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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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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 41 pubs in 21 different locations, 4 Breweries and 42 Beer Festival

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the

WHITE POST

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Beer and Pub News

The Tram Inspector informs us that 11th and 12th July is the Edwardian weekend at the Red Lion at Crich Tramway Museum. It will be themed for the Titanic, with 8 beers from Titanic Brewery, probably six of their regulars and two seasonals

The Devonshire Arms in South Normanton was presented with a richly-deserved Derbyshire Pub of the Year branch award by Mansfield CAMRA on Wednesday 17th June, where the attendees were treated to a choice of Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Thornbridge Jaipur IPA, Black Hole Red Dwarf and GK Morland OSH, all of which were sampled and found, as always, to be in fine form. A couple of nights earlier on Monday 15th, the Bold Forester in Mansfield received a similar award as the branch Nottinghamshire Pub of the Year. A busy week for the branch was completed on the Friday with the presentation of Beer of the Festival for Mansfield 09 to Amber Ales of Ripley for Chocolate Orange Stout

Following on from the success of the first festival, the 2nd Amberfest is scheduled for 23rd-25th July - see you there!

John at the Anchor, Oakerthorpe informs us that he is expecting 2 new Cropton beers in the next few weeks but the Old Goat will not be available again until September

The Three Tuns at Eastwood has closed

The Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse has now added the Derbyshire Pub of the Year award to its growing collection. The presentation is on July 26th all are welcome

The Wheel at Holbrook is up for sale

Former Kimberley owned Bell Inn, Cromford has been bought by a local businessman and should have reopened by the time you read this. Beers on offer to start with will be Bass, Pedigree and a beer from Wirksworth Brewery

The freehold of the Plough in Alfreton is up for sale - yet another Punch Taverns disposal. In addition, Hudson Bay, Alfreton is currently "closed for refurbishment"!!

The Cricketers at Kilburn has reopened

There is a free outdoor concert by the Ockbrook Big Band at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on Saturday July 18th from 8-10pm where there will be an outside bar and BBQ

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

18th July - 7pm depart Ripley Market place on free bus, surveying Oakerthorpe and South Wingfield pubs. 30th July - 8.30pm Branch meeting at Cross Keys, Market Place, Belper. Contact social secretary Nathan 01773 570675

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Saturday June 6th was a date to see The Small Fakers tribute band on at the Flowerpot in Derby but on the way Trigger, Davo & Postman Pat had to call in the Silk Mill on Full St. Halfway through the night it had started to get a good crowd in there so I was dodging the folk to get as much info as possible. 8 beers, 4 ciders and foreign bottled beers were on order to choose from as follows, Thornbridge Jaipur, Ossett Excelsior, Wentworth Oatmeal Stout, Springhead Puritan's Porter, Exmoor Fox, Purity Golden & Naad Goose and finally Peregrine from which brewer, who knows? Prices ranged from £2.60 - £2.90. With live entertainment being acoustic/jazz Sunday - Thursday no food is served here but happy to say feel free to bring your own as plates & cutlery will be provided. Opening times are Mon-Wed 11 - 11, Thu 11 - 11.30, Fri-Sat 11 - 12 & Sun 12 - 11. Well worth a visit as the Peregrine, Springhead & Wentworth were all in good nick - Marx Brothers

Quiz Question:

Where is the Welsh Pub in Ilkeston. ??

Quiz Answer:

If you travel from Awwsworth into Ilson and glance to your left whilst going over the railway bridge you can see it. "D WDR PINN." Well it looks like Welsh to me. Now don't go changing the sign as it adds character and I bet many have not seen it. The place is rightly well thought of and the golden and light coloured beers are very popular. Well they are with me anyway - The Escapist

Brewery News

Amber Ales-Ripley

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A number of new experimental botanic-ales appeared at the 1st Amberfest over the weekend of 19th-21st June, which was very well received by all accounts. The first beer to sell out was the latest beer in the "Amber Valley Heroes" range - Brandreth's Brew (aka Hop Devil IPA), closely followed by Jasmine IPA and Chocolate Orange Stout. A total of 21 beers, including guest beers, plus 3 trad ciders were available during the festival. Off-Sales from the newly opened brewery shop have been extended - you can now purchase draught and bottle-conditioned ales on Saturday mornings from 10am til 1pm, in addition to the existing hours of 2pm til 6pm on Thursday and Friday. A range of guest bottled beers will be added to the offerings in the near future. Also Summer Bock will be available at Derby Beer Festival in July, alongside Chocolate Orange Stout

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

A special was also provided for the 1st **Brewery Tap** beer festival namely Legitimate Expense 5.9%. Richard has also brewed the Derby Beer Festival special Werburgher 6.5%, also planned is a 6-6.5% IPA for a beer festival in Oxfordshire

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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The latest creation is a traditional ginger beer called Tea Cups, which Dave himself describes as "something different"

Leadmill-Denby

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Richard brewed a special beer for the 1st **Brewery Tap** beer festival in **Derby** in the form of Date Porter 4.7%, it has also been available at the RuRAD Bar

**Roger, Frances and all the staff
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Well how nice to meet the faces behind the names on the RuRAD Liverpool pub-crawl or should we say pub-run. Glad to have met Cassandra, Rodders and Sooty we did our best to keep up and introduced Pauline's brother and wife to the crowd; who really enjoyed the tour, taking us through the back streets of our beloved city; Culminating at the "Mecca" Ship and Mitre bar. The week after we Pods went to **China** (a real ale dessert) We had a handful of microbreweries to try out in Beijing, but alas never had the opportunity to seek them out. Then we found a wonderful micro Brewery in the **French Restaurant** in West Street, in **Yangshuo**, on the Lee river, (a fascinating place, full of lime stone pinnacles! 10,000 in all.) We were pleasantly surprised to find their 2 excellent ales, one light ale, brewed like a wheat beer, served in huge half litre handled glasses, and the very dark porter with full toasted barley, liquorice, and spicy flavours, very Moorish we thought we were in heaven. In **Shanghai** we settled for a visit to a very splendid **Paulaner Bar**, and happy to try their selection. Underneath the Pearl Tower was a micro Brewery but we had no means to get there. After all we had our local to look forward to on our return, the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse**, with their usual great variety of ales as well as the RuRAD bar which we can't keep

away from. We congratulate them on winning the Derby Country pub of the year. We had some ground to make up, so this weekend after a visit to The Old Oak, we went to Calke Abbey, then got the GBG out and had a few at the **John Thompson Inn & Brewery** in **Ingleby Melbourne**, and what a treasure, After viewing the manicured gardens / conservatory and heated Patio area near the Trent riverside exterior; with its 6 chalets to let on site @ £55 a night, we had the most wonderful friendly greeting inside a wonderful Pub, with many rooms and comfortable furniture, good food, the selection of 3 ales @£2.30 TO £2.60 A PINT were all in good condition Business as usual; John Thompson JTS xxx 4.1% & John Thompson Gold 4.5%. We then skipped off back to home ground, the **King William, Duffield** where they had Marstons Pedigree 4.2, Northern Star Big Lamp 4.8, Bateman's Summer Swallow 3.9, In good condition TT Landlord 4.3 (not at its best),. Just for good measure after a hard Sunday on the garden we caught the end of Pete's Amber Ales 1st beer festival, which by all accounts was a huge success as over half all sold out. There was still plenty to try and we were not disappointed by the welcome and the beer quality, both were excellent. We just had to pop into the **George Inn, Ripley**, as we were passing to another friendly welcome and 3 ales to choose from. Oh but it's great to be back home – 2 P's in a Pod

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Big Ron & myself headed out to **Ilkeston** to catch the Ilkeston Town v FC United of Manchester match. However beforehand we dropped in at the **Dewdrop Inn** on Station St and sampled the very excellent Blower Bentley 5% & Hop 'n' Drop both from Cottage. Also on offer were 4 Horsemen 5.2% Oakham Bishop's Farewell 4.6%, Landlord & Harvest Pale. The landlord was very friendly and helpful. A must. With time ticking to kick-off we tracked up to the **Good Old Days**, also on Station St, where Gone Fishing 5.5% hooked us both, an acquired taste we both agreed. Also available

were Hawkshead Lakeland Gold 4.4%, Pictish Brewers Gold 3.8% and Whim Arbour Light 3.8%. A decent canal-side pub but with the game a' calling we made a swift exit and headed along the canal to the Manor Ground. After the game we went back into town only to find the pubs closed by the police due to the game. So with no alternative we wandered over to the Needlemakers but unfortunately we were refused entry because we were not local...very poor indeed. Luckily we stumbled upon the welcoming **Three Horseshoes** and partook of H&H Bitter 3.6%, H&H Dark 3.2% and the ever-delectable Old Speckled Hen 4.5%. On to the **Poacher**, which was now open, where we enjoyed Theakston Black Bull 3.9% Caledonian 80 4.3% & Spitfire with Nottingham EPA & Broadside also on offer. Finally we called in the **Observatory** whilst waiting for our bus back to Derby. The JDW beer festival was on with so many decent beers to be had and also it was an interesting place to observe the local scenery! And the football, well FCUM won the game 1-0 scoring in the 90th minute in front of a crowd of 1,313. Overall a good day was had, shame most of the pubs were closed. Be warned on match days – Dave

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Away Day in Wakefield...Mate!

On Saturday May 30th a small group of RuRAD members ventured on a pub-crawl around **Wakefield**, and were not disappointed. The trip was arranged by rail and the train from Derby got us into Wakefield just in time to sample our first beer at the JDW **Six Chimneys**, which was a short walk from the station. 6 ales were available including Pedit, Abbot, Ruddles Best, Acorn Old Moor Porter, Salopian Darwins Origin (unfortunately just gone) and Box Steam Tunnel Vision. The Tunnel & Acorn were sampled and rated average. Round the corner was the suitably named **GBG Red Shed** (Wakefield Labour Club), which - as its name suggests - is a real locals pub with Ossett Pale Gold, Hart Dishy Debbie, Salamander Penumbra and Acorn Barnsley Bitter. All beers sampled were in excellent form. Then with our guide from the Red Shed we found our way to the **GBG Fernandes Brewery Tap & Bier Keller** and to be honest we could have stayed there all day. Fullers ESB, Ossett Big Red & Pale Gold, Bradfield Farmers Gold and of course a selection from Fernandes, Mayday, Liberty, Old Smokey & Elementary Mild. The Pale Gold went down well whilst Trigger & Rodney went for the

darker beers. Pity we had to leave but it was time to visit the inventory pub on our list, the **GBG Kings Head at Heath**, a short bus journey from the city centre. In the confusion of not really knowing which bus to catch I boarded the wrong train and after buying my rover ticket I was told any bus to Castleford would be better. In thanks I proceeded to call the female bus driver mate, which brought roars of laughter from the rest of the group (.....mate-Ed). The rest of the band got their rover-type tickets on the right bus and were deposited at the Kings Head about 10 minutes later. The pub is set perfectly and on such a hot glorious day looked even more picturesque. 6X, Kelburn Misty Law, Howard Town Glotts Hop, Tetley, Blue Monkey Original, Landlord and Clarkes Westgate Gold were on offer and we had to stay for more than one to soak up the atmosphere. Thanks to Rodney for the suggestion, well worth a visit and a good call (I do my best-Ed). We didn't quite time it right for the return bus trip so we chilled out in the shade for a bit whilst Tweedle Dum found out when the bus was due. Back in Wakefield the **GBG Black Rock** was next on the list with Tetley, Blacksheep Golden Sheep and Triple F Alton's Pride. The next 2 pubs were tip offs from the Diddler, firstly it was the **Hop** were there was a good selection of beers from Ossett, Fernandes, Leatherbritches, Pot Belly, Vale and Fullers then it was on to **O'Donohues** were we found another good selection of ales including Naimh's Nemesis from the local Five Towns Brewery, SSB & One Good Tarn Deserves Another from East Coast, Newby Wyke Kingston Topaz, Hop Back Crop Circle and OP. A very interesting selection don't you agree? The landlord and landlady thought we were from Nottingham as they recognised our accents and when we told them we were from Derby they told us that they would be visiting Derby Beer Festival so we may well bump into them again. Before our next bus trip we had time to call in the **GBG Henry Boon's**, which is right outside Clarkes Brewery and is their tap house, Ossett Silver King, Landlord and 3 Clarkes beers, Classic Blonde, Elementary Mild & No Angel were on the bar. The latter 2 were sampled and in fine form. After catching the bus from across the road (.....mate-Ed) we arrived at the **GBG Alverthorpe WMC** where we had a choice from Tetley Bitter & Mild, Cottage Lusitania and Acorn Darkness. Trigger was keen to hang about until the final whistle at the FA Cup final then we got our walking boots on to get to the next pub, which looked like the roads had been built or altered to accommodate it. The **GBG Redoubt** had Tetley Mild & Bitter and Landlord available and is worth a visit. Another short walk back in to the city centre and we arrived at the packed **GBG Harry's Bar**, which had to be left til last as it doesn't open til 5pm, where 8 ales were on the bar and with the brewer from Bob's Brewery and the team that run the Red Shed in attendance this surely is the place to be. Moorhouse Premium, Leeds Pale, Ossett Silver King, Blacksheep Bitter, Phoenix Wobbly Bob, Bob's White Lion & Chardonayle and a beer from Elland (by this time

the beer was taking effect and it became increasingly difficult to read my notes). On arrival back in **Derby** we had time to call in the **Babington Arms** before getting our busses home. A good day out with some excellent pubs, well worth a visit.....mate - Charisma

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Supporting Local Beer Festivals

Thursday June 4th saw the first beer festival at the **Royal Standard** in **Derby**, or the **Brewery Tap** as it is known with an impressive selection of rare and new beers from the likes of Hornbeam, Mill Green, Tydd Steam, Waveney & Bull Box alongside beers from Derby, Black Hole, Amber, Funfair, Bottle Brook & Leadmill. I tried Ale & Grace followed by Orange Blossom and Summer Ale. A lot of people were unhappy about the prices, £2.90 a pint (as long as people keep paying it pubs will keep charging it-Ed), but having said that it was well attended - Charisma

On Friday June 26th I got the bus in to **Derby** where I had a swift half of Caledonian 80 in the **Metrobar** (other beers on offer being Deuchars, Doom Bar & Tribute) before catching the H1 and alighting at Smalley cross road to walk up the road (which is further than it seems by any other mode of transport) to **Stanley Common** where I met Chris P Duck at the **White Post** for their June beer festival. There were 8 beers in the tent (ably manned by Dave Tizard), which were Fun Fair Ilkeston Brown Ale, Tea Cups, Dive Bomber & Hall of Mirrors, Thornbridge Red Brick, Castle Rock Elsie Mo, Holdens Golden Glow and Leatherbritches Dr Johnson's with Fun Fair Waltzer, Milestone Rich Ruby and Titanic Longitude available in the bar. I started off with the Red brick whilst CPD went for the Dr Johnson then, having been informed about it by Charisma, I sampled Tea Cups...if you have a penchant for ginger beers (as I do) don't let the colour put you off, it's quite tasty. CPD had Hall of Mirrors then we did role reversal in the same beers for the next round. We both

went for the Ilkeston Brown Ale before having Rich Ruby and Longitude from the pub bar before I had to wend my way home leaving CPD to his own devices - Rodders

Amber Brewery held its first beer festival from 19th - 21st June featuring 21 beers and 3 ciders, most of the beers were from Amber as brewer and owner Pete Hounsell had been experimenting with different styles and flavours including Ginger, Lemongrass, Strawberry, Elderflower and Jasmine. My favourites were Chocolate Orange 4.0, Jasmine IPA 4.8 and Lemongrass & Root Ginger 3.9, Leatherbritches Hairy Helmet 4.7 and Whim Flower Power, which I also rate, were also available. There was a good turn out of RuRAD supporters on the Friday evening; I arrived with Flowerpot Lol and HQ in a taxi from Ripley market place (£2.80) having Zig Zaged from Derby, Tweedle Dee who helps in the brewery was in attendance and it wasn't long before Charisma Bypass turned up along with Garry Notts, Little Linda and Diddler. Mansfield Camra arrived around 9pm led by Tweedle Dum to present Pete with a beer of the festival award for his Chocolate Orange at Mansfield beer festival so with beer at £2.00 a pint a very enjoyable evening was had by all - Sooty

Saturday 27th of June saw myself, Trigger, Cassandra, Hormonal Nightmare, Batman and Refinnej head to **Belper** for the Music Festival. On arrival we decided to call in the beer festival at the **George & Dragon** where there were 16 beers on the programme plus a few extras I sampled Saltaire Crystal Red & Fun Fair Wall of Death (I was disappointed not to see it the White Post) even Batman, a fizz drinker by habit, tried the Harviestoun Schiehallion.....we do try to point him in the right direction. We then went into the music festival and I was surprised with the selection of real ales available and even more so by the price only £2.50 a pint, that's cheaper than some beer festivals in Derby. 14 ales were on offer including Exmoor Gold, Thornbridge Jaipur, Thwiates Nutty Black, Bridge of Allen Lomond Gold, Tower East Mill, Fun Fair Waltzer and Harviestoun Natural Blonde. When the break in the music came we had a walk up to the Market Place where we called in the **Cross Keys** and the **Black Swan** before heading back down for some more music - Rodders

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Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 3rd to 5th July Seven Oaks & Full Mash 1st Beer Festival, 7 Lows Lane-Stanton by Dale, Ilkeston
3rd to 5th July Hearty Goodfellow/Bramley Apple/Old Coachouse Joint Beer Festival, Church St-Southwell
4th July 1st Blackwoods Beer Festival, 477 Hucknall Road-Nottingham Local Beers & Cider Tel 07783 300420
4th July Warslow Beer & Food Festival, Village Hall-Warslow, Staffordshire 01298 687205
5th July Thornbridge Hall Charity Garden Party-Ashford in the Water, nr Bakewell open 11-4
8th to 12th July Derby Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Place-Derby www.derbycamra.org.uk
11th to 26th July Victoria Summer Beer & Music Festival, Dovecote Lane-Beeston-Nottingham www.victoriabeeston.co.uk 100 Beers 16 at one time
15th to 18th July Dolphin Beer Festival, Queen Street-Derby 70 Ales
17th to 19th July Cellarman Colin's Yorkshire Beer Festival, Horse & Groom, Radford Rd-Radford
17th to 19th July Meadow Covert Beer & Cider Festival, Alford Rd-Edwalton
23rd to 25th July 2nd Amberfest Beer Festival, Amber Ales Brewery, Asher Lane, Hammersmith-Ripley DE5 3SW 01773 512864
24th to 26th July White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
29th July to 2nd August 4th Unicorn Inn Beer Festival, Repton Rd-Newton Solney 60+ Beers info@unicorn-inn.co.uk
30th July to 1st August 2nd Alexandra Beer Festival, 203 Siddals Road-Derby 20 Ales + Cider, Music & BBQ
1st to 2nd August Rose at Hose Beer Festival, Bolton Lane-Hose
27th to 31st August Silk Mill Beer Festival, 19 Full Street-Derby 40 Ales
28th to 31st August White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
29th to 30th August Charity Beer Festival, Jubilee Playing Fields-Elton, 25+ Derbyshire Beers & Cider, music from 7pm
3rd to 5th September Smithfest Beer Festival, Smithfield, Meadow Rd-Derby 40+ beers, Hog Roast Saturday Evening www.thesmithfield.co.uk

- 2nd to 5th July Bitter Suite Beer Festival, 53 Flyde Road -Preston 30+ Ales
3rd to 5th July 5th Herefordshire Beer Festival, Hereford Rowing Club, Greyfriars Avenue-Hereford 110 Ales
3rd to 5th July SIBA South East Beer Festival, Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club, The Slade-Tonbridge Over 100 Ales
3rd to 6th July Smithfield Beer Festival, Swan Street-Manchester 25 Ales New & Rare
4th July 10th Devizes Beer Festival, The Wharf-Devizes Over 50 Ales
4th July 9th Annual Riverside Music & Beer Festival-Stamford, Lincolnshire 40 Ales www.riversidefestival.co.uk
7th & 18th July Merton Beer Festival & Summer Fete (various bands on, tents free)-Merton nr Bicester Oxfordshire
8th to 11th July 20th Ealing Beer Festival, Walpole Park, Mattock Lane-Ealing Over 150 Ales
8th to 12th July 2nd Greenwich Beer Festival, Old Royal Naval College-Greenwich 70 Ales
9th to 12th July Rising Sun Beer Festival, Fulwood Rd-Sheffield www.risingsunsheffield.co.uk
9th to 11th July 7th Bromsgrove Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Fininstall Park, Fininstall-Bromsgrove 100 Ales
10th to 12th July Camra Woodcote Festival of Ales, Tidmore Lane-Woodcote, Oxfordshire, 30 Ales
11th to 12th 1st Fox Inn Beer Festival, 105 High Street, Dosthill-Tamworth 14 Ales 3 Ciders
15th to 19th July Star Beer Festival, 7 Albert St, Lockwood-Huddersfield 60 ales www.thestarinn.info
17th to 19th July Cider & Perry Weekend Prince of Wales-Foxfield, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria
17th to 19th July 8th North Norfolk Railway Beer Festival, Sheringham Station-Norfolk 70 Ales
17th to 19th July White Hart Beer Festival, Ridge Lane, Oldbury-Nuneaton 12 Ales Tel 01827 712038
23rd to 25th July Wellington Beer Festival, 37 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham 40 Ales
24th to 25th July Plymouth Beer Festival-Plymouth Pavilions
24th to 26th 3rd Free Trade Beer Festival, Free Trade Inn, St Laurence Road-Byker, Newcastle 30 Ales 3 Ciders
30th July to 2nd August Wicksteed Park-Kettering 55 Ales www.wicksteedpark.co.uk
10th to 16th August Crescent Beer Festival, 20 The Crescent-Salford, Gtr Manchester 50+ Ales Tel 0161 7365600

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 / uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading" - Henny Youngman