



Richard and Loren through to final

THE Landlord and landlady of a South Derbyshire pub have made it through to the final of a national competition.

Richard and Loren Pope (left), who run the Bull's Head, in Repton, have successfully negotiated the semi-finals of the Licensee of the Year awards organised by the British Institute of Innkeeping (BII).

They, along with five other finalists from around the country, now face a challenging series of panel interviews, in London, this month, with the name of the winning licensees unveiled at BII's annual lunch at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on Tuesday, May 11.

The winners of the competition enjoy national 'celebrity' status for the year of their reign and benefit from extensive local, national and trade publicity.

BII director of marketing Sue Medhurst said: "Each of these finalists truly deserves to reach this stage of the competition and I know that choosing a winner will be a difficult decision. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating the successes of the 2010 BII Licensee of the Year."