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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 42 pubs in 25 different locations, 8 Breweries and 41 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

The **White Hart** at **Bargate** is now under the tenancy of Peter & Maggie who took over at the beginning of last December after the pub had been closed several weeks for refurbishment. **GK H&H Olde Trip** is on offer though they are looking to develop the real ale side of the business, they have also started serving meals and snacks on Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Latest additions to the beer list at Sue's Corner Shop, Station Rd, Ilkeston are London Pride, Raisin Ale, Bah Humbug and Old Hooky a total of 36 different bottled beers are available

This year Marstons are doing an excellent range of seasonal and classic ales. In January there was the superb Oyster Stout and a Porter in February. In May there is Merrie Monk, this beer is basically Pedigree with added Caramel to make it darker. Though some describe it as a mild it is a swarthier version of Pedi. If you have never tried it, it is well worth seeking out. Also in May under the classic beer series Banks' are brewing a 3.8% mild for your delectation and delight. Please drink these and celebrate the Merrie Mild Monkth of May, Cheers - Bald Eagle

On a recent Thursday night visit to the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook** with Del Boy & Uncle Albert the beers on offer were Holdens Golden Glow, Oldershaws Byards Leap and Thwaites Wainwright's Ale. Naturally I went for the Wainwright's Ale...having 3 pints... which only leaves another 211 pints then I'll have done the lot!!!-Ed

Steaming Billy Brewery beers are now being brewed under contract by Tower Brewery at Burton on Trent, as are Hoskins Brothers beers. Wicked Hathern Brewery beers are now being brewed using the facilities at Leek Brewery

John Cooke of the **Dewdrop Inn** at **Ilkeston** informs us that the pub is now open all day every day from 12pm onwards. Things are reported to be doing well with more people frequenting the pub with up to 6 real ales to sample, all in fine form

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We've been informed that on a recent visit to the **Black Bulls Head** at **Belper** there was GK IPA & Abbot available with IPA & Strong Suffolk Vintage Ale in bottles. Also a beer festival is planned for 2nd to 5th of May with live bands promised

Steve at the **Nags Head** at **Ripley** has won the Beautiful Beer gold award, in conjunction with Marstons, for excellence in his beer quality. The presentation was made by non other than CAMRA East Midlands Regional Director Julian Tubbs on March 26th

Andy Seal took over the **Wheel** at **Holbrook** at the end of last month

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Colin's guest beers for April at the **Cross Keys Belper** includes Riverside Dixons Old Diabolical 4.4%, Ashover Poets Tipple 4%, Saltaire Blackberry Cascade 4.8%, Milestone Black Pearl 4.3%, Mordue The Comb Over 3.9%, Newby Wyke Red Squall 4.4%, Ashover Coffin Lane Stout 5.5%, Newby Wyke HMS Bounty 4.4%, Castle Rock Preservation 4.4% and Milestone Rich Ruby 4.5%.

A date is yet to be confirmed for another "Amber Ales Weekend" this time at the **Flowerpot** in **Derby** also similar ventures for the **Horse & Jockey** at **Selston** and the **Lion Hotel** at **Belper** are planned

The **Park** at **Belper** has recently re-opened and there are plans to install 2 handpumps in the near future

Spoons for Belper? We recently received and email from Bill Archibald advising that, whilst on a recent ecclesiastical visit to **Belper** last month, he had spotted representatives of a well known food and drinks company taking an interest in the long since closed **Bugsy's Bar Diner** on **Strutt Street**. Could this mean that spoons have finally reached **Belper**? Watch this space to find out the latest on the spoons story; is it just half-warmed fish or just a lack of pies? - Poison d'Avril

On March 1st Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors on strong recommendation from Jacksons at **Mickleover** called in the **Travellers Rest** at **Kilburn**. The new landlord gave a good welcome and the beers available were **Blacksheep Bitter** and **Abbot** with **6X** and **Bombardier** to come, though the comment was made that it was intended to have 7 real ales. Best of luck to them

The present landlord of the **Horse & Jockey** at **Ripley** is planning to leave early next month

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Charisma & Loco's Black Country Tour Pt2

On March 22nd the eagerly anticipated 2nd leg of Charisma & Loco's Black Country Trip finally transpired (the 1st being way back in December 2006). The partakers were: Charisma & Loco (obviously), Del Boy, Cassandra & Trigger, Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors, Cider Lilly & Bog Hopper, Wreckage, Sponge Bob, Poirot, Bagpuss and yours truly. The minibus left Derby at 10.40 and here's what we got up to. **Crooked House, Himley** - (Banks' Bitter & Original, Jennings Golden Host, Adnams Broadside) The chronic skew-wiffery of the place plays havoc with your equilibrium. **Cat Inn, Enville** (Enville Ale & White, Woods Hopping Mad, Cairngorm Trade Winds) An excellent traditional Local with a rickety bar that wouldn't go amiss in the previous pub. **Constitutional Social Club, Kinver** (Banks' Original, Abbot, Wye Valley HPA, Tiger, Hobsons Town Crier, Bath Gem, Olde Swan Bumblehole, Gales HSB, Jennings Golden Host, Wickwar Long John Silver) A beer selection that puts most pubs to shame, awesome, best pub of the day by a (black) country mile. **Vine, Kinver** (Kinver Edge, Enville Ale, London Pride) A bit restauranty but very friendly and good ale. **Unicorn, Wollaston** (Bathams Mild, Bitter) cracking pub, beer in top form. **Royal Exchange, Stourbridge** (Bathams Mild, Bitter) Amiable locals, the word of the day was "Berceuse", which means "Lullaby". **Waggon & Horses, Halesowen** (Red Lion White Lion, Nottingham EPA, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven, Bank Top Dark Mild, Oakham White Dwarf, Malvern Black Pear, Beowulf Dark Raven, Bathams Bitter, Holdens Golden Glow, Windsor Castle Thin Ice, Purity Pure Gold, Kinver Pale Ale, 3 Tuns XXX, Abbeydale Absolution) Awesome selection again, decidedly symmetrical compared to the Crooked House. **Coombs Wood Sports & Social Club, Halesowen** (Bathams Bitter, Bank Top Dark Mild, Hambleton Eggsellent, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven, 6X) 5 real ales....in a cricket pavilion, well worth seeking out. **Waterfall, Blackheath** (Holdens Special, Golden Glow, Black Country Bitter, Bathams Bitter plus 5 or 6 guest beers) The locals were so affable I forgot to write down the guest beers. **Waggon & Horses, Oldbury** (Oakham JHB, Enville White, Six Bells Spellbound, Brains Rev James, Holdens Golden Glow) Excellent NI pub. **Wheatsheaf, West Bromwich** (Holdens Bitter, Golden Glow, Special, Harviestoun Old Engine Oil) Another Friendly pub, be wary of the calendar on the back of the door...Poirot was almost concussed when someone opened it! **Port 'n' Ale, Tipton** (Six Bells Spellbound, Oakham JHB, Derby Dashingly Dark, Highgate Highland Whiskey Ale, Tiger, Hopback Crop Circle) Open plan pub, the 4 empty pumps detracted significantly. **Lamp Tavern, Dudley** (Bathams Mild, Bitter) A bustling High St Pub, large function room. **Trumpet, Bilston** (Holdens Mild, Bitter, Golden Glow, Special, Black Jack) Noddy Holders old local...apparently, some of the locals were having a T-Shirt signing competition, good atmosphere. **Falcon, Willenhall** (Abbot, Olde Swan Dark Swan & Bumblehole, JHB, RCH Pitchfork, Traditional Scottish Ales Scotch Mist, Hopback

Thunderstorm) The geezer that was slumped asleep against the slot machine turned out to be the landlord! **Lamp Tavern, Bloxwich** (Holdens Mild, Bitter) Karaoke was too loud. Got back to Derby at 11.00, 16 pubs (15 in the 2008 GBG) over 50 different ales to choose from another fruitful foray from Charisma & Loco, lets not wait too long until the next one Fhl

Roger, Frances and all the staff welcome you to the

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RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

In line with this newsletters theme of supporting local beer festivals, Half-Pint and Tweedle Dee paid a lunchtime visit to the **Old Poets Corner** at **Ashover** on Saturday 15th March, where over a leisurely lunch, we sampled a number of beers - Bushys Bramble Beer 4.4%, O'Hanlon's Port Stout 4.8%, Thwaites Double Century 4.8%, Phoenix Double Gold 5%, Church End Father Brown 6% and Thornbridge Halcyon 7.7%. The O'Hanlon's Port Stout has always been one of our favourites and certainly did not disappoint, but all of the beers were in excellent condition as always!!

On 29th of February I got the 5.35 train to **Matlock Bath** and called in the **Temple Hotel** for their "beer bash", I left it til later just to be on the safe side. On arrival there were, as always, 3 beers in the main bar of which I partook in a half of Funfair Dive Bombers (the others being Bradfield Farmers Bitter and Burton Bridge Sovereign) before following the signs upstairs to the function room. Here, set up on a stillage, there were Oakham JHB, Thornbridge Gildas, Leatherbritches Ginger Spice & Over the Rainbow, Parish Special Bitter and Steaming Billy Bitter all at £2 a pint with a freshly delivered pin of Amber Colonial IPA, which unfortunately wouldn't be ready 'til the following day.....if the landlord could find his pegs! I sampled both the Leatherbritches brews (Over the Rainbow was particularly to my taste), the Parish and finished off on the Gildas, which was to Thornbridges usual high standard. While I was there Kick 'n' Rush were setting up for the evenings entertainment but alas I had to get the 6.38 back to Derby...bugger - Ed

On Friday 7th of March I met up with Charisma at Derby station and we caught the 4.34 to St Pancras and alighted at **Loughborough** for the beer festival. The **Tap and Mallet** was en-route and we thought it would be rude not to call in if it was open...it was and we had a choice from Abbeydale Matins & Absolution, Marston Burton Bitter, Jennings Dark Mild, Caledonian Try'd & Tested, Isle of Purbeck Fossil Fuel and Sharps Cornish Coaster. Charisma was none too impressed with the Fossil Fuel (neither was I when I had it at the Bell at Smalley) whilst I was quite content with the Sharps; from there we made our way to the beer festival. Now the last time I came to this beer festival was a fair few years ago with Del Boy and Two Pints and I thought the venue was far too small (I think it was at the town hall) and the Polish Club is no better, good job Charisma had the nous to get there early. About 70 beers were available, with a few being held back for the Saturday session and George Wright Drunken Duck had already gone. I tried Cannon Royall Fruiterers Mild, Townhouse A'dleyweisse, Woodlands Oak Beauty, Peal Ales DPA, Beowulf Dragon Smoked Stout, Goose Eye Over & Stout, Brew Dog Punk IPA and George Wright Mochne Pivo all of which were in good order, except the Townhouse (not to my taste). Charisma was a little more restrained having been lead astray by Bald Eagle the week before. We hung on to have a word with Jasper who was working the evening shift. Charisma wanted to visit the **Paget** so having been before I sort of lead the way. We had a choice from Steaming Billy Bitter, Skydiver & BSB and Everards Sunchaser (not as good as my last visit). After getting some sustenance from the 300 Spartans we ended the night in the **Albion** where we favoured the house beer over Sharps Doom Bar, Archers Easter Bonnet, and Wicked Hathern Dobles Dog before heading back to the station

Attended **Wheel Inn, Holbrook** for Easter Beerfest. 19 local beers from Black Hole, Funfair, Headless, Derby and Whim. I stuck to the pale and golden types and tried all on offer to see how much variation there was and was pleased with the subtle variations of sweet and bitterness but all were fresh and clean tasting. Couldn't pick a favourite between Funfair Dive Bomber and Whim Armadillo which I thought were the best two. Also popped in the **Dead Poets** and the Hopback Summer Lightning was very nice - The Escapist

In line with supporting local beer festivals, the Signalman and the Tweedles paid a visit to the **Arkwright Arms** at **Duckmanton** on Friday 21st March for the occasion of their 11th Annual Easter Beer Festival, which featured over 40 ales from Scotland. Alas, I was the designated driver, so could only sample a couple of the beers myself, opting for a half each of Kelburn Goldihops 3.8%, Cairngorm Trade Winds 4.3% and Brewdog Peroxide Punk 4%, but The Signalman and Tweedle Dum managed to get through an impressive 14 different beers during the night, including Arran Blonde 5%, Atlas Nimbus 5%, Brewdog Rip Tide 8%, Cairngorm White Lady 4.7%, Harviestoun Old Engine Oil 4.5%, Highland Dark Monroe 4% and a

couple of halves of Orkney Skullsplitter 8.5% amongst others. It was a very enjoyable evening, so many congratulations are due to John and Kathy for putting on such a fine range of ales - I will make sure I am not driving next time!! The next Mini Micro Fest at The Arkwright Arms will feature beers from Brampton Brewery, running from Friday 18th April onwards. This will be followed by the August Bank Holiday Beer Festival from Friday 22nd August, featuring beers from the Nottingham area - Tweedle Dee

The Boat Inn at Cromford was one of many pubs holding beer festivals over the Easter period, I called in on the Saturday lunchtime to find a good selection of beers available, on the bar was Acorn Barnsley Gold 4.3%, Acorn Cluster IPA 5%, Holdens Black Jack 4%, & Harviestoun Engine Oil 4.5% to the right of the bar in the corner was a small stillage with 6 more beers on being Abbeydale Absolution 5.3% Anglo Dutch Ghost on the Rim 4.5%, Beartown Kodiak Gold 4%, Castle Rock Elsie Mo 4.7%, Bridge Of Allan Bannockburn 4.2%, & Nottingham Bullion 5%. I tried the Cluster IPA & the Bannockburn and found them both to be in good condition, food was being served whilst I was there and very good it looked too this pub is tucked away just off the main road but is worth seeking out. Last of all and by far one of the biggest pub festivals that I have been to was the 1st Derbyshire Beer Festival at the Bulls Head at Repton, this fabulous old pub in the centre of the village has recently reopened after a extensive refurbishment after being closed for a couple of years. At the back of the pub housed in a giant marquee there were 72 different beers from 26 Derbyshire breweries that added up to a staggering 5184 pints which were expected to be drank over the 4 day Easter holiday, I helped out by trying Marstons Sun Bright 3.8%, Wirksworth Cruckbeam 3.9%, & Deventio Vesuvius 6.5% all beers were £2.50 a pint and the ones I tried were spot on. Info on the pub can be found at www.thebullsheadrepton.co.uk - Sooty

Funfair Brewing Company

Established in 2004 we now have a core range of award winning hand crafted beers including Gallopers 3.8%, Showman's Bitter 3.9%, Waltzer 4.5%, Dive Bomber 4.6%, Dodgem 4.7%, Brandy Snap 4.7%, Mighty Mouse 5.0% and Cake Walk 6.0%.

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Brewery News

Amber Ales-Ripley

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They've experimented a little recently with new

styles - and it all sold out quickly. If you missed the Organic Extra Pale ale 5.2% or the 6% Saison on draught do not despair, you can still try it in bottles! The former uses organic pale malt and organic First Gold hops (kinda pineapple) the latter is Belgian style with a low hop level that also uses coriander seeds and bitter orange peel

Ashover - Ashover

www.Ashoverbrewery.co.uk

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Butts Pale Ale won "Beer of the Festival" at Chesterfield. The new pub at Codnor is hoped to be up and running at the end of May with 8 beers on handpump, Kim is also hoping to hold a beer festival there in the near future. The Old Poets Corner at Ashover is having an extra handpump installed bringing the total to 10

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Richard hopes to brew a few new beers towards the end of April

Leadmill-Denby

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The 4 new beers named after American states have all been available at the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse with North Dakota selling very well. Missouri, New Jersey & Iowa have been spotted at various beer festivals including Leicester and the Bulls Head at Repton

Peakstones Rock-Alton

www.peakstonesrockbreweryalton.co.uk

dfedwards@fwi.com

The Peakstones Rock Beer Shop is now open (Tue, Fri & Sat) at the Indoor Market, High St, Cheadle. Cask ales are available straight from the barrel into flagons or your own container, Peakstones Rock beers and guest beers are priced around £1.80 a pint. Current regular Peakstone Rock beers are Nemesis 3.8%, Chained Oak 4.2%, Alton Abbey 4.5%, Black Hole 4.8% & Oblivion 5.5%

Thornbridge-Ashford

www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk

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The multi-award winning micro brewery currently based at Ashford-in-the-Water have found that brewery expansion to a 30-barrel plant has not been possible on the current site, so the plan is to move the production of most commercial brands to a new site, on a trading estate just outside Bakewell. Further details will follow as soon as they are available

Wirksworth-Wirksworth

www.wirksworthbrewery.co.uk

A third beer has been produced which appeared in time for the Easter break at select pubs and beer festivals, Cruckbeam 3.9% a session beer is described

as a pale bitter with a rich hoppy aroma and light amber colour, I got the opportunity to try it at the the Bulls Head in Repton that held a Derbyshire beer festival featuring 72 different beers from 26 breweries over the Easter holiday

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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The Latest beers from Funfair include a strong 5% IPA called Eggwheel and cask conditioned lager called Funstripe 4.7% the latter will be available in early April at the George & Dragon Belper. Dave is considering increasing his range of bottled beers following the good response to Dive Bomber and Cakewalk. A new beer to look out for in the future is to be called Wall of Death as yet no further details are available. Both Ghost Train and Showman's Bitter were amongst the beers available at the Royal Oak Watnall Beer Festival

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve
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After the football at Belper on Sat 23rd Feb we again ventured into lesser-known pubs. The Imperial Vaults had only Black Sheep available that was average quality. This pub is also up for sale as was the Railway nearby. If these disappear then there will only be the Green House left on the main shopping street. Whilst this is a good outlet with good beer it is nearly new and no traditional local pubs will remain. A visit to the Lord Nelson was even less successful as the only available ale from Derby Brewery ran out before completion of our round, so we had to drink what was left which was not too good. There was no new ale to follow so things do not look too good here either - Chris P Duck

The 29th of February must be special as Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors visited the Flowerpot in Derby (now there's a surprise) to find 10 ales available at £2 a pint. The beers were Marstons Old Empire, Sweet Chariot, Porter & Pedi, Jennings Sneck Lifter, Cocker Hoop, Cumberland & 1828, Everards Pitch Black and Headless Wafty Cranker. Other beers on offer were Headless First Bloom, Sams Ale & Owd Reg, Oakham Bishops Farewell, Town House Triple Hop & Flower Dew, Whim Hartington IPA, Hopshackle Shacklers Best & Brakspear Double Dropped Bitter all priced between £2.50 and £2.64 plus Scopton cider. 19 beers on hand pump plus cider must qualify as a permanent beer festival?

Beer Festival Diary – Near and Not so Near

27th March to 14th April Wetherspoons International Beer festival-Nationwide

4th to 6th April Grapes Beer Festival, High St-Belper

10th to 13th April Mansfield Beer & Cider Festival, Intake Club, Kirkland Ave-Mansfield www.mansfieldcamra.org

17th to 20th April Coopers Tavern & Devonshire Arms Joint Beer Festival, Cross St and Station St-Burton-on-Trent

18th to 20th April Harrington Arms Beer Festival, Grove Close-Thulston 01332 571798 20 Beers

18th April Onwards Arkwright Arms Mini Micro Beer Festival Featuring Brampton Brewery Beers, Chesterfield Rd-Sutton cum Duckmanton

2nd to 5th May 55th Anniversary Beer Festival, Royal Oak, Green Lane-Ockbrook

2nd to 5th May Black Bulls Head Beer Festival, Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate-Belper

3rd to 5th May Lion Hotel Bank Holiday Beer Festival, Bridge St-Belper

9th to 10th May Erewash CAMRA's 2nd Ilkeston Beer Festival, King Edward IV Suite, Regency Rooms, Wharnccliffe Rd-Ilkeston www.erewash-camra.org

16th to 17th May Barrow Hill Roundhouse Beer Festival, Barrow Hill-Chesterfield www.barrowhill.org FREE bus from train station

23rd to 25th May Belper Town FC Beer Festival, Christchurch Meadow, Bridge St-Belper

23rd to 26th May White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

23rd to 26th May Heart of 3 Cities Beer Festival, The Swan in the Rushes, 21 The Rushes-Loughborough, LE11 5BE www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk

27th to 29th June White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

16th to 19th July Ye Olde Dolphin Inne Beer Festival, Queen St-Derby

25th to 27th July White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

22nd August Onwards Arkwright Arms Mini Micro Beer Festival Featuring Nottinghamshire Breweries, Chesterfield Rd-Sutton cum Duckmanton

22nd to 25th August White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

3rd to 5th April Walsall Beer Festival, Town Hall, Leicester St-Walsall

10th to 13th April Stafford Cricket Club Beer Festival, Brian Westhead Pavilion, Riverway-Stafford 01785 251660

11th to 12th April Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby Football Ground, Butts Park Arena, Butts Rd-Coventry <http://uk.geocities.com/covcamra/>

17th to 20th April The Congress St Georges Beer Festival, Sutherland Rd, Longton-Stoke-on-Trent

17th to 20th April Harlequin Beer Festival, 108 Nursery Street-Sheffield 30+ Ales Tel 0114 2758195

18th to 19th April Mallard St Georges Beer Festival, Station Approach-Workshop

18th to 20th April Black Horse Beer Festival, 65 Narrow Lane, Aylestone-Leicester, LE2 8NA. Tel 0116 2832811. www.philspub.co.uk/index.html

18th to 20th April Leek Hockey Club Beer Festival, Macclesfield Rd-Leek

21st to 24th April George Inn Beer Festival, Castle St-Eccleshall www.thegeorgeinn.freeserve.co.uk 01785 850300

23rd to 26th April Oakhill Beer Festival, Bowling Club, Daintry St, Oakhill-Stoke-on-Trent

24th to 26th April Syston Beer Festival, Community Centre, School Street-Syston, Leicestershire 20 Ales

25th to 27th April Bull Inn Beer Festival, Watling St, Witherley-Atherstone 01827 712323

2nd to 4th May Jervis Arms Spring Beer Festival-Onecote, Staffs ST13 7IE 01538 304206

2nd to 5th May Long Itchington Beer Festival, 6 pubs in the village-Southam, Warks CV47 9PW www.longitchingtonbeerfestival.co.uk

9th to 10th May Macclesfield Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Priory Lane-Macclesfield Ticket Info treavor.gammage@baesystems.com or 07802 645898

14th to 17th May 25th Rugby Beer Festival, Thornfield Bowling Club, Bruce Williams Way-Rugby www.rugbycamra.org.uk

15th to 17th May 20th Chester Charity Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Hare Lane-Chester www.chestercamra.org.uk

16th to 17th May Philadelphia Beer & Blues Festival Held At Several Pubs Around Sheffield

22nd to 24th May Lincoln Beer Festival The Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln www.lincolncamra.org.uk

23rd to 25th May Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park, Tolney Lane-Newark, NG14 1DA www.newarkcamra.org.uk/festival/index.htm

29th to 31st May 3rd Delapre Abbey Beer Festival, London Rd-Northampton (10 minutes from rail station) 150+ Beers

18th to 19th July Walsall Cricket Club Ashover Brewery Mini Beer Festival, Gorway Rd-Walsall www.walsallcricketclub.com

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 Rodders on 07964492569 or e-mail: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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