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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 53 pubs in 25 different locations, 5 Breweries and 38 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

Fresh Ground 61 King Street (opposite the Ritz Cinema in **Belper**) currently have available a selection of Bottled Belgian beers including Abbey Ales St Bernardus, St Feuillien, Grottenbier, Maredsous, De Koninck, Palm, Charles Quint, Liefmans, Petrus Triple, Duvel, Judas, Delirium Tremens, Piraat, Lindemans Framboise, Lindemans, Timmermans, Cantillon, Orval, Rodenbach Ordinaire Rodenbach Grand Cru, Duchesse, Saison, Straffe Hendrik, Oerbier, Karmeliet Tripel, Kwak, Bush Achel Blonde, Achel Bruin, Trappistes, Celis White, Dentergems Wit Bier, Watou Wit Bier, Blanche des Honelles. For more details call 01773 828800 or visit the new web site (which is currently in the process of being set up) www.fresh-ground.co.uk

The **White Post**, **Stanley Common** has been sold and will have changed hands, by the time this news reaches many readers, on 2nd April. A small family group from Lichfield area has bought it and obviously will have some new ideas. Landlord Vic is to retire after over 40 years in the trade with the last 16 at the White Post. His allotment evidently beckons. The new owners have pledged to carry on Vic's commitment to supporting local micro's that will mean that hardworking brewers in the area have this outlet. Funfair Gallopers was sampled there recently and was really good

The **Bold Forester** in **Mansfield** will be holding their Easter Beer Festival from 19 April to 23 April. There will be around 40 different ales available, plus entertainment. Food will also be available. The pub can easily be reached from Derby/Ripley by using the Trent Barton 9.1, 9.2 or 9.3 services

The Tweedles paid a visit to the **Clock Inn** at **South Normanton** on Friday 9th March, where an excellent pint of Exmoor Gold 4.5% was available at £2.30. A short walk down to the **Devonshire Arms** resulted in a choice from Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Wells Bombardier, Shepherd Neame Spitfire or GK Abbot, all of which were available at just £2.00 a pint!! The following day, we went into **Mansfield** to deliver newsletters and beer festival flyers. An all too brief stop was made at the **Railway Inn**, where Abbeydale Resurrection 4.6% at £2.00 a pint was very enjoyable. On arriving at the **Bold Forester**, we chose Everards Pitch Black 4.3% at £2.30 a pint from the wide range available. Another short walk up the hill towards Sutton saw us arrive at the **Nell Gwynne**, where Eccleshall Slaters Original 4% was available at £2.30 a pint!!!

John and Yvonne are making another guest appearance as 'Mine Host' at the **Dewdrop**, **Ilkeston** Junction 21st May to 3rd June 2007

Mike and Rob are the new licencees at the **Hunters Arms** in **Kilburn**

The **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** has been granted planning permission for an extension at the rear of the pub, they also have cider from a local supplier at **Brackley Gate**, **Morley**

ES proposals to replace the traditional Alcohol by Volume (ABV), currently displayed on pump clips, with a bar code are set to come into effect on April 1st this year. If the move goes ahead it is something that is bound to cause a stir with tickers and scoopers alike, however all is not lost as special bar code scanner pens are due on the market to coincide with start date of the new proposals. To mark the occasion Funfair will be brewing a special "one off" 5.0% Golden Beer called **Fun Barred!** - Poison d'Avril

Colin is featured brewery for April at the **Cross Keys Belper** is the Newby Wyke Brewery in Lincolnshire and includes Bear Island 4.6%, White Squall 4.8%, Kingston Topaz 4.2% and Grantham Gold 4.2%. Other attractions include Oakham Bishops Farewell 4.6%, Hop Back Summer Lightening 5.0%, Elgood's Golden Newt 4.1%, Derby Dashingly Dark 4.5%, Rebellion Smuggler 4.1%, RCH East Street Cream 5.0% and Oakham White Dwarf 4.3%.

A Beer Festival is to be held at **Alfreton Town FC's** Impact Arena on North Street between the 25th & 27th of May. Tickets are £5, which includes a printed glass and first pint, and must be purchased prior to the event. There will be a minimum of 20 ales plus bottles from around the world and also cider, perry and refreshments will also be available. You can watch the England v West Indies test match on a big screen or partake in the yard of ale drinking competition to win a cask of ale. Tickets are available from Robin (07794 022114), Lisa (0115 939 2090-ext 107) or at the stadium on match days. Opening times are: Friday - 12 til 11pm, Saturday - 12 til 11pm, Sunday - 12 til 7pm

For those that didn't make the beer festival at the **Grapes** in **Belper** at the end of March the beers on stillage were Shepherd Neame Spitfire 4.5%, Wells Bombardier 4.3%, Wagglednace 5.0%, Fyne Ales Avalanche 4.5%, Fyne Ales Vital Spark 4.4%, Deuchars IPA 3.8%, Hydes Original Bitter 3.8%, Springhead Oliver's Army 4.4%, Exmoor Gold 4.5%, Elgoods Old Wagg 4.5%, Wychwood Hobgoblin 5.0% and St Austell Tribute 4.2% plus Pedigree and Marstons Burton Bitter on the bar

On Friday 9th March, Half-Pint and I called into the **Canal Inn** at **Bullbridge** for lunch. GK Old Speckled Hen, GK IPA and GK Ruddles Bitter were available - Tweedle Dee

Unconfirmed reports suggest that **Denby Lodge** is up for sale, the asking price in the region of £1m

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The Tram Inspector has previously reported on his visit to the tramway in Seaton, Devon. This trip was much closer to home, to **Sheffield**. This time he was accompanied by Clydeside Clara, The Fenman, Papa Lazarou and Blodwen, Little John and Nurse Gladys Emmanuel, the Portishead Pilot, and Alan a Dale. The Portishead Pilot was our tour leader and he had carefully researched real ale pubs within easy reach of the Malin Bridge and Middlewood tram routes. Unfortunately, his definition of real ale was a little wide for most of us and our first pub was the **Anvil**, a few hundred yards beyond the Malin Bridge tram terminus. This offered Ruddles County and Old Speckled Hen. We all opted for a half of County, at £2.08 a pint, which was in good condition but was not what we had travelled to Sheffield for, and some of us resident in Hardys & Hansons trading area are boycotting Greene King, so The Tram Inspector quickly applied heavy influence on the choice of pubs for the rest of the day. In each subsequent pub, we had a wide choice of beers from microbreweries, at a lower price. We returned to Malin Bridge for a tram to the Bamforth Street stop and a quick walk to the **New Barrack**, part of the Tynemill chain. Beers from Castle Rock (naturally), Abbeydale, Acorn, Bateman, Burton Bridge, Fullers, RCH and Thornbridge breweries were on offer, from £1.90 a pint for 3.8% to £2.40 for 4.5%, and the Thornbridge St Petersburg Stout at £3.10 for 7.7%. Between us, we tried most of these, including the super strength stout. It was barely worth waiting for a tram for the next short ride, to Langsett tram stop, but we had all-day tram tickets so we used them. There, we visited the **Hillsborough Hotel**. This pub is listed in the GBG as opening at 4:30pm but it now opens at 12 noon every day, which is a lot more user-friendly. An equally good range of beers was on offer here, but unfortunately my record is illegible. I take digital pictures of menu boards but my picture of this one is badly out of focus (it took a few more pubs and pints before I became similarly out of focus). Beers here were mostly £1.90 a pint, with a few at £2. For me, the only choice was their very own Wellington Brewery Stannington Gold at 5%. The brewer told us that this had been intended as Loxley Gold at 4.3% but came out rather stronger. We also spoke to the landlord about the possibility of buying the occasional firkin. An even shorter tram ride followed by a longer walk took us to the **Gardeners Rest** in Neepsend Lane. This pub looks a little lost without the steel works and the crowds of steel-

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workers, but the pub is well kept, has been extended and offers an excellent selection of beers, so can be quite busy. On offer today were beers from Beowulf, Blackwater, Hopback, Kinver, Loddon, Mighty Oak, Ossett and Salamander breweries. Being in Sheffield, a trip to the **Fat Cat** was obligatory so we caught a tram to Shalesmoor and followed the time-honoured route. Time was now getting rather short so it was a choice between the Kelham Island Tavern and the **Cask & Cutler**, which the latter won. And then it was back into central Sheffield for an eat-as-much-as-you-can Chinese buffet and trains back to Alfretton or Derby. I would thoroughly recommend a trip to this part of Sheffield for a wide range of good beers

On 10th of February I visited the **Old Poets Corner** at **Ashover** for the first time, on my previous visit it was the Red Lion. It was an excellent pub with good food and a friendly welcome. There was a very fine display at the bar and once I had finished looking at the barmaid, I realised that the 8 or so ales on the bar were rather more likely to be available. Their new brew had sold out so I tried the Tower house ale, which was disappointing but maybe so because the barrel ran out soon afterwards. The Thornbridge Hark 4.7% to follow was very good and before leaving I chatted with the landlord and my wish to have a pub like his nearer to home - Chris P Duck

The **Seven Oaks** in the old **Stanton** Ironworks is not the most scenic of places being in an industrial landscape but the restaurant has a good reputation and a recent visit found Marstons Pedigree and the weekly rotating guest was a nicely kept Bombardier. Nearby the **Stanhope Arms** in **Stanton-by-Dale** was offering a creditable five beers recently that included Greene King IPA, Black Sheep, Bombardier, Old Speckled Hen and

Pedigree. The Bombardier here was very good too and somehow had a more pleasant after taste than the other, which was surprising. Around the corner at the popular and friendly **Chequers** there was again G.K IPA, Black Sheep and a decent pint of Bass was the alternative. A short chauffeur driven ride away is the **Carpenters Arms** in **Dale Abbey**. There was the regular Adnams Bitter with Broadside and Pedigree. The Adnams bitter 3.7% was spot on. There is a very friendly quiet atmosphere in the place too and is a good place to eat - The Escapist

At long last my self imposed alcohol abstinence is complete and how fitting that my first drink was taken in the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook** where Steady Steve had laid on Archers Admiral Lord Rodney (at a very acceptable 3.8%) especially for the occasion. Continuing the RuRAD theme (sort of) there was also Archers Billy No Mates in the cellar. Pedro & 'Er in Doors came down for the event and did get me one last orange & water but I passed on that ...Thanks all the same. I also sampled Salamander Magma 4% but decided to leave the Thornbridge Kipling as a celebratory drink after the Colchester game - Ed

Spring in the Valley

The valley in question is of course the Severn Valley and the spring is the Spring Railway Gala. Once again Pedro & 'Er in Doors took a weekend break to sample the delights of steam trains and local ales, but not in that order. Let's start with the best, the **Railwaymans Arms** on **Bridgnorth** Station, the beers here were Bathams Bitter 4.3%, Uphampton Ales Cannon Royal Mild 3.7%, Hobsons Bitter 3.8%, Wye Valley HPA 4%, Cottage Gold Rush and last of all a very strange brew from Stonehenge Ales, Sign of Spring, which was a very pretty green colour. We also sampled ales in the **Black Boy** where they had Bombardier 3.8%, Enville Bitter and for 'Er in Doors Deuchars IPA 3.8%. The beers in the **Falcon**, our home in Bridgnorth for the weekend, were Milestone IPA 4.8%, Somers Wheat Beer (not really very wheaty) 5.5% & Deliverance 4.6% and Nelson Brewing Co Shipwrecked 5%. The beers were OK if a bit on the strong side but the carvery was something else, beautifully cooked and plenty of it. The next in line was the **King & Castle** at **Kidderminster**, which had Wadworths 6X, Bathams Bitter, Wyre Piddle Royal Piddle, Enville Czechmate and Blue Bear Fearless. In the **Railwaymans Arms** we were recommended to try another of Bridgnorths local's the **Hare & Hounds**. It took a bit of finding but the beers were worth it, Hobsons Mild 3.2% & Bitter 4.5 and Landlord 4.3%. After a lovely break we finished off by calling in the **Waggon & Horses** at **Halesowen** (the scene of a previous RuRAD trip). Purity Gold 3.8%, Nottingham EPA 4.2%, Oakham White Dwarf 4.3%, Bank Top Dark Mild 4%, Kinver Pale Ale 4.4% & Half Centurion 5%, Bathams Bitter 4.3%, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven 5%, Red Lion White Lion 4.3%, Saddlers Third Ice 4.5%, Anglo Dutch Kett's Water 4% and Beowulf Finns Hall Porter 4.7% were all available. Other beers to appear at the Railwaymans over the weekend were Scattergoods Scatty, Archers Crystal Clear and Salopian Cock & Bull - Pedro & 'Er in Doors

Funfair Brewing Company

Established in 2004 we now have a core range of hand crafted beers from the Showman's range including IPA 5.3%, Bitter 4.6%, and Gold 4.4%; also available are Gallopers 3.8%, Dodgem 4.7%, Brandy Snap 4.7% and Cake Walk 6.0%.

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Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Two new beers have been produced, Spring Fever 4.3% for the Flowerpot beer festival and Tempest 4.7%.

Danelaw-Trusley

The latest news from Danelaw is that even though the brew plant has been sold to a chap in the pub trade near Kidderminster due to Paul's work commitments Steve is taking over the business and will continue to brew under the Danelaw name. Brewing will take place at Derventio Brewery but Steve will continue to use his own methods and raw material suppliers to retain Danelaw's individuality. The first proper trial brew will not be until the end of April and there are already takers for the forthcoming brews. Welcome back!

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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Funfair will be having their own bar at the Erewash Beer festival, which runs from the 18th to the 19th of May in the Regency Rooms Ilkeston. 5 beers will be on at any one time and will include the new traditional dark milds Magic Mouse 3.6% and Mighty Mouse 5.0%.

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

A new beer has been brewed for the Flowerpot beer festival called Alive & Kicking 5%. Beer swaps with Hart Brewery means there have been several of their beers appearing at the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse

Nutbrook Brewery-West Hallam

Nutbrook Brewery is a new venture in the garage of a private address in West Hallam. This has only just commenced and is still in the early stages but some consistent recipes are being brewed. Local CAMRA have visited and already barrels have gone down well at Leicester beer festival mid March, Moor Bitter 4.7%, Squirrel Bitter 4% and Banter Bitter 4.5% were all very well received. Orders are coming in but there are no plans for a special beer for Erewash Beer Festival. One to keep an eye on

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Captains log star date Sunday 11th March, we started our walk today from Rocester where we joined the Staffordshire Way following the Dove then headed across to Combridge. There was a time when you only

saw Buzzards in the Lake District if you were very lucky nowadays you are just as likely to see them in Derbyshire, we saw 5 over Eaton Wood. We made our way via Hook Lane and Cotton's Wood on to the road to Hollington where we passed the Star Inn and took Quarry Bank to call in the Raddle. The bouncy castle in the front garden and the title "Country Inn & Restaurant" put us off a little but it's been 7 years since we last visited so we gave it a whirl. We had a choice from Spitfire, London Pride, Bass, Pedit & Ruddles County but the place was too much of an eatery to warrant more than a swift half, the Spitfire & the Ruddles were acceptable. We took the footpath to Great Gate and followed the road to Alton where we decided to bag as many pubs as we could on our Sunday 2 pint limit. The first pub we happened across was the Blacksmiths Arms where there was only London Pride available (there was a Hancocks clip turned around) of which we partook in a half, a nice pub with more character than customers unfortunately. We wandered in what we thought would be the direction of more pubs and came upon the Bulls Head which had Wadworth 6X, Abbot & another national brand beer that I can't remember, we plumped for the 6X and watched the conclusion of the Chelsea - Spurs FA Cup quarter final. Just down the road was the Lord Shrewsbury, which I don't think we would have bothered with had it not been the last pub before we headed out of town. Bombardier was the only ale available (a Spitfire clip was turned round) in this huge pub with an uncharacteristic bar/bistro interior but the biggest surprise was the £2.20 for 2 halves. We departed from Town End and got onto the Limestone Way which we followed all the way back to Rocester

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On Thursday 22nd of March, after the inconvenience of work was out the way (for some) Del, Uncle Albert & I headed off to the Lake District. First port of call

en route was the GBG listed Watermill Inn at Ings, now the home of the Watermill Brewery...an added bonus. Unusually there were only 10 or 11 beers on instead of the usual 16 which included Moorhouses Black Cat 3.4%, Theakston Best Bitter 3.8%, York Terrier 4.2%, Cairngorm Stag 4.1%, Inveralmond Thrappledouser 4.3% & Yates IPA 4.9% plus 3 of their own brews, Albert, being designated driver, had Collie Wobble 3.7%, Del tried the Bit'er Ruff 4.2% and I tried the Ruff Night 5.1% and we all had sipsies. After checking in at our digs in Keswick we B-lined to, what we consider to be the best pub in town, the Dog & Gun on Lake Road so imagine our frustration when we read the notice on the door informing of no real ale due to cellar work being carried out! So we went to the Oddfellows Arms on Main street where there was Jennings Bitter 3.5%, Cumberland 4%, Mountain Man 4.3% & Sneck Lifter 5.1% all somewhat over priced. The following day, after a hearty breakfast we drove to Low Lorton from where we traversed Fellbarrow and Low Fell before dropping down to Loweswater to visit the GBG listed Kirkstile Inn. This outstanding pub has brewed its own beers for 3 or 4 years now Del and I sampled the Grasmoor Dark 4.3% and Albert had the Melbreak Bitter 3.7% there was also Kirkstile Gold 4.3%, Coniston Bluebird 3.6% & Yates Bitter 3.7%. There were also bottle conditioned Grasmoor & Kirkstile available so I got a few and had to carry them the 3 miles back to the car. That evening Del & Albert thought an insane resolve had possessed when I lead them to the Square Orange café bar on John Street little did they know I knew there was real ale to be had...and you just have to try these places don't you? Hesketh Newmarket Doris's 90th Birthday 4.3% & Helvellyn Gold 4.1% were available and the Doris's was in good nick but it is more of a place to visit if you fancy a fresh pizza. We called for a quick pint of Jennings Bitter in Sweeney's cellar bar (the guest beer was Pedit) before decided to give the Dog & Gun another go and to our rapture the cellar was back in business so we got ourselves ensconced and sampled the Keswick Brewery Thirst Ascent 4% & Thirst Run 4.2% (this is the only place in Keswick you can get Keswick Brewery beers) there was also Theakston Best Bitter & OP and Yates Bitter. Saturday we started our walk from Buttermere from where we walked up to Scale Force on our way to Great Borne returning over Starling Dodd and Red Pike. Refreshments were taken in the GBG listed Fish Hotel which had Jennings Bitter, Mountain Man & Sneck Lifter and Keswick Thirst Run, The Bitter was in top form and never touched the sides so I followed it with a Sneck, which was even better. That night we revisited Sweeney's and the Dog & Gun but there was no change of ale to report...only a dire England performance

Bath & Bristol Trip: The Bath Bit

After many a delay the RuRAD trip to Bristol finally came about after Sooty managed to get some cheap train tickets. So on 17th of March the party, consisting of Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee, Two Gallon Man, Sooty, Loco & Charisma caught the 8.27 and were joined by Sherpa at Birmingham. We arrived in Bristol at just after 10.30 and decided to

go to **Bath** as most of the pubs opened earlier so we got the 11.00 train, which got us there 10 minutes later. The first port of call, which everyone was ready for, was the **Pig & Fiddle** which had Hidden Potential 4.3%, Wild Hare 5%, Abbey Bellringer 4.2%, Jekylls Gold 4.3%, and Hop Back Back Row on the bar. Prices ranged from £2.50 to £2.70, which proved to be the norm for the day. Next we visited the **Bell** where 9 beers were available including Bellringer, Butcombe Blond, Sign of Spring, Gem Otter Ale, Pitchfork, Summer Lightning, Barbus Barbus and Steeplejack. I had the Sign of Spring, which was green in colour and looked like lager and lime with too much lime. We then went up the road to the **Star Inn**, a real classic, on offer here were Saltaire Cascade 4.8%, Burton Bridge Perry Power 4.5%, Abbey Bellringer 4.2% & Steeplejack 4.7%. The **Olde Green Tree** was visited next, another classic..but rather small, with Wickwar

Mr Perrets 5.9%, Pitchfork, Butcombe Bitter,Keystone Gold Spice, Blindmans Green Tree Bitter and Hidden Treasure. The **Volunteer Rifleman** was just round the corner where 4 beers were on the bar including Moles Mole Catcher, Cheddar Pot Holer, Abbey Bellringer and Dorset Weymouth Bitter. Just over the road there was the **Salamander**, which had Burton Bridge Perry Power and Bath Spa, Gem, Barnstormer, Rare Hare & Wild Hare, the latter went down a treat. A stones throw away was the **Raven**, 2 house beers, Raven 4.7% & Raven Gold 4.2%, from Blindmans Brewery were available alongside Summer Lightning, Landlord & Youngs Special. The two house beers were gleefully sampled. Then another gem of a pub which was

difficult to find but well worth it, thanks to Didler for suggesting it, Bellringer 4.7%, Stairway to Haven 5%, Steeplejack 4.7% and Dafydd Ale 4.4%. The latter was sampled at the **Coeur de Lion**. Then it was a short walk out of town to the **Royal Oak**, probably the best pub for beer selection, with 10 handpumps on the bar and 2 beers changed while we were there. Milestone Shine On 4%, Okells Spring Ram 4.2%, Butts Jester 3.5%, Matthews Pit Head Porter 4.4% & Davy Lamp 3.7%, Thornbridge Belgrave 5.4%, Moor Peat Porter 4.7%, Blackawton 44 Special, Kelham Island Brooklyn, Smoked Porter 6.5% at £3.20 and the beers that came on were Bristol Brewery Milk Stout 4.8%, and O'Hara's Celtic Stout 4.3%, Sooty was in his element with numerous tickers - Charisma
Next month: The Bristol Bit.

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

- 5th to 8th April Bitter Suite Beer Fest, Bitter Suite, 53 Flyde Rd-Preston, 30 Ales Tel 01772 827007
- 5th to 9th April 100 Beers for 100 Years Charters Beer Festival, Charters, Town Bridge-Peterborough www.bluesontheboat.co.uk
- 5th to 9th April Moseley Easter Beer Festival, Epic Skate Park, 582 Moseley Rd-Moseley
- 6th to 7th April 2nd Planet Thanet Beer fest, Winter Gardens Fort Crescent-Margate, 200 Ales www.planetthanetalefest.org.uk
- 6th to 8th April Derby Rowing Club Beer Festival, Darley Grove-Derby
- 6th to 9th April 4th Annual Beer Festival, Harboro Hotel, 49 Burton St-Melton Mowbray Tel 01664 560121
- 11th to 14th April 5th Maldon Beer Festival, Town Hall, Market Hill-Maldon www.dengiecamra.org.uk
- 12th to 14th April 17th Doncaster Beer Festival, The Hub (new college building near new transport interchange)-Doncaster
- 13th to 14th April Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby Club, Butts Park Arena, Butts Park-Coventry
- 13th to 15th April Horse & Groom Beer Festival-Basford
- 18th to 21st April 31st Newcastle Beer Festival, Students Union, Newcastle University, Kings Walk-Newcastle upon Tyne www.cannybevvy.co.uk
- 19th to 21st April The Wellington Beer Fest, 37 Bennets Hill-Birmingham 45 Ales www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk
- 19th to 22nd April Bag of Nails Beer Festival, Bag of Nails Bristol
- 19th to 22nd April Coopers Tavern Beer Festival, Cross St-Burton on Trent Tel 01283 532551
- 20th to 21st April Mallard Beer Festival, Station Approach-Workshop
- 20th to 22nd April Harrington Arms Beer Festival, Harrington Arms, Grove Close-Thulston
- 20th to 22nd April William the Fourth Beer Festival, Derby Rd-Milford
- 20th to 23rd April Steampacket Beer Festival, The Steampacket, Derby Rd-Swanwick
- 27th to 28th April 16th Chippenham Beer Festival, Studio Hall, Olympiad Leisure Centre-Chippenham www.nwwiltscamra.org.uk Evening sessions ticket only
- 27th to 29th April The Wheel Beer Festival, 100 Main St, Naphill HP14 4QA, 01494 562210 www.thewheelnaphill.com
- 3rd to 5th May Old Oak Inn Beer Festival, Main Street-Horsley Woodhouse
- 3rd to 7th May 22nd Telford Beer Festival, Crown Inn, Market St-Oakengates www.crown.oakengates.com
- 4th to 7th May Wheel Beer Festival, Chapel St-Holbrook
- 10th to 12th May 24th Rugby Beer Festival, Thornfield Bowling Club, Bruce Williams Way-Rugby
- 11th to 12th May 13th Macclesfield Beer Festival, Priory Park, Priory Lane-Macclesfield www.maccbeerfestival.ndo.co.uk
- 17th to 19th May Chester Charity Beer Festival, Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane-Chester CH3 7DB
- 18th to 19th May Erewash Camra's 1st Ilkeston Beer Festival, Kind Edward IV Suite, Regency Rooms, Wharnccliffe Rd-Ilkeston, 40 Ales
- 18th to 19th May Barrow Hill Beer Festival, Barrow Hill Roundhouse-Chesterfield
- 18th to 20th May 1st Stratford-upon-Avon Beer Festival, Paddock Suite, Stratford Race Course, Luddington Rd-Stratford www.stratfordbeerfestival.org.uk
- 25th to 27th May Alfreton Beer Festival, Alfreton Town FC, Impact Arena, North St-Alfreton For tickets call Robin 07794022114 or Lisa 011599392090(ext 107)
- 28th May to 1st June Star Inn Beer Festival, 7 Albert St, Lockwood-Huddersfield, 40 Ales www.thestarinn.info
- 7th to 10th June Ashfield Beer Fest Newstead Miners Welfare, Newstead Village-Nottingham
- 7th to 10th June Beer & Steam Festival, Strathmore Arms, Whitwell Rd, St Pauls Walden-Hitchin E mail strathmorearms@tiscali.co.uk
- 15th to 17th June Bells Brewery Beer Festival, The Workshop, Lutterworth Rd, Ullesthorpe-Lutterworth www.bellsbrewery.co.uk
- 21st to 24th June Summer Solstice Beer Festival, Barton Arms, 144 High St, Aston-Birmingham www.barton-arms.co.uk
- 22nd to 23rd 5th Welland Valley Beer Festival, Approx 80 beers between 8 pubs, contact 01536 770040 for details of participating pubs
- 30th June 4th Haddenham Real Ale Festival, Youth & Community Centre, Woodways-Haddenham Bucks
- 11th to 15th July 30th Derby Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Place-Derby www.derbycamra.org.uk

We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-mail: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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