

WELCOME TO THE 25th TELFORD BEER FESTIVAL

2nd - 6th October, 2008

Well, 25 Festivals! Who'd have thought it possible when we started here in 1995. We were told then that we couldn't sell Real Ale in Oakengates - a good thing we ignored that advice! Some 9,000 beers later, I'm satisfied that we proved the "experts" wrong. In fact, thanks to a great team here and lots of supportive customers, we have just been awarded "Cask Ale Pub of the Year 2008 East & West Midlands", as well as being the only pub in the area to be listed in the *Good Beer Guide* and by *Cask Marque*.

It's certainly no thanks to our political leaders that we're still going and I find myself, yet again, ranting and railing at more mad Government interference. It was announced on Wednesday at 10 Downing Street, there is to be a Drinks Industry Committee (DIC). This august body is to be made up of "The Great & The Good" of the do-gooding industry and, apparently, there will be "some industry involvement". You can bet your bottom dollar that, following "industry involvement", pubs will be rail-roaded into yet more bureaucracy and interference, just like we were with the Licensing Act and Smoking.

So, who will steer this body to try to subdue the alcohol industry again? I was struggling to find a more likely candidate to be DIC Head than Sir Ian Gilmour, head of the "Alcohol Concern" temperance movement! But now there's a Metropolitan Police Commissioner who needs to be found a well-paid job at public expense. Whoever gets the job, we can be sure that a Government-appointed DIC Head will be poking his nose into our industry before long. The Bill is to be debated in Parliament on 17th October - yes, it really is coming round that fast!

Meanwhile, it's the beers that you've come for and we hope to be serving them for many years to come! Cheers!
John Ellis

List as at Noon, Thursday

BITTERS UPTO 3.9%

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Acorn	Yorkshire Pride	3.7	
Back Yard	Shire Oak	3.5	
Falstaff	Cassandra	3.9	One of their latest Dr. Who beers
Full Mash	Monty's Whistle	3.8	
Hobson's	Best Bitter	3.8	Our only permanent beer
Hook Norton	The Jewel in the Crown	3.4	New Hook Norton "House" beer
Leyden	Gold Top	3.7	
Rudgate	Top Tipple	3.8	
Rudgate	Marston Moor's Fox Hound	3.9	Brewed by Rudgate for Marston Moor
Rudgate	Sword Blow	3.9	

BITTERS UPTO 4.1%

Bowland	Illumination	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you seen the "light"?
Cotleigh	Goshawk	4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cottage	JT	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone Home!
Lichfield	Silver Jubilee	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed by Tower to celebrate our 25th Festival
Lichfield	Saint John the Builder	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed by Tower to commemorate our building work
Mayfields	Trooper's Gold	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	New owners, new site
Millstone	Royal Oak	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Northumberland	Legends of the Wear (2) No.3 Len Ashurst	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pumpclip states No. 2 in error!
Weetwood	Cheshire Cat	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Favourite

BITTERS UPTO 4.3%

Dowbridge	Morgan's B5000	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed for the local scooter club on the B 5000
Falstaff	Gallifrey	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	One of their latest Dr. Who beers
Hanby	Fruit Fall	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Idle	Coopers	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lichfield	Brickdust	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed by Tower to commemorate our building work
Magpie	Best	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morrissey Fox	Blonde Ale	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	New "Celebrity" brewery owned by Neil Morrissey
Morton	Essington Ale	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Northumberland	Legends of the Tyne (2) No.8 Dave Hilley	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rudgate	Three Card Brag	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sawbridgeworth	Andrew's Last Case	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wood	Wild Edric	4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	The latest "Legendary Shropshire Hero" beer

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR NEXT FESTIVAL IS ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY (Thursday 30th April - Monday 4th May, 2009.)

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York	MM

BITTERS UPTO 4.6%

Back Yard	XXV Celebration Ale	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed to celebrate our 25th Festival
Back Yard	Big Red	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Burton Bridge	Captain Kiwi	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	It's a beer, not a fruit!
Dowbridge	Morgan's Cruel Summer	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Like the one we just had, it's cool and wet!
Ironbridge	Autumn	4.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Seasonal beer
Lichfield	Saint Giles	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewed by Tower
Magpie	Monty's Firkin	4.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morton	Gregory's Gold	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ossett	Turning Leaves	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	How apt!
Spinning Dog	Autumn Gold	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ditto!
Teme Valley	Amber Export Ale	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Townhouse	William Dodd's Ale	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	

BITTERS 4.7% and OVER

Ashover	All Saint's (Wheat Beer)	5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cottage	H.M.S. Victory	4.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trafalgar Day is coming up soon
Full Mash	Samhain (Lager)	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hambleton	Yorkshire Lager	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	What a pleasant change from Foster's
Maypole	Buzz Lightbeer	4.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	What else would you call a light beer that gives you a buzz?
Slater's	Voortrekker Lager	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specially filtered water used to brew this

MILDS, STOUTS, PORTERS and Dark Beer:

Archer's	Black Arrow	5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porter
Cambrinus	Yardstick	4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Favourite Light Mild
Coastal	Bodmin Beast	5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stout
Derwentio	Barbarian	5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oatmeal Stout
Hanby	Scorpio Porter	S4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old favourite
Hobson's	Mild	M3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ditto
Leeds	Gathering Storm	4.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stout
Spire	Winter's T'Ale	6.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Warmer, also available in third pints

CIDERS & PERRY

Broad Oak	Moonshine Medium Cider	7.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Hecks	Medium Cider	6.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hecks	Kingston Black	7.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Variety cider

LIST ANY LATE ARRIVALS HERI

FOREIGN BEERS

from the front bar

A large range of bottled Belgian, Dutch, Czech, German, & Russian beers is now available *from the front bar*, as are the kegged Belgian (Blanche de Bruxelles & Leffe Blonde), Dutch (Amst & Czech ones (Budvar Original (White))

WINES AND SPIRITS

from the front bar

We sell wine by the full (6 glasses) bottle but did you know we also sell it by the 1.5 and 2 glass-sized bott

Also available *from the front bar* is a full range of spirits, including **around 30 single-malts!**

FOOD

Snacks are available at all times

Crisps - Seabrook's, Tyrrell's Potato and Parsnip Crisps, Quave

Nuts - Salted, Dry Roasted, Honey Roasted, Cashew

Cheesy Biscuits, Scratchings, Pork Crunch and Peperam

A range of **Freshly made Rolls**

Sausage Rolls, Pies & Cornish Pasties (Hot or Cold)