



*In The Sticks*

# RuRAD Rural Real Ale Drinkers

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Welcome to this month's edition of "In the Sticks"

Welcome to the latest issue of "In the Sticks" the newsletter of RuRad Rural Real ale drinkers. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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## Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 52 pubs in 29 different locations, 5 Breweries and 41 Beer Festivals.

## Beer and Pub News

Simon from the **Seven Stars Belper** e-mailed me to advise that the forthcoming attractions through May are Marstons Fever Pitch 4.2%, Adnam's Regatta 4.3%, Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% and Bateman's XB 3.7% plus various others.

Last month we incorrectly advised that Mansfield & Ashfield's Pub of the Year for 2005 was the Royal Oak in South Normanton this should have read the **Bold Forester** in Mansfield with the Royal Oak being the Pub of the Season for Spring. Apologies to all concerned.

Blue Anchor Spingo Middle 5.1% was a rare sight available at the **George Inn Ripley** on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Real ales available at the **Tramway Village Crich** for the VE Day celebrations on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May included from Leadmill Old Oak Bitter, Marehay Mild 3.6%, Ginger UXB, B52 5.2%, Snake Eyes, Dead End Job and Penny Red 4.2% with Silver King 4.3% from Ossett.

Whilst out planet hopping Dr Who learnt that the **Prince of Wales Spondon** will be holding a Beer Festival from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Additional beers replace Colin's usual brewery of the month this month at the **Cross Keys Belper** with the likes of Bateman's VE Day 4.2%, Victory 5.9%, Derby Brewing Co Dark Delight 4.3%, Over the Hill 4.8%, Taylors Golden Best 3.5%, Brains Reverend James 4.5%, Hall & Woodhouse Fursty Ferret 4.0%, Deuchars IPA 3.8% and Bateman's Belper Celebration Ale 4.3%.

A recent visit round **Belper** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April found the **Lion Hotel** had Everards Tiger 4.2% and John Smiths Cask 3.8% I was also informed that the Lion would be one of the sponsors for the Derby Summer Beer Festival held at the Assembly Rooms between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of July this year.

The **Nags Head** had regular Marstons Pedigree 4.5% and guest Jennings Sneck Lifter 5.1% a nice drop at £2.30 a pint. Forthcoming attractions from the W&D list for May included Marstons Fever Pitch 4.2%, Adnam's Regatta 4.3%, Bateman's XB 3.7% and Deuchars IPA 3.8%.

On at the **Grapes** were regulars Marstons Bitter 3.8% and Pedigree 4.5% with guest Young's Waggle Dance 5.0% at £2.35 a pint.

The **Old Crown at Cavendish Bridge** is worth a good mention as it consistently has 7 Real ales on offer at any one time Burtonwood Top Hat and Bitter, Bass and Pedigree. 3 guest beers are constantly changing which keeps the interest going! The pub has a wonderful collection of Water jugs hanging from the ceiling --750+ at last count! The walls are covered with a magnificent array of memorabilia covering many subjects.

Music is very low key so that conversation provides the ambient noise.

Monday night is quiz night and this is suitably off the wall. Gallon of Ale to be won.

Well worth making the trip to visit this very friendly local which serves food at Lunch and early evenings.

I recently visited the **Thorn Tree at Waingroves** on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April and found Marstons Pedigree 4.5%, JCB 4.7% and Exmoor Hound Dog 4.0% all at £2.33 a pint.

Licenses Mick & Jill, formerly of the **Prince of Wales** on Butterley Hill Ripley, told me that the Pedigree is their regular and usually have upto 3 guest beers available.

Mick's steady trade is from his locals, but has not much passing trade since the sign on the main road was taken down by the council, not very helpful I think!

The annual Waingroves show takes place this year between 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Thorn Tree will be putting on up to 9 real ales over the course of the weekend, put a note in your diary! Charisma Bypass

A bit off your main patch, but we visited The **Rose & Crown at Hose** during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, having given it a miss for a while. The new management is providing some classy fresh food at the right price (roast and casserole venison and partridge when we visited), and a good range of real ales, incorporating regionals like Abbot Ale and supporting smaller brewers too. -Tomatoman.

Nomadic Rex spent the Mayday weekend at a Caravan Rally in **Ashover**. The three Pubs in the village all had great beers. I started on Friday evening at the **Crispin Inn**; new people are in here and have already made their mark with alterations to the interior. On the bar were Jennings Sneck Lifter 5.1%, Marstons Pedigree 4.5%, and Marstons Dragons Tail, 4.5%, Mansfield Bitter all @ £2.40 a pint. Saturday lunch saw me in the **Black Swan**; they had Greene King Abbot Ale, Black Sheep Bitter, Courage Directors, Tetley Bitter and Everards Tiger. Then came Sunday at the **Old Poets Corner** the blackboard conveniently placed in the bar gave an easy to see listing of what was on offer Leather Britches Ashover Gold 3.6% @ £1.95 a pint, Old Poets Ale, 4.1% £1.95 a pint, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6.0% @ £2.40 a pint, Rudgate Battle Axe 4.2% @ £2.20 a pint, Joseph Holts Thunderhalt, 4.5% @ £2.30 a pint Greene King Abbot Ale 5.0% @ £2.30 a pint.

If you required you could have the Abbot brought straight from the barrel in the cellar. Draught Ciders available were Moles Black Rat 6.3%, Vickers Pure Farmhouse.6.0% and Saxon Diamond Lil 7.4%.

Coming Soon Phoenix Arizona. Falstaff Fistful of Hops. Archers Golden, Anglo Dutch Best Bitter, Hopback Summer Lightning and Fullers Hock.

All three houses above served excellent food and they all were Dog Friendly Just outside the village was the **Nettle Inn** this place is renowned for its food, when I dined here the Real Ales were Kimberly Olde Trip 4.3%, Kimberly Unity 4.5% and Kimberly Bitter 3.9% All but the Kimberly Bitter cost £2.49 a pint.

New Guest beers are coming on a regular basis from Kimberly starting from next week with Cursed Galleon 5.0%.

**M**e Owd Conker visited the **Argosy**, Manor Road, **Derby**, which is part of M & B's 'Sizzling Pub Company', on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May to find Marston's Pedigree 4.5% as the one regular real ale available at £2.15 a pint.

On the same day the **Hollybrook** in **Heatherton**, which is part of M & B's 'Ember Inn' chain, had 3 regular real ales available including Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% at £2.30 a pint, Draught Bass 4.4% at £2.10 a pint and Marston's Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20 a pint. Additional guest beers are usually available during the summer months, no details yet available.

## Brewery News

### Leadmill-Denby

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

**L**eadmill continue to do beer swaps with other breweries, the latest being with Burton Bridge and Edale.

One of the latest beers from Leadmill is called Penny Red 4.2% and it was available during the VE Day celebrations at **Crich Tramway Village's Red Lion** on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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

**T**he first trial beer has recently been brewed at the newly established brewery called Speedway and is a 4.1% ABV pale beer.

### Falstaff-Normanton

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

**F**alstaff brewed two new beers to celebrate May as mild month with Mac Mild 3.9% and Kingdom Mild 6.2%, the former being available in the **Babington Arms Derby** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. You can now buy attractively designed Falstaff tankards at £10 each.

### Derby Brewing Co-Derby

**O**ne of Trevor Harris's latest beers called Broadway 4.5% replaced Fullers London Pride 4.1% at the **Broadway Darley Abbey** as the regular beer following a deal with Beer Seller and Ember Inns.

### Danelaw-Chellaston

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

**D**anelaw's First brew 4.5% was available at the end of April / early May at the **Falstaff's Beer Festival**, **Old Stables Bar Derby** and the **Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse**. The lads will not be brewing again for about two months due to work commitments.

### The Bald Spot

**T**he **Hippodrome** in **Ripley** has replaced the Draught Bass with Charles Wells Bombardier; the other beers were as previously mentioned last month.

**F**our Hardys & Hansons beers were on at **Pear Tree** in **Ripley** when Chippy Cherry and I called in early May these included Mild, Bitter, Olde Trip and seasonal guest Cursed Galleon a 5.0% strong Dark Mild which actually tastes like a porter-delicious at a fair price of £2.10.

**T**he **Market Hotel Heanor** had Hardys & Hansons 1832 Cuckold Alley as their seasonal guest on the same day.

**T**he **Jolly Colliers** in **Horsley Woodhouse** is due to re-open soon after a period of closure and refurbishment by Punch Taverns with new licensees from the Jolly Colliers in Heanor.

**M**ore Punch news (hope you're not too punch drunk) the **New Clock Codnor** was up for let again (11/04/05).

**W**epper & Magpie report that the Landlord at the **Victoria Alfreton** (that's the beer not Nick) has been replaced with a changing guest beer.

**F**roggy reported that a new pub is to be built on the old Vic Hallams site at **Langley Mill**-watch this space!

**M**ilestone Black Pearl 4.3% has been on at the **Bell Smalley**, several beers from Newark have appeared there recently.

### Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

**O**n Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April along with Trigger we started our walk from Coton in the Elms, which is a few miles south of Burton on Trent. We walked through the villages of Lullington and Haunton and arrived at the village of **Harleston** where the local pub is the **White Lion**. As the one real ale on offer here, Bombardier 4.3% at £2.20p per pint we decided to have a quick half & continue our search for something more exciting. After a quick look at the map we decided to head a mile north to the village of **Edingale** where on arrival we found the local pub the **Black Horse**, filled with great expectations we were once again disappointed, one real ale on offer, Pedigree 4.5% at £2.20p per pint, once again we tried a quick half, after talking to the local football team we found this was the only pub in the village so all in all not one of our better days, still never mind we can't win em all.

**A**fter a disappointing walk on Sunday Del & Pedro set out to do a short walk in the Peak District on the Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from the village of Grindon. After about 3 miles we arrived at the **Jervis Arms** at **Onecote** where I knew we would not be disappointed, and we weren't. Six real ales on offer, three regulars, Worthington Cask 3.6%, Titanic Iceberg 4.1% and Bass 4.4% plus three regularly changing guest ales, Northern Brewery Spellbinder 4.1%, Hart Brewery Ice Maiden 4.0% and Abbeydale White Knight 4.5%. We tried the Spellbinder & the Ice Maiden both very nice drinks and all six at £2.00p per pint. There is a beer festival being held here on the Mayday weekend, which will be to late for your readers, but worth making a note the next is in August, which would be well worth a visit.

### The Ex Adman Column

**T**his month we pay a visit to Leeds in West Yorkshire, to **Whitelocks**, or the **Turks Head**, as it is more properly known, the Whitelocks name being adopted because of that family acquiring it in 1880 and keeping it for many years thereafter. This is a real classic, dating back to 1715, although the pub we see today is the result of an extensive refurbishment by its long - time owners. Internally, the pub is narrow in shape, with extensive wood paneling and many mirrors celebrating old and mainly long - gone Breweries. The long main bar has many brass fittings, with a copper topped bar and a coloured glazed tile frontage. The seating areas are partitioned into booths and feature ceiling high brass posts, whilst in the dining section tablecloths and waitress service are still provided. The pub is situated in the centre of Leeds on Turks Head Yard at the back of Briggate, and the yard itself, whilst still used as a thoroughfare, is often used as an outside drinking area when the pub gets crowded.

The opening hours are 11 - 11 Monday - Saturday, 12 - 1030 Sunday, with food being available at both lunch and in the evening. Beers on offer are John Smiths Bitter, Theakstons bitter, Old Peculiar plus a guest. A unique pub in many ways, even in a city, which boasts a few classics, don't miss it if you are in the area.

### MAB's North Derbyshire Report

**T**onight (13/04/05) at the **Derby Tup Whittington Moor** George Wright's Cheeky Pheasant at 4.7% was very nice; also Burton Bridge Porter, Archers Golden and another guest were available amongst the more regular fare. At the **Horse & Groom Scarcliffe** last night Cottage Huntingdon 800 at 4.4% was on as well as Cottage Evening Star 5.0% and Archers Hop Bouquet 3.7% whilst recently the **Arkwright Arms Sutton cum Duckmanton** has had on Copper Dragon Black Gold at 3.7%, Golden Pippin at 3.9% and Challenger IPA at 4.4%, the latter being still on yesterday and the Pippin will be on again soon. Also there yesterday was Millstone Rich Ruby at 4.5% and recently Millstone Loxley at 4.2%.

Things are looking up round here at the moment.

**H**i Billy, if you didn't get to the **Blue Bell Beer** festival in **Bolsover** you missed quite a treat. At the **Arkwright Sutton cum Duckmanton** on Saturday lunch 30<sup>th</sup> April Tower Mild at 4.0% and Wentworth Stout 4.8% amongst the six beers that were on, whilst on Wednesday last week 27<sup>th</sup> April the **Royal Oak** at **Brampton** (not a place I usually frequent but you have to wait somewhere whilst your curry is being prepared) had on an excellent pint of Whim Magic Mushroom 3.5%.

## York Visit Report

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of March a group of us travelled up to **York** for the York Beer Festival, which is held at the Priory Street Centre, and visit one or two of York's Good Beer Guide pubs.

Our trip had previously been advertised in our newsletter "In the Sticks" and had attracted 14 people including one who had travelled from Canada just to be their.

The day got off to a bad start at Derby when the arrival of our train from Birmingham gradually started to get later and later we eventually set off about 30 minutes late after a set swap.

We had booked our tickets a couple of weeks earlier buying a Virgin Trains group travel ticket for four people costing £30.

We arrived in York at just after 11am and crossed over the road to catch a No1 First York bus and buying a single for £1.10 to the **Fox** on Holgate Road.

Here we were able to sample the two real ales on offer these being Tetley Bitter 3.7% and Theakstons Best Bitter 3.8% at £2.16 a pint.

After leaving the Fox we walked back up Holgate Road to view the **Locomotive** on Watson Street but as this only had John Smiths Cask 3.8% we decided to give it a miss. Next door the **Volunteers Arms** didn't open until midday so we headed back onto Holgate Road and towards the **Crystal Palace**.

After a 10-minute wait for the pub to open the Gentle Giant, who had cut his beauty sleep short to be our escort for the day, also joined us.

The pub doors were duly opened and we trooped in to sample the one real ale on offer Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter 4.0% at £1.27 a pint.

As the **Beer Festival** opened at 12 o'clock we decided that this should be our next port of call.

When we arrived there was at least 100 beers to choose from and here are a few which took my fancy Bowland Hunters Moon 3.7%, Box Steam Tunnel Vision 4.2%, Brown Cow Edwards 1461 Victory Ale 4.1%, Goodmanham Choirboys Dread 3.8%, Ramsbottom Tomfoolery 4.0% and Southport Carousel 4.0%. After spending about 2 hours we walked down Micklegate for our next pub the GBG listed **Ackhorne** on St Martins Lane.

The selection of beers on offer here were Deuchars IPA 3.8%, Springhead Roaring Meg 5.5%, Humpty Dumpty Reed Cutter 4.4%, Rooster Yankee 4.3% and Hook Norton Double Stout 4.8%.

Next we called at our first National Inventory pub the **Golden Ball** on Cromwell Road were Acorn Barnsley Gold 4.3%, Wells Bombardier 4.3%, John Smiths Magnet 4.0%, Marstons Pedigree 4.5%, Deuchars IPA 3.8% Ruddles Best Bitter 3.7% and John Smiths Cask were all available.

Another short walk found us at another National Inventory listed pub the **Swan** at Clemanthorpe.

On offer here were Taylors Landlord 4.3%, Titanic Captain Smith 5.2%, Hart Cartford Premium Bitter 4.5%, Salamander 24 Carat 5.0%, Tetley Bitter 3.7% and Deuchars IPA 3.8%.

We then crossed Skeldergate Bridge for our next pub the **Masons Arms** on Fishergate where four real ales were on offer these being John Smiths Cask 3.8%, Ruddles County 4.3%, Deuchars IPA 3.8% and Fullers London Pride 4.1%.

I think by this stage some of us were feeling the pace, as there seemed to be no hurry to leave enjoying their beer trying to watch the Wales v Ireland rugby on the TV whilst Edmund and Trigger fiddled with the remote control trying to get the racing results.

Eventually we did make a move and set off walking past the Barbican Centre towards Walmgate Bar in the direction of our next pub the York Brewery tied **Rook & Gaskill** on Lawrence Street.

The beer list here read as follows from York Stonewall 3.7%, Yorkshire Terrier 4.2% and Progress 4.0% with guests from Tom Wood Bomber County 4.8%, Tring Old Shanks 4.5%, Robinsons Enigma 4.7%, Crouch Vale Brewers Gold 5.2% and Deuchars IPA 3.8%.

The plan was now to visit the final National Inventory listed pub the **Blue Bell** on Fossgate however due to the Landlady's strict policy on groups and rowdy punters only a few of our party were successful leaving the remainder of us to regroup round the corner in the **Golden Fleece** on Pavement directly opposite the entrance to the Shambles.

Five real ales were on offer including Taylors Landlord 4.3%, Black Sheep Bitter 3.8%, York Yorkshire Terrier 4.2%, John Smiths Cask 3.8% and Old Speckled Hen 5.2%.

After a lengthy debate about why we couldn't get in the Blue Bell we all supped up and walked down Peasholme Green to what is reputed to be York's oldest pub the **Black Swan**.

The beers on offer here included Fullers London Pride 4.1%, Greene King Abbot Ale 5.0%, John Smiths Cask 3.8% and York Yorkshire Terrier 4.2%.

Some how Bald Eagle managed to lose his drink in the short distance between the bar and the passageway where we all congregated, so being a benevolent soul I let him finish mine off.

The plan was now to head for the York Brewery's newest pub on Stonegate which meant about a 5 minute walk passing the Royal Oak, Golden Slipper and the Cross Keys before turning left at the Minster and walking down Stonegate passing the Olde Star and arriving at the **Yorkshire Terrier** which is directly opposite the Punch Bowl.

With about a 50/50 split we went in to the pub leaving the rest of the party to head for the GBG listed **Maltings** on Tanners Moat. An impressive range of beers were available at the Terrier including 6 from the York Brewery Centurions Ghost 5.4%, Guzzler 3.6%, Progress 4.0%, Cascade 4.0%, Stonewall 3.7% and Yorkshire Terrier 4.2% along with guests Tom Woods Harvest Bitter 4.35 and Shepherds Delight 4.0% and Castle Rock Harvest Pale 3.8%.

After a very swift half we decided to catch up the rest of the party and head for the **Maltings**.

Another impressive range of beers here also including Black Sheep Bitter 3.8%, Rooster YPA 4.3%, York Guzzler 3.6%, Goose Eye Goo-Cyclops 4.2%, Coach House Rabbits Punch 4.0% and Houston Warlock Stout 4.7%.

It was now time to say goodbye to the Gentle Giant and head back to the station for the 19.44 train back to Derby.

We arrived at the station with about 5 minutes to spare dashing to platform 10 for our Virgin Voyager, which duly arrived, and within minutes we were on our way.

It was at this point after a quick head count that we realised that Trigger was missing he must have somehow got separated from the main group and captured by the natives, this now meant an hour wait for the last train back. All in all a good day out, we managed to cover 11 pubs 3 of which are in the National Inventory and take in a beer festival as well.

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### Bigfoz's travels with his Dad and BigLiz

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**Peter Kavanagh's, Liverpool**

Cains Bitter, Black Sheep Bitter, Abbot

BigFoz says: what an amazing place! What a friendly place!

BigLiz says: and we only stopped to use the toilets. Sometimes these things just work themselves out.

BigFoz says: a history lesson in itself.

**The Wilke's Head, Leek, Staffordshire**

Whim Arbor Light, Hartington IPA, Hartington Bitter, Black Christmas, Oakham JHB Extra, Skipton Copper Dragon

BigFoz says: brilliant pub!

BigLiz says: and it's in Leek of all places!

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**Royal Oak, Old Tupton**

Pedigree, Davenport Bitter, Adnam's Bitter, John Smith Bitter, Bombardier

Dad says: this place has gone downhill.

BigFoz says: probably that's why it's not in the Beer Guide now.

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### **Fox & Crown, Basford, Nottingham**

St. George's Day Beer Festival Mainly new microbreweries plus several new Alcazar beers.  
Dad says: I like these beer festivals you keep bringing me to, there's so much...  
BigFoz says: beer? Dad says: yeah

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### **Bulls Head, Openwoodgate**

Hardys & Hansons Bitter, Olde Trip, Cursed Galleon  
BigFoz says: excellently kept beer; friendly landlord and landlady; couldn't ask for more.  
Dad says: don't then.

For the full list which includes the **Robin Hood & Highwayman** at Rainow, the **Waterloo** at **Biggin-by-Newhaven**, the **Rutland Arms, Market, Peacock Inn & Victoria** in **Chesterfield** please email [bigfozi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bigfozi@hotmail.co.uk)

**Proposed Trips** Bristol by Train (date to be confirmed) for a tour of National Inventory and Good Beer Guide pubs:

Contact Charisma on 07974 171243.

## **Beer Festival Diary**

9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Spring Beer Festival-Wetherspoons Pubs. [www.idwetherspoon.co.uk](http://www.idwetherspoon.co.uk)  
19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May Chester Charity Beer Festival Rugby Club-Chester.  
19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Hillsborough Hotel Beer Festival, Langsett Road-Sheffield.  
20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Rail Ale Festival-Barrow Hill Roundhouse. [www.barrowhill.org.uk](http://www.barrowhill.org.uk)  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 32<sup>nd</sup> Cambridge Beer Festival, Jesus Green-Cambridge. [www.cambridge-camra.org.uk](http://www.cambridge-camra.org.uk)  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May Lincoln Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln. [www.lincolncamra.org.uk](http://www.lincolncamra.org.uk)  
26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May Commercial Beer Festival 107 Station Road, Chapeltown-Sheffield.  
26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May Anchor Major May Beer Festival, Bradford Street, Digbeth-Birmingham. [www.the-anchor-inn.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.the-anchor-inn.fsnet.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park-Newark. [www.newarkbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.newarkbeerfestival.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> Off the Tracks Spring Festival Donnington Park-Castle Donnington. [www.offthetracks.co.uk](http://www.offthetracks.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May Stag Inn Beer Festival Nottingham Road-Kimberley.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Old White Rose Beer Festival, 20, Lichfield Street-Bilston.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> Peaks Booze & Blues Festival, Bentley Brook Inn-Fenny Bentley. [www.bentleybrookinn.co.uk](http://www.bentleybrookinn.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May Fox & Goose Inn 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Beer Festival-Hebden Bridge.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May Barge & Barrel Beer Festival-Elland.  
27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May Prince of Wales Beer Festival-Spondon.  
28<sup>th</sup> May Bell Beer Festival Bell Street-Princes Risborough.  
28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May White Post Beer Festival-Stanley Common.  
28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May National Trailboat Festival featuring Real Ale & Cider Bar, Tapton Lock-Chesterfield.  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup> Doncaster Beer Festival The Dome Doncaster Leisure Park Bawtry Road-Doncaster.  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June Stockport Beer & Cider Festival Edgeley Park Football Ground Hardcastle Road-Stockport. [www.stockportfestival.fsnet](http://www.stockportfestival.fsnet)  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup> Wolverhampton Beer Festival The Wulfrun Hall Mitre Fold-Wolverhampton.  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June Old Poets Corner Beer Festival-Ashover. [www.oldpoets.co.uk](http://www.oldpoets.co.uk)  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June Hop Beer Festival West Riding Licensed Refreshment Rooms-Dewsbury. [www.wrlrr.co.uk](http://www.wrlrr.co.uk)  
11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June Red Lion Beer Festival 55 London Road-High Wycombe. [www.redlionrocks.co.uk](http://www.redlionrocks.co.uk)  
14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June Boundary 11<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival 2 Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw-Manchester.  
17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June The Boat Inn Beer Festival Scarthin-Cromford. [www.theboatatcromford.co.uk](http://www.theboatatcromford.co.uk)  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 16<sup>th</sup> Lichfield Beer Festival, Rugby Club-Lichfield. [www.lichfieldarts.org.uk](http://www.lichfieldarts.org.uk)  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June Wellington Beer Festival Bennett's Hill-Birmingham.  
24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June Beer on the Wye Beer Festival, Rowing Club-Hereford [www.herefordcamra.org.uk](http://www.herefordcamra.org.uk)  
6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 28<sup>th</sup> Derby CAMRA Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby. <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/>  
9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July - Edwardian weekend at the Crich Tramway Village, with horse trams and Real Ale bar. [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)  
15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July Bromsgrove Beer Festival Rugby Football Club, Ashton Fields-Bromsgrove. [www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.bromsgrovebeerfestival.org.uk)  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August Worcester 7<sup>th</sup> Beer & Cider Festival, Racecourse-Worcester [www.worcestercamra.org.uk](http://www.worcestercamra.org.uk)  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August Great British Beer Festival-London Olympia. [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August Peterborough Beer Festival the Embankment-Peterborough. [www.real-ale.org.uk](http://www.real-ale.org.uk)  
28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Moor Green Show Real Ale Tent, Watnall-Nottinghamshire. [www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk)  
9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September the Golden Ball Beer Festival-York [www.goldenball-york.co.uk](http://www.goldenball-york.co.uk)  
16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Northwich Beer Festival, Memorial Hall-Northwich.  
20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October Cider & Beer Festival Victoria Leisure Centre-Sneinton. [www.nottinghamcamra.org](http://www.nottinghamcamra.org)  
18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November Erewash Camra 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival Sports Centre-Sandiacre [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)

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

In the next issue of "In the Sticks" look out for more Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles, the Exadman's column on historic pubs, out and about with the Bald Eagle and Big Foz's travels with his Dad.

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

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