



OVER THE MOON: Staff at Ye Olde Bell in Barnby Moor celebrate their recent AA 4 star award

Four star award

STAFF at an historic Barnby Moor coaching inn say they are over the moon at being awarded four star status.

The family-run Ye Olde Bell Hotel and Restaurant on the Great North Road has received AA four stars for the first time in its 360-year history.

It can also boast to being the first hotel in Bas-setlaw to achieve the accolade.

The award follows a ma-

ajor revamp of the entire hotel by owners Paul and Hilary Levack.

On receiving the news, they both paid tribute to hotel staff and contractors.

"The real shining stars are all the hotel staff for delivering such superb service and hospitality and all the contractors who have worked so hard to restore this truly great hostelry to its former glory," they said.

Lunch was suspended

for a few minutes on Thursday and the staff were told the news by an emotional Kate Firth, General Manager.

The staff were all overwhelmed with their achievement and said how privileged they felt to work at the hotel and be making such a huge contribution to its history," said a hotel spokesman.

The AA Inspector said he was 'particularly impressed with the sym-

pathetic restoration of such a wonderful establishment complemented by the natural warm, welcome and hearty hospitality.'

The seven-figure restoration project included every one of the hotel's 49 bedrooms and suites being individually styled.

The site now has its own bistro in the St Ledger Bar as well as the new Inside Outside bar and state-of-the-art toilets following the revamp.