



The Old Spot Inn

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Old Spot Newsletter - June 2007

Introduction

Well wasn't that just the best bank holiday weekend ever, starts of really wet, moves onto really wet and windy finishes with really wet, windy and bloody cold.

Here's a big hug to all those involved in Dursley Rural Festival, I know it wasn't the raging success we were all hoping for I seriously believe that these things take time to get right. Look at Michael Eavis with Glastonbury Festival, his first year was a unmitigated disaster he swore he would never do it again but the year later he tried again, then again and again and now its one of the fastest selling most popular festivals ever. I would imagine the Lions Club had a few hiccups when they first had Frocester Beer Festival. All I'm saying guys is "Don't give up, Dursley needs you" and for all those that sit on the side lines and just throw criticism, why don't you get off your ARSE and have a go at something!

Now I'm firmly of my high horse, cheers to all the guys that came along to our wine tasting and thanks to you chaps from Waverly TBS for supplying the wine. I need to start realising that if I intend to make it through the evening intact I must start spitting it out and not sit next to Brian Tocknall (you bad bugger)! The general consensus at the end of the evening was everyone was happy with our present wine menu but you would like to see some more up market wines that could be available for special occasions, your wish is my command.



Shepherd Neame team and Michelle Fry from Waverly TBS at the beer tasting evening ...

Many thanks to Sandy, the head brewer and his team from Shepherd Neame, what a fantastic night of guided beer tasting, I promise you there were a few sore heads the next day! [See the photos](#) from the evening on the website.

FOR AN UPDATE ON WHATS COMING UP PLEASE SEE BELOW

Through June: Thwaites (T-shirt and beer promotion)

13 June ... Leon Daye is back.

22 July ... Boat Trip, more details to follow but the usual mayhem is guaranteed!!!

25th July ... Chid - live music

3 August ... The Reverend Janet Bromley, back behind the bar raising money for charity.

10 August ... Summer Beer Festival weekend

26 August ... Frocester Chill Out

Just a reminder we will be selling the must-have fashion item this year, Frocester Beer Festival T-shirts all money raised going to charity. We'll keep you posted as and when they become available.

Apologies

This goes out to all the ladies that have to queue outside the W.C. on a busy night. We've known this is problem for sometime but work now is underway to rectify this situation. Please bear with us while the building work is going on.

Cheers!

Steve Herbert

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THE OLD SPOT INN

For all those that don't know The Old Spot Inn won **Gloucestershire CAMRA Pub of the Year 2007**. We had our presentation night on the 24th May. It was brilliantly supported by our friends, customers and family. The award was presented (after much doctoring) by Chris Arrowsmith who did a wonderful job standing in for the Gloucestershire CAMRA Chairman, who was unable to attend the evening due to confusion over a mini bus booking! The analogy "piss up in brewery" has sprung to many of our minds. To all those CAMRA members that found that themselves unable to attend, you will be graciously presented with warm cans of Tetley's at the annual Cotswold Beer Festival!



A little beer examining going on at the Old Spot

Can we have a raised glass to Chris, Tom and Nancy for passing with flying colours their Responsible Alcohol Retailing exam. While we are raising glasses can we raise one for Dean Boston for doing a wonderful job as always on the pub quiz, I know you put a lot of work into it. And while we're on the subject of quizzes, a few weeks ago The Old Spot was privileged to be on the Pub Quiz on BBC Radio Gloucestershire. This started about 2.40 pm and ran five questions per day for the whole week. We are proud to say, we attained a full 25 out of 25. Thanks to the regular punters in attendance: Chas, Ken, Jody & Stu from Uley Brewery, Dr. Tim Frankau, Jude, Dave and 'George', while Nancy & Tom covered the bar. (Apologies for anyone I've forgotten, it was a hectic week!)



The real winners of Gloucestershire CAMRA Pub Of The Year 2007 - The Team!

We have two new members joining the Old Spot Bar team, Bill Mather and Rob Andrews, they're great guys and I'm sure you will bring them nicely into the Old Spot family fold.

I can't really bring May to a close without mentioning the Glos - Leicester rugby game ... you will never, ever, over my dead body see Tiger bitter on the bar again ... enough said.



Dean Boston best quiz master in the whole god damned world

With our thoughts turning to June maybe we should be thinking about our gardens, hanging baskets or the warm balmy nights ahead! No I don't think so - its Glastonbury music festival baby, and we're going, 'deep breath'. Well done to all those that were lucky enough to achieve the impossible and get tickets. Get in touch, we'll have a little Old Spot gathering while we're there.

If you haven't booked up yet there is still a few places left on the Mexican Night, weather permitting we will hold it outside, I promise you Fajitas, fancy dress and a lot of Margaritas. [See the website for more photos from last year's [Mexican Night](#).]

For all those that are asking, **Frocester Beer Festival tickets are going on sale at the Old Spot at the end of June** and sorry we will not be able to reserve any, if you think that you might have a problem get in touch with the [Lions club](#) asap, there is a link from the menu on this web site.



Last year's Mexican night

Even further ahead is the obligatory boat trip in July, we will be taking names over the next couple of weeks. Remember tickets sell out within days so keep you eyes on the blackboards for more details or even better keep checking this website . To make it easier, why not add this site to your [favourites](#). As for a theme, we are still working on that one.

Apologies - we've cancelled the Severn Vale Brewery trip until mid July, the reason is that we want to tie the whole event in with the release of the **Old Spot Frocester Beer Festival T-shirts**. An example of our initial design is on the following page ...