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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 44 pubs in 28 different locations, 5 Breweries and 45 Beer Festivals

On behalf of RuRAD I would like to wish Derby CAMRA stalwart Reg Newcombe a speedy and complete recovery from his recent sickening ordeal
Beer and Pub News

Apparently Bateman's are to change their recipe for Valliant, which will make it paler in colour and a hoppier flavour- more like an IPA?

The **Hope & Anchor** in **Wirksworth** is well worth a look at they have 3 real ales available, GK IPA 3.6% being the regular with 2 guests on a recent visit these were Carn Brea Brewery Dreckly 4.8% and Wychwood Dirty Tackle 4.4%

The **Midland** in **Matlock Bath** has now got 3 or 4 guest beers, on February 17th these were Acorn Conqueror 4.8%, Peak Ales Bakewell Bitter 4.2% and Roosters Leghorn 4.3%

Champions of Real Ale for **Ripley Nigel & Mo Eadie** have been awarded the prestigious Cask Marque at their pub the **Nags Head** on Butterley Hill

The **Noah's Ark** at **Borrowash** is under new management and re-opened on the 12th of February

A visit to the **White Hart** in **Stanley Village** to try the Monday night curry on offer revealed Abbot, Black Sheep and Bombardier as guest at £2.60! The Black Sheep went well with the food and the Bombardier was soon to be replaced by Ruddles County. Also found time to visit the GBG listed, **White Post**, **Stanley Common** and sampled Funfair Gallopers 3.8% & Nottingham Bullion 4.7%. Both were excellent and as the name implies the Bullion was pure gold

Dropping into the GBG listed, **Three Horse Shoes** at **Morley Smithy** found Pedigree and Ashes Ale 4.2% from Marstons and Smiles Heritage 5.2%. The Ashes Ale was fine but completely over shadowed by the Smiles brew

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Neil at the **Black Swan** in **Belper** has had Thornbridge Blackthorn on recently and has plans to increase the number of hand pumps to three to serve two guest beers along side regular Spitfire

Phil and team will be holding a beer festival at the **Grapes** on the High Street in **Belper** from Thursday 29th March until Saturday 31st March. Up to 12 gravity dispensed guest beers will be available in the Courtyard as well as house regulars Marstons Pedigree and Burton Bitter, which will be on the main bar

On Sunday 4th of February after a short walk with the West Hallam Rural Society refreshments were taken in the **Canal Inn** at **Bullbridge**. Now during my abstinence my resolve has been truly tested having to pass up on various beer festivals and numerous delights on offer at the Royal Oak. Today, however, I was thankful for the excuse because the Greene King IPA looked turbid to say the least - Ed

A visit was made to the **Royal Oak** in **South Normanton** on February 13th where we were delighted to find Thornbridge Kipling 5.2% & Jaipur IPA 5.9% on sale alongside the regular GK Old Speckled Hen. The Thornbridge ales were found to be excellent. Directly opposite the Oak, a major redevelopment continues on the sister outlet, the **Well & Castle**, which is due to open shortly offering fine dining in addition to a range of cask ales. A further sister outlet, the **Hilcote Arms** at **Hilcote** has recently reopened offering 4 cask ales - these are national brands at present, but guests from Thornbridge etc will be available shortly

Colin is featuring two breweries for March at the **Cross Keys Belper** the first being the Adnams and the beers include Oyster Stout 4.3%, Broadside 4.7%, Explorer 4.3% and Bitter 3.7%. The second is Milestone near Newark and includes Deliverance 4.6%, Loxley Ale 4.2% Frog Hop 4.2% and Black Pearl 4.3%. Other attractions are Clarks Two Jags 4.0%, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven 5.0% and Titanic White Star 4.8% as well as Thatcher's Cheddar Valley Dry Cider 6.0%

Real ale is now available at **Riva** formerly Rose Cottage in **Matlock Bath** - J Kriek

A visit to the recently refurbished **Greyhound Inn** on Whitemoor Lane **Belper** on 20th February found 4 real ales including regulars Spitfire 4.5% & Deuchars IPA 3.8% with guests Wychwood Hobgoblin 5% and Brains Bread of Heaven 4% all at £2.60 a pint. Due next were Marstons Old Empire 5.7% and Sharps Doom Bar Bitter 4.0%. To find out forthcoming guest beers, together with tasting notes, and the events calendar for live sporting events and entertainment on the big screen visit www.thegreyhoundbelper.co.uk or call 01773822666

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Jedediah's Trippe to Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle-under-Lyme, January 2007

I took a short trip to **Stoke-on-Trent** last week, to see if it was possible to visit all ten GBG pubs there and in **Newcastle** in a day. It was. The day return cost £6.60, and a First Day bus ticket for £3.50 gave me unlimited travel around the pottery towns. It is important to plan the bus journeys, though, as practically no bus stop carries route or timetable information. Journey times are quite frequent (every 10 minutes on most routes during the day), so it is not necessary to plan precise times, but route numbers are essential. The First PMT website provides a handy route map. The routes I quote here may not be exhaustive. Many pubs in the area are not open at lunchtimes, so the route I finally used was not necessarily the shortest, but the one that fitted the opening times. I took the 09:28 from Derby and got off at Longton about 45 minutes later. I walked to **Dresden**, although I could have taken the 23 or 23A, to find the **Princess Royal**, a friendly, multi-roomed local with many pictures of old Stoke. After waiting for it to open at 11:00, I had a good half of Bass for £1.07, and Ruddles County, Abbot and Snecklifter were also available. Returning to the station I walked the other way along City Road towards **Fenton**. After a few minutes I passed the **Potter** on my left. This was another small pub with several drinking areas and a real fire. It had a more interesting selection, including Lancaster Blonde, Spitfire, GK IPA and Abbot, and two Coachouse beers, Blueberry and Dick Turpin. I chose the latter which was excellent at a bargain £0.95. A little further on, over the road, I came to the **Malt and Hops**, an old pub that has been modernised inside, very comfortable but retaining its traditional atmosphere. The range of beers available was splendid, with various styles and strengths represented. Their house beers, brewed by Tower were Bursley Bitter (which I really enjoyed at £0.90) and Malt & Hops Mild. There were also Abbot, Fullers ESB and Abbeydale Chocolate Stout. Opposite the pub I caught the 6 (or 6A) to **Hanley** (City Centre). Retracing my steps a very short distance from the bus station I found the **Coachmakers**. This is an oasis of the past in a redeveloped area, with a tiled corridor straight ahead, a separate public bar, and further small rooms, some with traditional but comfortable bench seating. I had an excellent Bazens Pacific (£1.20), and other offerings were Batemans Mild, Little Valley Stoodley Stout, Slaters Supreme, Bass, and two Centurions - one from Hadrian and one from

Derventio! Returning to the bus station I caught the 21 (or 20, 20A) to **Burslem**. In the market place I found the **Bulls Head**, a Titanic house. There were four of their beers on: Anchor (excellent at £1), Steerage, Black Ice and Iceberg, plus two guests. The landlord lit the fire in the lounge while I was there. It was very comfortable. I took the 21 back to Hanley, but stayed on until we reached Campbell Place in Stoke-upon-Trent (which is not the City Centre). It took a few minutes to climb Hill Street and turn left into Honeywall. I little further up I found the **Beehive**. This is a W&D pub (signed Marstons) and I had a good Cumberland Ale at £1.20. There were also Camerons Creamy, Snecklifter and Pedigree. It was a friendly, comfortable local. I continued walking into St Thomas Place until I came to **Penkhull** parish church. Although swallowed up in the city, this is an old hilltop village, and the **Greyhound Inn** was opposite the church and green. It is very old, and its previous history of being a farmhouse and later a courthouse are well explained inside. The lounge has an inglenook fireplace, in which a newer smaller fire has been built. With its rural village atmosphere, it provides a comfortable resting place in this rather more well heeled area of Stoke. I had an excellent Highgate Fury (£1.25), available alongside Pedigree, Landlord, 6X and Old Speckled Hen. I walked back to Honeywall and continued this time straight down the hill into Hartshill Road where I caught the 25 (or 23, or you might try the 24 which actually runs through Penkhull but not frequently) to Newcastle. I got off near the junction with Shelton New Road, which is close to the **Museum**. Despite its name it is just a pub, with two rooms and a traditional friendly welcome. My half of Nightglow (£1.20) was excellent, and this pub also had Bass, Pedigree, 6X, OSH and Everards Tiger. It was a short walk into the centre of Newcastle, and just past the inner relief road I found the **Arnold Machin**, a Wetherspoons pub named after the local sculptor who designed the queen's head found on definitive stamps. The Titanic Captain Smith, a strong ale at £0.80, was excellent. As well as the usual Wetherspoons range, there were Beartown Kodiak Gold, Springhead Roaring Meg and Derventio Venus. Continuing along Ironmarket I turned right into the High Street and then into Bridge Street to the **Old Brown Jug**. There were about 6 beers from the W&D stable, including Marstons Bitter & Pedigree and Mansfield Cask. But I chose an excellent Jennings Cockerhoop at £1.30. I then returned up the High Street and into the market place. Turning left about halfway along I found the bus station where I caught the 25 (or 23) back to Stoke-upon-Trent, which set me

down outside Stoke railway station in time for my last train home at 21:14.

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Established in 2004 we now have a core range of hand crafted beers from the Showman's range including IPA 5.3%, Bitter 4.6%, and Gold 4.4%; also available are Gallopers 3.8%, Dodgem 4.7%, Brandy Snap 4.7% and Cake Walk 6.0%.

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On Friday 23rd of February Myself & Loco decided to visit **Milwich** and the **Green Man** beer Festival out in the depths of rural Staffordshire. The Green Man has been an entry in the GBG for 20 years so we set off on the Uttoxeter/Stone road to find what turned out to be a real gem. The pub is on the main road at Milwich and there was a warm, cosy and friendly atmosphere when we arrived. The festival beers were all from Manchester breweries there were 16 in all but only 8 were on at any one time. I was driving so I only had Holts Bitter 4% & Marble Arch Manchester Bitter 4.2%, Loco had a few more including Leyden Raglan Sleeve 4.6%, Milston True Grit 5% & Pictish Alchemist 4.3%. With 2 other GBG pubs in the area we decided to go and explore after dropping some newsletters off and saying farewell to hosts Rod & Ruth. Before we left we found out that Bombardier, London Pride & Admans Bitter are on regular with 1 guest beer in the week and 2 at weekends. A mile down the road to Stone we found the **Red Lion** at **Dayhills**, that we almost missed as it's a pub with an adjoining farm. This unspoilt country pub, with all the countryside and farmyard smells, was full of character and a timeless classic, just like going into someone's house a must to visit if you are in the area. Worthington, Bass & Bombardier were available. Just down the road and right at the junction is the **Roebuck** at **Hilderstone** where Pedigree & Admans Bitter are the regulars and Flowers & London Pride were guests, which Loco commented were both on top form...the driver was on orange juice. The barmaid informed us that the Admans was going to be replaced by Taylor Golden Best; this is another pub worth a visit. What a good night we had and what cracking pubs we visited, sorry Billy you missed a very good night again - Charisma

Is this the answer to the lack of real ale pubs in **Heanor** with the resurgence of the **Rays Arms** on Ray Street? New licensee Jim Keithley, a keen real ale fan, prides himself in keeping good beer and a good cellar. 6 ales, Pedi & Old Empire, Sneck Lifter, Banks' Bitter & Mild & Tom Wood Bomber County were on the bar when I visited. It is hoped that there will be 2 guest beers alongside 4 from the W&D range (I thought it was Marstons now?-Ed). One thing to note is that at weekends no one under

the age of 21 is allowed in the pub unless accompanied by their parents - Charisma

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Brewery News

Ashover Brewery-Ashover

Ashover Brewery has now produced 4 test brews Gyle1, Gyle2, Gyle3, & Lighter ale 3.7 these can be sampled at the **Old Poets Corner** in Ashover but you have to be quick because once on the bar they are quickly drank

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

New beers include Two Tuns 3.6% & Close to the Wind 4.3%. Bottle Brook has a new outlet in the **New Inn** at Somercotes, which recently had Full Moon, as did the **Beehive** at Ripley. Boggart Hole Clough Brewery is also taking Bottle Brook beers and they have appeared at beer festivals at Fleetwood & Darwen. Obsession & Midnight Mash have appeared at Rotherham Beer Festival

Flowerpot-Derby

The **Flowerpot** has now got planning permission to install a brewery, work will commence in April with the brewery being up and running by the summer. The first beer planned is a 4.5% premium golden ale and the second being a 3.8% standard session beer. Advance tickets for the upcoming Potfest are now on sale, anybody requiring any should ask a member of staff behind the bar at the Flowerpot

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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A couple of new beers on the horizon which are planned to be available for Mild month in May are Magic Mouse 3.6% and Might Mouse 5.0% both are described as traditional dark milds. Funfair beers featuring at beer festivals recently have included Showman's Bitter 3.8% at the **Ship & Mitre** in Liverpool and Dive Bomber 4.6% at the **Oakham Brewery Tap** in Peterborough

Leadmill-Denby

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The latest beers from Leadmill include Malt House Mouse 4.3%, White Over 4.7% & Paradise City 4.3%. Mash Tun Bitter & Sadder but Wiser appeared at the recent beer festival and Old Mottled Cock proved to be very popular at the Red Lion, near Farnham, Surrey, as it sold out within hours and the landlord had to

order some more. Leadmill are also supplying Boggart Hole Clough so many of Richards new brews are appearing at northern beer festivals alongside Bottle Brook. Regular outlets now include the **New Inn** at Somercotes, the **Nags Head** at Ripley along with the **Old Oak Inn** at Horsley Woodhouse

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 11th of February I was torn between us heading off to the Peak District in search of any remnants of the recent snow or looking for new pubs to visit, the quest for new pubs won out because there probably wouldn't be that much of the white stuff left anyway. We parked up near Pilsley (the one near Tibshelf, not the one near Chatsworth) on the Five Pits Trail, which we followed through Highfields before heading off towards Temple Normanton. Now I had planned to visit a pub that is marked on the map here but **A**, we were too early and **B**, there is no pub at Temple Normanton or not one that we could find on our circular tour of the village. Mind you it does have a church that looks like something Teletubbies would live in! Unperturbed we walked down the road and got back on the Five Pits Trail and headed through Williamsthorpe Ponds Nature Reserve and onto **Heath** where we called in the **GBG** listed **Elm Tree** which had Jennings Sneek Lifter & Mountain Man 4.3% and Marstons Pedi & Heart Warmer 4.5%. Two things struck me about this pub **A**, the above average selection of beer and **B**, that it probably had copious amounts of character before it was heartlessly hammered out if it to make room for more dining tables. Not our kind of pub but Del said the Mountain Man was OK and to be fair my orange wasn't too bad either but we won't be returning in a hurry. After stopping for something to eat at Astwith we passed the Shoulder at Hardstoft but we were too close to the car so I logged it in the memory banks for a later date...If we are really desperate

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We started our walk on Sunday 25th from the car park at Ticknall and took the path-cum-bridleway towards Milton, Cutting down passed Foremark Church. We planned to have a tea break in Anchor Church Cave but we reached an impasse as the Trent had burst it's banks and flooded the path so (with memories of Millers Dale still fresh) we took a higher alternative path, which was not entirely legal as we were required to negotiate a couple of barbed wire fences...but everyone else seemed to be going that way. We got to the **John Thompson** at Ingleby just in time for opening where Del asked for a pint of JTSXXX before he realised there was also Rich Porter & Gold available, I had an orange & passion fruit J2O being as it was my last official alcohol-free Sunday. From there we headed across to **Melbourne** where, after wandering around the town dismissing a couple of pubs, we decided to call in the **White Swan** (mainly because it had got a nice olde wooden door). Bass & Pedi were available, which is rather uninspiring but the same however cannot be said for the pub itself as the beamed ceilings, wood & stone work and chimney breast give it real character and the landlord came round with plates of parma ham & cheese...yumy! After a swift half we moved on to the **GBG** listed **Bluebell Inn** because Del mentioned that he'd not seen much Shardlow beer around lately so here he had a choice from Narrowboat, Rev Eaton & Golden Hop but he decided to go for the guest which was Milestone Loxley Ale? Which we see even less

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Wheatcroft Wanderers 1st (serious) Winter Wander took us to that Mecca for ale Lovers, **Matlock Bath**. To kick off, we called in the **Princess Victoria**. A brace of Batemans; XB & XXXB, York Stonewall and a 4th whose name I will not mention given what they're doing to HH! XXXB on top form and going down well with the punters as was the Stonewall with my Girl. A couple of each should do thence off to the **Midland** right outside Matlock Bath Railway Station. The Midland is rapidly going up in my estimation. On the bar were Peak Ales Bakewell 4.2%, Eccleshall TopTotty 4% and Durham White Gold also 4%. Now I hadn't even taken the top off me Totty (so to speak) when all hell broke loose and in crashed 2 very suspicious looking characters. One of whom was getting all juiced up at the sight of the Durham. I turned towards them (wrong!) and suggested they go for the Durham as it was a rather splendid tipple. A couple of serious

drinkers I thought. Nope. They both had halves. This was their cue to make sure I knew that they'd just been to the Chesterfield Beer Fest, all the Pubs down Whittington Moor and all the 3 Ashover Pubs. And now they were just getting into their stride down the 'Bath' muttering something about RuRAD. Introducing my new best Mates, Bald Eagle and Pac-a-mac! It was at this point we bade a tearful farewell and we crossed the A6 into the **County & Station** whereupon we found 6 splendid Ales. Padi 4.5% and Old

Empire 5.7%, Jennings Cumberland 4.0% and SneckLifter 5.1%, Tom Woods Bomber at 4.8% and Wranghams Station Master at 4%. Wranghams is a trademark owned by Marstons. We tried them all bar the Padi. Excellent. Did you know that they no longer serve keg beer such is their commitment to Real Ale? Do you also know they're up for a long overdue gong and are nominated for Pub of the Season by Chesterfield CAMRA. And

guess who we're voting for? To finish off, we bussed ourselves up to the closer to home **Jug & Glass at Lea**. Bob & Julie also had 6 beers on; Padi, Mansfield & Black sheep bitters, Hartington IPA, an unmentionable and Landlord straight out the barrel. IPA & Landlord very fresh & tasty. What have all these splendid outlets got in common? Well, surprisingly, NONE are in the GBG!! HoHum

31st March RoRAT train trip visiting GBG pubs in Worksop, Mansfield Woodhouse & Mansfield and (hopefully) Mansfield Beer Festival. Departing Derby at 9.43am text Rodders on 07745 263006 or contact via the E-mail address.

Proposed Trips

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

1st to 3rd March Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall, Saltaire-Bradford www.bradfordcamra.org.uk

1st to 3rd March Booze on the Ouse Beer Festival, Priory Centre, Priory Lane-St Neots

1st to 3rd March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lovers Walk (off William Street)-Loughborough www.loughboroughcamra.org.uk

2nd to 3rd March 10th Bristol Beer Festival, The Brunel Shed, Temple Meads Station Approach-Bristol. Admission by advance ticket only

2nd to 3rd March Peacock Beer Festival, The Peacock Inn, Main Street-Redmile

8th to 10th March Hove Beer fest, Hove Town Hall, West Sussex 200 Ales www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk

8th to 11th March Old Poets Corner Beer Festival, Butts Road-Ashover

8th to 11th March Lanc vs Yorks Beer Fest, The Crown Hotel, Platt Lane, Worthington, Standish, Wigan 40 Ales Tel 01257 421354

9th to 11th March Mini Beery Weekend, Prince Of Wales, Foxfield, Broughton-in-Furness 20 Ales www.princeofwalesfoxfield.co.uk

14th to 17th March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, St Margarets Way-Leicester

15th to 17th March Darlington Spring Thing Festival, Arts Centre, Vane Terrace-Darlington

15th to 17th March Leeds Beer & Cider festival, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner-Pudsey, 150 Ales www.leedsbeerfestival.co.uk

15th to 18th March Canalhouse 1st Annual Stout, Beer & Cider Festival, 48-52 Canal Street-Nottingham www.tynemill.co.uk

15th to 18th March St Patrick's Beer Fest, The Anchor Inn, 308 Bradford St, Birmingham 12 Ales www.the-anchor-inn.fsnet.co.uk

16th to 17th March 5th Annual Bingham Beer Festival, Bingham Rugby Club, Brendon Grove-Bingham

16th to 17th March Hitchin Beer Fest, Hitchin Town Hall . 22 Churchgate, Hitchin 50 Ales www.nherts-camra.co.uk

22nd to 24th March 20th Wigan Beer Festival, Robin Park Indoor Sports Centre, Loire Drive, (opp JJB Stadium)-Wigan

22nd to 24th March Banbury Beer Fest The TA Centre, Oxford Rd, Banbury Approx 80 Ales www.northoxfordshirecamra.org.uk

22nd to 24th March Preston Beer Fest, St Walburge's Parish Centre, Weston St, Preston over 50 Ales Tel 01772 726370

28th to 30th March London Drinker Beer Fest, The Camden Centre Bidborough St, London (Opposite St Pancras)

28th March to 1st April Star Beer Festival, The Star Inn, 7 Albert St, Lockwood, Huddersfield 60 Ales Tel 01484 545443

29th to 31st March Walsall Beer Festival, Walsall Town Hall-Walsall

29th to 31st March Grapes Beer Festival, 66 High Street Belper DE56 1GF

29th March to 1st April Flowerpot Beer Festival, King Street-Derby Tel 01332 204955

29th March to 1st April Mansfield Beer Festival, Mansfield Town FC Hospitality Suite, Quarry Lane-Mansfield www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk

29th March to 1st April Holly Bush Beer Festival, Holly Bush Inn, Holly Bush Lane-Makeney

30th March Ascot Beer festival Ascot Racecourse, Ascot 50 Ales www.camra.org.uk/seberks

30th to 31st March Oldham Beer Festival, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Civic Centre, West Street-Oldham www.robcamra.org.uk

1st to 10th April Triangle Tavern, Easter Beer Fest, 29 St Peters St, Lowestoft , 30 Ales Tel 01502 582711

5th to 8th April Bitter Suite Beer Fest, Bitter Suite, 53 Flyde Rd, Preston, 30 Ales Tel 01772 827007

5th to 9th April Charters Beer Festival, Charters, Town Bridge-Peterborough www.bluesontheboat.co.uk

6th to 7th April 2nd Planet Thanet Easter Beer fest, Winter Gardens Fort Crescent, Margate, 200 Ales www.planetthanetalefest.org.uk

6th to 8th April Derby Rowing Club Beer Festival, Darley Grove-Derby

12th to 14th April 17th Doncaster Beer Festival, The Hub (new college building near new transport interchange)-Doncaster

13th to 14th April Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby Club, Butts Park Arena, Butts Park-Coventry

18th to 21st April 31st Newcastle Beer Festival, Students Union, Newcastle University, Kings Walk-Newcastle upon Tyne www.cannybevvy.co.uk

20th to 22nd April Harrington Arms Beer Festival, Harrington Arms, Grove Close-Thulston

20th to 23rd April Steampacket Beer Festival, The Steampacket, Derby Road-Swanwick

27th to 28th April 16th Chippenham Beer Festival, Studio Hall, Olympiad Leisure Centre-Chippenham www.nwwiltscamra.org.uk Evening sessions ticket only

18th to 19th May Erewash Camra's 1st Ilkeston Beer Festival, Kind Edward IV Suite, Regency Rooms, Wharnccliffe Rd-Ilkeston, 40 Ales

18th to 20th May 1st Stratford on Avon Beer Festival, Stratford Race Course www.stratfordbeerfestival.org.uk

25th to 27th May Alfreton Beer Festival, Alfreton Town FC, Impact Arena, North Street-Alfreton For tickets call Robin 07794022114 / Lisa 011599392090(ext 107)

19th to 21st April The Wellington Beer Fest, 37 Bennets Hill, Birmingham 45 Ales www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk

28th May to 1st June Star Inn Beer Festival, 7 Albert St, Lockwood-Huddersfield, 40 Ales www.thestarinn.info

7th to 10th June Ashfield Beer Fest Newstead Miners Welfare, Newstead Village

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 by the 23rd of the month.

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