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"In the Sticks"

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In the Sticks

Welcome to the latest issue of "In the Sticks" the newsletter of RuRAD, Rural Real Ale Drinkers. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 52 pubs in 27 different locations, 4 Breweries and 36 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

The **White Hart, West Hallam** has been closed since January 18th. Signs posted outside are offering it is a business opportunity (Punch Taverns? now there's a surprise! - Ed)

We reported last month that the **Poet & Castle** at **Codnor** had pencilled in the 12th to 15th of February for its first beer festival. These dates have been scrapped and it is now scheduled for Mayday bank holiday, details will follow

The former GBG pub the **Royal Oak** at **Caldwell** is still closed and boarded up

The **Rowditch Inn** on Uttoxeter Road, **Derby** has been granted planning permission for a microbrewery and it's hoped that brewing will commence in the spring. Hopefully more news will follow with developments

It is reported that an ex-brewer from Alcazar Brewery is to set up a microbrewery at the **Navigation**, nr Notts County football ground, **Nottingham**

Congratulations go to Kim & Jackie Beresford as the **Old Poets Corner** at **Ashover** has won Chesterfield CAMRA Pub of the Year

After being closed for some 10 years the **Horseshoe Inn** at **Yeaveley** has been refurbished and reopened as the **Yeaveley Arms**. Charisma paid a visit recently Wadworth 6X, Pedigree, Thwaites Lancaster Bomber and St Austell tribute available at £2.50 a pint. The Pedigree & 6X and it is planned the other 2 pumps will be rotating guest beers depending on demand

Que Sera, Church St, **Heanor** has reopened with 5 real ales. 2 from Grafton, 1 from Nottingham, 1 Magpie ale and Deuchars IPA were reported recently

February 2009

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The **White Post, Stanley Common** recently had Funfair Chaos and Derby Brewing Classy Blonde both very good and Jennings Cocker Hoop (which has replaced OSH permanently)

Noted recently in **Ashbourne** the **White Swan** is To Let and the **Wellington** is closed and boarded up with the free hold for sale

Spire Brewery have been unable to acquire the **Cricketers** at **Chesterfield**

The **Black Horse** at **Coton in the Elms** is currently closed and boarded up but should soon be reopening under new ownership. The other pub in the village, the **Shoulder of Mutton**, is also closed but with a more uncertain future

The 16th to 18th of January saw the opening weekend of the RuRAD Bar at the **Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse** with a selection of beers including Wild Walker Great Escape & Old Big 'Ead, Cathedral Ales 8 Bells, Nelson Cat O' 9 Tails, Oakham Bishops Farewell, Atomic Fusion and Bottle Brook Dragonfly and it was very well supported. The following weekend saw Cathedral Ales Red Imp, 6 Bells Oh' Nein, Steaming Billy Skydiver, Cotleigh Best Bitter, Salopian Resistance alongside Bottle Brook Destitution & Dragonfly but sadly the Jaipur never dropped bright all weekend. The 2nd weekend was a little quieter but the Derby v Forest FA Cup game might have had something to do with that. It will take time for the word to get round but the signs are good for Richards latest venture. The bar is open Friday 3 - 11, Saturday 12 - 11 and Sunday 12 - 10.30.

Free Copy

Colin's guest beers for February at the **Cross Keys Belper** include Bateman's Hooker 4.5%, Derby Brewing Co Dino & Pete's Breakfast Blond 4.2%, Everards Pitch Black 4.3%, Country Life Pot Wallop 4.4%, Wold Top Falling Stone 4.2%, Black Hole Star Gazer 4% plus a new house beer which will be available from the middle of the month. Dino & Pete's Breakfast Blond will be available throughout February and promoted by RAM FM. A percentage of sales will be going to charity.

The **Nags Head** at **Smalley** has reopened

The **Green Dragon** at **Willington** closed its doors about 2nd week in December, was shut over the Christmas & New Year period and still shows no signs of re-opening

The **Wilmot Arms** at **Borrowash** is To Let yet again, as you might have guessed it is owned by Punch Taverns

The **Travellers** at **Kilburn** has been closed since early January

A new beer distributor is about to start trading (week commencing January 26th) in the form of Derbyshire Ale Supplies run by Rob Roddy. Rob hopes to learn from other distributors mistakes by offering a professional service, which will include advice and tips to landlords regarding real ales if required. He also thinks keeping the beer in chilled storage and not transporting it for miles will ensure the beer arrives with the customer in pristine condition. Rob also plans to do provide outside bars on request mainly supplying Derbyshire beers and hopes to remove the difficulties brewers have selling and distributing their beers. The planned area to cover is from north of Sheffield down to Burton on Trent, from Nottingham and across the Peak District. There will also be beers available from other areas from time to time

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Cross Keys

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Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Richard continues to produce new beers, the latest of which are Pot of Gold 4.1%, which was in fine form, Hallucination 4.7% (yet to appear at the **Old Oak Inn**) also Chinook and Decade 5%

Falstaff-Derby

www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk
info@falstaffbrewery.co.uk

Jims theme for his one off special beers this year is star constellations, already Orion 4.3%, Cassiopeia 4% & Aquarius 4.2% have been seen on the bar in the **Babington Arms** in **Derby** and should also be available at the **Falstaff** pub in **Normanton** as well

Wild Walker-Derby

www.wildwalker.co.uk

Joe Walker & Ken Wild set up the brewery in late 2008 and have already had Old Big 'Ead 4.1% & Great Escape 5% at Derby Winter Beer Festival, both were also available on the opening weekend of the RuRAD Bar at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse**. Their beers were also set to appear at the Magpies Beer Festival, Newark Beer Festival, the **Cliff Inn** at **Crich** and the **Flowerpot** and **Rowditch** in **Derby**

Wirksworth-Wirksworth

www.wirksworthbrewery.com

After a successful first year of brewing there are plans afoot for a number of new seasonal beers for 2009, Bunny Hops is the latest beer from **Jeff Green** at **Wirksworth Brewery** and will join other regular favourites including **First Brew**, **T'Owd Man** and **Cruckbeam**. The Spring beer will be 4.4% and is expected to be available from early March. For more details contact **Jeff** on 01629 824011 or email

WIRKSWORTHBREWERY@hotmail.co.uk

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Our first walk of the New Year was on the rather uninspiring morning of Sunday 11th and started from **Blore Pastures** in **Staffordshire**. The chilly wind forced us to tog up from the off before we took the path through the church yard to **Swincoe** and the **Dog & Partridge** (I distinctly remember hideously overpriced beer when we visited in 1998 so we've never been back....dread

to think what it's like now!). We got on to the **Limestone Way** for a short while before heading to **Upper Mayfield** and **Hanging Bridge** where, from the **Royal Oak**, we got on to the **Bentley Brook** path and up the hill to **Ashbourne**. We had a little recce to re-familiarise ourselves before calling in the **GBG Green Man & Blacks Head Royal Hotel** on **St John's St**. My boots were that muddy I had to take them off (a rare occurrence indeed), **Del Boy** didn't need to-he'd got some boot bags (you can tell he was a boy scout!). We were treated to a choice of **Milton Cyclops**, **Leatherbritches Hairy Helmet** & **Dr Johnson's**, **Wychwood Winter Troll**....oh and **Abbot**, the house beers were sampled and we made the most of the comfy chairs. On leaving we had a wander round the pubs on the **Market Place** (we've done the **Horns**) and as we were noseying in the window of **Ye Olde Vaults** the landlady (I presume) invited us in. When we asked what beer was on she said "Bass, **Pedi** & **IPA**" so we politely declined she then, altruistically, directed us to the **Green Man**, when we said we'd just come from there she said "try the **Smiths Tavern**, he's won awards for his beers"....so we gratefully did. This pub, also on **St John's St**, 8 hand pumps on the bar, **Pedi** & **Burton Bitter** had 2 each the others dispensed **Jennings Cross** **Buttock** & **Cumberland** and **Wychwood January Sale** and the other clip was turned round. I had the **Cross Buttock** (not seen that for ages) and **Del** had the **Wychwood** both were in good order and enjoyed in the knowledge that we'd happened upon our first good NEW pub of the year already. Well worth a visit. We got on to the **Tissington Trail** (avoiding a closed bridge, which looked ok to us when we passed it) and headed back to **Blore** through **Mapleton**, **Okeover Hall** and **Woodhouses**.

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4 - 12

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

12 - 12

**An Oasis in the Desert of
Mediocrity!**

Sunday the 25th of January saw our walk start from the village of **Coton** in the **Elms**, which according to the **Ordnance Survey** is the most landlocked village in the country (I think I may have mentioned that before)and it doesn't even have a pub doing business at the moment! We walked up

Church St, passed the closed **Shoulder of Mutton**, and took the footpath to **Rosliston** (where we were pleased to see the **GBG Bulls Head** still looking like it is a going concern) before heading to **Caldwell** where the **Royal Oak** is most definitely not trading. From there we walked down **Sandy Lane**, passing a pet crematorium (isn't that a **Stephen King** novel?) and got on to a footpath that runs alongside that railway line, which lead us eventually to **Castle Gresley**. Here we called in the **White Lion** and had a swift half of **Pedi**, as it was the only beer on (in fair order) and we were the only customers in. It's easy to see why pubs are dropping like flies. We retraced our steps down **Mount Rd** on to **The Scotts** and came out on **Hillside Rd**, which lead us to **Linton**. We passed a house on **Main St** that looked like it may have been a pub at one time (a phrase that will no doubt become more popular if **Darling** has his way) before coming across the **Square & Compass** where once again we had a choice from **Pedi** (in good nick even if it was the barrel-end) and once again we were the only customers. Our woe was eclipsed though when the barmaid told us she had just been made homeless....there's always someone worse off. We'd just come to the decision that there was only one pub in the village when we happened upon the **Holly Bush** on **High St**, which was by far the nicest pub of the day with by far the most customers in it but guess what the only beer available was.....yep! we made it a hat-trick of pubs with just **Pedi** available and it wasn't the best of the day either, still you can't have everything can you? We did get a bit lost in the **National Forest**, I think they should rename it the **National Thicket** for the next 30 or 40 years, half of the so-called woods are scarcely knee high.....AND WE STILL MANAGED TO GET LOST!!!!!! Can't see the woods for the trees sometimes

**Michael & Muriel Edwin invite you to visit
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RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

Derby's 8th Winter beer festival, which ran from the 8th - 10th of January, was my first beer festival visit of the year for 2009, so as I am **B.L.O.** for **Wirksworth** brewery **Jeff** and I were invited to the reception which started at 4.30 pm. 4 real ales were available for invited guests which were **Blue Monkey Pale Ale** 4.3%, **Burton Bridge Bitter** 4.2%, **Derby Old Intentional** 5% & **Tower Black Tower Stout** 4.2%. The **Blue Monkey** was exceptionally good and the cask was drunk dry

before the general public was allowed in at 6pm much to the disgust of many tickers although word did get around that it was available at the **Brewery Tap** (Royal Standard) later that evening. I was joined at the reception by Charisma Bypass, Loco, 2 Gallon Man, Rodney & Steady Steve plus brewers from many Derbyshire breweries including Whim, Derventio, Headless, Derby, Spire and the new Derby brewery Wild Walker, they had 2 of these beers available which were Old Big Ead 4.1% & Great Escape 5% both beers were tried by many RuRAD members and given the thumbs up, good luck to this fledgling brewery - Sooty

I made a Saturday lunchtime call to the **Grapes** beer festival at **Belper** and was told if I wanted a beer to serve myself and pay at the bar, which was unique. There were 7 festival beers, which were Old Speckled Hen, Bass, Abbot, GK IPA & H&H Bitter, Rocking Rudolph and Ruddles Best with Pedigree, Burton Bitter and Hobgoblin in the pub. With time against me I only had time to sample the Rocking Rudolph and left a festival I wouldn't have found out about but for seeing the blackboard outside the pub - Charisma

Carl & Liz welcome you to the
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Home to Amber Ales

there. **Castle Inn** - GK IPA, GK Old Speckled - we had a pint of the GK IPA, which was rather surprisingly pretty good (as far as GK IPA goes). **Wheatsheaf** - Mansfield Cask Ale, Pedigree, Jennings Redbreast 4.4%? - we had a pint of the Redbreast, which was pretty good. **Queens** - Jennings Cumberland, Pedigree, Banks' Winter Ale (4.5%), Ringwood XXXX Porter 4.7% on pump - we had a pint of the Ringwood Porter - again pretty good. **Peacock** - Black Sheep Bitter, Adhams Bitter, Peak Ales Swift Nick, Peak Ales Bakewell Best Bitter - we had a pint of the Swift Nick, which was excellent - the best quality drink of the day. **Red Lion** - Black Sheep Bitter and Wells Bombardier (Pedigree had just gone off) - we opted for a pint of Black Sheep, which amazingly was once again pretty good (as far as Black Sheep goes). **Manners** - Robinson Unicorn, Robinson Dizzy Blonde - MD had Unicorn and LJE had Dizzy Blonde - both did exactly as we expected - a steady pint of Robinsons.

Rutland Arms Hotel - Thornbridge Lord Marples, Thornbridge Ashford, Thornbridge Jaipur IPA - we both had a pint of the Lord Marples - a good pint but an extremely dull venue. With time to spare we went back to the Peacock for another excellent pint of Swift Nick. Caught the 2040 Transpeak back to Derby for a pint in the Brewery Tap (didn't record what though) before our buses home. In conclusion we had 13 pints each on the day with not a bad one amongst them, not many times I can say that. Even the GK IPA and Black Sheep had been OK - MD & LJE

LJE, Fudge and I got the 1050 Trentbarton 6.1 service from Derby / Belper to the road junction beyond Idridgehay and walked up to the **Barley Mow** at **Kirk Ireton**. Four beers behind the bar - Cottage Whippet Claus 4%, Rudgate Battle Axe 4.2%, Hartington IPA 4.5%, Derby Brewing Company Business as Usual 4.4%. We sampled the Cottage, Rudgate and Hartington but not the DBC. I'd say the Hartington was the pick of the bunch. Walked from Kirk Ireton via Alport

Heights to **Alderwasley**, there was even the bonus of a good half-inch of snow covering the roads going over the top at Alport. On the bar at the **Bear Inn** were Thornbridge Jaipur IPA, GK Old Speckled Hen, Bass, Timothy Taylor Landlord, Hartington Bitter. Between us we sampled the Jaipur and Hartington and both were pretty good. Walked on to the **Malt Shovel Inn** at **Wirksworth Moor** - Pedigree and Hobgoblin - the Pedigree was pretty good, LJE made no complaints about the Hobgoblin so I assume it was fine too. Walked on to **Wirksworth** and just time for a swift one in the **Hope and Anchor**. On the bar were Amber Ales Cascade 3.7%, Wirksworth T' Owd Man 4.9%, St.Austell Tribute. The Amber and Wirksworth offerings were pretty good - didn't bother with the St.Austell. Caught the 1830 Trentbarton 6.1 service back to Belper / Derby. We were unable to stay longer as Fudge had to be back in Tamworth to answer to Mrs. Fudge as to the status of their failed central heating. He also had to be at the Market Vaults in Tamworth for the final night of the Landlady / tenant / whoever as they were moving out and the Vaults supposedly closing. I'm not sure which reason carries more weight - MD

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the
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On Sunday January 4th LJE and I did a Derbyshire Wayfarer starting on the 0956 train from Derby to **Matlock** and called in at the **Crown** (Spoons) for a breakfast and a pint of Thornbridge Wild Swan. Forward on the 1137 Transpeak to Rowsley and walked to **Beeley** for the **Devonshire Arms**. Beers on were Theakston Old Peculier, Thornbridge Jaipur IPA, Hartington Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter and Peak Ales Bakewell Best Bitter. We had a pint of the Bakewell Best Bitter, which was OK (without being brilliant). All ales are priced here at £3.00 per pint except the Old Peculier at £3.20. We knew this was an expensive pub but whilst £3.00 isn't too bad for Jaipur, it certainly is not for Black Sheep. Walked to the next venue, the **Devonshire Arms** at **Pilsley**. On the bar were Theakston Old Peculier, Theakston Black Bull Bitter, Peak Ales Bakewell Best Bitter, Peak Ales Chatsworth Gold 4.6%. We both had a pint of each of the Peak Ales, which were good - the price of £2.50 for each pint was certainly more palatable than Beeley - don't know the pricing on the Theakston's. On to **Bakewell** on the 1453 Hulley's 170 service for a visit to each of the 7 pubs

A look at Alfreton with AV CAMRA

Met in the **Waggon & Horses** where there was Pedigree, Abbot, Burton Bitter, Burton Bridge Tom Foolery and Amber Winter Ruby. I tried the Tom Foolery, which was rather bland then a Winter Ruby was thrust into my hand and was a lot better. We then proceeded down the road to the **Devonshire** where I had a nice cheap drink of Oakwell Bitter, which was a bit on the cold side. We got our walking boots on and headed to the **Victoria** where Anglo Dutch Winter Ale and Wyre Piddle We 3 Kings were on the bar of which I tried the Winter Ale (for me turned out to be the best drink of the night). Walking back in to Alfreton we called in the **Hudson Bay** where Wychwood Winter Troll and Jennings Red Breast were on the bar. I chose the Wychwood and wished I hadn't as it was on the turn. Next was the **Old Bell** where Ruddles County and GK Rocking Rudolph were the choice, I opted for the latter but it didn't taste as good as I recall...or perhaps it was me. The **Swan & Salmon** had Pedigree and Old Peculier, the OP tasted like vinegar and had to be returned - Charisma

Proposed Trips

Trips to Liverpool, Wakefield and Wolverhampton are amongst several in the pipeline when suitable dates can be arranged - Watch this space!

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 29th January to 1st February Nottingham "Magpies" Beer Festival, Wheelers Bar, Notts County FC, Meadow Lane-Nottingham
5th to 8th February Joint Beer Festival Between Unicorn, Repton Rd-Newton Solney and Bulls Head, High St-Repton. Free Shuttle Between the Pubs
6th to 7th February Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel, Holywell St-Chesterfield www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk
12th to 15th February Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfreton Rd-Codnor **RESCHEDULED FOR MAYDAY BANK HOLIDAY** Details to follow
12th to 15th February SIBA Champions Beer Festival, Canalhouse, Canal St-Nottingham
14th to 22nd February Rising Sun Beer Festival, Rise End-Middleton by Wirksworth, Matlock 12+ Ales Tel 01629 822420
5th to 7th March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lovers Walk, off William Street, Loughborough. www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk
12th to 15th March Old Poets Corner Beer Festival, Butts Rd-Ashover
13th to 14th March Burton Spring Beer Festival, Town Hall-Burton on Trent

- 5th to 7th February 5th Pendle Beer Festival, Municipal Hall, Albert Rd-Colne Over 65 Ales www.pendlebeerfestival.co.uk
5th to 7th February 10th Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival Triangle Club, Duke St, Chelmsford, Over 130 ales
6th to 7th February Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival, Watson Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury www.tewkesburycamra.org.uk
6th to 7th February Dorchester Beer Ex, Corn Exchange-Dorchester www.camradorset.org.uk
6th to 7th February 2nd Ilkley Beer Festival, Kings Hall, Springs Lane-Ilkley 100 Ales www.ilkleybeerfestival.org.uk
6th to 7th February Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Festival, Guildhall, Bore St-Lichfield. Over 35 Ales www.lichfieldarts.org.uk
6th to 8th February Hawkshead Brewery Winter Beer Festival, The Beer Hall, Mill Yard-Staveley 39 Ales www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk
11th to 13th February 19th Battersea Beer Festival, Grand Hall, Town Hall Rd, Lavender Hill-London
13th to 15th February 4th 6 Nations Beer Festival, Newcastle RFC, Lilleshall Rd, Clayton-Newcastle under Lyme. Over 30 Beers and Ciders
18th to 21st February 17th Rotherham Oakwood Ale & Music Festival, Oakwood Technology College, Moorgate Rd-Rotherham www.realale-oakwood.org
19th to 21st February Liverpool Beer Festival, Crypt Hall, Metropolitan Cathedral, Brownlow Hill-Liverpool www.mersecamra.org.uk
19th to 21st February 27th Fleetwood Beer Festival, The Marine Hall, The Esplanade, Fleetwood Approx 120 ales
20th to 21st February WinterfestXVII Gosport Winter Beer Festival, Thorngate Halls, Bury Rd-Gosport www.psehamra.org
20th to 22nd February 1st Railway Ale House Beer Fest, Avenue St, Stockport, Gt Manchester 15 Ales + The Pennine Range
23rd February to 1st March 6th Audley FC Beer Festival, Old Rd-Bignall End. 38 Ales and Ciders
26th to 28th February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall-Saltaire www.bradfordcamra.org.uk
26th to 28th February Harrogate 19th Charity Beer Fest, International Centre, Harrogate, 30 Ales
26th to 28th February Ale & Arty Stockton Beer Festival, Arts Centre, Dovecote St-Stockton on Tees www.clevelandcamra.org.uk
27th to 28th February Wrexham Beer Festival, Gresford Colliery Social Club Recreation Ground, Bluebell Lane, Pandy-Wrexham www.chestercamra.co.uk
11th to 14th March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay St (Off St Margarets Way)-Leicester www.camra.org.uk
12th to 13th March Sussex Beer Festival, Hove Town Hall, Hove 200 Ales www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk
13th to 14th March Hitchin Beer & Cider Festival, Town Hall, Brand St-Hitchin www.camranorthherts.org.uk
19th to 21st March Booze on the Ouse, Priory Centre, St Neots-Cambridge www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals
18th to 20th March London Drinker Beer Fest, Camdon Centre, Bidborough St, London 75+ Ales
18th to 22nd March Star Beer Fest, 7 Albert St, Lockwood, Huddersfield 60 ales www.thestarinn.info
19th to 21st March New Pudsey Beer Festival, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, New Pudsey 150 Ales
19th to 21st March Harlequin Spring Beer Festival, Nursery Street, Sheffield 40 Ales
27th to 28th March Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry RFC, Butts Rd-Coventry

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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Derek & Staff welcome you to the

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Everybody has to believe in something....

I believe I'll have another drink." - W.C. Fields