



# RuRAD Rural Real Ale Drinkers

In The Sticks

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Welcome to this month's edition of "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 39 pubs in 34 different locations, 3 Breweries and 43 Beer Festivals.

## Beer and Pub News

After months of dedicated research and beer tasting, it's a hard job but someone has to do it, we are now pleased to announce that our latest guide entitled **Amber Valley Ales** "The RuRad guide to Hostelrys & Real Ale in the Amber Valley" will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

For anyone interested in receiving a copy of the guide, which includes the pubs surveyed, together with the range of beers available at the time of the survey please contact Billy or Charisma.

Draught Bass has been taken off as one of the regular real ales at the **Cross Keys Belper** due to inconsistent beer quality its replacement will be a new beer from Bateman's called Valliant 4.2%.

The **Hippodrome** in **Ripley** still has foreign beers on draught with **Greene King Abbot Ale** and the other hand pump dedicated to an ever changing guest beer which on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June was **Exmoor Stag 5.2%** with **Wells Summer Solstice 4.1%** coming on next.

The **Newlands Inn** at **Golden Valley** has the lease up for sale-thanks **Foggy**. When **Big Un** and **Bald Eagle** visited they had **Greene King IPA** and **Abbot** for sale.

The number of handpumps has been increased to four at the **Royal Oak** in **South Normanton** giving the pub three rotating guest beers and one regular real ale in the shape of **Old Speckled Hen**.

**Charles Wells Bombardier** is now the regular real ale available at the **Station** on **Mansfield Road** **Alfreton**.

As a regular Bass drinker for the last 50 odd years, I would be interested to know if your readers' think it has changed (for the worse in my opinion) since it has gone to W&D at Marstons for brewing. Might be worth a debate through RuRad? Regards Phil Jackson.

Guest beers on at the **Amber Valley Rugby Football Club** in Lower Somercotes for Mansfield & Ashfield CAMRA's AGM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June included **Mallard Featherlight 4.1%**, **Maypole Maybee 4.3%** and **Falstaff Phoenix 4.7%**.

Also available was **Leadmill's** latest beer called **Splash 'n' Dash 4.2%** which we believe the **Rugby Club** to be the very first outlet to have this new beer on.

The respective breweries sponsored all the beers and apparently a whopping 21.5 gallons were consumed during the course of the evening.

**Bald Eagle**, **Pac-a-Mac**, **Chippy Cherry** & **Heinz 63** would like to recommend the **Brown Bear** on **Norfolk Street** **Sheffield** which is a **Samuel Smiths** tied house selling **Old Brewery Bitter** at £1.29 a pint-Wow.

**Sam Smiths** also brew their own mild, lagers, stout and cider, which were also on sale, and note the interesting collection of posters. To find the pub stand with your back towards the entrance of **Virgin Records**, go down the street opposite and take the first right, the pub is on the right-Enjoy!

The **Kings Head** at **Hilton** is reported to be up for lease.

The Beers available for **Leadmill's** final night at the **King William Milford** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July included **Slaters Bitter 3.6%**, **Derby Business as Usual 4.4%**, **Falstaff Phoenix 4.7%**, **Leadmill William IV ESM 6.0%**, **Ragin Red 4.5%**, **Apocalypse Now 5.2%**, **Iroquois 5.2%**, **Bass 4.4%** and **Cheddar Valley Cider 6.0%**.

More recent visits have found that the only real ale available was **Bass** which apparently alternates with **Marstons Pedigree** served from the jug at £2.40 a pint - not much of a selection to tempt me off the R62 I'm afraid!

On at the **Queens Head Belper** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June were **Cottage Best 4.2%** at £2.25 and **Sharp's Doom Bar Bitter 4.0%** at £2.20 a pint.

**Colin's "Brewery of the Month"** for this month at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with beers from the **Orkney Brewery** and will include: - **Northern Light 4.0%**, **Dragonhead Stout 4.0%**, **Red Macgregor 4.0%** and **Dark Island 4.6%**.

Other forthcoming attractions will be **Burton Bridge Golden Delicious 3.8%**, **Hop Back Summer Lightening 5.0%** and the new **Bateman's beer Valliant 4.2%**

The **Wellington** at **New Whittington** was visited by **Charisma** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June who reports that real ales available included **Thwaite's Thoroughbred 4.0%**, **Cameron's Strongarm 4.0%**, **Pedigree** and **Bishops Finger** with **Tanglefoot** waiting to settle. All the beers were priced at £2.20 a pint. It was also noted that the **Miners Arms** was up for lease.

The **Doctor** has found a Beer Festival at the **Newdigate Arms West Hallam** on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July with 15 real ales and live music on both evenings.

A visit to the **White Hart** on **Church Street Heage** on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July found 4 real ales available including two regulars **Marstons Pedigree** and **Courage Directors** with **Taylor's Landlord** and **Old Speckled Hen** as the guests. **Malcolm** advised me that the guests usually last between 3 and 4 weeks and other firm favorites in the past have included **Bateman's XXXB** and **Jennings Bitter**. For more information on the pub including opening times visit [www.white-hart-heage.co.uk](http://www.white-hart-heage.co.uk)

The new licensee at the **Greyhound Belper** is **Kevin Grundy** who took over the reigns on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April; the pub currently has **Bombardier** and **Pedigree** as regular real ales with a rotating guest from the **Punch** list, which on my visit in early July was **Abbot Ale**, all the beers are £2.30 a pint.

**Trevor**, **Wendy** and **Dale Hammersley**, formerly of the **Crooked Club Stapleford**, are the new Licensees at the **Bulls Head Openwoodgate** taking over from **Les & Marlene Graham** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The **Nelson Inn** at **Woodville** had **Pedigree** and **Bass** but no guest available on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## Brewery News

### Leadmill-Denby

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

The latest beers from Leadmill have included Iroquois 5.2%, Ragin Red 4.5% Splash 'N' Dash 4.2% and Sun Chaser 4.3%.

Leadmill appear to be re-branding their beers by moving away from the well known "Key Hole" pump clip, one example recently seen was Arc Light which is now elliptical shaped.

### Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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

Dave's latest beers have included Toffee Apple a 5.6% dark red beer and Brandy Snap a 4.7% pale ginger style beer and were both available at Derby CAMRA's Summer Beer Festival held at the Assembly Rooms. Seasonal red beer Roller Ghoster 4.5%, Speedway 4.1 and Brandy Snap 4.7% made an appearance at the **Boat Inn Beer Festival** in **Cromford** between 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### Falstaff-Normanton

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

Fist Full of Hops has been selected to appear at the Great British Beer Festival at Kensington Olympia in August. Not a bad achievement to say the brewery was only set up just over 18 months ago! Congratulations to Jim, Steph and the rest of the team at the Falstaff.

Continuing with the Shakespearian theme one of the latest beers to appear is Called Prince of Denmark 4.0%.

### Visit Reports

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2005 the Tweedles, Half Pint and I set off on an impromptu social "in support of local beer festivals" by visiting Kim and Jackie Beresford's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary Beer Festival at the **Old Poets Corner** in **Ashover**.

We arrived at the pub just as Dave Tizard from the Funfair Brewery was leaving finding just enough time for a quick chat.

The pub itself was packed with familiar faces such as Edward from the **Bentley Brook Inn** at **Fenny Bentley** and local Camra members from Chesterfield and to our surprise some had even made the trip from Derby!

At the back of the pub was a gazebo, which offered a dry if not cold haven to those brave enough.

The list of beers was as impressive as ever and between us we managed to sample some of the following: - Fullers ESB 5.5% (one of Half Pint's favorites), Glentworth Light-year 3.9%, Halifax Steam Follies Bergere 4.0%, Harviestoun Celebration Ale 4.1%, Hidden Brewery Hidden Fantasy 4.6% which was that well hidden the lad serving struggled to find it.

We were kept amused by the Lager drinkers who when ordering their drink the bell above the bar was rang and the rest of the Real Ale drinkers shouted "Lager" in response.

Kick and Rush were the main attraction entertaining the masses with their usual blend of good sing-a-longs and wealth of bad jokes. The evening ended all too quickly but not before finishing off on the excellent Whim Black Christmas 6.5%.

Me Owd Conker called into the National Inventory listed pub the **Lion Tavern** 67 Moorfields **Liverpool** on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June to find the following real ales available Cains Dark Mild 3.2%, Everards Beacon Bitter 3.8%, J.W. Lees Bitter 4.0%, Deuchars IPA 3.8%, Springhead Roaring Meg 5.5% and Bateman's seasonal guest Miss Saucy 4.3%.

### Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June we started our walk from Frisby on the Wreake in Leicestershire and set off towards the village of **Thorpe Satchville**, here we intended to visit the **Fox Inn** on Great Dalby Road, on our last visit here this pub belonged to the John O' Gaunt brewery and served all there ales plus guests. On arrival and not for the first time this year we were disappointed, we found on offer two real ales, John Smiths Cask 3.8% & Everards Original 5.2% there were signs of a guest but not today. We decided to try the Original at £2.20 per pint and on enquiring about the John O' Gaunt beers were told they had stopped brewing about six months ago and closed down, still never mind the Original was quite a nice drink. On leaving here we headed west towards the village of **Ashby Folville** about 2 miles away, here we visited the **Carington Arms** an Everards pub opposite the cricket pitch. Real ales on offer were Original 5.2%, Tiger 4.2%, Sunchaser plus Adnams Bitter 3.7% as a guest; we tried the Adnams at £2.20 per pint and quite a nice drink. We left here and walked another 2 miles further west and came to the village of **Gaddesby**, here we found the **Cheney Arms** on Rearsby Lane, another Everards pub serving Tiger, Original and Adnams Bitter as a guest, we tried the Original at £2.25 per pint another nice drink but all in all nothing exiting today.

### Rodders wanders lonely as a cloud in the Lake District.

On a recent trip to the Lake District I found time in my packed walking schedule to call into the GBG listed **Riverside Bar** at the **Scafell Hotel** in **Rosthwaite**. After a long day on the Fells between Watendlath and Langstrath I was rather pleased to find 6 real ales on offer. The regulars were Theakstons Best Bitter 3.6%, XB 4.6% & Old Peculiar 5.7% plus guest beers that on my visit were Heskett

Newmarket Scafell Blonde 4.3%, Skiddaw Bitter 3.5% and Derwent Summer Rose 4.2%. I tried the Skiddaw £2.10, and the Summer Rose £2.30 both in good order (I would've tried more but Castle Crag was still waiting to be conquered and the hour was getting late. I also managed to call into the **Swinside Inn** at **Swinside**, after a very, very wet day on the fells around Newlands Pass, to find Jennings Cumberland 4.0%, Theakstons Best Bitter 3.6% and a guest, which was Wadworth Summersault 4.0%. I tried the Cumberland that, in my opinion, is far from the best Jennings brew but my limbs were aching and I was clean out of Ibuprofen.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2005 we started our walk from Yaveley in Derbyshire parking just down from the old pub, which has been closed for some years now and the name of which escapes me. We would have called in at the **Queen Adelaide** at **Snelston Common**, had it still been open, but it isn't so we headed for **Clifton** and the **Cock Inn** which is situated opposite the church. Here we found 3 real ales on offer Pedigree 4.5%, Landlord 4.3% & Bombardier 4.3% all at £2.50 a pint, we tried the Bombardier and it was so nice and the weather was so hot that we tried it again... just to make sure. We caught a few motorbike races at Darley Moor but didn't bring Shane Pearson, an up and coming young racer who we follow, any luck so we beat a hasty retreat.

### Teddy's travels (in Albert's taxis)

This month Teddy visited **Bishops Castle**, Shropshire, for the folk festival.

This small market town is blessed with two microbreweries, one at either end of the main street along with other pubs serving real ales. It is a drinker's paradise even without the added attraction of the folk festival.

The pub singarounds were mainly based around the **Three Tuns** and the **Six Bells**, both with their own breweries on site, so it was really difficult to divert from these two pubs.

The **Six Bells** was serving three of their own brews, all light beers. Big News 3.8%, Cloud Nine 4.2% and Duck & Dive 4.6% all were excellent.

In the **Three Tuns** Teddy tried three beers Three Tuns XXX 4.3 %, Three Eight, 3.8% and Clerics Cure 5.0%

All were perfect but the XXX had to be the favourite of the weekend. (Remembering his words to sing became more difficult with each pint!!!!). A breath of fresh air was needed on Saturday to clear the head, so a walk on the Stipperstones was in order. Parking at the, **Hamlet of Bridges** though meant Teddy had to try a pint in the **Horseshoe Inn** on his return they were serving Adnams Bitter, Timothy Taylors Landlord and Horseshoe Brew 3.8% a light easy drinking bitter. Before returning to Bishops Castle, Teddy stopped

off in the village of **Clun** here the **Sun Inn** was serving Bishops Finger, Bank's Bitter and Mansfield Cask Ale.

Moving along to the **White Horse Inn** he was spoilt for choice as the selection included Butty Bach 4.5%, Shropshire Gold 3.8%, Three XXX 4.3%, Hobson's Best 3.8% and John Roberts 4.3% all at £1.80 per pint!!

A board displayed a list of about 20 bottled beers that were also available.

Teddy had barely time for a quick nap before he started all over again on Saturday night. Bishops Castle hosts an annual beer festival. 2005 dates are 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## Bald and Fly South's trip to Prague

We stayed at the Star Hotel about 15 to 20 minutes outside the city itself.

Budvar was available at our hotel at 18 Crowns under 50p per ½ litre, the cheapest we found anywhere.

Trams ran into town every 15 minutes and if visiting Prague this is the cheapest and easiest way to travel.

Several bars had Pilsner Urquell and Staropraman, not bad beers but we were looking for something not so common. Joes Café on Wenceslass Square had Krusovice Light and Dark available at 50 Crowns each per ½ litre) just over £1). For sheer enjoyment the bar Double trouble is a must. It is underground and not unlike a cave, some compared it to the Trip in Nottingham. The following day whilst out sight seeing (the buildings and architecture of Prague are outstanding) we picked up a leaflet for a beer tasting session at the Marquis de Sade pub. The pub was excellent with an upstairs tasting room and a bottled beer store, apparently the pub used to be a brothel. On draught were 5 or 6 beers including Herold Dark and Light, Krusovice Dark and light. We were given several bottled beers to try ranging from Wheat Beer to Strong Porter and a double distilled beer, also included was some food and a very interesting talk about Czech brewing by Chris. Please note that the double distilled beer is head banging material. Draught beers were 40 crown (about £1) per half litre.

The following day we caught a Tram into the city centre and then walked across Charles Bridge to Prague Castle.

The walk over the bridge is really worthwhile. We noticed a sign outside a bar advertising Kelt Stout which I sampled later.

We then went into a restaurant with a marvellous open-air view of Prague city Stunning.

The following day, while souvenir shopping, Fly South found the Newtown Brewery Tap where we sat next to the copper fermenting vessels. Fly had the Newtown Light a complex wheat beer and I had the Dark. Both were priced at 28 Crowns per ½ litre (about 65p).

You could book in advance having a meal and a brewery tour, free beers and a discussion which rounded the holiday off nicely.

Note that there are other microbreweries in Prague and also other beers.

Regards go to Baby Bear, Jamie-son, Nephie, Taff and Trev all stalwarts.

I'm hoping to get Fly South to write next month's column while I have my head examined.

## The Ex Adman Column

For this month, we will pay a visit to the West Midlands again to one of the must - see pubs on any tour of that area, the **Old Swan** at **Netherton**, known also as **Ma Pardoe's**. This brewpub, also a Good Beer Guide entry, was, in the 1970's, one of only four pubs in the country to have kept it's home - brewing tradition. The brewery did eventually close however, but happily has been re-opened since then. The pub itself consists of three rooms, with the front bar being unaltered since Victorian times, apart from the bright red paint, which though attractive is unlikely to be authentic. It has an enameled ceiling featuring a picture of a Swan and is a truly superb room to drink in. Behind the bar is a tiny snug to the right with a slightly larger room behind that one. The pub also has a more - recently added lounge on the left, but this addition has had no effect on the historic interior, a fine example of how to make a traditional pub viable without spoiling it - would-be pub modernisers take note! The pub is on Halloween Road between Old Hill and Dudley, and can be reached fairly easily by bus from Birmingham City Centre. The opening hours are 11 - 11 Mon - Sat, 12 - 4, 7 - 10:30 Sun. The beer range features beers from the on-site brewery which are rarely seen elsewhere, including Old Swan Original, Dark Swan, Entire, Bumblehole plus a seasonal beer. If you are in the area, don't miss it!

On Saturday 18th June 2005 Me Owd Concker visited the **Bluebell Inn, Kirk Langley** which had 3 regular real ales available including Draught Bass at £2.25 a pint, Marstons Pedigree at £2.25 a pint & Old Speckled Hen £2.35 a pint.

The same day the **Black Cow, Dalbury Lees** had 2 regular real ales being Banks Original Bitter £2.00 a pint & Marstons Pedigree £2.30 a pint and one guest beer being Bishops Finger £2.40 a pint.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the **Gate** at **Lower Hartshay** had Lloyds Copperhead available as the guest ale at £1.50 a pint.

At the **Cross-keys** on the Market Place in mid June were two guests from the Wm Even Evans Brewery in Llandeilo these being Best Bitter 3.8% at £2.10 and Summer Ale 4.3% at £2.20 a pint.

## Bigfoz's travels with his Dad

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005

**The Newhouse, Canal Street, Nottingham**

Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Black Gold, The Daily Gold, Everards Tiger, Moor Malty, Border Rampart, Tower ItsaMayThing  
BigFoz says: never knew this place existed.  
Dad says: there's a lot you don't know.  
BigFoz says: that's true.

**The Stag, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire**

Pedigree, Adnam's Bitter, Tetley Mild, Boddingtons Bitter, Archers Crystal Clear  
BigFoz says: bit average, this.  
Dad says: in every way.

6<sup>th</sup> June 2005

**Crompton Tavern, Derby**

Pedigree, Springhead Charlie's Angel, Kelham Island Wheatbier, Burton Bridge Pullman's Pride, Landlord.

BigLiz says: didn't think I was going to like this...from the outside.

BigFoz says (wisely): you should never judge a book by its cover, grasshopper

10<sup>th</sup> June 2005

**George, Ripley**

BMG Just the Job, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Smiles Bristol Best, Hartington IPA  
BigFoz says: never have liked this pub.  
Dad says: good ale though now that Nigel's in charge.

**Black Swan, Crich**

Hardys & Hansons Bitter, 1832 Cuckold Alley, William Clarke  
Dad says: Back again for the William Clarke, eh?  
BigFoz says: Nuff said.

13<sup>th</sup> June 2005

**Wellington, New Whittington**

Cameron's Strongarm, Tetley Bitter  
Dad says: excellent value OAP meals. Just look at that piled plate.  
BigFoz says: but I'm not an OAP, dad.  
Dad says: I don't care, I am.

**Gate Inn, Troway**

Burtonwood Bitter, Burtonwood Top Hat  
Dad says: Did they film League of Gentlemen around here?  
BigFoz says: somewhere near.  
Dad says: hmm, thought so.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005

**Griffin's Head, Papplewick, Nottinghamshire**

Pedigree, Bombardier, Old Speckled Hen  
BigFoz says: all that time standing at the bar and still didn't get served.  
Dad says: just as well, there was nothing I wanted to drink anyway.

**Horse and Groom, Linby, Nottinghamshire**

Hopback Summer Lightning, Cottage Whippet Lazy Hound, Theakstons Mild, Greene King IPA  
BigFoz says: friendly crowd.  
Dad says: yet I've been in before and found the opposite

27<sup>th</sup> June 2005

### Bridge Inn, Calver

Hardys & Hansons Bitter, Olde Trip, Druid's

### Droop

Dad says: bit like the TARDIS

BigFoz says: only in reverse.

Dad says: Nice interior...good collection of

fire extinguishers.

30<sup>th</sup> June 2005

### Greyhound, Belper

Abbott, Bombardier, Pedigree

BigFoz says: New landlord's pleasant and

seems to know where he's going

Dad says: Excellently kept ale.

BigFoz says: Can't argue with that.

For the full list which includes the **Monsal Head Hotel**, the **Packhorse** at **Little Longstone** and the **Hemlock Stone** at **Wollaton** please email [bigfoz1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bigfoz1@hotmail.co.uk)

**Proposed Trips** Unfortunately our Bristol by Train trip in July of the National Inventory and Good Beer Guide pubs has now been put back to September: Date to be advised Contact Charisma on 07974 171243 for further details.

## Beer Festival Diary

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July Suddaby's Summer Beer Festival, Wheelgate-Malton.

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July Fox & Hounds Summer Beer Festival 22 Station Road-Heacham. [www.foxbrewery.co.uk](http://www.foxbrewery.co.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July Bromsgrove Beer Festival Rugby Football Club, Ashton Fields-Bromsgrove. [www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July Newstead Miners Welfare Beer Festival Tilford Road-Newstead.

15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July Black Eagle Beer Festival Factory Road-Birmingham.

16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July Victoria Hotel Beer & Music Festival Dovecote Lane-Beeston. [www.victoriabeeston.co.uk](http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk)

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July Ye Olde Dolphin Beer Festival 5a Queen Street Derby.

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July Black Swan Beer Festival, Fearby near Masham. [www.blackswanholiday.co.uk](http://www.blackswanholiday.co.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July Newdigate Arms Beer Festival, High Lane East-West Hallam.

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July George Inn Beer Festival Lowes Hill-Ripley.

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July Black Horse Beer Festival-Darwin [www.theblackun.co.uk](http://www.theblackun.co.uk)

29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July Mallard Summer Beer Festival Worksop Train Station-Worksop.

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July George & Dragon Beer Festival Old Brampton-Chesterfield.

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July Golden Eagle Beer Festival 21 High Street-Lincoln.

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July Criterion Cider Beer Festival Millstone Lane-Leicester. [www.mainlybeer.com](http://www.mainlybeer.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August Great British Beer Festival-London Olympia. [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August Victoria Inn Beer Festival 80 Nottingham Road-Alfreton.

5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August Staithes Lifeboat Real Ale Festival, Captain Cook Inn-Staithes North Yorkshire.

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August Worcester 7<sup>th</sup> Beer & Cider Festival, Racecourse-Worcester [www.worcestercamra.org.uk](http://www.worcestercamra.org.uk)

13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August Last Drop Inn Beer Festival, Colliergate-York.

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August Rockinbeerfest at the Kings Bush Centre-Godmanchester. [www.rockinbeerfest.co.uk](http://www.rockinbeerfest.co.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August Ale Wagon 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival Charles Street-Leicester. [www.alewagon.co.uk](http://www.alewagon.co.uk)

23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August Peterborough Beer Festival the Embankment-Peterborough. [www.real-ale.org.uk](http://www.real-ale.org.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August the Bell Inn Test Match Beer Festival Old Market Square-Nottingham. [www.thebell-inn.com](http://www.thebell-inn.com)

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Howden Beer Festival at the Barnes Wallis. [www.barneswallisinn.com](http://www.barneswallisinn.com)

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Green Man Beer Festival 21 High Street-Lincoln. [www.goldeneagle.connectfree.co.uk](http://www.goldeneagle.connectfree.co.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bewdley Beer Festival St George's Hall off Load Street-Bewdley. [www.bewdleybeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.bewdleybeerfestival.co.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Howden Beer Festival Barnes Wallis Station Road-North Howden. [www.barneswallisinn.com](http://www.barneswallisinn.com)

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 156<sup>th</sup> Moor Green Country Show Real Ale Tent, Watnall-Nottinghamshire. [www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk)

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashbourne Beer Festival, Green Man Royal Hotel-Ashbourne.

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September Bulls Head 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Beer Festival-Ratby. [www.bullsheadratby.com](http://www.bullsheadratby.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September 17<sup>th</sup> Off the Tracks Music & Beer Festival Donnington Park Farmhouse, Isley Walton-Castle Donnington near Jct 24 M1.

9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September the Golden Ball Beer Festival-York [www.goldenball-york.co.uk](http://www.goldenball-york.co.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September Bagthorpe Beer Festival at the Dixie's Arms Pub, School Road-Lower Bagthorpe.

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September Birmingham Beer Festival Aston University Guild of Students, Gosta Green-Birmingham

16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Northwich Beer Festival, Memorial Hall-Northwich.

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September Nantwich Beer Festival Civic Hall, Market Street-Nantwich. [www.sustainability-alliance.org.uk/food/fetival/beerfestival.htm](http://www.sustainability-alliance.org.uk/food/fetival/beerfestival.htm)

29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October Sheffield's 31<sup>st</sup> Steel City Beer Festival St Philips Social Club-Sheffield. [www.sheffieldcamra.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldcamra.co.uk)

29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October Keighley Beer, Cider & Perry Festival Victoria Hall, Victoria Park, Bradford Road-Keighley.

6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October Royal Oak Beer Festival-Ockbrook.

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October Cider & Beer Festival Victoria Leisure Centre-Sneinton. [www.nottinghamcamra.org](http://www.nottinghamcamra.org)

27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October Cross Keys Beer Festival Market Place-Belper.

18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November Erewash Camra 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival Sports Centre-Sandiacre [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

***We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.***

In the next issue of "In the Sticks" look out for more Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles, the Exadman's column on historic pubs, Big Foz's travels with his Dad, "Mulling around on the Isle of Mull" with Nitdad, "Off the rails" with the Tram Inspector and Bald Eagle's Donny Beer Festival and pub visit.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in the next issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-mail : [billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk)

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