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To all contributors to In the Sticks:

Our aim here at "In the Sticks" is for the newsletter to "hit the streets" at the beginning of the month instead of half way through it so please be aware of the altering deadline dates for any material until this is achieved. Thank you.

Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news and info on 75 pubs in 54 different locations, 3 Breweries and 30 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

Beers appearing at the **Red Lion** at the **Crich Tramway Museum** over the bank holiday were Leadmill (Denby): Old Oak, Mash Tun, Duchess, Saigon IPA, B52 & Firebird, Tower (Burton): Mild, Milestone (Newark): Rich Ruby and Thatcher's Heritage Cider. Other forthcoming beer events are: July 8/9 Edwardian, July 29/30 Decadence & Depression (1920's & 30's), August 12/13 1940's weekend & August bank holiday Extravaganza. There will be at least 8 cask ales available at each of these events-Tram Inspector

The **Moss Cottage Hotel** in Ripley is now offering TWO rotating Guest Beers alongside the regular Hardys & Hansons Olde Trip and Westons Old Rosie. Recent ales available have included Leadmill Gone To The Dogs, Thornbridge Jaipur IPA and Milestone Harry Porter. Forthcoming ales include Beartown Grizzly Bear and Derventio Caesar. Football fans will be interested to know that a new 42" Plasma Screen has been installed in the lounge to enable them to watch every match in comfort with a pint of quality cask ale.

We have learned that a Planning Application reference AVA/2006/0526 was lodged on May 15th with Amber Valley Borough Council with the proposal to change the use of the **Black Boy** on Old Road **Heage** to two dwellings. A planning decision is anticipated on June 28th. Visit Amber Valley Council's web site for more information on www.ambervalley.gov.uk/services/development/planningapps/planapps.asp. The pub was visited on a recent Friday Five pub crawl. The

opening hours are Mon to sat 11.30 - 2.30, 6 - 11; Sun 12 - 4.30, 7 - 10.30.

Colin's "Brewery of the Month" for this month at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with beers from the Wolf Brewery in Norfolk and include Wolf Ale 3.9%, Wolf in Sheep's Clothing 3.7%, Woild Moild 4.8%, Granny Wouldn't Like It 4.8% and Norfolk Lavender Honey 4.2%.

The **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook** will be hosting a free outdoor concert by The Ockbrook Big Band on July 15th from 7:30 onwards.

Trigger, Mark, Big Ron & Postman Pat Reported that on a recent visit to the **Malt Shovel** at **Spondon** there were the following beers available: Jennings Cocker Hoop 4.6% & Tom Fool 4%, Pedi, Camerons Strongarm 4% & Blacksheep Special 4.4% with Marstons Merrie Monk 4.5%, Smiles April Fuel 4.8%, Brains Rev James 4.5% & Jennings Snecklifter 5.1% all from the jug.

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The list of guest beers for Simon's 2nd mini Beer Festival between the 14th & 16th of July at the **Queens Head** on **Chesterfield Road Belper** are: - Gales HSB 4.8%, Black Sheep Bitter 3.8%, Coniston Blue Bird Bitter 3.6%, Wadworth 6X 4.3%, Hop Back Summer Lightning 5.0% and Exmoor Gold 4.5%. Billy

RuRAD supporting local beer festivals

On Friday 26th May Charisma paid a visit to the festival at the **White Post, Stanley Common**, to see Vic & Ant. 2 or 3 beers were sampled from a fine selection which included Tollgate Red Star IPA 4.5%, Derventio Aquilifer 3.8%, Lancaster Flamin' Nora 4.9%, Thornbridge Jaipur 5.9% on and Greensleeves Cider 7.4% and yes the tent was still standing and not 5 fields back floating in the air...Well done lads

The **Needlemakers Arms, Ilkeston** held its 1st Beer Festival, on the 19th -21st May with a range of 14 ales including: Brewster's Marquis, Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Oakham JHB, Orkney Red McGregor, Atlas 3 Sisters, Ossett Dazzler, Roosters Special, RCH East Street Cream, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild, Mordue Radgie, Titanic Mild, Hollands Street Organ, Enville White, and Theakstons Old Peculier, with further 3 ales behind the bar: Tiger Svengali, Cains FA and Caedonian Deuchars IPA. Florence, Dougal and the drinkers from River Deep were able to sample a few of the brews on offer and because of the excellent range and quality of beers gave it the thumbs up. Charlie the Landlord said there may be further beer festivals later in the year.

Steady Steve joined Del Boy and I as we met up with Trigger at the **White Swan at Spondon**. The beers on offer were Derby Pale Pleasure 4.3%, Dark Desire 4.5% & Motivational 4.6%, Abbeydale Brimstone 3.9%, Batemans Dark mild 3.0% & Valiant 4.2%, Burton Bridge Porter 4.5%, Castle Rock Black Gold 3.5% & Hemlock 4.0%, Hambleton Old Raby 4.8%, Kelham Island Easy Rider 4.3%, Milestone Crusader 4.4%, Titanic Capt Smiths 5.2%, Greene King IPA 3.6%, Courage Directors 4.8% plus the bog standard stuff like Bass, Pedi, 6X, Abbot, OSH & Ruddles County. All that we tried were in good order but sadly we could not stay long as we had to get Steady Steve back to the Royal Oak before he turned into a pumpkin.

On Friday 19th May, Tweedle Dee and Charisma Bypass organised a trip to The Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival from The Old Stables Bar. A total of 24 persons made the trip, which was very enjoyable for all. The Chesterfield Branch of CAMRA were holding a Mild Trail promotion at the festival, whereby upon purchasing FOUR 1/2 pints, the next 1/2 was free - I completed the trail myself and couldn't believe how flavoursome the Thornbridge Kastor was at just 2.9% ABV! The evening flew by as it always does when you are enjoying yourself and it was soon time for us to say goodbye to our hosts - many thanks to Kim Beresford and all concerned for organising a superb festival.

Tracey Creighton organised the beers for the festival at the **Old Oak at Horsley Woodhouse**. Island breweries was the theme, with a selection of beers from Arran, Bushy's, Hebridean, Okell's Orkney, Ventnor & Valhalla to name a few. According to Roger & Frances all the beers sold well with most selling out thanks to plenty of local support. Mortimers Morris and friends and Easy Terms provided the entertainment.

North Yorkshire Report

Delilah Drinker and his Owd Man, Piston Broke, have recently spent a week in North Yorkshire in pursuit of real ale. The area is certainly recommended for both drinking and walking. Here are the results of this trip:

April 8th: Narrow Boat (Skipton) Fantastic Pub with a great atmosphere and impressive beer list including a great foreign range. (This range shows beers on over the whole week. They had 8 Handpulls; Theakston OP (5.6%-2.70) Pheonix Bantam (3.5%-1.90) Black Sheep BB (3.8%-2.14) Litton Ale (3.8%-2.24) Yorkshire Terrier (4.2%-2.16) Moorhouses Pride of Pendle (4.1%-2.12) Jn Eastwood (Formerly of E&S) BB (4.0%-2.12) Copper Dragon Golden Pippin (3.9%-2.14) York Saaz (4.0%-2.14) Osset Silver King (4.3%-2.20) Copper Dragon Challenger IPA (4.4%-2.20) Abbeydale Matins (3.6%-2.00) Black Sheep Ale (formerly Special) (4.4%.2.20) Salamander Mudpuppy (4.2%-2.14) E&S Bargees (4.6%-2.24)

The Woolly Sheep (Skipton) must be mentioned as it sold one of my favourite drinks Taylors Ramtam (4.3%) which is rare as rocking horse....

April 9th: The Devonshire (Skipton) Makes a change to find a half decent Wetherspoons that actually sells local ales. Wharfedale Follys Gold (5.0%) Wharfedale Follys Ale (3.8%) Naylor's Mothers Best (3.9%) Wharfedale Executioner (4.5%) Naylor's Stoney's Trippel 'S' (4.5%) (All at £1.65). **April 10th:** A trip up the S&C took us to **The Kings Head in Carlisle.** A few to many keg beers on for my liking, however the ale was in superb form. Yates Bitter (3.7%-2.00) Yates IPA (4.9-2.10). **April 11th:** A day out walking took us to **The Wheatsheaf Inn (Ingleton).** A quaint place famous for its waterfalls. (Don't miss the ale shop) Moorcock OPA (3.8%) (Brand New Brewery in Hawes) Black Sheep Emmerdale (4.2%-2.20) Dent Aviator (4.0%) Taylors Golden Best (3.5%) Black Sheep BB (3.8) Following Ingleton we soaked in the scenery approaching Ribbleshead, then across towards Cowgill and Dentdale into **Dent Village** to the fantastic unofficial Tap of Dent Brewery, known as **The Sun Inn.** Dent Bitter (3.7%-2.10) Dent Aviator (4.0%-2.20) Dent Ramsbottom (4.5%-2.30) Dent Kamikazee (5.0%-2.40..Bloody Gorgeous!!!). **April 12th:** This day saw us embark on a pilgrimage to the **Masham Breweries.** First we entered the **Black Sheep Baaaa & Bistro** where Paul Theakston was entertaining guests (sadly we weren't the guests!!!) BB (3.8%), Emmerdale (4.2%), Ale (formerly Special) (4.4%-2.10), Riggwelter (5.9%-2.40) Following this we traipsed across the small town to that other brewery known to many drinkers as Theakstons. We frequented the Visitor Centre, **The Black Bull in Paradise.** There is an entrance fee of £1.50, which thankfully includes a half pint of ones chosen nectar. Bitter (3.8%) Cool Cask (4.2%) Black Bull (3.9%) Mild (3.5%) XB (4.5%) Old Peculiar (5.6%) **April 13th:** Having got the train at **Garsdale** we set off on the 7 mile walk to Hawes in pouring rain. On arrival we were absolutely sodden, and took solice by finding a hostelry with a real fire.

The first pub (**The Fountain**) seemed to have a good ranging having gazed through window and on arrival we purchased a Riggwelter and were stung at the 2.90 price tag. For our sins we decided that we'll try the next pub (**The Crown Inn**) to find that it was in fact more expensive at £3.20 for a pint of OP. Therefore this note is to help prevent any discerning drinkers from having there wallets raped. **April 14th: Bar'Tat (Ilkley)** was the next calling point. (Member of Market Town Taverns group same as The Narrow Boat) Naylor's Gonzo's Black Porter (5.5%-2.70) Theakstons XB (4.5%-2.34) Roosters Yankee (4.3%-2.30) Landlord (4.3%-2.40) E&S Beyond the Pale (4.3%-2.30) Durham Magus (3.8%-2.20). Following Ilkley we ventured to the most novel real ale bar I've ever seen, happened to be in the buffet car of a train on a preserved railway. **The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway** is a tourist railway that runs about 6 miles in W. Yorkshire starting in Keighley. The buffet car sells three cask ales (+bottle conditioned ale) from handpulls that dispense beers from a set of urns. Well worth a trip. Abbeydale Belfry (4.5-All 2.00) Oldershaws Grantham Stout (4.3-fantastic beer) Yorkshire Terrier (4.2%)

Jedediah's Trippe to New York March 2006

One of the most widely available micros is the **Heartland Brewery**, which has five outlets in the central area, including two near Times Square, one in the Empire State Building (ground floor - no need to take the lift), another two in Radio City and Union Square, and another in the lower east side near the East River and Brooklyn Bridge. They were offering "hand crafted" beers, which, although pressurised, were made with first class ingredients that produced tasty brews. I really enjoyed Cornhusker Lager and Red Rooster Ale. The seasonal Indiana River Light had a citrus flavour that was particularly refreshing when we had temperatures of 15 degrees outside (an unusual heat wave for early March). They also offered a wheat beer and Indiana - yes, Indiana - Pale Ale. Each pub had different styles of restaurants, but drinkers were welcome in all of

them. I also found the **Chelsea Brewery.** Open to non-members, it was part of a golf club but without a course, being in downtown Manhattan and was sited on one of the piers in the Hudson River. The piers are large and wide, but the arrangement was rather like a set of cricket nets for giants - the nets in question being about six storeys high, so you could swing as much as you like in the direction of the river without losing your balls. The pub itself was by the riverside, offering six beers. I opted for the weakest, Sunset Red Ale at 4.8%. Delicious! Also available were an IPA, a stout, a winter wheat beer and a cherry wheat beer, ranging from 5% to 7.4%. This is the only brewery I found that declared the ABV's of its beers - it seems not to be a legal requirement, at least in New York, although it would not surprise me if the other beers I sampled were substantially stronger than that which we tend to regard as a session beer over here. I sought a pub called the **West End Brewery** near Columbia University. Sadly, it no longer brewed but still offered a selection of hand crafted beers from all over the US and elsewhere - also keg Newcastle Brown and Boddingtons keg. I didn't try them! I did have a Guinness though - stick to Dublin is my advice! Other pubs I found were **Collins Bar** and the **House of Beers**, just off #7 Avenue near #42 Street. The second pub had a British style hand pump on the bar, but sadly no cask conditioned beer. (The real thing can be found occasionally in the States.) However, I did find Brooklyn Lager (tasty) from **Brooklyn Brewery** across the river. Pressurised European beers were quite common, but I kept to American producers: **Samuel Adams** from Boston - one of the earliest and most successful new breweries, **Magic Hat** from Vermont, and **Sierra Nevada** and **Laganitas** from California. These last two had travelled further to New York than I had. All delicious, and confirming that you don't need to put up with Budweiser or Schlitz. I stayed at the YMCA (and yes, I got myself clean and had a good meal). It was unlicensed, but the local supermarket stocked Wychwood Hobgoblin. Culture is not dead in the USA!

Following the success of the trip in April which was mentioned in the last issue, Tweedle Dee and Charisma Bypass are arranging a further trip to Thornbridge Hall Brewery for the Annual Garden Party on Sunday 2nd July from The Old Stables Bar - seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so to book a place on the bus contact Tweedle Dee on (07886) 247036 or Charisma on (07974) 171243 - advance purchase tickets can be bought at a discounted rate.

The **Lion Hotel** on Bridge Street **Belper** will be holding a mini Beer Festival on 1st of July with 1 beer from Falstaff, Leadmill, John Thompson, Funfair and Brunswick breweries. The beers will be dispensed from the jug and will compliment the two hand pumps. Richard Peart the co organiser told me that they are trying to raise the profile of real ale at the Lion and having a beer festival seems a good way of doing it. *Billy*

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Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

The brewery is temporarily out of action until a new concrete floor has been laid. Old tongue wagger 5.0% is the latest beer, available at the Stables Bar as from June 3rd.

Falstaff-Normanton

The latest beers from the Falstaff are Wildes Wassail 4.3% a spring special exclusive to the Babington Arms, whilst continuing the Rocky Horror theme there are Time is Fleeting 3.9%, a mid brown session ale with citrus hop on the nose well balanced by the malt and a refreshingly dry aftertaste, and Time Warp Again 4.0%, a dark mild with rich toffee flavours, subtle banana undertones and lots of caramel in the aftertaste. www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

At the time of going to press Dave & Gemma were brewing a new "core beer" called Dive Bomber which will be an extremely pale 4.6% beer. Cake Walk 6.0% the slightly lower gravity version of the popular Christmas Beer was available at both the Barrow Hill and Newark Beer Festivals in May and is due to appear at Chesterfield CAMRA's Pub of the Year the **Old Poets Corner Ashover** during June. A "one off" copper coloured beer called Runaway Train 4.2% was brewed for the Barrow Hill Beer Festival. Showman's IPA 5.3% was one of the guest beers at the **Wheel Inn Holbrook** Beer Festival back in April and is believed to be the first time a Funfair beer has appeared at the pub since it was acquired by Punch Taverns back in December 2004; not surprisingly it was the first beer to go. The revamped Dodgem and Brandy Snap are due to make the debuts at the **Spanish Bar, Dewdrop and Observatory** in Ilkeston later this month. Funfair beers have started to appear at the **White Post Stanley Common** with Showman's IPA 5.3% and more recently Gallopers 3.8% at their recent Beer Festival over the May bank holiday. Both Gallopers and Cake Walk were available at the recent 12th Annual Peak Booze & Blues festival at the **Bentley Brook Inn Fenny Bentley**. www.funfairbrewingcompany.com

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On the morning of Friday 28th of April Del Boy, Uncle Albert, Mr Sleepy & I set off on our ritual May Day weekend to The Lake District. We didn't have a bad run up leaving at 7.40 and arriving in the Duddon Valley at 11.00, where we spent the day exploring the lesser known fells between there and Eskdale (Green Crag, Harter Fell & Hardknott). It was a gloriously hot day so when we got back to the car we were ready for a pint, naturally I had anticipated this and directed Del to "the other" **Seathwaite** and the GBG listed **Newfield Arms**, which to our delight (being in

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such a secluded place) was open all day. There were 3 ales available, Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8%, Jennings Cumberland 4.0% & Theakstons Old Peculier 5.7%; we opted for the Deuchars, which really hit the spot. On the way back we also happened to pass (purely by chance you understand...NOT) the NI listed **Blacksmiths Arms** at **Broughton Mills** so we just had to call in, Moorhouses Pride of Pendle 4.1%, Eccleshall Slaters Original 4.0% & Jennings Cumberland were available. This is another pub that is out on a limb but well worth a visit. We met up with the late arrivals (Two Pints & Preacher Man) at the digs in **Coniston** and after a quick wash and brush up we hit the town. First stop was the home of Coniston Brewery the **Black Bull Hotel** where there was Bluebird 3.6%, Bluebird XB 4.2%, Quicksilver 4.3% & Blacksmiths Ale 5.0%. Oh and lovely Cumberland dog. Then it was on to the **Sun** which had Bluebird, Wychwood Hobgoblin 5.0%, Moorhouses Pride of Pendle & Hawkshead Bitter 3.7% and as if it wasn't warm enough there was a huge roaring fire?? Mr Sleepy & Two Pints called it a day from there but the rest of us carried on to the **Yewdale Hotel** which only had Theakstons Best Bitter 3.8% & Boddingtons 4.1% (which is now brewed by Hydes for Interbrew ????) perhaps the others got a tip off. Saturday started with a hearty breakfast before we headed, via Wrynose & Hardknott Passes, to the quiet valley of Miterdale where we bagged the **Wast Water Screes** (Illgill Head & Whin Rigg). Afterwards refreshments were taken in the **Bower House Inn** which had 5 or 6 ales on (I lost my notes but there were beers from Derwent, Jennings, Theakstons & Camerons) and the **King George IV** which had Jennings Cumberland & Snecklifter 5.1%, Coniston Bluebird & Pedigree. Both pubs are in **Eskdale Green**. Later that evening we had a run out to **Hawkshead** where we had a meal in the **Sun** (Barrngates Cracker Ale 3.9%, Jennings Bitter 3.5% & Hawkshead Bitter were available) before returning to Coniston. Del, Mr Sleepy & Two Pints had had enough J2O so called it a day leaving Uncle Albert, Preacher Man & I to see the night out in the **Crown Hotel**, a Robinsons pub that had Cumbria Way 4.1% & Hartley's XB 4%, and the **Black Bull** where Old Man Ale 3.6% had replaced the Quicksilver. I opted for a night cap of Blacksmiths Alesweet dreams.

Sunday morning, after another hearty breakfast, we drove round to Watendlath and had an easy stroll round the lowlands of Borrowdale calling in the GBG listed **Riverside Bar** at the Scafell Hotel in **Rosthwaite** where there is always a good selection of ale, which when we visited was Hesket Newmarket Doris's 90th Birthday 4.3%, Derwent Carlisle State Bitter 3.7%, Copper Dragon Best Bitter 3.8%, Blacksheep Best Bitter 3.8% & Theakstons Old Peculier. What a fantastic weekend of walking, weather & ale.

Sunday 28th we started our walk (after a round tour of the village looking for the car park) from the Chesterfield Canal at Brimington from where we headed towards Barrow Hill. We made our way through Nether Handley and Middle Handley (where the **Devonshire Arms** looked decidedly defunct) and arrived at **Marsh Lane** where we visited the **Butchers Arms**. With only John Smiths Cask 3.9% & Magnet 4.0% available we had a swift half and moved on across country to **Troway** and called in the GBG listed **Gate Inn** where we had a choice from Marstons Burton Bitter 3.8%, Blacksheep Special 4.4% & Jennings Snecklifter 5.1%. We passed the **Black-A-Moor**: which advertised great food and excellent atmosphere.... but seeing as we weren't hungry and had more than enough oxygen to be going on with we kept on going. **Apperknowle** was the next destination and after yet another circular tour we found the **Barrack** on Barrack Road, which had Tetleys 3.7%, Abbeydale Moonshine 4.3% & St Austell Tinnars Ale 3.7%. This busy local has just won Chesterfield CAMRA's Pub Of The Season award. We deliberated about going in the **Travellers Rest** but decided to save it for another day and moved on to **Hundall** and called in the **Miners Arms** where there were 2 real ales available, Thwaites Lancaster Bomber 4.4% & Landlord 4.3%.

Our fourth Friday Five pub crawl will be on 23rd June round **Duffield**. We will be starting at the Bridge Inn on Eaton Bank at 7pm moving onto the Lord Scarsdale for 7.45pm, White Hart for 8.30pm, Kings Head for 9pm, and the Patten Makers for 9.45pm. If you can't make the start and want to join us enroute call Billy on 07802 914832 to find out where we are.

Big Foz's Travels with his Dad

As the BigFoz has been on the wagon over the last month (just to prove to Mrs BigFoz that he's not a alcoholic (like what she thinks he is)), here's a bit of a review as to what's happened as regards 'Travels with...'. The amazing thing is that there's so much good beer out there, in 18 months we've been served 2 bad pints. The rest of it comes down to whether the pub itself is worth recommending. With that in mind, here are the pubs we think are worth visiting. We've tried to spread them out over where we've visited and they're in no particular order but, if you're in the area where they are, we do think they're worth a visit. Needless to say, they all serve excellent beer.

1. **Greyhound Inn, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire** - Incredibly friendly pub.
2. **White Horse, Hertford** - Olde worlde.
3. **George Hotel, Youlgreave** - Wonderful food as well as good ale.
4. **Bar, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Greater Manchester** - Looks like a shop but good, unusual beer and amazing food.
5. **The Old Stable Bar, Denby** - Don't really need to say more. Unusual and tremendous ale.
6. **Ye Olde Mitre, Ely Court, London** - Probably the best pub in London...if you can find it.
7. **Jerusalem Tavern, Britton Street, London** - Wonderful place, excellent food.
8. **Peter Kavanagh's, Liverpool** - Amazing place, worth seeking out.
9. **The Wilke's Head, Leek, Staffordshire** - Whim's only tied house. Wonderful place and in Leek of all places!

Proposed Trips

Friday 23rd June Friday Five pub-crawl and Mild Hunt of **Duffield** meet at the Bridge Inn Eaton Bank at 7pm. For those traveling from the "Beer Capital of Britain" catch the 6.3 at 6.35pm from Full Street stop X6.

1st July Rodney's Real Ale Tours (RoRAT) train trip to visit GBG & NI pubs in Manchester contact Rodney on 01332 726604 or via the E-mail address.

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

- 14th-18th June 12th Boundary Beer Festival The Boundary, Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw, Manchester, M34 5HD 0161 330 1679
- 16th to 18th June Arkwright Arms Micro Mini Beer Festival, Arkwright Arms, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton. <http://thearkers.mysite.wannadoo-members.co.uk>
- 22nd to 24th June Coopers Tavern Beer Festival, Cross St-Burton on Trent
- 22nd to 25th June Lichfield Real Ale, Jazz & Blues Festival, Lichfield Rugby Club-Lichfield. www.lichfieldarts.org.uk
- 22nd to 26th June Kelham Island Beer festival, Russell Street-Sheffield. www.kelhamislandtavern.co.uk
- 23rd June Matlock Rugby Club Beer Festival-Cromford Meadows. www.matlockrugby.com
- 23rd to 25th June 4th Welland Valley Beer Festival-8 participating pubs.
- 1st July 6th Riverside Beer Festival, Stamford Meadows-Stamford. www.riversidefestival.co.uk
- 5th to 9th July Derby Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby. www.derbycamra.org.uk
- 7th to 9th July Woodcote Festival of Ale Off A4047-Woodcote, Oxfordshire.
- 8th to 9th July Edwardian Weekend, Red Lion, Tramway Museum-Crich
- 7th to 9th July 2nd Hereford Beer Festival, Hereford Rowing Club, Greyfriars Avenue-Hereford HR4 0BE www.herefordcamra.org.uk
- 13th to 15th July 4th Bromsgrove Beer Festival Bromsgrove Rugby Club, Finstall Park, Finstall, Bromsgrove www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk
- 14th to 15th July Black Eagle Beer Festival, Factory Road, Hockley-Birmingham
- 14th to 16th July 2nd Queens Head Mini Beer Festival, Chesterfield Road-Belper www.derbyshirepubs.co.uk
- 15th to 30th July The Victoria Hotel Beer & Music Festival The Victoria Hotel, Beeston, Nottingham, 0115 925 4049 www.victoriabeeston.co.uk
- 21st to 22nd July Summer Beer Festival, The Mallard, Worksop Town Station-Worksop. themallard@supanet.com
- 28th to 29th July Halton Beer Festival, Brindley Arts Centre Runcorn Cheshire
- 29th to 30th July Decadence & Depression(1920's & 30's) Weekend, Red Lion, Tramway Museum-Crich
- 1st to 5th August Great British Beer Festival, Earls Court-London. www.gbbf.org
- 11th to 12th August Out of the Vaults Beer festival, King Street-Leicester. www.outofthevaults.com
- 11th to 13th August Newton Solney Beer Festival, Unicorn & Village Hall-Newton Solney
- 12th to 13th August 1940's Weekend, Red Lion, Tramway Museum-Crich
- 17th-19th August 8th Worcester Beer Festival Worcester Racecourse, Pitchcroft, Worcester www.worcesterbeerfest.org.uk
- 22nd to 27th August 28th Peterborough Beer Festival, The Embankment-Peterborough. www.beer-fest.org.uk
- 24th to 28th August 1st RuRAD Beer Festival, The Stables Bar-Denby.
- 26th to 28th August Moorgreen Beer Tent, Moorgreen County show-Watnall
- 1st to 2nd September 10th Erewash Beer Festival, Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre, Nursery Avenue, Sandiacre, NG10 5AE www.erewash-camra.org
- 15th-16th September 4th Melton Mowbray Beer Festival Melton Mowbray Cattle Market
- 21-23 September 7th North Notts Beer Festival Ceres Suite, Queen Building, Potter St, Worksop www.camra.org.uk/nnotts

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 information or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-mail: uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 1st of the month.

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