beer festival from the 19th to 22nd August with upto 25 ales on offer.

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The **Railway Inn Ripley** currently has one regular real ale on offer Wadsworth 6X 4.3% at £2.20 a pint.

On Friday 6th August The **Devonshire Arms** on King Street **Alfreton** had on as its regular real ales Oakwell Barnsley Bitter 3.8% at £1.38 and Oakwell Old Tom 3.8% at £1.30 a pint **I kid you not!**

The same evening The **Plough Inn** on Nottingham Road **Alfreton** had four regular real ales on offer Tetley Dark Mild 3.2% at £1.88, Tetley Bitter 3.7% at £1.98, Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% at £2.20 and Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.14 a pint.

The **Robin Hood** on Nottingham Road **Alfreton** has Kimberley Bitter 3.9% at £1.94 a pint dispensed by electric pump.

The **Cross Keys Belper** will be holding another beer festival between the 28th and 31st of October with a selection of winter beers.

Forthcoming attractions for the remainder of August are: - Titanic Stout 4.5%, Oakham JHB 3.8%, Alcazar New Dawn 4.5%, Mordue Workie Ticket 4.5%, Alcazar Nottingham Nog 4.2% and Sharps Doom Bar 4.0%.

On Tuesday 3rd August the **Coach and Horses Horsley**, which saw a change of landlord just over three months ago, had three regular real ales including Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.30, Marstons Bitter 3.8% £2.05 and Mansfield Cask 3.9% £2.05 the usual guest was not available on this occasion. The pub is on Trent bus's 125 Derby to Hucknall route.

At the **Royal Oak Ockbrook** on the same evening were regular Draught Bass 4.4% £2.20 and three guest ales Barum Firing Squad 5.3% £2.20, Springhead Ale Greek to Me 4.0% £1.90 and Wye Valley Summer Ale 4.2% at £2.00 a pint.

Two hand pumps have recently been installed at the **Park pub on Parks Estate Belper** one with Fullers London Pride 4.1% at £1.90 a pint and the other for a possible guest beer in the future dependant on public opinion.

The **Welcome Tavern Belper** has Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.15 a pint dispensed from the Jug. Dave Briggs the Licensee has been at the pub since December last year.

The **Nags Head** on High Pavement **Belper** has Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 a pint and one guest available. The pub has been under new management since March 16th when joint licensees Martin and Bryn took over.

Brewery News

Leadmill-Denby

Richard Creighton of **Leadmill** is brewing a new beer for the **King William** in **Milford** called King William IV Mild at 6.0% and should be available before the end of August.

Bells- Whetstone Leicestershire

A new brewery called **Bells** has been established at Whetstone Leicestershire.

It is believed that the brewer is John Huchinson, formerly an Everards sales rep, who has previous brewing experience.

One of their first beers, William Frederick I at 4.5%, was available in the **Brunswick Inn Derby** on Saturday 7th of August.



Nottingham Express Transit and **Nottingham CAMRA** are currently updating their Beer by Tram guide to include, amongst other things, a couple of extra pubs. Issue 2 is due out in early September.

Stop Press

After three happy years at the **Thorn Tree Belper**, and a total of 18 years in the pub trade, James and Yvonne will be leaving at the end of August/beginning of September.

Their previous pubs have included the Halfway House in North Wales, the White Swan in Hilton and the Coach and Horses Ashbourne. The new licensees will be Bob and Susan from the **Gate Inn Lower Hartshay**.

We wish James and Yvonne good luck in their new lives.

The Jolly Colliers in **Horsley**

Woodhouse was temporarily closed (w/c 09th August) awaiting a new licensee.

Steve W e-mailed me to advise that **HKB** in the boundary stones at the **White Hart Bargate** (see July issue) stands for "Hardy's Kimberley Brewery".

Visit reports

Smalley Saturday 03rd July 2004.

Smalley can be reached by catching Trent Bus service 125 from Derby.

My first pub was the 2004 Good Beer Guide listed **Bell Inn**.

Here the selection of real ales available was Mallard Duckling 4.2% at £1.90, Whim Hartington Bitter 4.0% at £2.20, Adnams Broadside 4.7% at £2.20, Oakham JHB 3.8% at £2.00, Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.10 and Whim Hartington IPA 4.5% at £2.00 a pint.

The guest beer was Bateman's XXXB 4.8% at £2.10 a pint.



The Bell Inn Smalley

Just down the road from the Bell towards Hucknall, and worthy of a mention, is the **Nags Head**.

Ian, the licensee, told me his aim was to have three regular real ales including Draught Bass 4.3%, Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% and Courage Directors 4.8% at £2.00 a pint with two to three guest beers. Brains Reverend James 4.5% had just gone.



Nags Head Smalley

Del and Rods Real Ale Rambles.

Whilst out walking in **Nottinghamshire** on Sunday the 11th of July we visited The **Wheatsheaf** at **Cropwell Bishop**, a nice rural pub with friendly bar staff serving three real ales. Pedigree 4.5%, Mansfield Cask 3.9% & Ridings Bitter 3.5%. We tried the Ridings, reasonable price at £2.00 per pint and nice drink.

We then walked a mile down the road to **Cropwell Butler** where we visited The **Plough**, once again a nice friendly pub serving three real ales. Morland Old Speckled Hen 5.2% at £2.40 per pint, Pedigree 4.5% at £2.35 per pint, and Tetley's Bitter 3.7% at £2.10 per pint. We tried the Old Speckled Hen rather expensive but a nice drink.

On Sunday July 18th we visited the **Stag & Pheasant** in a small village called **Newton** on the **Warwickshire** border, a nice thatched roof rural pub serving 3 real ales including Banks Original & Banks Bitter plus a guest which unfortunately was off, we tried the Original 3.5% a nice drink at £2.05 a pint. We then walked over the border into **Leicestershire** where we visited the **Cherry Tree** which is in the village of **Catthorpe** the home of **Dow Bridge Brewery** a nice friendly pub serving 5 real ales including Ansells Bitter, Bass, Hook Norton Bitter plus 2 guests Dow Bridge Ratae'd 4.3% & Everards Sunchaser. We tried the Ratae'd, one of those that improved as you got down the pint, at £2.00 a pint a reasonable drink.

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A visit to **Ye Olde Packhorse** in **Kings Newton** on Saturday 24th July saw guest beer Hardy's & Hanson's Olde Trip 4.3% at £2.20 a pint with the two regular beers - Burtonwood Bitter 3.7% at £2.15 a pint & Burtonwood Top Hat Premium Bitter 4.8% at £2.25 a pint.

Visit reports continued...

Charisma goes to Essex Saturday 26th June 2004.

On Saturday 26th June I travelled to Essex for a relatives wedding and, after dropping off my whistle and flute at the hotel in Boreham just outside Chelmsford, I decided to take a look at the Good Beer Guide to see if there was time to visit one or two pubs in the area.

Unfortunately the trouble and strife had other ideas, but I did manage to get my card stamped to visit Essex CAMRA's Dengie Branch pub of the year for 2004 the **Swan at Little Totham**.

After arriving into the very small car park, of this typical countryside pub in the depths of rural Essex, I eagerly made my way to the bar only to find that there were no hand pumps in sight but to discover that all the beers were served from the wood in barrels at the back of the pub.

"Try a sample of anything you fancy Sir" the bar man said so I duly took him up on his offer.

The beer range was very interesting with the prices being similar to those in Derbyshire, which came as a pleasant surprise.

The beers available included Crouch Vale Brewers Gold 4.0% at £2.20, Fullers London Pride 4.1% at £2.20, Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% at £2.40, Adnams Bitter 3.7% at £2.40, East Street Premium Belter 5.0% at £2.40, Crouch Vale Brewers Gold Extra 5.2% at £2.40, Mighty Oak Oscar Wilde Mild 3.7% at £1.80, Mighty Oak Totham Parva 4.0% at £2.10, Holdens Gold 3.8% at £2.10 and Old Freddy Walker 7.3% at £3.50 a pint (not quite Derbyshire prices).

Also available were Old Bob 5.0% in bottles at £1.50 and five Westons Real Ciders from the wood.

After sampling the Totham Parva and the Brewers Gold Extra, which were both in excellent condition, I had a quick chat to the landlord who explained that I had just missed the June Beer Festival by a week which sounded really good with a hog roast and an excellent selection of real ales, oh well maybe next year.

It was then time to return to the Five Lakes Hotel, which again was situated in the middle of nowhere between Tolleshurst Major and

Tolleshurst D'Arcy, and reflect how lucky I was to sample the real ales at the Swan whilst drinking my Coke, surrounded by the likes of Worthington Cream Flow, Stella, Grolsh and Carling all on electric pumps. I later found out that none other than David Beckham has been known in the past to visit the Lakes.

I've already made plans to visit another three more pubs in the area the next time I'm in Essex, which I believe will be at the end of September, so look out for Essex part two - Charisma's return.

For more information about the Swan visit www.theswanpublichouse.co.uk

On Saturday 31st July the **Ostrich Inn, Longford**, had as its regular real ale Marstons' Pedigree 4.5% at £2.34 a pint with 'guest beer' Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% at £2.34 a pint.

On the same day the **Three Horseshoes, Long Lane Village** near Longford had two regular real ales available Marstons' Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 a pint and Fuller's London Pride 4.1% at £2.20 a pint with 'guest beer' Shepherd Neame Spitfire Premium 4.5% at £2.20 a pint.

South Wingfield and Crich Saturday 31st July 2004

I took the 142 Stage Coach East Midlands bus from Belper to the Manor Road bus stop in **South Wingfield** and, after a good 15-minute walk down Inns Lane; I arrived just after opening time at my first pub the **White Hart**. The regular real ale on offer was Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 with guest Oakwell Brewery Barnsley Bitter 3.8% at £2.30 a pint, which had just replaced Black Sheep Best Bitter 3.8%.

I then walked back down Inns Lane into South Wingfield to visit the **Blue Bell** on Church Lane where the sign outside said "bikers welcome" which must have been something to do with attracting passing trade from the Rock and Blues Festival at nearby Pentridge, in fact you could see hundreds of cars and tents plus

a big marquee on the hill side directly opposite the pub. Unfortunately for me the pub did not have any real ale but had Old Peculiar 5.7%, Shepherd Neame Bishops Finger 5.0% and Cains 2008 Celebration Ale 5.0% in bottles.

Having left the Blue Bell it was a short walk back up the hill to Manor Road and CAMRA's 2004 Beer Guide listed pub the **Old Yew Tree**, here regular Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.25 was alongside guests Church End Molly's Blackout 4.5% at £2.30, Morland Old Speckled Hen 5.2% at £2.40 and Archers Sea Breeze 4.3% at £2.30 a pint.

Philip told me that he and joint owner David were considering changing the Pedigree for Charles Wells Bombardier as the regular beer in the future.

Back onto the 142, which stops right outside the Yew Tree, and onto my next destination **Crich**.

The bus drops you off outside the Tramway Village then it's a two-minute walk round the corner to the former CAMRA good beer guide listed pub the **Cliff Inn**. Here there were three regular real ales from Hardy's and Hansons including Kimberley Mild 3.1% £1.92, Kimberley Bitter 3.9% £1.94 and Olde Trip 4.3% £2.16 plus the seasonal guest beer Frolicking Farmer 4.2% at £2.18.

From the Cliff it was a short walk down the hill towards Crich village and the **Jovial Dutchman** which had Hardy's and Hansons Kimberley Bitter 3.9% £1.86 plus the aforementioned seasonal guest beer.

Next I visited the **Black Swan** in the Market Place, which had Hardy's and Hansons Kimberley Bitter 3.9% £1.84 and Olde Trip 4.3% £2.00 plus the seasonal guest beer Frolicking Farmer 4.2% at £2.15.

Between the Black Swan and the post office is an alley way called School Lane, which leads to The **Comrades Club**. Here Leadmill Old Mottled Cock 4.2% at £1.80 a pint, was available.

It was then another short walk towards The Common for my last pub in Crich the **Kings Arms Inn**, which had Marstons Pedigree 4.5% at £2.22 a pint.

Billy One Mate

Proposed Trips

Train trip to Oakham and Stamford on Saturday 11th September for Grainstore Brewery Tap in Oakham and Good Beer Guide Pubs in Stamford including The Green Man Beer Festival.

Real Ale Rail Trail trip to pubs in Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Marsden and Stalybridge Station Buffet date to be advised but possibly on Saturday 10th October to coincide with the Huddersfield Oktoberfest.

Beer festival Diary

18th to 21st August The Fat Cat Beer Festival-Sheffield.

19th to 22nd August The Jolly Farmer-Dronfield Woodhouse.

20th August 1st Elton Beer Festival-Elton.

20th to 21st August Piper Beer Festival Windmill Avenue-Kettering.

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

26th to 30th August Lloyds-Nuneaton.

27th to 28th August Cherry Tree 4th Annual Beer Festival Little Bowden-Market Harborough.

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

27th to 30th August The Wheel Inn-Holbrook.

27th to 30th August White Post Beer Festival-Stanley Common.

27th to 30th August The Dolphin Inn Marsh Lane-Long Preston.

27th to 30th August Bulls Head Kelmarsh Road-Market Harborough.

27th to 30th August The Green Man Beer Festival-Ashbourne.

27th to 30th August White Horse Inn-Dunson Fen Lincoln.

27th to 30th August Walkabout Beer Festival-Derby.

27th to 30th August Harrington Arms-Sawley.

27th to 30th August The Criterion and Swan & Rushes joint Beer Festival-Leicester.

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

3rd to 5th September North Notts Real Ale & Cider Festival Market Hotel West Carr Road-Retford.

3rd to 5th September Glossop Beer Festival Labour Club-Glossop.

3rd to 6th September 5th Codsall Station Beer Festival-Codsall.

9th to 11th September Tamworth Beer Festival Assembly Rooms Corporation Street-Tamworth.

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

10th to 12th September The Green Man-Stamford.

16th to 18th September Birmingham Beer Festival Aston Students Guild, Gosta Green-Birmingham.

17th to 19th September Coalheavers Arms Park Street-Woodston Peterborough.

17th to 19th September Hand and Heart Beer Festival-Peterborough.

17th to 19th September 2nd Melton Mowbray Beer Festival Cattle Market Scalford Road-Melton Mowbray.

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

24th to 26th September Mild Only weekend at the Prince of Wales-Foxfield.

24th to 26th September the White Cow Nottingham Road-Ilkeston.

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

7th to 10th October Royal Oak-Ockbrook.

9th to 10th October Oktoberfest The Irish Centre Fitzwilliam Street-Huddersfield.

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

28th to 31st October Cross Keys-Belper.

In the next issue of "In the Sticks" look out for One Mate wanders round Worcester and Billy and the Gentle Giant visit Aldershot's Good Beer Guide pubs.

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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