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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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### Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 66 pubs in 42 different locations, 3 Breweries and 28 Beer Festivals.

### Beer and Pub News

The Royal Oak at Ockbrook will be holding an outdoor concert by the Ockbrook Big Band on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of June from 8pm til 10pm

The New Inn at Somercotes is reported to be closed

The Sir Charles Napier at Langley Mill is to let

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May I ventured to the Black Horse at Hose, Leicestershire for lunch. The food was great, as was the beer. The Adnams Bitter was excellent. There was a choice of two other bitters and a mild for May - Merkin Muffley

Sue's Corner Shop on Station Road, Ilkeston, keeps a good range of bottled beers, which are proving quite popular. The range of some 36 beers, all at £1.25, includes beers from Adnams, Badger, Greene King, Highgate, Morland, Wadworth, Wychwood and Ripleys to name but a few. A full list is available in the shop

On a recent visit to the Malt Shovel at Spondon I found an impressive selection of real ales, which included Marstons Pedi & Burton Bitter, Jennings Sneck Lifter, Golden Host & Cockerhoop, Hop Back Crop Circle, Adnams Explorer and Banks' Amber

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According to the Derby Evening Telegraph Michael Edwin, landlord of the Black Horse Inn at Hulland Ward, invited a hypnotist to use his powers of persuasion to help his customers and staff give up smoking, What a great idea.

### Billy's Bulletin

Business Opportunities currently exist at the following pubs in our area: -

Alfreton: Plough Nottingham Rd Pub Refurb planned [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk).

Belper: Welcome Tavern Mill Lane to let [www.marstonpubcompany.co.uk](http://www.marstonpubcompany.co.uk)

Bugsy's Bar & Diner Strutt St to let/for Sale [www.derbyshireinvestments.co.uk](http://www.derbyshireinvestments.co.uk)

Duke of Devonshire Bridge St Pub Refurb started in early May [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk)

Royal Oak Mill St exterior being painted 20<sup>th</sup> May [www.admiraltaverns.co.uk](http://www.admiraltaverns.co.uk)

Openwoodgate: Black Bulls Head [www.greeneking.co.uk](http://www.greeneking.co.uk) Ripley: Prince of

Wales Butterley Hill [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk)

Smalley: Nags Head Main Rd Refurb planned [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk) Somercotes:

Rifle Volunteer Birchwood Lane [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk) Waingroves: Thorn Tree Church St [www.punchpubs.co.uk](http://www.punchpubs.co.uk)

On a recent visit to the Bell at Smalley along with the usual fare the guest beer was Shepherd Neame Kents Best 4.1%

The Black Boy at Heage is under the ownership of Angie & Dave Gunston, they used to run the Canal Inn at Bullbridge approximately 2 years ago. They are very keen on re-establishing the pub as the

best in the village they have 3 real ales on, 2 regulars, Pedigree and Adnams Bitter and a changing guest beer which was Old Speckled Hen when I last visited, all at £2.30. They serve very good home cooked food lunch and evening Mon-Sat and all day Sunday. The White Hart at Heage is under the new tenancy of Steve Waterfield and Hazel Peat, it is their first pub and have already turned it around with the internal refurbishment. They have great plans to fully landscape the garden for the summer. They too are committed to real ale and have at least 4 real ales on; I tried the Bombardier, which was in good form at £2.50. The pub serves good quality home cooked food with the emphasis on using local produce - The Baron

Colin's featured brewery for June at the Cross Keys Belper is the Oldershaw Brewery in Grantham Lincolnshire and includes Mowbray Mash 3.7%, Cascade 4.2%, Regal Blonde 4.4% and Old Boy 4.8%. Other attractions will be Burton Bridge California Dreaming 4.5%, Lancaster Blonde 4.1%, Derby Wembley 4.2%, Titanic Iceberg 4.1%, Downton Double Cherry 4.4%, Caledonian XPA 4.3% and Young's Waggledance 5.0%; The Cider will be Weston's Organic Vintage 7.3%. Other news of note is that Bateman's Salem Porter 4.7% may soon become one of the regular beers available

Congratulations go to Neil & Sarah Fennah at the Thorn Tree Inn, Matlock; Colin Wilson at the Boat Inn, Cromford; Stephen Addis at the White Lion Inn, Starkholmes; Daniel Butler at the Tavern, Tansley; Ray Ferguson at the George & Dragon, Ashbourne; Carol Brown at the Granville Arms, Woodville; Bob & Sarah Stonehouse at the Lord Nelson, Ambergate; Clive McIntyre & Tim Barlow at the Hawk & Buckle, Etwall and Kevin Knox at the Rose & Crown at Chellaston as all have recently received Cask Marque accreditation

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## Escape from Derby Parts 1 & 2

With an afternoon free, I decided that a walk from Derby to **Belper** might prove interesting. Started by heading out from the Cathedral towards **Markeaton**, stopping off at the **Victoria** on Cowley St for a pint of Bass 4.4%. Only average, but then only £1.99 as well. Also on offer Theakston's Bitter 3.8%, Pedigree 4.5% and Deuchars IPA 3.8%. On through the park, eventually coming to the **Joiner's Arms** in **Quarndon**, where TT Landlord 4.3% and Pedigree featured alongside a rather rough Bombardier 4.3% at £2.60. Next over Quarndon common and round Duffield to the **Puss in Boots**, sadly not open at 2:45 on a Friday afternoon. A bit more walking then, through Windley to come out at the **Tiger in Turnditch**. An excellent pub this, with Pedigree, Red Brick Double Barrel 4.3%, Black Sheep Emmerdale 4.2%, Jennings Cumberland 4% and a very nice Cockerhoop 4.6% at £2.60. Next stop the **Cross Keys** just down the road, where Bombardier and Pedigree were present, along with a Blacksheep Bitter 3.8% at £2.45. Another short hop to the **Railway Inn**, offering Pedigree and a very moreish Cumberland at £2.50. A bit of a longer walk now, to the **Bull's Head** at **Belper Lane End**, which has Bass (soon to be replaced by Bombardier), Peak Ales Bakewell Bitter 4.2%, which is well regarded, and Theakston's Old Peculiar 5.6%, well kept and served without the aid of a sparkler for £2.60. Final stop the **Hill Top Inn** on Belper Lane, where the usual Greene King line up of IPA 3.6%, Ruddles' County 4.3%, Old Speckled Hen 4.5% and Abbot 5% at £2.50 is on offer. Having enjoyed last week so much, decided to repeat the exercise, but this time headed out through **Darley Abbey** park. First stop was to be the **Abbey** of course; unfortunately it wasn't open, even though it was 12:10. Never mind, not far down Haslam's Lane to **Derby Rugby Club**, which has some interesting ales on now and again. This time there were Shepherd Neame Spitfire 4.5%, TT Landlord and Fuller's London Pride 4.1% at £2.40. Out towards **Little Eaton**, past the **New Inn**, and sadly also past the **Queen's Head**, as it was shut. The **Bell & Harp** however, was wide open, with Marstons Pedigree and Burton Bitter 3.8%, and Jennings Cocker Hoop at £2.56. Pointless observation I know, but this is the first place I can remember for years where the price doesn't end in five or zero. Up the road now to the **Fox & Hounds** at **Coxbench**. This is obviously more restaurant than pub, but drinkers seem to be welcome, and they do keep a decent pint, just now it is Pedigree, Deuchars IPA and a proper Bombardier at £2.60. Up Portway then to **Holbrook**,

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the **Spotted Cow** was just closing, so on to the **Dead Poet's**, and the usual long list; Pedigree and Abbot from the jug, Woodfordes Wherry 3.8%, TT Landlord, Spitfire, Everards Original 5.2%, Thornbridge Jaipur 5.9% and Kelham Island Easy Rider 4.3% at £2.40. Finally, **The Wheel** had its May festival, where 18 ales were on offer. No doubt others will give their verdicts, so I won't go into the complete list, but I tried the Exmoor Stag 5.2%, Otter Ale 4.5% and Bateman's Valiant 4.2%, all of which were excellent - Midshiresman

I spent a pleasant Sunday evening recently at the **Greyhound Inn** on Whitemoor Lane **Belper** where no fewer than 5 real ales were available. I was greeted by mine host Ben before settling down in the comfy seating in the lounge, where quite background music was being played, to enjoy a well kept pint of Flowers IPA. My next choice was a pint of Wychwood Hobgoblin 5.0% again in good condition and worthy of the pubs Cask Marque accreditation. The other beers available were GK IPA 3.6%, Draught Bass and Shepherd Neame Spitfire 4.5% all at £2.60 a pint. An interesting feature being used at the pub is a feed back system where customer's comments are used to improve the quality and service - Billy

In mid May a lunchtime chance arose to visit the **Black Horse** at **Hulland Ward**. On arrival I was greeted by landlord Michael Edwin and was made very welcome. From the 7 or 8 beers on offer I chose Peakstones Rock, Nemesis 3.8% and after being talked into sampling it first. There was another man sitting at the bar. I found the beer to be very pleasant and said so. By coincidence the seated man turned out to be brewer of the beer from the village of Alton, Staffs, David Edwards. The next hour passed by very quickly as we all chatted about "Micros". Before leaving I also sampled Woodfordes

Wherry 3.8% and Hydes Bitter 3.8%. All three beers were very well kept and ideal session beers. No hesitation about calling in again when next in the area and easy to see why it is GBG listed. Got myself an invite to Cheadle Beerfest in August too - The Escapist

When dropping the newsletters off at the **Rays Arms, Heanor**, in early May I noticed that the guest beer was Jennings Tom Fool 4% and was told that the next one on was Adnams Explorer. The regular beers are Mansfield Cask, Banks' Mild & Bitter and Marstons Old Empire. Refurbishment of the pub is due to take place towards the end of May. Also worthy of mention is the popular 2 course Sunday lunch for £4.95, so popular in fact that they are only available by booking - Charisma

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of May I got the 11.08 train from Derby to Birmingham New Street and alighted at **Burton on Trent** at 11.20. My plan was to visit as many GBG pubs as I could and be home before 4.00 so I headed down Station St and Guild St and on to Horninglow St to my first port of call the **Burton Bridge Inn** which had Bridge Bitter, Moorish Mild, Gold Medal, Golden Delicious, XL, Porter & Festival all priced between £2.10 and £2.50. I sampled the mild (and very nice it was too) before heading off up Wetmore Rd to the **Wetmore Whistle** where there was Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Batemans XXXB, Pedi and RCH Firebox ranging between £2 and £2.60. I enjoyed a half of the RCH whilst perusing the music related memorabilia, there were some good tunes on the juke too but there was only me to enjoy them. I returned from whence I came, crossed over the river and headed down Stapenhill Rd and being on a tight schedule I decided to omit the Elms Inn from my itinerary and headed down Main St and Hill St to the **Plough** on Ford St. This pub has recently become tied to Burton Bridge Brewery and had Bridge Bitter, Moorish Mild, Stairway to Heaven, Porter & Festival with RCH East Street Cream and Boggart Hole Clough Sun Dial as guest and was well worth the trek to find it. The time was approaching 1.00 so I re-traced my steps to St Peters Bridge and headed back closer to the Station and called in the **Coopers Tavern** on Cross St. Here I had a choice from Tower Thomas Salt Bitter, Made 'um Cry & Coopers Special, Woods Anniversary Ale and Tiger. One of the locals recommended the Coopers Special, which was a good choice and I also managed a quick half of Woods as a celebratory drink when I found out it had all been worth it. By now it was 2.00 and my train was at 2.20 but fortunately it wasn't far to my final port of call, the **Devonshire Arms** on Station St, another Burton Bridge pub which had Bridge Bitter, Golden Delicious, Porter, Stairway to Heaven and the guest was Steaming Billy Bitter of which I sampled a very swift half before making a dash for the station to get my train. Now as to the reason for this brief foray: whenever I've been out on a jolly and The Rams have been playing they've always won. So with it being the Championship Play-Off semi final 1<sup>st</sup> leg at Southampton (a fairly important game you know?) I thought I would see if the RoRAT ju-ju would work it's magic again...and by golly it did. I wore my lucky underpants for the home leg, and as for Wembley, well the Baggies just weren't good enough. - Ed

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for full details

## Brewery News

### Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Richard has found time from his work at the **Old Oak Inn** to produce just one new beer in May, this being Flood Tide 4.1%

### Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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Funfair now have a smart purpose made bar and hand pumps suitable for use at beer festivals and functions etc. Its first outing was at the Erewash Beer festival, which ran from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May in the Regency Rooms **Ilkeston**. 5 beers were available at any one time and included both new traditional dark milds Magic Mouse 3.6% and Mighty Mouse 5.0% as well as a new seasonal beer called Hoopla described as a 5.2% whisky beer. The full list of beers available during the festival were Magic Mouse 3.6%, Gallopers 3.8%, Orbiter 3.9%, Dive Bomber 4.6%, Roller Ghoster 4.6%, Brandysnap 4.7%, Dodgem 4.7%, Mighty Mouse 5%, Hoopla 5.2% and Cake Walk 6%. New milds Magic Mouse 3.6% and Mighty Mouse 5% were both available at the **Babington Arms** mild festival, which ran from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Dave is also brewing 2 days a week at the **Hillsborough Hotel** in **Sheffield**

### Leadmill-Denby

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

Richard's priority is still the extension at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** but he has managed to produce 2 new beers, which are Life's too Short 4.2% and Asylum Seeker 5.4% he has also done some beer swaps with Crouch Vale Brewery so expect to see some of their beer in the Old Oak in the near future

### Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

It soon comes round again doesn't it? At 7.30ish on the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of May Uncle Albert, Del and I headed off on our annual May Day trip to the Lakes. We met Mr. Sleepy and Preacher Man at Burton-in-Kendal services before embarking upon the journey to Wasdale where we arrived at 12.00. Parking at Harrow Head we set off to bag Caw Fell, Haycock (highest point at 2618 ft), Seatallan and Buckbarrow, which wasn't as easy as it sounds. We got back to the car at 7.00 and called at the GBG listed **Bridge Inn** at **Santon Bridge** where we had a choice from Jennings Bitter, Cumberland, Cockerhoop, Golden Host, Sneck Lifter and a beer from Red Brick Brewery (a Marstons

marketing brand) the Bitter was well received. This is a cracking pub and as the plaque on the wall states it's the "Home of the worlds biggest liar competition", though I'm not sure whether to believe it or not! Our accommodation in **Cockermouth** for the weekend was the **Wordsworth Hotel** on Main St which just had Jennings Bitter on so after we'd dined we called in the GBG listed **Bitter End** brew pub on Westgate, which is a real showcase for local breweries. Jennings Bitter & Golden Host, Keswick Thirst Bloom, Bitter End Cocker-mouth Pride & Wild Honey & Watermill Collie Wobbles were all available with Landlord being the only bog-standard ale on offer. All those sampled were in good order though the Watermill was a tad bland but that could be down to teething trouble. The following day, as a reward to the oldies for doing so well yesterday, we had a much gentler walk on the fells to the south of Ennerdale, bagging Grike, Crag Fell & Lank Rigg. The **Fox & Hounds** at **Ennerdale Bridge** was chosen for drinks and Jennings Bitter, Copper Dragon IPA, Bluebird and (uh-oh) Pedit were available. Later that evening we hit the town calling in the **Bush** on Main St, which had the entire Jennings regular range plus Golden Host but the measures left a lot to be desired and the **Black Bull** also on Main St, a disappointment with only Theakston Black Bull Bitter available and 3 other dead pumps. While the oldies went back to the digs for a meal I continued on my mini tour calling firstly at the **Tithe Barn** on Station St where there was Jennings Bitter, Cumberland, Cockerhoop & Tom Fool then it was on to the GBG listed **White Swan** on Westgate, which had Jennings Bitter, Cumberland & Mild. What with it being May I sampled the mild and was pleasantly surprised to find it not to be as bland as on previous occasions. On my way back to meet up with the diners I called in **1761** on the Market Place, which we'd walked past last night and noticed hand pumps on the bar, and found Jennings Cumberland, Tetley Imperial, Yates Bitter and Brains Rev James. The Yates was in good order but I beat a hasty retreat when I knocked the last of my pint over (though Ronaldo would have been with impressed with my foot work to avoid the glass smashing on the flagstone floor). Ready for some scran I bumped into the others and directed them to the Tithe Barn while I went to the chippy for my supper and called it a day. Due to the Rams final game of the season on Sunday afternoon we curtailed our weekend so that we could get back to wave cheerio to the dirty Leeds, "We all hate Leeds & Leeds & Leeds, Leeds & Leeds & Leeds & Leeds, Leeds & Leeds & Leeds we all....." I think you know the rest!

On the fine morning of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of May we started our walk from Crich. We made our way to Chase Cliff (not by the intended route, I was having a bad map day) and cut down to the Cromford Canal which we followed until at ran out at Ambergate. We circumnavigated the works (without actually knowing how we did it, told you I was having a bad map day), made our way to **Nether Heage** and wandered round for a bit eventually finding the **Spanker** where there was Adnams Bitter, Spitfire and Pedit on hand pump (and Pedit from the jug). We plumped for the Adnams but it was the bottom of the barrel and had to change it for the Spitfire, which in all fairness was done with no fuss whatsoever. The replacement was in good order. From there we walked down the road (and up again) to **Heage** and called in the **Black Boy**, which had Adnams Bitter, Blacksheep Bitter & Pedit available. The Adnams was preferred and were alreet. Then it was back up the hill to the **White Hart** where we had a choice from London Pride, OSH and Pedit but unfortunately neither of us had bought much money with us and managed to scrape together £2.45 and hoped that would be enough to get us a couple of halves. We figured London Pride would be the cheapest, being the lowest gravity, but when the barman said it would be £2.50 we told him of our predicament and he was about to let us off when a kind gentleman at the bar covered our shortfall, what nice people!

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## RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

On Friday afternoon, as it was reasonably quiet, I popped up to the **Wheel** at **Holbrook** and was pleasantly surprised by the good mixture of beers, which included 4 from the Black Hole Brewery at Burton on Trent. I sampled the Cosmic 4.2%, Red Dwarf 4.5% & No Escape 5.2% from BHB, Woods Pot 'o' Gold 4.4%, Highgate Scarecrow 4.3%, Belhaven Fruit Beer 4.6% and Cain's City Culture Beer 5%. Judging by the amount of beers I tried you can probably tell I was enjoying it but my favourite beer was Derby Brewing Co Maggie May 4.2%. It would appear I picked the right time to go as Friday and Saturday nights were heaving. I must also mention that several people I spoke to about the festival were quite impressed with the quality, selection and price of the food. Well done to Paul and the staff for a cracking festival and I look forward to the August bank holiday fest - Charisma

On Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> a small party of us left the **Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse** by coach for the Rail Ale Beer Festival. We got there just before 8.00 and the engine shed was heaving with bodies and full of trains of all shapes and sizes. It was difficult getting to the bar with the amount of people there but when we did it was well worth the wait. The wife and I started on with Ashover Dark Dragon and I could not resist the Jaipur. As we drank the first drop of beer we soaked up the unique atmosphere, which was accompanied by a Jethro Tull tribute band (a bit on the loud side for me). I sampled Spire Britannia Cream 6.4% whilst the wife had Tollgate Doghouse 4% Pot Belly Crazy Daze 5.5% and Spire Sergeant Pepper

Stout soon followed, as did Lancaster Flaming Nora 4.9% and Shugborough Lordships Own 5%. Finishing off on Amber Imperial Pale 6.5% and after a brief chat with the Tweedles and Fly South it was time to head back to the bus as by now it was getting quite chilly. On the bus Dave remarked that he'd found a nice session ale, which turned out to be Abbeydale Last Rites 11%, I bet he had a headache in the morning. Nice one Merv and Kim see you at the next festival - Charisma

On May 26<sup>th</sup> a fleeting visit was made to the **Prince of Wales** beer festival at

**Spondon**. There were 19 beers on the programme, unfortunately I only had time to sample 3; Bank Top Bad 't' Bone, Phoenix Thirsty Moon & White Star Battle Axe, all were in good order. The most apt beer at the festival? Clarkes Rams Revenge.

**E**rewash Beer Fest was held in May and personally I found the new venue to be spot on with Town Centre location and all transports available. Sadly I arrived on the Friday evening just as Nutbrook ER sold out at 9pm. However the range of beer available did not disappoint at all and Funfair Brewery excelled with their range of five. It was good to see so many local beers at a very well organized friendly event - The Escapist

#### Proposed Trips

### Beer Festival Diary - Near & not so Near

- 31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June Ruddington Beer Festival held between the White Horse, Church St, and the Three Crowns, Easthorpe St-Ruddington  
7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June Ashfield Beer & Cider Festival, Newstead Miners Welfare, Newstead Village-Nottingham NG15 0BS [www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk)  
21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June Summer Solstice Beer Festival, The Alfred, Derby St-Burton-on-Trent [www.burtonbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.burtonbridgebrewery.co.uk)  
30<sup>th</sup> June Temple Hotel Beer Festival, Temple Walk-Matlock Bath  
29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July Foresters Arms Beer Festival, Main St-Scropton  
11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 30<sup>th</sup> Derby Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Place-Derby [www.derbycamra.org.uk](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton Solney Beer Festival, Unicorn Inn, Repton Rd-Newton Solney  
1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 4<sup>th</sup> Glossop Victorian Weekend Beer Festival, Labour Club, Chapel St-Glossop  
18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, Gedling St Nottingham [www.nottinghamcamra.org](http://www.nottinghamcamra.org)
- 31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 21<sup>st</sup> Stockport Beer Festival, Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Rd-Stockport 100 Ales [www.stockportfestival.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.fsnet.co.uk)  
31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> Northamptonshire Beer Festival, Delapre Abbey, London Rd-Northampton 80 Ales [www.overthebarrel.co.uk](http://www.overthebarrel.co.uk)  
31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June The Beer, Bangers & Blues Festival, West Riding Refreshment Room, Wellington Rd-Dewsbury 20 Ales  
7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June Beer & Steam Festival, Strathmore Arms, Whitwell Rd, St Pauls Walden-Hitchin E mail [strathmorearms@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:strathmorearms@tiscali.co.uk)  
14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June Hillsborough Hotel 1<sup>st</sup> Borough Beer Festival, Langsett Rd-Sheffield  
15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June Bells Brewery Beer Festival, The Workshop, Lutterworth Rd, Ullesthorpe-Lutterworth [www.bellsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.bellsbrewery.co.uk)  
21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June Kelham Island Tavern Summer beer Festival, Russell St-Sheffield [www.kelhamislandtavern.co.uk](http://www.kelhamislandtavern.co.uk)  
21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June Summer Solstice Beer Festival, Barton Arms, 144 High St, Aston-Birmingham [www.barton-arms.co.uk](http://www.barton-arms.co.uk)  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5<sup>th</sup> Welland Valley Beer Festival, Approx 80 beers between 8 pubs, contact 01536 770040 for details of participating pubs  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June Masham Beer Festival, The White Bear, Wellgarth-Masham  
30<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> Haddenham Real Ale Festival, Youth & Community Centre, Woodways-Haddenham Bucks  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July Beer on the Wye 3<sup>rd</sup> Hereford Beer Festival, Hereford Rowing Club, Greyfriars Ave-Hereford [www.herefordcamra.org.uk](http://www.herefordcamra.org.uk)  
7<sup>th</sup> July Warslow Beer and Food Festival, Village Hall, Cheadle Rd-Warslow, Staffordshire  
14<sup>th</sup> July West Cheshire Beer Festival, Spitting Feathers Brewery, Common Lane, Waverton-Chester. For ticket go to [info@spittingfeathers.org](mailto:info@spittingfeathers.org)  
18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July Star Inn Beer Festival, Albert St, Lockwood-Huddersfield [www.thestarinn.info](http://www.thestarinn.info)  
7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August Great British Beer Festival, Earls Court, Warwick Rd-London [www.gbbf.org](http://www.gbbf.org)  
21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 29<sup>th</sup> Peterborough Beer Festival, The Embankment, Bishops Rd-Peterborough  
1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 8<sup>th</sup> Codsall Beer Festival, Codsall Station-Wolverhampton

*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: [uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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