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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Museum Banks on a Taste of the Past**

The Black Country Living Museum will be inviting visitors to taste a real Midlands pint during the month of May when Hansons Mild returns to the Black Country as guest ale at the Museum's Bottle and Glass Inn. Banks's Brewery and the Dudley Museum hope a taste of the past will bring visitors pouring in.

The Bottle and Glass Inn has been serving visitors to the Museum with a real Midlands pub experience since it was rebuilt with the help of Banks's in 1979. Originally the pub had stood on Brierley Hill Road in Brockmoor, and dates back to 1776.

Licensee Debbie Woodward said: "The Museum is proud to welcome Hansons Mild home to Dudley. It is a dark ale with a distinctive smooth and creamy taste and it has a history dating back to 1847. I hope it will bring back some wonderful memories for those who try it."

Julia Hanson and Sons Brewery began life in 1896 and they were one of the last remaining breweries in Dudley. By 1934 the two sons, Thomas and William Hanson, had up to 200 tied houses, including the prestigious Stew and Pony and Foley Arms.

Richard Frost, Head Brewer at Banks's Brewery, Wolverhampton said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to brew Hansons mild again as I began my brewing career at the Julia Hanson's Brewery in Dudley over 30 years ago."

In 2004, the Black Country Living Museum was crowned the greatest 'Wonder of the West Midlands' by Banks's Brewery.

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**Image attached**

Caption: Costumed Guides outside the Bottle and Glass Inn at the Black Country Living Museum

**Note to Editors:**

About the Museum

The Black Country Living Museum is one of the UK's leading open air museums. Attracting over 300,000 visitors each year to an astonishing 26 acre site just two miles from the town centre of Dudley, it captures and admires the achievements and culture of the region's past and the extraordinary impact this had on the wider world. With its thriving village spanning 150 years of history from c1770 to the 1920s, canal, tram way, school, public park and fairground, alongside the energy of an industrial landscape of mining, steam power, heavy metalwork and lime kilns, the Museum offers a visitor experience that few others can match. We also have one of the best fish and chips shops for miles around!

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