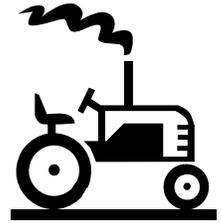


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## Beer News

Leadmill's brewery tap, the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse, has started serving guest beers of which so far have included Pictish Brewers Gold 3.8%, Titanic Best Bitter 3.5% and Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8%. Meanwhile up at the Old Stables bar, Denby from the 30<sup>th</sup> January to the 1<sup>st</sup> February the beer was sold at £1.50 a pint to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of its opening.

The Wheel Inn in Holbrook has recently started serving some interesting guest beers, which have included Cold Turkey from Oakham 6.3%. Anglo Dutch Ghost on the Rim 4.5% and more recently Dutch Courage 5.0% from Holland and Hocus Pocus 4.6% from a fairly new brewery called Loddon.

Guest beers have started to appear at the Nags Head in Smalley, which have included Fullers London Pride 4.1% and Green King Abbots Ale 5.0%.

Three cask beers are also being served at the Conservative Club in Belper.

The New Clock Codnor has Draught Bass 4.3% and Marstons Pedigree 4.5% with plans to have a guest beer on in the future.

We understand that plans are well advanced to produce a Tram pub crawl for Nottingham which will include approximately 32 pubs being listed so you should be able to get of a Tram and sample a beer or two in a pub close to the Tram stop.

The target date for release is Easter.

## Brewery News

Reports have reached us that Trevor Harris, former owner of the Brunswick Inn Derby, is about to start brewing again in the Old Joseph Mason Paintworks on Nottingham Road.

We will bring you more news when we have checked out these reports.

## Beer festivals

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March -The Holybush Inn-Makeney.

Last Weekend in February-The Lord Nelson-Belper.

26<sup>th</sup> February- 1<sup>st</sup> March-The Bell Inn-Nottingham

Whit Weekend The Stag-Kimberley.

The Belper Rugby Club will be having a Beer Festival in October (the exact date is to be confirmed) but this will coincide with the opening of a new clubhouse, it is hoped that up to 50 beers will be on offer, watch this space for more info.

## Forthcoming Trips

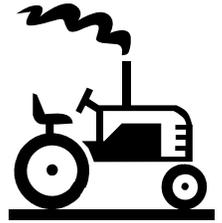
Train trip to Nottingham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February to coincide with the beer festival at the Bell Inn.

Coach trip from the Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse to the Rail Ale Festival at the Barrow Hill Roundhouse Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Train trip to York on a Saturday— date yet to be finalised for 2<sup>nd</sup> city centre pub-crawl.

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### **Report on the R.U.R.A.D trip to York 29/11/03**

On a cold wet Saturday in November our party of 18 went to visit the pubs of York.

Our group traveled on the 09:13 Virgin train from Derby arriving in York just after 11am.

We started in the Punch Bowl with just enough time to dry off and view the plan of the route before setting off on our pub-crawl. We were that keen to get started that the next pub we visited, The Ackorne wasn't even open!!!.

In all some 16 pubs were visited, the full range of York Brewery beers were sampled in the brewery's three pubs these being The Rook and Gaskill, The Three Legged Mare and the Last Drop Inn.

Also on our route we visited three pubs, which appear in CAMRA's National Inventory, these being the Blue Bell Inn, The Golden Ball and The Swan in which Naughty Norma from the Hart Brewery in Preston was sampled.

The Golden Lion had a couple of beers from the Mordue Brewery these being Workie Ticket 4.5% and Five Bridge Bitter 3.8%.

Also visited was the Victoria, which had the full range of Old Mill Brewery ales.

The best pub, The Maltings, in the opinion of the author, was saved till last where Treacle Eagle was selected and went down a treat.

Despite some of us missing the train on the way back (the platforms would not stay still long enough) we all arrived in Derby with just time for one for the road in the Brunswick Inn with Batham's Best Bitter 4.3% being the chosen and it was in excellent form.

It must have been a good day out because plans are already being made for a second visit to York. It is worth noting that reduced rail fares are available for advanced group bookings.

Well that's all for this issue, if you have any information or news which could be included in the next R.U.R.A.D newsletter or would like to join us on one of our outings please contact

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