

# R.U.R.A.D

## Rural Real Ale Drinkers



In The Sticks

March 2004

### **Beer and Pub News**

The fate of the Station Inn in Kilburn has been settled sadly it will no longer be a pub but a Childs nursery.

Leadmill brewery continue to introduce new beers with the latest additions being WMD (Weapon of Mass Destruction) ABV 6.7% and Jersey City ABV 5.0% which was especially brewed for the Bradford Beer Festival.

In today's pub scene of ever increasing price rises it is nice to find a pub selling beer at a competitive price, the pub in question being The Abbey in Darley Abbey where you can sample a pint of Samuel Smiths Old brewery Bitter ABV 4.0% for £1.29p per pint, it's a pity that a few more pubs can't sell beer at a more realistic price.

The George at Ripley is now selling its real ale from out of the jug.

The Sir John Warren in Loscoe is now selling real ale in the form of Draught Bass ABV 4.5%.

The Fox and Crown in Old Basford Nottingham are holding their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St Patrick's Day beer festival from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of March featuring so 30 beers.

Two barrels of a new beer called Devout Stout ABV 7.0% have been brewed with one barrel available at the festival and the other which is destined for the Leicester Beer Festival on the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

A visit to the Cross Keys in Belper on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March saw three unusual beers to celebrate St Patrick's Day from the Carlow Brewery in Ireland, these being O'haras Celtic Stout ABV 4.3%, Curim Gold ABV 4.3% and Mollins ABV 4.3%.

Apologies for the dates of the Hollybush Inn beer festival as printed in the last edition of "In The Sticks" the correct dates can be found below.

Also the Nelson Inn beer festival in Belper was cancelled at the last minute, we have yet to find out why.

### **Brewery News**

The Wheel Inn at Holbrook is about to start brewing its own beer after setting up a two and a half barrel plant at the rear of the pub.

The brewery equipment has been acquired from Parish and Dave at the Wheel has had several Derbyshire brewers helping and advising him on his new venture.

It is hoped that the first brew will be ready in time for the beer festival at Easter.

All good wishes go out to Dave and Andrea and it is hoped that the brewery will be a roaring success.

### **Beer festivals**

18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March The Fox and Crown Old Basford Nottingham.

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Festival at the Charotar Patidar Samaj Bay St.

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March -The Hollybush Inn-Makeney.

27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Derby Rowing Club.

1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April Mansfield Beer Festival Leisure Centre.

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April Ye Olde Dolphin Inn "Heavy Weight" Beer Festival.

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April The Boat Inn Cromford

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April The Wheel Inn Holbrook.

23rd to 24th April The Mallard Worksop.

30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May The Clock Inn South Normanton.

### **Forthcoming Trips**

Staffordshire trip by coach probably the 23<sup>rd</sup> April but the date has yet to be confirmed.

Coach trip from the Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse to the Rail Ale Festival at Barrow Hill Fri 21st May. picking up at Derby and Ripley please note the change of date from the previous edition of "In the Sticks".

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

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### **Recent Survey Trip-Ockbrook supplied by our Borrowash correspondent**

The first pub visited was the white Swan a nice pub with lots of character situated opposite the church.

Four real ales were on offer with the two regulars being Marstons Pedigree ABV 4.5% and Ind Coope Burton Ale ABV 4.8% at £2.25 per pint.

The two guest beers were Hardy and Hansons Olde Trip ABV 4.3% and Courage Directors ABV 4.8% at £2.35 per pint (but £1.25 per half pint) a very hospitable rural pub.

The next stop was The Queens Head which is a food orientated pub (we were the only customers without knives and forks) but to their credit four real ales were on offer including Draught Bass ABV 4.4% at £2.12 a pint and Marstons Pedigree ABV 4.5% at £2.14 per pint as the regulars and the guests were Adnams Broadside ABV 4.7% and Black Sheep Best Bitter ABV 3.8% at £2.17 and £2.19 per pint respectively, a pleasant pub but not a lot of character.

The third pub visited was the Cross Keys with the only real ale being Marstons Pedigree ABV 4.5% at £2.16 per pint, the lack of choice was outweighed by the character of this little rural pub.

Finally we arrived at the Royal Oak, which has won many accolades from local and regional CAMRA groups, four real ales are always available the regular being Draught Bass ABV 4.4% at £2.08 per pint along with three ever changing guest beers which on our visit were Ossett Black Bull at £1.94 per pint Eccleshall Slaters Top Totty ABV 4.0% £1.94 per pint and Leak St Edwards ABV 4.6% at £2.00 per pint.

Another hospitable pub and a credit to all involved in running it (especially the beer Manager for his variety and quality of his guest ales).

Survey carried out by Del, Rodney and Trigger.

Well that's all for this issue folks if you have any information or news which could be included in the next R.U.R.A.D newsletter please contact Charisma Bypass on 0797 4171243

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