

NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FOR ROLF HARRIS



ROLF HARRIS, who is currently appearing at Coventry Theatre, visited Burton last Friday, and toured Bass Worthington Ltd.'s No. 1 Brewery—an appropriate visit, since his most recent record is called "Beer." In which he plays an aboriginal instrument called a "lagerphone," which is a wooden stick with beer bottle tops. When this picture was taken at the reception centre, he was in charming company, with (left to right) Sandra Lewington (receptionist), Joan Abbott (secretary) and Carol Hamilton (secretary).

Rolf Harris has recently added a new instrument to his repertoire — the lagerphone, made from a broom stick and a collection of bottle tops.

Last week he added a few more bottle tops when he visited the Bass brewery at Burton. He was also given a bottle of the famous King's Ale, brewed in 1802, and a tankard.

The presentation was made by production director Mr. J. K. Leachman, who welcomed Mr. Harris at the brewery's official reception room.

The visit to the brewery, although Rolf Harris is himself a retailer, was also appropriate in another way—for Rolf has recently issued a record with the songs "Have a beer" on one side and "The man who invented beer" on the other.

The lagerphone, which Rolf Harris is currently using in the "Birthday Show" at the Coventry Theatre, is not a personal invention, he explained, but is adapted from an old aboriginal instrument.

He brought his lagerphone with him and in between being shown round the brewery and signing autographs he gave a demonstration of its use for rhythm accompaniment — and threw in a few jokes for good measure.

Before departing he left his mark in the visitors' book with a signature and a self caricature.