



# RuRAD

## "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 41 pubs in 25 different locations, 11 Breweries and 26 Beer Festivals

#### Beer and Pub News

Well as reported in the last 2 issues of In the Sticks the **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** officially reopened as a real ale pub on January 9<sup>th</sup>, although a few lucky punters managed to have a preview evening on the Friday evening. As you enter the front bar you are greeted by 6 handpumps dispensing a range of quality ales. On the opening weekend these were Oakham Bishops Farewell 4.6% £2.50, Bottle Brook Roadrunner 4.8% £2.40, plus 4 Woodlands beers, Super India PA 6.4% £2.60, Bees Knees 4.5% £2.40, Mild 3.5% & Light Oak both at £2. Bottle Brook, Marble, Thornbridge & Abbeydale beers have also featured in the first few weeks of opening along with everyone's favourite Oakham. There is an hourly bus service during the day (not Sun) the 1A operated by Trent Barton that stops right outside the pub this leaves Ripley at half past the hour or Heanor at 6 min past. The Thorn Tree opens at 5pm Mon-Thurs, 3pm Fri and all day Sat & Sun. This pub is well worth a visit and is proof yet again that if you get the right format of enthusiastic landlords and staff serving well kept real ale then you can run a successful pub business, well done to all involved

### February 2010

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve  
welcome you to the

#### ROYAL OAK

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Evening Meals:

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Ockbrook Big Band Concerts  
14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February

Amongst the guest beers available at the **Talbot Taphouse** in **Ripley** during February will be ales from Castle Rock, Cathedral Ales, Great Heck, Marble, Milestone, O'Hanlon's and Thornbridge. A tutored beer tasting evening is being held during February with Duvel Moorgat, featuring Duvel Green and Liefmans Fruit on draught, plus around 8 bottled beers, including Duvel, Vedett and Maredsous - check the website, or Facebook page for more details

The **White Lion** in **South Normanton** is now selling a cask ale, Marston's Pedigree was found during a recent visit

The new brewery venture that Dave Tizard is working on in partnership with the Rutherford family has produced it's first beer, Conqueror Bitter 5.2%, which is going down well at the **Queens Head** at **Marlpool**. It has also been available at the **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** where it also proved popular. The beer appeared under the name Westcrown Brewery

Recently in **Ilkeston** the **Spanish Bar** had Falstaff Cygnus, Mallard Great Dude, Oldershaws Old Boy, Hartington IPA and Marston Pedigree whilst the **Needlemakers Arms** had Kelham Island Easy Rider, Magpie Thieving Rogue, Titanic Stout and Camerons Fireplace

Recently at the **Royal Standard**, Derby were Derby Quintessential, Business as Usual, Sleigh Again & Double Mash with guests, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven, Landlord and Elgoods Black Dog & Cambridge

### Free Copy

#### Amber Valley CAMRA Update

20<sup>th</sup> February - 7pm, free bus trip from Ripley Market Place, surveying pubs in various destinations. For Belper/Alfreton pick ups please ring Nathan. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - 8.30pm, Branch meeting, **Tavern**, Derby Road, **Belper**. Contact Nathan 01773 570675

On a more solemn note we regret to report the death of Michael Edwin, landlord of the **Black Horse** at **Hulland Ward**, who sadly passed away just after Christmas. He will be greatly missed, as he was a big supporter of the RuRAD ideas and a real character. We would like to send our condolences to his wife Muriel and wish all the best for the future as she intends to carry on running the pub

Richard Creighton has been asked to supply beers for Derby Winter Beer Festival, these will be Bottle Brook Road Runner 4.8%, Festival Mild 3.8% and Leadmill ESM 6%

On a cycling trip terminating at **Hatton** I discovered that the **Kestrel** is no longer a pub but called at the nearby **Railway Tavern**, a welcoming Marstons pub serving a good pint of Ringwood XXXX Porter - no jokes about fancying a railway porter please. Moving back we visited the friendly **GBG Old Talbot** at **Hilton** with a fine choice of ales. I had BHB Cosmic with Amber Stout, OP, York Constantine, Bass and Pedigree all available

The **Tavern** at **Belper** is hoping to have its first beer festival around Easter

February's special from Cropton Brewery at the **Anchor**, **Oakerthorpe** will be Winters Tale 4.2%

**Ashover** Brewery will be organizing the real ale bar for the Bearded Theory Beer Festival at **Hulland Ward** in May

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### **Brewery News**

#### **Amber Ales-Ripley**

[www.Amberales.co.uk](http://www.Amberales.co.uk)

The latest beers in the fermenters include a Double IPA and an Imperial Stout, both of which will be around 8% and available at the **Talbot Taphouse** soon - check the website, or Facebook page for more details. Demand for the multi-award winning Chocolate Orange has now seen it being exported to Dublin and Helsinki! By the time you read this, the next beer in the "Experiment-Ale" series - a 4.8% IPA called White Dog IPA - will have been on (and probably gone!) at the Talbot Taphouse

#### **Ashover-Ashover**

[www.ashoverbrewery.com](http://www.ashoverbrewery.com)

Kim is planning to expand production in March to cope with demand and is hoping to have 2 more managed pubs by 2011. Also there will be a revival of the Belgian style All Saints 5.5% very soon

#### **Barlow-Barlow**

[www.barlowbrewery.com](http://www.barlowbrewery.com)

Barlow have started brewing and their beers are expected to be available at Newark Winter and Chesterfield beer festivals. Barlow Black 5% is available at the **Hare and Hounds** in Barlow, with other outlets following shortly, and Barlow Bitter 3.8% & Carnival Ale 4% should be appearing very soon

#### **Brunswick-Derby**

[www.brunswickinn.co.uk](http://www.brunswickinn.co.uk)

Rockin' Johnny's Derby Pride 4.6% is the latest brew at the Brunswick

#### **Buxton-Buxton**

The plant brought from Wild Walker last year has been moved to its new location in the Buxton area where Wild Walker & Buxton beers are to be brewed

#### **Bottle Brook-Kilburn**

A session beer at 4% has been brewed for Chris Buxton's newly acquired **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** called Middle Piddle, which is going to be the house beer at a bargain £2 a pint. Also a 5% bitter called London Lady is due to appear at the RuRAD Bar in early February

#### **Derby-Derby**

[www.derbybrewing.co.uk](http://www.derbybrewing.co.uk)

Seasonal beers spotted on the bar at the **Brewery Tap** over the Christmas and New Year Period included Christmas Porter 5%, White Christmas 5.5%, Five Gold Rings 4%, Sleighd Again 4.5%, A Touch of Hop 4.4%, That's The Way 4%, Golden Moment 5% and Quality Treat 4%

#### **Falstaff-Derby**

[www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk](http://www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk)

After last years astrology theme for the monthly house beers at the **Babington Arms, Derby**, Jim is to brew a range of beers depicting Greek mythology, the first one in the series is The Neamean Lion 4.5% which is available on the bar now

#### **Headless-Derby**

Headless beers with a twist have been on at the **Flowerpot, Derby** during December, Chapel Street Ales 3.8% (dry hopped King St), Randy Santa 4% (dry hopped Legend) and Christmas Cranberry Stout 4.5%, which speaks for itself have all been on the bar

#### **Leadmill-Derby**

[www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk](http://www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk)

A new beer has appeared at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** in the form of Goldings 4%, a light session beer

#### **Wirksworth-Wirksworth**

[www.wirksworthbrewery.com](http://www.wirksworthbrewery.com)

Wirksworth Brewery is open for off-sales every Friday 11:00-17:00 and Saturday 09:00-14:00. A selection of their beers are available direct from the brewhouse ranging from 4 pint jugs through to 9 gallon casks. For more information visit the website or contact Jeff Green on 01629 824 011. Following the success of their winter beer Snowfield, the 5% light golden beer will be available throughout February and March

## **NAGS HEAD**

**Butterley Hill**

**Ripley's Local Pub**

**Real Ale**

**Real People**

**Real Music at  
Tea Time on  
Sunday's**

#### **Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles**

Our walks in 2010 started with a foray into

Warwickshire on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We parked in Atherstone and walked down the Coventry Canal for a short way before taking the road to Baddesley Ensor from where we moved on to **Baxterley** and the **GBG Rose Inn** situated right next to the village pond. Here we had a choice from Bass, Tribute, Youngs Winter Warmer, Directors & Bombardier, though the beer selection was primarily pedestrian the Winter Warmer and the Tribute were both in fine form, worth the visit. From there we walked down the road to another GBG pub, the **Horse & Jockey** at **Bentley** (a pub we've walked past on more than one occasion) where once we'd found our way to the bar, which isn't easy if you go in the back door, we were confronted by 2 dead pumps. The barmaid however brought to our attention the beers on offer which were Bass, Wentworth Ruby Robin & Irving Frigate, with Bass being forsaken Del went for the Ruby Robin and I the Frigate, having never come across the brewery before. Both were below 4% but both were priced at £2.95 a pint or in our case £3 for 2 halves, so a bit pricey then? Though it is a very food orientated pub the carvery is in a separate area away from the bar. From there we walked through Bentley Park Wood to **Ridge Lane** where we came out opposite the **White Hart** (another pub we've walked past a few times) so we decided to call in not expecting much as it is an Enterprise Inns - which is what they show none of! As expected there was Bass & Pedit available we both plumped for Bass but I don't think that is what we got. Just a short walk down the road is the **GBG Church End Brewery Tap** where there were 6 or 7 Church End beers on, of which I went for the Poachers Pocket and Del the Cuthberts. The round came to £2.25, very reasonable I thought so did the barman in fact as I gave him £2.30 and never got any change. From there we walk down Purley Chase Lane and across the local golf course back to the car

Clare welcomes you to the

### **PATTENMAKERS ARMS**

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Them there planets were up to their old aligning tricks again on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of January as Uncle Albert joined us for a walk. We started from Farnsfield in Nottinghamshire and made our way around Edingley to Halam, from where - to give us chance to get our boots clean - we walked down the road to **Southwell**. We walked past the Minster to the **GBG Bramley Apple** on Church St where we had a choice from Springhead Bee's Knee's & Liberty, White Horse Bitter & Wayland

Smithy, Shugborough Mi' Lady's Fancy and Nottingham Rock Bitter, not a bad selection at all. All beers sampled were in fine form in this pleasant little hostelry. As we made our way down the road to our next planned port of call we came upon the **Hearty Goodfellow**, which we weren't going to bother with until we saw a sign outside proclaiming it to be Newark CAMRA Pub of the Year so we thought we'd better give it a go. It was rather busy inside and there was Rudgate Viking, B&T Shefford Bitter (went off) & Golden Fox, Brentwood Resolution IPA, Castle Rock Harvest Pale and Tiger. Del Boy wasn't overly impressed with the Viking but other than that the beer was in good order, which left us wondering why the local CAMRA PotY isn't in the GBG. Our next intended stop was a little further down the road, the **GBG Old Coach House** on Easthorpe where we had a choice from Bombardier, Newby Wyke White Squall, Lee's Coronation St Premium, Leeds Pale Ale and Oakham Inferno. The latter 2 were sampled by Del & I whilst Uncle Albert had a coke as he was driving and all were favourable. Another nice pub though not very busy. 3 decent pubs with a choice of 16 different ales...can't be bad. From there it was a rather protracted walk back down the Southwell Trail back to the car, though I'm not sure it was the 5½ miles stated

## **Cross Keys**

35 Market Place, Belper  
01773 599191

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Rodders and I set off on the Trent Barton 9.2 bus to **Ripley** on January 22<sup>nd</sup> on the latest of our forays to lesser known areas (to me at least - Ed). Starting at the **Nags Head** we squeezed out the last drops of York Guzzler before it was withdrawn to be replaced by York Constantine, which we also sampled, Bass and Burton Bridge Bitter were also available - not a bad start at all. On to the **George** via a circuitous route through narrow streets to a massive banner over the door proclaiming Amber Ales. On entering we were bemused to find no Amber Ales available so we sampled Wild Walker Old Big 'Ead and Milestone Prancer which were ok. A short walk to the Amber Ales **Talbot Taphouse**, which I had not previously visited, revealed 6 ales on offer. Starting with AA Barnes Wallis and Milestone North Rock we then had AA Outrams and Milestone Lionheart. The Derwentio Winter Solstice ran out before we could sample it so when Tweedle Dee replaced it with Cathedral Great Tom we tried that. With time moving on we

decided to beat a retreat, particularly as Tweedle Dee had unmasked us as RURAD 'celebrities' to a very pleasant couple with a very large dog! Up to the **Red Lion** armed with our Wetherspoons vouchers for Arkells Kingsdown, BHB Super Nova, Burton Bridge Festival and TSA Sporrán Warmer. I did not enjoy the latter and swapped with Rodders. Also available were the usual national brands and Harviestoun Bitter & Twisted - a decent selection overall. We made our final port of call conveniently opposite the bus stop at the **Pear Tree**. This GK outlet had reasonable but predictable beers, we sampled St Edmund's Ale and GK XXX Mild with GK IPA, Speckled Hen and Abbot also on. Rodders was slightly grumpy at using a GK pub (the Mild was in good nick - Ed) but cheered up as we left when he discovered that he had not lost his bus ticket this time. For once the return trip was uneventful with all buses on time and no additional expenditure - Chris P Duck

## **Nicky & Pete Foster welcome you to the**

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**RuRAD Supporting Local Beer  
Festivals**

On Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> I decided to pay a visit to the opening night of the beer festival at the **Poet & Castle** at **Codnor** where I counted 50 ales to choose from. There was a good mix of beers from different locations with a strong influence from local beers such as Ashover, Brampton, Castle Rock, Thornbridge, Townes, Springhead, Whim and Wirksworth ably supported by beers from Scotland, South Yorkshire, Somerset, Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands to name but a few. As there were so many beers to go at the Scottish beers were my choice with Harviestoun Haggis Hunter 4.3% going down well followed by Sulwath Tartan Tuft 4.9% & Knockendoch 5%. Then I finished off on a beer I have been wanting to sample for a long time, Ashover Rattle Imperial Red 7.5%, the stronger beers seem to hit the spot with me, very nice indeed. The price of

the beers were £1.40 increasing with ABV. With beers on the main bar and the lounge bar there was a fantastic choice for a pub beer festival, a must if you have never been before - Charisma

On Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> I decided to jump on the Trent Barton Indigo to **Beeston** (remind me next time it is cheaper to get a ZigZag than a return) and call in the **GBG Victoria Hotel** for their Winter beer festival. There was a plethora of ales on the bar, none of which tickled my fancy, plus another 15 outside. Of these I sampled Wold Top Falling Stone, Thorne Pale Ale & Quantock Wills Neck, all being acceptable. I then walked back up Dovecote Lane to the **Crown**, a truly cracking pub, where of the 9 ales on offer I had a swift half of Full Mash Doppelganger before moving on to the **GBG Malt Shovel**. Here I went for Nottingham Rock Mild. Then I decided to call in the JDW Last Post again, the first time having failed to be served. Again, not only 1 customer but 2, who had got to the bar after me, were served before me, so again I left without a drink. Wetherspoons do have a habit - in some cases - of employing the most incompetent of bar staff. I did however get a drink in the **Hop Pole**, where an acceptable Nottingham EPA was had - Ed

Made a visit to **Milnthorpe** on the north Lancashire/Cumbria border, residing at the **Cross Keys** for 3 nights 30<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January. The beers here were Robinsons Scrooge & Dizzy Blond and Hartleys XB, which is also brewed by Robinsons. The other pubs in Milnthorpe were the **Coach & Horses**, where the landlady was very enthusiastic about her real ales - these being Lancaster Blond, Hawkshead Bitter and Everards Beacon. The **Bulls Head** scored a zero with pump clips turned round and NRA. Visited both pubs in **Arnsdale** with the **Fighting Cocks** serving Thwaites Wainwrights & Original and the **Albion** having Thwaites Lancaster Bomber, Wainwrights & Original. Called in the **Pheasant** near **Cartmel** for Thwaites Original (again!) and Foxfield Honeypot and the former **GBG Kings Arms** at **Burton-in-Kendal** with York Guzzler, Black Sheep Bitter, Hawkshead Bitter and Everards Beacon. Every pub served ales of reasonable quality but to me all of the ales were fairly similar and rather bland in flavour. Also visited the **GBG Woodlands** in a spectacular setting at Silverdale but unfortunately it did not open until 7pm! - Chris P Duck

**Paul & Lyn welcome you to the**

### **WHITE POST**

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## Pedro's Mickleover Mutterings

The Nags Head at Mickleover normally has 6 real ales on, always Pedigree (which is usually excellent) and Bombardier plus 4 changing guest beers. Recent offerings have come from Hydes of Manchester, Brains of Cardiff, various Cornish breweries plus regular guest ales such as London

Pride, OSH, Directors and the like

On January 25<sup>th</sup> 23 regulars from the Nags Head at Mickleover were treated to a visit round Marston's brewery in Burton on Trent. A visit round the old brewery (complete but no longer in use) and the new brewery (with equipment mostly from the old Mansfield

brewery) was completed together with a visit to the bottling plant before finishing with a free bar in the visitor centre for a few pints and supper (heaven does exist on earth). The Pedigree was out of this world as you would expect, also available were Single Malt & Oyster Stout. A wonderful evening was had by all with special thanks to Sarah for organizing it

### Proposed Trips

13<sup>th</sup> February - Train trip to visit GBG pubs in the Birmingham city area. Departing Derby train station at 9.53am. Contact Rodders for information.

### Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February Market Beer Cider & Music Festival, Market Sq - Chesterfield

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> Derby Winter Beer Festival, Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Market Place - Derby 90+ Ales

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February SIBA Champions Beer Festival, Canalhouse, Canal Street - Nottingham 56 Ales

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February Chesterfield Beer Festival, The Winding Wheel, Holywell Street - Chesterfield 100+ Ales

12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Fest, Loughborough Road-West Bridgford 15 Ales 1 Cider

13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February Rising Sun Beer Festival-Middleton by Wirksworth

22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February Criterion Northants & Warks Beer Festival, Millstone lane - Leicester

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Moot Hall Beer Festival, 27 Carlton Road, Sneinton-Nottingham 16 Ales 2 Ciders

3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March Johnson Arms March Beer Festival, 59 Abbey Street, Dunkirk-Nottingham 25 Ales Over 5 Days

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lover's Walk (off William St)-Loughborough [www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk](http://www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March Unicorn Beer Festival, Repton Rd-Newton Solney

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March Needlemakers Beer Festival, Nottingham Road-Ilkeston, 16 Beers 2 Ciders

10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Festival, The Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way-Leicester [www.camra.org.uk/leicester](http://www.camra.org.uk/leicester)

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March Old Poets Corner Beer Festival-Ashover, 50+ Beers & Ciders Over 4 Days

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Burton Spring Beer Festival, Town Hall-Burton on Trent

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 11<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival, Triangle Club, Duke Street - Chelmsford, Essex 130+ Ales

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> Pendle Beer Festival, The Municipal Hall, Albert Road - Colne 65+ Ales

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 22<sup>nd</sup> Dorchester Beer Festival, The Corn Exchange, High Street East - Dorchester 80+ Ales

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Maison Dieu, Maison Dieu Road - Dover 75 Ales

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 20<sup>th</sup> Battersea Beer Festival, Battersea Town Hall, 170 Lavender Hill - Battersea 150+ Ales

17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February Ship & Mitre Winter Ales Festival, 133 Dale Street-Liverpool

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Fleetwood Beer Festival, Marine Hall, The Esplanade-Fleetwood 140 beers [www.blackpoolcamra.org.uk](http://www.blackpoolcamra.org.uk)

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Liverpool Beer Festival, Crypt Hall, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Brownlow Hill-Liverpool 200 Ales [www.merseycamra.org.uk](http://www.merseycamra.org.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall, Victoria Road-Saltaire 100+ Ales [www.bradfordcamra.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcamra.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Rail Museum, Chappel & Wales Colne Railway Station-Colne [www.essex-camra.org.uk](http://www.essex-camra.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Wrexham Beer Festival, Gresford Colliery Social Club, Bluebell Lane, Pandy-Wrexham [www.chestersmara.co.uk](http://www.chestersmara.co.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry RFC, Butts Rd-Coventry

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival, The Camden Centre, Bidborough Street-London 70+ Ales

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Booze On The Ouse Beer Fest, Priory Centre, Priory Lane-St Neots, Cambridgeshire 50+ Ales

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Leeds Beer & Cider Festival, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley-Pudsey, 150 Ales

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April Newcastle Beer Festival, Student Union, King's Walk-Newcastle upon Tyne 115 Ales [www.cannybevvy.co.uk](http://www.cannybevvy.co.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April Forever Bury Beer Festival, Bury FC Social Club, Gigg Lane-Bury 34 Ales [www.fb-beerfestivals.co.uk](http://www.fb-beerfestivals.co.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 info or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 / [charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk) or Rodders on 07964 492569 / [uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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Tracey and all the staff welcome you to the

### OLD OAK INN

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