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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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The Wilmot Arms at Borrowwash reopened at the beginning of December after undergoing a refurb

The latest news from the brewery at the Rowditch Inn in Derby is that the electrical trunking is in with lights and sockets and the water supply is now connected. Everything with soon be ready for a caustic wash and then a brew

Dave Tizard of Fun Fair Brewery is rumoured to be involved in a venture with the people that run the Queens Head at Marlpool, which is to include the setting up of a 20 barrel brewery possibly in Spondon, though a location is yet to be finalised

Reports have reached us that a planning application has been submitted to convert part of Mr Grundy's on Ashbourne Rd, Derby into a brewery

The Markeaton at Allestree has re-opened after a minor refurb. The guest beers are reasonable at £2-55 with some interesting recent selections including Hopback Red Ember, Bath Barnstormer, Shepherd Neame Rudolph's Reward & Morrissey Fox Mulled Ale

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

15th January - 7pm free bus trip to survey pubs in Turnditch, Windley and Shottle. Departs Ripley Market Place. For Belper and Alfreton pick ups-please ring Nathan to book. 28th January - 8.30pm Branch meeting at Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley. Contact Social Sec Nathan 01773 570675

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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 51 pubs in 33 different locations, 1 Brewery and 35 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

For the first time in several years Whim Ales brewed Old Izaak so they could offer a second dark winter warmer alongside Black Christmas over the festive period. Previously brewed at around 4.8%, the 2009 incarnation was upped to 5%. The Old Bowling Green at Winster (after encouraging Whim to brew it again) took a delivery and it was also available elsewhere including Nat's Kitchen and Old Hall in Buxton plus the regular outlets in Derby, Leek, and Stoke (what a welcome return it was too - Ed)

The Punch Bowl at West Hallam has joined SIBA initiative and now serves a local ale every week. Amber, Wirksworth, Derby, Nottingham, Castle Rock, Tollgate and Spire have all appeared recently

The Anglers Arms at Spondon has closed in preparation for demolition

The Codnor Inn (formerly the Sportsman) at Codnor reopened in December serving 3 real ales at a very good price of between £2.40 and £2.50, with the selection of ales hopefully increasing to 4 in the near future

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According to reports received, in Long Eaton the Hole in the Wall has recently had Nottingham EPA & Rock Bitter, Bass and Derventio Cleopatra, whilst the Stumble Inn had Wylam Gold Tankard, Brewsters Hop Head and GK IPA & Abbots Reserve

Que Sera at Heanor is closed with the freehold for sale

The Anchor at Oakerthorpe had a new beer from Cropton available, Summit Ale 4.8% as well as 2 Pints 4% and Rudolph's revenge

A recent visit to the Crown at Beeston found Leatherbritches Cad 4% & Bounder 3.7%, Everards Tiger, London Pride, Shardlow Frostbite 5.5%, Oldershaws Old Boy 4.8%, Burton Bridge Sovereign Gold 4% Holdens Black Country Mild 3.7%, Old Hooky and Nottingham Supreme 5.2% with Blue Monkey Original coming soon

The list of events for January at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook is as follows 3rd Ockbrook Big Band indoor concert 8 - 10, 12th Pie Night 7 - 9, 13th Jamming Session 8.30 onwards, 19th Curry Night 7 - 9, 20th Bingo Night from 8.30 onwards and 27th French Dancing 8.30 onwards

A visit was made to the Rose & Crown, Brampton Brewery's new taphouse in Chesterfield where there was Brampton Tudor Rose 4.6%, Stout 4.5%, Wasp Nest 5%, That Christmas beer 4.2%, Best 4.2% and Golden Bud 3.8% as well as Batemans Rosie Nosie and Everards Tiger

Since the December publication of In the Sticks newsletter we have had 2 more pub reopening's to report, the first happened on Thursday 10th December when after being closed for 18 month's the Blue Bell at Farnah Green reopened its door, the new owners also run the Bear Inn at Alderwasley which is renowned for its high

standards of food and drink and this policy is to be repeated at the Bluebell. There where 5 real ales available on the very busy opening night Draught Bass 4.4% £2.80, Taylors Landlord 4.3% £3.10, Old Speckled Hen £2.90, Thornbridge Jaipur 5.9% £3.10 & Merrie 5.9% £3.10, prices are above average in this gastro style pub but standards are high which can be seen following an extensive refurbishment. There is a large car park to the rear of the pub and upon entry there is a comfortable bar area to the left with dinning to the right opening hours are 11-11. The second pub to reopen on 16th December was the **Talbot Taphouse** on Butterley Hill, **Ripley**, this pub has been bought by Pete Hounsell of Amber Brewery, which is conveniently located at Hammersmith. This single roomed pub with a long central bar has been made very comfortable considering the short period of time that Pete and his crew have had prior to the pub reopening on what was again a very busy night. Beers on offer on the 16th were Amber Ales Outrams 3.8%, Samuel Slater 4.2%, Chocolate Orange Stout 4%, Winter Ruby 5.1%, Vienna Marzen 4.5% and Barnes Wallace 4.5% two guest beers were available these being Oakham JHB 3.8% & Oakham Citra 4.2% all at £2.00 a pint for the opening, real cider is also available. A number of Camra members and RuRAD members were present including Bald Eagle, Charisma Bypass, Scary Sarah, The Tweedles and myself opening times are 5-11 Mon-Thurs all day Fri, Sat & Sun, thanks to Pete and the staff for a warm welcome and a very pleasant evening - Sooty

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Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

During December 3 new beers appeared on the RuRAD Bar at the **Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse** these being Super Slumdog 6%, Columbus Extra 5.2% and Tracy's Smoked Pale 5%, as the name suggests brewed by Tracy

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Sunday 20th of December we were joined by Uncle Albert as we headed off to the Peak District for our Christmas Stilton. By the time we got to Hartington the snow flurries had already begun so as soon as we had procured the beautiful blue stuff we moved on to Sparklow, which is a bit nearer the main road. With the snow coming down we toggled up but only got 50yards or so before

we stopped to put leggings on as well. We took the High Peak Trail to its terminus at Hindlow quarry, which we skirted round the top of finding some degree of shelter in one of the blast huts for a cup of coffee. From there we headed down to **Earl Sterndale** and the **GBG Quiet Woman** where we had a choice from Jennings Dark Mild, Pedi, Burton Bitter and Brains Rev James, Del & I had the latter with Uncle Albert on shandy (being designated driver and all that) the Rev James was in good nick...and once again we caught Ken in a good mood. With the precipitation coming down more persistently we decided to stick to the roads on the way back so headed off to **Crowdecote** and the **Pack Horse**. Here there was Peakstones Rock Black Hole, Thornbridge Jaipur and Young's Special of which Del and I went for the former and Albert had another shandy, which we supped whilst being entertained by Colin the dog and Basil the cat. On the road back to Sparklow we happened upon a cow in the road, which we managed (after a short struggle) to Shepherd (can you shepherd a cow?) back in to it's field and away from danger.....our good deed for the day

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I really ought to keep you up to date with the latest in a long line of changes in the **Etwall** pub scene. After a succession of changes that has seen Tim Barlow helm the **Hawk and Buckle**, then momentarily the **Spread Eagle** at the same time, but he has since got out of the ale business altogether. At the moment the **Spread** is now a free house under Judy Taverns ownership (really!) serving Bass, Pedigree and a guest. Old Speckled Hen, Landlord, Black Sheep Bitter, Abbott and a variety of Derventios have been tasted recently by your truly and herself. The landlord and landlady are Rob and Chris Hague who kept several good boozers around Derby over the years (and parents to a double boxing world champion to boot). The couple who are keeping the **Hawk and Buckle** at the moment are Denis Rowley and Karen Arrowsmith, I believe they formally kept the **Red Lion** in

Repton. It's still a Marstons tied house with the usual guests, none of which tend to appeal to me for some reason, but Old Empire is a regular - Field Ape

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the

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On Friday 11th December I managed to get a lift to the **Fisherman's Rest** at **Broadholme** for the beer festival. This was situated under a tarpaulin, which was rather chilly for sitting out with the occasional splash of condensation on the head. Nevertheless the beers were all of very good quality with many from local brewers. My personal favourite was Wirksworth T'Owd Man 4.9%; I also tried Amber Samuel Slater, Ashover Poets Tipple & Hydro, Nutbrook Bitlyke & Mongrel and Peak Bakewell Bitter, all of which were good. Other local breweries represented were Brampton, Blue Monkey, Falstaff, Howard Town, Thornbridge, Townes and Whim. The usual bus problem occurred later when after walking a mile or so back to Belper for the 11-00 bus I discovered that it left at 10-45. During a quick walk around the town whilst waiting for the last bus, noticed that the Imperial Vaults was open but did not have time to go in - Chris P Duck

I must admit I was a bit worried on the opening night of the beer festival at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** as there weren't many people in but Friday, Saturday & Sunday soon buried my fears as there was a really good turn out. There were 22 ales on offer most with a Christmas theme, some from local brewers but most from farther afield plus a cider and a perry. The Buxton Blonde seemed popular but it was a bit thin for me, other beers included Bobbled & Amarillo from Milk Street, Old Izaak & Black Christmas from Whim, Newmans Winter Hog, Skinners Betty's Big Sister, Blackwater Scoundrel, Salopian Aurora and Acorn Cracker & Celiea IPA...the list goes on. Abbeyle White Christmas was the first to sell out closely followed by Kelham Island Winter Blues. On my many visits I enjoyed Titanic Wreckage, Millstone Christmas Ruby and Evans & Evans Santa's Tipple it took about 3 visits to sample them. I would say it was a success - just like any other weekend at the RuRAD Bar but with a bigger selection to go at - Charisma

On Thursday 3rd of December Del Boy, Uncle Albert and I paid a visit to the **Good Old Days** at **Ikeston** for their beer festival. On our arrival we

saw Poirot who gave us the low-down (we'd just missed Charisma apparently). We all started off with a Tollgate Autumn cascade before getting some tokens and heading down to the beer festival. Unfortunately there were no menu's available so notes were scribbled onto a beer mat. There were 14 beers on the list though not all of them were available on the beer festival bar. Beers on offer were from the likes of Millstone, Whim, Oakham, Thornbridge, Cottage, Alloa, Pictish, Funfair and Sarah Hughes and all the beers sampled were in fine form, even the Alloa Birds & Bees, which as we were warned, was a little cloudy - Ed

A good beer selection was on offer for the first beer festival at the **market @ heanor**, in (you guessed it...) **Heanor** with the beers at £2.30 a pint. With 25 ales on offer including from Shardlow, Burton Bridge, Wentworth, Wolf, Titanic, Milestone, Idle, John Thompson, Clarkes, Tom Wood, Morgan, Cottage, Northumberland, Black Country and Dowbridge I enjoyed the Clarkes Classic Blonde, Dowbridge Ratae'd and Northumberland Rudolph's Balls. There was also a selection of 10 ciders, the only problem was it didn't seem to be particularly well attended, which is a shame as it deserved better - Charisma

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The Pigs Ear Beer Festival at Hackney, London is one I have been meaning to go to for a few years now so having 2 days holiday left I went for it. I got a return ticket for £26 so I went on Thursday December 3rd. After catching overground and underground I arrived at Hackney central at 2pm. After a short walk down Mare St I arrived at the Ocean venue where there were 140 real ales and cider in nice surroundings slightly bigger than that for Derby winter beer festival. Being a winter beer festival there were a lot of milds and stouts but I went for Half Penny Sixteen String Jack IPA 3.8%, Kirkby Lonsdale Ruskin 4%, Prescott Hill Climb, Mallinsons Stadium Bitter, Summerwine Helios 4% plus a few more. Good venue, good selection and the bonus of having my daughter living in Hackney, a good day all round. After a full English on Friday and an hour of looking round the shops, well it was Christmas present buying time, we went on the Dick Whittington Ale Trail. Started at the **Shakespeare's Head** on Carnaby St having a pint of Young's Special and a half of Stella for my

daughter (still trying to convert her) at a slightly dear price of £5. We moved on to the **Dog & Duck** just off Oxford St having 4 ales on at £2.50 a pint...why is it dearer in Derbyshire? I had a pint from Fuller/George Gales. Had a few more pints in the **Three Greyhounds**, the **Tottenham**, the **Black Horse**, the **Marquis of Granby** and the **Ship** all around the Soho area. I left the **Pembury Tavern** near Hackney central as my final port of call, which is in the GBG as having 16 hand pumps so I was looking forward to it. What a let down, 6 pumps were turned round, 5 beers were from Milton Brewery, 1 mild, 3 ciders and 1 just coming on. It was like going in a welfare with children running round. After a pint we left and called it a night. This pub needs a lot of work at it or did I call at a bad time? (Friday 9pm?) - Fly South

On a recent weekend away we visited **Congleton** on Saturday 28th Nov and had a night out at at The **Beartown Tap**. A very friendly pub with people far and wide as well as their locals. The beer Range was; Ginger Bear 4%, Kodiak Gold 4%, Bearskinful 4.2%, Bearly Literate 4.5%, and a guest Heart Dizzy Debbie 4%, they also carry a full range of bottles mainly from Belgium. Sunday 29th we were invited to the Empire Theatre in **Liverpool** to see the stand up Comic John Bishop. So with the **Ship And Mitre** only 200 yards away we just had to pay a visit, (well you would wouldn't you). Thank goodness one pea was driving, as we walked into their last beer festival of 2009, I was able to sample a few like Abbeydale Chocolate Stout 4.5%, Cottage Hurricane Jack 3.9%, Gertie Sweet Traditional Bitter 4.3% (I've never heard of that brewery). Hornbeam Dark Domination Porter 6%, Newhams Hop House Harvest 4.7%, Phoenix Humbug 7%.. They were all in good condition except for me. The show was great and we will re-visit in the near future - 2 P's in a pod

On Monday December 21st Del Boy and I met up with Sooty, Chris P Duck, Jasper, Field Ape and Jeff Green from Wirksworth Brewery in Derby from where we all got a taxi to **Horsley Woodhouse** for the RuRAD Christmas gathering at the **Old Oak Inn**. It was well attended by fellow RuRADians such as Fly South, Bald Eagle, The Baron, Dodgem, Didler, Loco, Uncle Albert, Sea Bass, Poirot amongst other and not forgetting Charisma Bypass who made it all happen. Even the 2 Gallon Man put in an appearance. The RuRAD Bar was an open bar with about 10 beers left from the festival that needed finishing off plus a pin of T'owd Man kindly donated by Jeff all of which was complemented by an ample buffet. I don't think there has ever been so many bodies behind that little RuRAD Bar. An evening of imbibing, repartee and gaiety ensued, all in all a good night really. Huge thanks to all that made the effort - Ed

Tracey and all the staff welcome you to the

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On Saturday 12th visited the **Wheel** at **Holbrook** where I had a very good 6X, Pedigree & Bombardier were also available but all quite pricey at £2-75. A long walk down dark lanes to **Milford** enabled a brief visit to the **Strutt Arms** for the first time in many years. This was nothing special with routine Bass & Pedigree so a quick walk to the **Holly Bush** was deemed necessary, missing the King William where I never feel welcome. A dose of Grafton Winter's Dream was undertaken before surprisingly catching the last bus successfully - Chris P Duck

My annual search for "Christmas (..and I use that term VERY loosely) Beers" began on December 12th at the **Babington Arms** in **Derby** where I tried Clarke's Christmas Cracker and Alloa Yule Smile. On the 18th I sampled Cottage Red Nosed Whippet at the **Nags Head** in **Ripley** and Amber Ales Christmas Ruby at the AmberFest and also Holland Santa's Clog at the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook**. On the 19th at the Royal Oak there was York Three Kings, whilst back in Derby on the 23rd in the Babington I sampled Shardlow 'Tis the Season, also Tom Wood Jolly Snowman was on in the **MetroBar** and Morrissey Fox Mulled Ale was available in the **Brewery Tap**. On Christmas Eve I sampled Youngs Winter Warmer in the **White Swan** at **Ockbrook**, Camerons Fireside (the pump clip looked Christmassy) in the **Queens Head** and Hobgoblin masquerading as a Christmas beer at the **Cross Keys** whilst in **Spondon** I sampled Wychwood Bah Humbug in the **Malt Shovel**. The pièce de résistance arrived early this year at the Royal Oak as Whim Black Christmas appeared on the bar on Christmas Eve instead of the traditional Boxing Day (Steady Steve had seen fit to get 2 tubs in) so your editor was a very happy bunny indeed. After I'd recovered from the festivities, on the 30th I ZigZagged and found Derby 5 Gold Rings in the **Codnor Inn** at **Codnor**, Fun Fair Christmas Cakewalk and Derby Sleighed Again in the **Queens Head** at **Marlpool** and Alcazar Maple Magic (again the pump clip looked Christmassy but then my specs were steamed up!) in the **Railway Tavern** at **Langley Mill** and finally on 31st back at the Royal Oak there was Thornbridge Merrie and Holland Holly Hop Gold. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MAY THE SUPPING BE WITH YOU IN 2010- Ed

Proposed Trips

February (Date to be confirmed) Re-arranged visit to GBG pubs in and around Birmingham City Centre

Beer Festival Diary – Near and Not so Near

21st to 24th January Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfretton Rd-Codnor

28th to 30th January 2nd Newark Winter Beer Festival, Newark Town Hall, Market Place - Newark 40 Ales

29th to 30th January Mallard Beer Festival, Station Approach - Worksop

29th to 31st January Victoria Beer Festival, Dovecote Lane-Beeston

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

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

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

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

22nd to 28th Criterion Northants & Warks Beer Festival, Millstone lane - Leicester

4th to 7th March Unicorn Beer Festival, Repton Rd - Newton Solney

7th to 9th January 7th Frodsham Winter Beer Festival, Helter Skelter, 31 Church Street, Frodsham 40 Ales

8th to 9th January Exeter Winter Ales Festival, St James Centre, Exeter City FC, St James Road Exeter 60 Ales

13th to 17th January Ship & Mitre Winter Ales Festival, 133 Dale Street - Liverpool

15th to 16th January 1st Winter Elysian Beer Festival, The Maltings, Ship Lane - Ely

17th to 20th January Porters Ale House Beer Festival, 78 Buttermarket Street - Warrington 30+ Ales

20th to 23rd January National Winter Ales Festival, Sheridan Street, Oldham Road - Manchester 200+ Ales

21st to 23rd January 14th Cambridge Winter Ale Festival, University Sports & Social Club, Mill Lane - Cambridge 100 Ales

21st to 23rd January 3rd Colchester Winter Ales Festival, Colchester Arts Centre, Church Street - Colchester 60+ Ales

23rd to 24th January Redditch Winter Ales Festival, Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club, Moor Road - Redditch 36 Ales

28th to 30th January 21st Bent & Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall, Alder Street, Atherton - Manchester 70 Ales

28th to 31st January The Court House Beer Festival, New Street - Dudley, West Midlands 25+ Ales

29th to 30th January 4th Tarporley Beer Festival, Community Centre, High Street - Tarporley, Cheshire 25 Ales

29th to 30th January Salisbury Winterfest 2010, Castle Street Social Club, Scots Lane - Salisbury 22 Ales

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

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

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

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

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

18th to 20th February Fleetwood Beer Festival, Marine Hall, The Esplanade-Fleetwood 140 beers www.blackpoolcamra.org.uk

18th to 20th February Liverpool Beer Festival, Crypt Hall, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Brownlow Hill-Liverpool 200 Ales www.merseyscamra.org.uk

25th to 27th February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall, Victoria Road-Saltaire 100+ Ales www.bradfordcamra.org.uk

26th to 27th February 1st Winter Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Rail Museum, Chappel & Wales Colne Railway Station-Colne www.essex-camra.org.uk

26th to 27th February Wrexham Beer Festival, Gresford Colliery Social Club, Bluebell Lane, Pandy-Wrexham www.chestersmara.co.uk

5th to 6th March Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry RFC, Butts Rd-Coventry

10th to 13th March Leicester Beer Festival, The Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way-Leicester www.camra.org.uk/leicester

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 or Rodders on 0796 4492569 / uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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