



Latest news

It's been a fairly quiet time on the LocAle front over the last few months, with only the **Bay Horse** on Blossom Street joining recently. It closed briefly after long-standing landlady Dee Ralph left and there were fears for its future. It's now managed by a young lady called Vicky, with Paul Pendlebury from the nearby **Windmill** as leaseholder. She wants to run it as a quietish, locals' pub and can point anyone who wants sports and karaoke towards the Windmill! Returning regulars have requested **John Smith's Cask** and **Black Sheep Best Bitter**, so they will be the permanent beers, with at least one guest; the LocAles come from **York Brewery**. She is picking up a lot of passing trade from nearby hotels and is hoping that the cinema reopening will attract more business to her end of street. Opening hours are 4pm to 11pm Monday to Friday, 12 to 12 on Saturday and Sunday. Food will also be restarting shortly with the emphasis on good quality, home-cooked fare.

Meanwhile, our established LocAle pubs continue to do a sterling job, both in promoting local beers and those from further afield. The **Edinburgh Arms** no longer sells **John Smith's Cask**, opting for two rotating guests instead; these were **Daleside Blonde** and **Rudgate Vi-**

king when we last visited. Landlord Dave says: "I can't remember the last time I had a non-local beer". Several have held beer festivals: the **Rook & Gaskill** hosted possibly York's longest event, over 10 days including the summer solstice, and recently notched up the 1000th guest beer served since Traff and Collette took over. Across the road at the **Waggon & Horses**, their second beer festival in June exceeded all expectations – look out for the next at the end of October and get there early to avoid disappointment! The pub is a permanent stockist for a **Rooster** beer now, although that's a statement fraught with danger, given the speed at which their beers usually sell! There was a good selection of local beers at the **Old White Swan's** festival, including representatives from **Rooster's**, **Leeds** and **York**. The **Bay Horse** on Marygate hosted our Meet the Brewer event and held a beer festival to coincide with Yorkshire Day. Coming soon there's a festival at the **Judges Lodgings** on September 25th–27th, while the **Wheatsheaf** in **Burn** hosts the **Selby Beer Festival** in the autumn. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, see their website www.wheatsheafburn.co.uk for more details. **York Brewery Club** is the venue on October 10th for the Round Table's first beer festival.

We've held our first trip out into the country to visit the LocAle pubs in the south of our area.

On the brewery front, the welcome news that **Theakston's Best Bitter** is now being brewed at **Masham** means that it qualifies as a LocAle. The new **Thorne Brewery**, while outside our branch boundaries, is eligible as a LocAle supplier in many parts of our region.