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In the Sticks

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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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At the Black Bulls Head in Openwoodgate Andy (Muscles), Chris & Niki are embarking on a venture to buy the pub with there offer being accepted, this could be exciting times for both them and the pub with 8 real ales and a selection of ciders and perrys planned, they will also be sympathetic to the darts, pool and skittle teams. More information next month when the details have been finalised

The Holly Bush at Marehay re-opened after an extensive refurbishment on December 1st. A visit was paid on the 2nd to find four real ales being served, which included, Evolution and BG sips from Blue Money, GKIPA, and Abbot Reserve for a very realistic £2.80 a pint

Graham has taken over the Bulls Head at Belper Lane End, and has upped sticks from the southeast in Eastbourne for the Derbyshire countryside. The place has definitely been brightened up with food available, which is sourced locally, and the beer is well priced at £2.80 a pint. Broadside, Bass, Castle Rock Sheriffs Tipple and Shottle Gold which is brewed just down the road have been available recently

A new venture called the North Star Brewery is expected to be launched in Ilkeston in early February. It will be located at Gallows Industrial Park off Furnace Road. It will be a 10 barrel plant producing up to six ales of different styles and strengths, the first of the brews should hopefully make an appearance at Derby Winter Festival at the Roundhouse 15th to 18th February

Beer and Pub News

The White Hart at Bargate has been bought by a consortium of people, which includes Andy Coulton ex landlord of the Hollybush at Makeney. The pub is currently selling five real ales, which included London Pride, Harvest Pale and a beer from Winkle Brewery, Andy hopes to introduce Pedigree from the jug. The pub is under going alterations and refurbishment, which should be done by February

The Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield has been named as Derbyshire's pub of the year 2011 and The Flying Childers, Stanton in Peak has been voted Autumn pub of the season, well done to the both of them

The Smithfield in Derby, which went up for auction on December 1st, has been sold to a builder for £175,000. The new owner says that he wants The Smithfield to continue trading as a pub but first it is to undergo a refurbishment and is not expected to be open again until early February

The Mallard, Platform 1, Worksop Railway Station will be holding a Winter Beer Festival 27th and 28th of January open 11 - 11. There will be 15 ales and 2 trad ciders plus snacks available at all sessions

Amber Valley CAMRA Diary

7th Jan - walk from Hunter's Arms, Kilburn to Little Eaton. 26th Jan - 8:30pm Branch Meeting, Old Kings Head, Belper. 23rd Feb - 8:30pm Branch Meeting Wheel Inn, Holbrook. Soc Sec Jane Wallis 01773 745966

Another new brewery this time in Nottingham should be up and running by the end of February. The Navigation Brewery sited behind the Navigation Inn on Meadow Lane will be a 20-barrel plant supplying the pub and several other outlets

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The Blue Bell at Farnah Green has been sold for £275,000 and is due to open sometime in January after a refurbishment

Simon the new landlord of the White Swan at Belper, took charge on December 1st, when the pub re-opened selling two real ales. There are plans to increase to 4 ales, which will be from the Marston's list

The Hilltop, Belper has had a change of landlord

As reported in the last issue the Peacock on Nottingham Road Derby reopened on December 1st after a complete refurbishment, the layout is much the same but the pub is brighter and more welcoming. An improved beer range is on offer by your host Roger & Penny formerly of the Smithfield with a vast array available on the opening night, on the two bars were Marston's Pedigree 4.5%, Oakham Bishops Farewell 4.6%, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild 5.8%, Purity Pure Gold 3.8%, and a house beer Leatherbritches Peacock Pale Ale 4%, also in the covered yard area at the rear which is now heated there was a mini beer festival with 6 other ales from the barrel including Blue Monkey Ape Ale 5.4% which is a favourite beer of mine, the choice of ales is

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expected to vary with Pedigree and Peacock PA the regulars. Another reopening occurred on December 12th when the **Butchers Arms** 127 Hands Road **Hearon** welcomed customers once again after a period of closure. The Butchers is a 2-roomed pub with a connecting L shaped bar although only the smaller front bar is open at the moment as refurbishment is still in progress. Chris Turner is your host in what is a basic but welcoming pub with a log-burning stove, which was very much appreciated on the frosty evening that I visited. There are six hand pumps on the front bar and four in the back and on my visit they were dispensing Derby White Christmas 5.5% £2.80, Slaters Premium 4.4% £2.40, Bottlebrook Celtic Porter 4.5% £2.50, Coppice Side Light 4.5% £2.50, Leadmill Summer Hop 4% £2.20, Coppice Side Old Miner 4% £2.20, Leadmill Autumn Goddess 4.2% £2.40, Coppice Side XOB 4.4% £2.40 & Leadmill Rapture 5.9% £2.80. Coppice Side and Leadmill beers will always be available plus various guest beers mainly at the weekends, my conclusion was that pubs that the big brewers abandon can be resurrected and can once again thrive serving quality ales to appreciative customers which is happening at the Butchers, well done to Chris and Richard - Sooty

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Brewery News

Black Iris-Derby

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A new beer from the Black Iris Brewery was seen on the bar at the Flowerpot during December called Transatlantic Porter 4.6%

Coppice Side-Hearon

www.coppicesidebrewery.com

Chris has told us the Old miner is selling very well, and his latest beer is Xob at 4.4%, or Box Backwards as it was called when it appeared at the RuRAD Bar

Derby-Derby

www.derbybrewing.co.uk

Dom Flynn has left Derby Brewing Company to help set up the Navigation Brewery in Nottingham

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

Richard's new beer which, recently appeared in the RuRAD Bar, was Under Pressure 4.6%. Don't know if the name was some relevance to Richard

at the moment?

Leatherbritches-Smisby

Ed owner and brewer of **Leatherbritches Ales** has moved his brewery into the **Tap House** site at **Smisby** nr Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the Tap House kit has been sold

Marlpool-Marlpool

www.marlpoolbrewing.co.uk

The Marlpool Brewery Ale House opened just before Christmas after the planning problem had been ironed out and by the reports is doing very well. In fact Andy might have to review his opening hours after Christmas

Wirksworth-Wirksworth

www.wirksworthbrewery.com

The new brew from Wirksworth Brewery is called Wirksworth Red 4.5% and is a full bodied winter style ale with a pleasant hop balance of bitterness & aroma, Jeff has also brewed an American style IPA at 4.6% using Cascade & Nelson Sauvin hops

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One Sunday recently when I happened to be in **Dronfield** I decided to take a look at the new Spire Brewery pub, the **Three Tuns** on Cemetary Rd, which I found more by luck than judgement. I stumbled upon the pub, which had a selection of 12 handpumps with 8 Spire beers on and 4 guests I had the Fox's Best Bitter and Sheffords Dunstable Giant, but decided against Full Monty IPA at 6.5%, one of the Spire beers made me chuckle as it was called John Smythes Extra Rough. A Really impressive place and well worth a visit. Just down the road was the **Dronfield Arms**, which was formerly known as the Old Sidings, which had 6 real ales to choose from which were Nutty Jack & house beer Dronfield Arms Best Bitter both brewed by Thwaites, Farmers Blond, Atomic Bomb, Deception from Abbeydale and Cascade from Saltaire which I had. Another good pub worth a look at if you are in the area - Charisma

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On the morning of Saturday 3rd of December I met up with Uncle Albert, Cassandra & Trigger and headed off to **Liverpool**. Shortly before we arrived at Lime St at 11.10 the heavens opened, so we spent 10 or 15 minutes in the company of Ken Dodd & Bessie Braddock whilst we waited for the deluge to abate enough for us to venture the short distance to our first port of call the JDW **Richard John Backler**. Beers of note here were Peerless Jack Frost & Crystal Maze, Coachouse Xmas Pud, Hook Norton 12 Days, Box Steam Christmas Box, Highgate Stocking Filler and O'Hanlon Goodwill. Cassandra had the Xmas Pud, which was beautiful. Next on the agenda was the JDW Fall Well, but we couldn't find it so moved straight on to the **Ship & Mitre** where there was a beer festival. There were 12+ beers on here from the likes of Idle, Dark Star, Buntingford, Salamander, B&T, Great Oakley, Moles and O'Hanlon to name but a few, but unfortunately with so much on the agenda we couldn't stay for long. The **Vernon Arms** was just down Dale Rd and we were a little perturbed at the sight of it encased in scaffolding until we saw the "open as usual" sign. Boggart Rum Porter, Peerless Red Rockin' Robin, Liverpool Organic Johnny Handsome, Cottage Jurassic Bark, George Wright Longboat and Liverpool Craft Beer Hop Beast were available and again Cassandra had the pick of the bunch with the Rum Porter. A hop, skip and a jump down Dale Rd got us to **Thomas Rigby's** to find Bakehouse Malt Loaf, Liverpool Organic Josephine Butler, Dark Horse St Andrews Tipple, Okells IPA & Pure Brewed, Celt Dark Age and Moorhouse Black Cat. Handily, out the back door, was our next stop the **Lady of Mann**, with just Okells Pure Brewed and Cotswold Spring Ambler. At this point Trigger left us to go to a non-leaguer at Bootle so the 3 of us continued on our way calling in the **Railway**, which we nearly walked straight back out of as there was only Bombardier, Deuchars, Spitfire and OSH available. The NI **Lion Tavern** next door was a must for Uncle Albert but again the beer selection was uninspiring with Unicorn, Holt Bitter, Cairngorm Caillie, Deuchars, Hobgoblin, Directors and St Austell Trellawny. It is amazing what you find whilst walking through Liverpool, Cassandra came across some fake breasts hanging on a fence, she said they were just like hers only firmer! We had the obligatory walk down Mathew Street and went in the Beatles shop (I think

every other shop is a Beatles shop). There were a couple of pubs in the vicinity but I lost my bearings in the shopping streets so we headed to Albert Dock, which was amply signposted. I'd read in MerseyAle that there was a Charters-type boat-pub, which had opened there recently but when we eventually found it, it was closed. Undeterred we moved on to the **Baltic Fleet** to find Wapping Blonde, Wapping, Custom House & Blonde and some lovely pies. From there we made our way through some back streets and came out at the **Grapes** to be confronted with Northern Lucky Fellow, Liverpool Organic Jade, Kitty Wilkinson & Josephine Butler, Liverpool Craft Dark Icon, Viking Bitter & Hop Beast, oh and Cumberland. My Lucky Fellow wasn't so got changed for Dark Icon. Another must visit pub is **Ye Cracke** so we took Uncle Albert in there and had a choice from Liverpool Craft Dark Icon, Phoenix Wobbly Bob, Cottage Concorde, Spitting Feathers Old Wavertonian and Northern One-Der-Ful Wheat. By this time Trigger was coming away from his game and we arranged a place to meet but first we just could not bring Uncle Albert to Liverpool and not take him in the **Philharmonic**, unfortunately time really was against us, so much so I didn't even get time to make a note of the beers. We'd arranged to meet Trigger in the **Globe** but when we got there he wasn't there. A quick phone call ascertained that he had taken the wrong exit from Central Station but we eventually met up at Lime St and all got back safely. A swift half was had in the **Brunswick** back in **Derby** before we went our separate ways. I really don't know why it has been so long since the last visit to Liverpool - Ed

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RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

On Thursday 8th December I got a lift to the **Dewdrop Inn** beer festival in **Ilkeston**, which was held in the outside bar where there were 16 ales to choose from and a further 7 changing beers on the main bar. The festival boasted a good varied range of beers which included Blue Monkey Old Ale at 5% only 2 barrels of this beer had been brewed, Flowerpots Gooden Gold 4.8%, Ridgeside Best Bitter 4.5%, Rapture Magic Rock 4.6% Ilkley Mary Christmas 4.7%, Glastonbury Golden Chalice 4.8% West Berkshire Leggat 4.3%, Itchen Valley Hampshire Rose 4.2%, Golden Poacher Longdog 3.9%, Yeovil Stargazer 4% and Mallinsons Citra

3.8% these beers were all sampled and were all in excellent nick. Other beers included Coastal Merry Maidens Mild, Acorn Gorlovka Stout, Elland Red & Ruined (a bit like Forest - Ed) and Loddon Bamboozle. I must say that I was spoilt for choice very impressive for the Beer Brothers 1st beer festival - Charisma

On Saturday December 10th I paid a visit to ex RuRADians Richard & Sue at the **Sun Inn** in **Gotham** (Notts) to take a look at their 1st beer festival. This was based outside in a marquee type tent which housed some 12 beers alongside and a selection on the main bar, this was complemented by 3 ciders and a perry. I sampled the Dorset Jurassic 4.2% and the Ossett Nervous Turkey 4.2% followed by the Brewster's Hop a Doodle Do, the other outside beers consisted of Grafton Fairground Attraction, Derventio Santa's Elf, Castle Rock Redstart, Magpie Winter Solstice, Exmoor Gold, Oldershaws Old Boy, Abbeydale Absolution, and Jaipur. I had to try the Festivity 5% from Bath, and a taste of Castle Rocks Preservation which was ready but was waiting to come on the bar, there was also your normal Everards beers on Tiger, Beacon, & Original. All in all well worth the visit, and it's nice to Richard & Sue doing so well in their 1st pub - Charisma

The 1st December the opening day of the **Peacock** on Notts Rd **Derby**, the pub had been shut for a while and it was good to see it open again. To make the opening special a mini beer festival was organised which consisted of 7 ales including Butcombe Gold, Blue Monkey Ape Ale, Enville Ginger, Leatherbritches Scary Hairy Ginger Mary, Harviestoun Schiehallion, Amber Chocolate Orange Stout, and Phoenix Snowbound. I settled for the Snowbound. There was also a good selection on the main bar, which included Purity Gold, Jaipur, Pedigree, Bishops Farewell, Sarah Hughes and the house beer Peacock Pale Ale brewed by Leatherbritches. Good luck to Roger and Penny who have taken the reins at the Peacock after being at the Smithfield for a number of years - Charisma

December 22nd saw the RuRAD Christmas get together at the **General Havelock** in **Ilkeston**. There was a goodly turn out with the likes of Charisma, Sooty, Didler, Fly South, Blue Streak, Chris P Duck, 2 P's in a Pod, Uncle Albert, Sea Bass, Trigger, Cassandra, Poirot, Steady Steve and of course Del & Me. Enough to commandeer the cellar. We were treated to an impressive array of real ales and as much pork pie as we could eat. 12 ales were on in the cellar including Rapture & High Wire from Magic Rock as well as Nutbrook, Oakham, Marble, Springhead, Thornbridge, Castle Rock and Sadlers whilst in the bar there were Curious & Dark Arts also from Magic Rock, Rudolph's Ruin, Maid Marian Blonde & Fallen Angel

from Springhead, Blue Monkey King Kong Merrily on High, I would name more but there's no space

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Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

On the morning of Sunday 11th we started our walk from the car park at Osmaston and took the footpath to Clifton. It began to rain before we were half way, which set the tone for the rest of the day. We sought shelter in the covered gateway at the church and had a cuppa before continuing on to **Ashbourne** where we called in the **Stepping Stones**, this eatery had Pedi, Bah Humbug and Redbreast. There didn't appear to be a drinking area so we sat at one of the tables set for food. From there we walked down the road into town, we tried to get in the White Hart but the door was still locked even though the opening times said it should have been open. We continued on to **Ye Olde Vaults** where we both favoured Bass over Pedi, then on to the **White Swan**, which just had Boondoggle.....so guess what we had? Final stop was the **Wheel Inn** with Pedi, Bass and The Worlds Biggest Liar, again I bet you can guess which one we went for. From there all we had to do was get on the Bonnie Prince Charlie Way, which got us back to the car, where we had a cob as we couldn't find anywhere to get out of the rain

Sunday 18th saw our final walk of 2011 and as you can probably guess, constant reader, we went to get our Christmas Stilton from Hartington first. Again there was snow on the ground but for a change though we parked up at Longnor and walked along the road towards Glutton Bridge before taking the footpath that headed towards, then skirted the bottom of Parkhouse Hill. Then it was over Hitter Hill and on to **Earl Sterndale** and of course, the **Quiet Woman** where we had a choice from Brains Rev James, Marston's Bitter and Jennings Mild (Pedi no longer being kept). The Brains and Bitter were favoured as we tucked into delicious pork pies and chewed the fat with landlord Ken who told us of his woes. He also informed us that the only pub still open in Longnor now is the Cheshire Cheese (the Grapes reopened briefly but didn't last very long). The price board at the back of the bar still has Owd Rodger at £2.80 a pint. Those were the days when we used to slip and slide down the hill after a couple of Ken's Owd Rodger mixers. For the last few years when I leave this pub I wonder, will it be for the last time?

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 6th to 8th January Full Moon Beer Festival, Main St-Morton (nr Southwell, Nottingham)
20th to 22nd January Victoria Inn Winter Beer Festival, Dovecote Lane-Beeston, Notts up to 50 Ales (30 at one time)
20th to 27th January Scottish Beer Festival, Lion Inn, 44 Mosley Street-Basford, Nottingham
26th to 29th January Bermuda Triangle Beer Festival, Featuring The Castle, Prince Rupert & Just Beer Micropub-Newark 40 Ales
27th to 28th January Mallard Beer Festival, The Mallard, Platform 1 Worksop Railway Station, 15 Ales + Cider & Perry
3rd to 4th February Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel-Chesterfield 100+ Ales 16 Ciders/Perry
9th to 12th February SIBA Champions Beer Festival, Canal House, Canal Street-Nottingham 56 Ales
15th to 18th February Derby Winter Fest, The Roundhouse Pride Park-Derby 300 Ales, Cider/Perry & Continental Beers
17th to 19th February Hucknall Beer & Cider Festival, John Godber Centre-Hucknall, Notts 30+ Ales, Cider + Perry
1st to 3rd March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lover's Walk (off William St)-Loughborough
7th to 10th March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay St/South Churchgate-Leicester

- 6th to 7th January Frodsham Winter Beer Festival, Parish Hall, Church Street-Frodsham 25+ Ales
18th to 21st January National Winter Ales Festival, Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road-Manchester 200+ Ales Cider & Perry
19th to 21st January Cambridge Winter Ale Festival, University Social Club, Mill Lane-Cambridge 120+ Ales Cider/Perry
19th to 21st January Colchester Winter Ales Festival, Colchester Arts Centre, Church Street-Colchester 100+ Ales 20 Ciders
20th to 21st January Exeter Winter Festival, Exeter FC, St James Park, Stadium Way-Exeter 65 Ales
25th to 31st January Anchor Inn Burns Beer Festival, Bradford Street-Birmingham, 18+ Scottish Ales
26th to 28th January 23rd Bent & Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall off High Street, Atherton-Manchester 75 Ales Cider
26th to 28th January Wellington Beer Festival, 37 Bennetts Hill-Birmingham 40+ Ales
26th to 29th January Pretty Bricks Beer Festival, John St-Walsall
27th to 28th January Salisbury Winterfest, XV Castle St Social Club, Scots Lane-Salisbury 21 Seasonal Real Ales + Cider
1st to 4th February Chelmsford Beer Festival, Triangle Club, Essex CC, Duke Street-Chelmsford, Essex 130+ Ales/Cider
2nd to 4th February 8th Pendle Beer Festival, Colne Municipal Hall-Colne, Lancashire 70 Ales Cider/Perry Bottled Beers
2nd to 4th February 17th Tewkesbury Winter Ale Fest, George Watson Memorial Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury, 70 Winter Ales
3rd to 4th February Redditch Winter Ale Festival, Rocklands Social Club, 59 Birchfield Rd-Redditch 33 Ales + Cider/Perry
3rd to 4th February Lichfield, Winter Beer & Wine Fest, Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street-Lichfield 33 Ales, Cider + 20 Wines
3rd to 4th February 5th Jersey Winter Ales Festival, St James Centre, St James Street-St Helier, Jersey 30+ Ales & Ciders
3rd to 4th February 19th White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Maison Deu (Town Hall)-Dover 75 Winter & Strong Ales
3rd to 4th February 24th Dorchester Beerex, Corn Exchange, High St West-Dorchester 80 Ales
8th to 10th February 22nd Battersea Beer Fest, Battersea Arts Centre, Grand Hall, Town Hall Rd, Lavender Hill-Battersea
9th to 11th February 30th Fleetwood Beer Festival, The Marine Hall, The Esplanade-Fleetwood 125 Ales Cider/Foreign
10th to 11th February 5th Ilkley Beer Festival, Ikley Kings Hall, Station Road-Ilkley 120+ Ales
16th to 18th February Liverpool Beer Festival, Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt-Liverpool 220 Ales +Cider/Perry
16th to 19th February The Cross Beer Festival, Church Hill Close-Kinver
17th to 18th February 3rd Elysian Beer Festival, The Maltings Ship Lane-Ely, Cambridgeshire
23rd to 25th February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall-Saltaire 100+ Real Ales, Cider & Foreign Beers
23rd to 26th February Springhead Tavern Beer Festival, Walsall Rd-Darlaston
24th to 25th February 3rd Chappel Winter Beer Fest, East Anglian Railway Museum, Colne Railway Station-Chappel 60+ Ales

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 uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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Quote of the Month:

"A fine beer may be judged with only one sip, but it is better to be thoroughly sure"