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Welcome to this 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 59 pubs in 32 different locations, 6 Breweries and 32 Beer Festivals.

### Beer and Pub News

The **George** at **Ripley** is one of the best places to go if you want to sample beers from local micro breweries. Amber Ales from Hammersmith are on nearly all the time and Carl also has beers from Ashover, Thornbridge and Tower to name but a few. There is a minimum of 3 beers on during the week and 6 at the weekend, well worth a visit the next time you are in Ripley

Our congratulations go to John & Yvonne at the **Dewdrop** on Station St, **Ilkeston** on being awarded the Erewash CAMRA Pub of the Year 2008

**Brampton Impy** Dark won best mild at Leicester beer festival

The **Britannia** at **New Tupton**, Spire Brewery's tap house, has won Chesterfield CAMRA Pub of the Season Spring 2008, congratulations go to Barry Dobson and Dave McLaren

The **Malt Shovel** at **Wirksworth Moor** has now reopened after a thorough refurbishment, still only Pedigree on the bar but at least the pub is back in use after being closed last November

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The **Needlemakers Arms**, Kensington St **Ilkeston** is holding a beer festival 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> of June. About 12 beers will be available including B&T Dragonslayer, Empire Strikes Back, Belvior Star, Milestone Black Pearl, Ossett Pale Gold, Phoenix Double Gold, Poachers Poachers Trail, Thornbridge Lord Marple, Cottage Somerset & Dorset, North Yorks Flying Herbert, Wylam Gold Tankard and Purity Pure UBU plus the rotating guest beers on the bar. For bus access the Rainbow 2 from Nottingham and the 15 from Sawley & Long Eaton stop outside the pub while the Ilkeston Flyer from Derby stops on Stanton Rd, about a 5-minute walk away.

According to the Nottingham Drinker Castle Rock & Magpie breweries have chosen not to implement Alistair Darlings iniquitous duty increase and are absorbing any price rise. How commendable, please support them if you can. Are any Derby breweries acting likewise?

The **Ilford** at **Ilkeston** is up for sale

The **Wetherspoons Crown** at **Matlock** is well worth a visit as the new landlord (from Grimsby) is keeping a good selection

The **Babington Arms**, **Derby** is Derby Camra's City Pub of the Year 2008, this is the second time it has won and deservedly so with 18 handpumps dispensing an excellent choice of real ales, the **Barley Mow** at **Kirk Ireton** won the Country Pub of the Year 2008 and was the overall Pub of the Year 2008 huge congratulations to all concerned

From the newsletter where you heard it first, we can confirm that the **Royal Standard** in **Derby** will be opening its doors again in the middle of May showcasing a range of beers from Derby Brewing Company plus selected guest beers. You may have seen work in progress as you have passed which is going on in the inside and the outside of the pub. We expect everything to be of the highest Standard at the Royal as there is a lot of competition in Derby, which has got a lot of good real ale pubs

The **Poet & Castle** at **Codnor** (formerly the New Clock) will be reopening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. A range of beers from Ashover Brewery will be available, together with guest ales, traditional ciders and Belgian bottled and draught beers

Colin's guest beers for May at the **Cross Keys Belper** include Castle Rock Preservation 4.4%, Milestone Rich Ruby 4.5%, Everards Sly Fox 4%, Titanic Iceberg 4.1%, Marston's Merry Monk 4.5%, Castle Rock Ratty 4%, Mordue The Dodgy Perm 4%. The Mild's for May include Bateman's Dark Mild 3%, Ashover Malt House Mild 3.5%, Oldershaws Grantham Dark 3.6%, Mordue Born to be Mild 3.5% and Newby Wyke Black Funnel 5%

Congratulations go to the **Bridge Inn** in **Derby**, the **Sycamore** at **Matlock**, the **Kings Arms** at **Crich**, the **Bulls Head** at **Denby**, the **Riverside** at **Branston**, the **Spanker Inn** at **Nether Heage** and the **Eagle Tavern** at **Heage** on receiving Cask Marque accreditation

The landlord has vacated the **Bell** at **Cromford** and the **Boat Inn** is also closed

The **Bear** at **Alderwasley** has a new owner

Michael & Muriel Edwin invite you to visit the

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Pete & Nicky Foster are the new owners of the **Tavern**, Derby Rd **Belper**. The pub is open 12 - 2 and 7 - 11 Monday to Thursday and open all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday (beer is £2 a pint 12-7 on Sundays, except Guinness), light snack are served such as home cooked chip cobs, sausage cobs, fresh filled rolls and the like, which can all be washed down with a pint of Pedigree as well as other keg products. They also inform us that they are having a new courtyard built at the back of the pub for smokers and drinkers alike and a 1am license will come in to force on completion of the work

Further to last months report, the **Arkwright Arms** at **Duckmanton** will continue their support for local micro-breweries by holding a mini-micro festival featuring beers from the award-winning Amber Ales in June

The lease at the **Railway**, **Shottle** is up for sale

The **New Inn** at **Little Eaton** is to let as is the **Jolly Colliers** at **Horsley Woodhouse**

The beers that will be appearing at the **Lion Hotel** beer festival 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of May at **Belper** are as follows: Amber Ales Amber Blond 3.9%, Steam Ale 4%, Original Stout 4% & Liberty Bitter 4%, Ashover Mild 3.5%, Magpie Fully Fledged 4.6%, Malt 'n' Hops - Bursley Bitter 4%, Nutbrook tbc, Peakstones Rock Nemesis 3.8%, Spire Overture 3.9% & Nights in White Satin 4.8% and Tower Brewery 70/- 3.5%. All 2.40 a pint, with 'drink up' session Monday night, 2.00 a pint

A new brewery has opened in Leicestershire; Bees Brewery in Queniborough (nr Syston) started brewing in February. Alec Brackenbury is head brewer and he was aided in the setting up of the brewery by Barrie Parish...he of the Bonce Blower

The beer festival at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** has been moved from May to June, details next month

Welland Valley Mild from Northamptonshire. All the Warwickshire beers had a 20p discount with the production of a CAMRA membership card (it's about time a pub in Derby did this! Several pubs in Nottingham do, come on landlord and Derby Camra do something!) The Warwickshire beers were Bitter, Lady Godiva, Golden Bear, King Maker & Churchyard Bob all of which were sampled and found to be in excellent condition, however the mild was stunning it was 3.8% but tasted more like a porter of 5%. We met up here with Coventry John and his mate Ian; the dining party rejoined us and that meant there were 13 of us...cracking Gromit! Just across the market place is the **Angel**. It stocks 1 guest beer and 2 traditional ciders. The Westons Scrumpy was spot on but Bald Eagle had to take the Bulmers Traditional back as it was a bit vinegary. The sole real ale was Greene King IPA though on the last visit it was Morgans Chadhams) On a visit to the toilet it was noted there was another pump with Westons Vintage...3 traditional ciders in one pub. We then congregated at the taxi rank for transport to a 2 hour session at the **Church End Brewery Tap** at **Ridge Lane** where a table had been reserved for us thanks to "H" at the brewery. Coventry John and Ian supplied the food, various snacks and bread procured in Atherstone. The bar had 8 Church End beers and 1 cider and we sampled such delights as Gravediggers, Iron Brew, Arthur's Wit, Mikes Meteor, What the Fox's Hat and others. Ginger Spice had started taking to the cider (the reddest Cheddar Valley we'd ever seen). Unfortunately the time passed by too quickly and the taxis arrived to take us back to Atherstone where we had a final drink in the Market Tavern before the minibus back to Tamworth and the train back to Derby. Several of us got off at Burton and called in the Coopers Tavern, which had Entire Stout, Thornbridge Kipling, Dove Valley Pale Ale (tasted like pear drops), Scropton Cider Broadoak Perry all consumed straight from the barrel. We then made our various ways home...not forgetting to mention the excellent breakfasts served in Caroline's Take Away opposite Derby Station open 7am 'til 2pm. Another grand day out - Bald Eagle

**Atherstone** is a market town in north Warwickshire once famous for it's hatting industry. The town has over 20 pubs, some of which serving excellent real ale. The gang consisting of Bald Eagle, a rejuvenated Pac-a-mac, Edmund, Mr. & Mrs. Time, Bubbles, Lady Penelope, Ginger Spice, Plastic Scouser, Maurice Gibb and Bendy Wendy travelled there on a recent jaunt, via train to Tamworth the minibus to Atherstone. Plastic Scouser arrived late at Derby for tickets, caught a later train and just caught the minibus for which he received rapturous applause. First pub called in was the **Hat & Beaver**, this is a 2 bar local community pub, which had Bass, Brew XI, and Warcop Sippers as guest (this beer was 6.4%). The majority plumped for this but took their time drinking it. A discussion ensued over food or more beer roughly split 50/50. Some of the party were dropped at the **Red Lion Hotel** for a meal, a very smart and comfortable hotel catering excellent food. The bar stocks 2 constantly changing guest beers, Warwickshire Atherstone Bitter & Lady Godiva on this occasion. On a previous visit Church End Goats Milk & Fallen Angel were available. The other half called in the **Market Tavern**, an excellent real ale pub on the Market Place, which stocks 5 Warwickshire beers and a guest, Great Oakley

Joining the Tweedles to distribute some of the new Ale & Apple newsletter we headed to the **Wagon & Horses**, **Alfreton**. Now I know you hear this often 'Wetherspoons isn't my cup of tea' but I have to admit to having one of the best pints of Stouts I've tried in a long time (other best one being the Coffin Lane Stout - Ashover) the Burton Bridge Top Dog Stout 5% was in excellent form at £1.75 less a 50p Camra new members discount voucher. I missed the promotion on this so I joined my Son who is a student for just £11 and received £20's worth of Vouchers! So a round of 3 pints cost me £3.75! Can't be bad. Also tasted was the Tom Woods Old Timber 4.5% from Highwood Brewery in Lincolnshire. Tweedle Dum had this and again was very tasty and well kept. Two others on the Bar were the usual Pedigree and Abbott. Some recent news from Marston's, Pedigree 6 is going to be a Wetherspoons exclusive for their forthcoming festival so as Tweedle Dee commented he may be saying something he's not said for a long time, 'Pint of Pedigree please'! A short run then to the **Victoria** where Full Mash Séance was on. Not sure if we had been spoilt by the Stout but it didn't seem as good as it normally is. I know we don't like upsetting pubs, (well some of us do) but I can't say I was impressed by the quick half. I've had Séance before and it was better. Sorry Mr. Nick, perhaps next time. Back in home territory to the **Devonshire**, South Normanton. Beers on were Falstaff Smiling Assassin 5.2%, and Battleaxe 4.2% from Rudgate. We decided to go for the house Beer Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 5% As usual in truly excellent form so we opted to stay for another! - Signalman

### Mini Bristol Beer Tour 11/4/08

The **Victoria**, **Clifton** - Goffs Joustier 4%, Matthews Brass Knocker 3.8% & Bob Wall 4.2%, Hopback Crop Circle 4.2%, Otter Ale 4.5% and Newmans Wolver's Ale 4.1% all £2.70 - £2.90. The **Hare on the Hill**, **Kingsdown** - Bath Ales Spa 3.7%, Dark Hare 4%, Gem 4.1% & Barnstormer 4.5%. The **Hillgrove Porter Stores**, **Kingsdown** - Cheddar Ales Bitter 4% & Totty Pot Porter 4.4%, Matthews Brass Knocker 3.8%, Pit Head 4.4% & Bob Wall 4.2%, Goffs Joustier 4%, Moors JJJ IPA 9% (sold at £1.75 a half only!) and Box Steam Blindhouse 4.6%. The **Ship Inn**, Lower Park Rd, **Bristol** - Theakston Mild, XB & Old Peculier, GK Old Speckled Hen 4.5%, Courage Best Bitter !!! You what? And Sharps Doom Bar 4%. **Colston Yard**, Colston St, **Bristol** - Ex Smiles Brewery Building, Butcome Bitter 4%, Blond 4.3% & Gold 4.7%, Fullers London Pride 4.1% and Hydes 1863 Bitter 3.5%. Recently reopened. The **White Lion**, Colston Ave, **Bristol** - Wickwar Premium Spring Ale 3.8%, BOB 4%, Long John Silver 4.2%, Mr. Perretts 5.9% & Station Porter 6.1%. The tour, courtesy of my son who lives there, was great and he says it represents a miniscule portion of the great range available in Bristol. never mind the surrounding area. Can't remember going home...the 9% IPA might have something to do with it ( I think you might be right there - Ed) - Poirot

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## Brewery News

### Bottle Brook-Kilburn

The brewery has suddenly sprung into life with an array of new beers. Spring Hop 4.3% has been on at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** whilst **Taxmans Revenge 4.5%** and **Ginger Beer 4.6%** went to **Boggart Hole Clough** and will probably be appearing at 1 or 2 beer festivals in the north. Richard has brewed 4 more as we go to press **Emperors Ale 3.6%**, **Oblivion 6.6%**, **Malt & Hops 6.3%** and **Eternity 4.3%**

### Falstaff-Normanton

The latest Dr Who themed beers include **Pertwee 4.9%**, which is the house beer for the month at the **Babington Arms**, **OOD 4.4%**, **Face of Bo 3.9%**, & **Judoon 4.2%**

### Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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[sales@funfairbrewingcompany.co.uk](mailto:sales@funfairbrewingcompany.co.uk)

The Latest beer from Funfair, which will be available in May for Mild month, will be called **Meteorite 4.3%**. Dave is due to open the **Erewash Beer Festival** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at the **King Edward IV Suite** of the **Regency Rooms**, Co-op in **Ilkeston**. Up to 10 Funfair beers should be available including last years beer of the festival **Dive Bomber**

### Headless-Derby

The latest beer from the Headless brewery was a one off special wedding ale called **Kiss the Bride 4.2%**

### Leadmill-Denby

[www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk](http://www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk)  
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Richard is brewing regularly again to keep the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** supplied with **Curly Blonde** and **OMC**, and **Mash Tun Bitter**...when the malt arrives

### Leatherbritches-Ashbourne

Brewing commenced at the new brewery location which is the **Green Man (etc)** in **Ashbourne** on **Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>**, the first two beers to be produced are **Hairy Helmet 4.7%** & **Copper Mountain 4.8%** and by the time you read this both these beers should have made it to the bar at the **Green Man**. Other beers will follow on now that the plant is up and running again

### RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** I got the train to **Sheffield** and after bagging a couple of 2008 GBG pubs I've not been in I made my way to the **GBG Harlequin** beer festival on **Nursery St** where I met up with **Charisma**, **Sooty**, **Two Gallon Man** and **Jim the Tick** who had come up on an earlier train. Of the 28 festival beers there were about 10 on offer on the bar at one time and 3 or 4 had already gone. The excellent selection contained beers from **Beeston Brewery**, **Best Mates**, **Blue Cow**, **Bull Box**, **Cherwell Valley**, **Grain**, **Green Dragon**, **Hart of Stebbing**, **Hopshackle**, **Hornbeam**, **Norfolk**

**Cottage**, **Old Chimneys**, **Packfield**, **Pitfield**, **Red Rat**, **Saffron** and **Tydd Steam** an eclectic selection I'm sure you'll agree. We spent a good few hours sampling the wares and when it quietened down the landlord fetched us a few out of the cellar to try, very accommodating. We eventually dragged ourselves away and called in the **Fat Cat** where there was **Kelham Island Brooklyn Smoked Porter**, **Pale Rider & Best Bitter**, **Durham Black Velvet**, **Thornbridge Jaipur**, **Riverhead Red Brook Premium**, **Rudgate Coopers Quest**, **Hidden Quest** and **Slaters Premium**. It was nice to get back to this outstanding pub. From there it would have been rude not to call in the **Kelham Island Tavern** and we were treated to **Acorn Barnsley Bitter**, **Bradfield Farmers Blonde**, **Pictish Brewers Gold & Bobec**, **Thwaites Nutty Black**, **Sharps Doom Bar**, **Glentworth First Flush**, **Marston Moor Warrener**, **Salamander Villain Stout**, **Milton Tiki**, **Oakham Haka** and **Derby Indulgently Dark** alongside **Westons Traditional Scrumpy**, **Old Rosie & Country Perry Sooty** and **Two Gallon Man** sped off and **Charisma** and I eventually caught up with them in the **GBG Wellington**, which was the **Cask & Cutler** the last time I was in. Here there was **Foxfield Crystal Maize & Yellow Cascade**, **Millstone Old Git & Baby Git**, **Church End B Reg**, **Glentworth First Flash**, **Mighty Oak Piggins Stout & In Seine**. **Sooty** then lead us to expeditiously to the **Moon**, a new-ish **Abbeydale** pub on **Upperthorpe Rd**. **Abbeydale Invocation**, **Daily Bread**, **Moonshine**, **Absolution & Brimstone**. **Idle Landlord**, **Fox 9**, **Sheffield Art Jock** and **Vale Edgars**. It was decided to head off to **Burton** unfortunately I got separated as the tram arrived while I was getting some chips so I got a later train and rejoined the team at the **Coopers Tavern** beer festival. Of the 21 beers available I only sampled the **Kinver Pail** and **Storm Twister** before having a swift half of **Moles Landlords Choice** at the **Devonshire Arms** beer festival and getting the train back to **Derby**. Well and truly replete - Ed

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I decided to visit the **Grapes** beer festival

at **Belper** on the opening night and got a pleasant surprise as **Rodney** was already there. The menu consisted of a lot of mainstream beers such as **London Pride**, **Old Speckled Hen**, **Blacksheep**, **Bishops Finger** and the like among the 14 available. **Rodney** and myself tried a few halves including **North Yorkshire Honey Bunny**, **Roosters YPA**, **Shepherd Neame Early Bird** and **JW Lees Brewers Dark**. The festival was well attended, beers sampled were in good order and going well while we were there - **Charisma**

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**Easter Monday**, what to do? Any trip would be a let down after **Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> RuRAD** tour of the west midlands. We settled for **Burton on Trent** and, of course, the **Cottage Tavern** (we tried for the **Coopers** but it was closed). The **Cottage** continue to serve a goodly selection of ales, which consisted of **Oak Ale 4%**, **Stout 4.7%** & **Chestnut 4.3%** alongside **Vale Spring Gold 4.6%** and **Fugglestou Northway IPA 4.3%**. All good and worth trying. On the coming soon board was **Church End What the Foxes Hat 4.2%** we look forward to trying this. On the way home after putting the car back in its garage we called in the **Nags Head** at **Mickleover**, they only had 3 ales on **Bombardier**, **Youngs Special** and **Caledonian Chocolate**. Only 3 ales for a very good reason as the pub is closing for a month for a complete refurbishment and will be reopening on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, we look forward to the new décor - **Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors**

### **Wheatcroft Wanderers Witterings**

As a late Easter present, I thought I'd treat my **Bird** to a few days in the **North Yorks Moors** sampling **Whitby's** finest and a few laps on the **NYM Railway**! But first of all, we decided to re-visit **Pickering**. It soon became obvious why we didn't enjoy it last time. There ain't no **Real Ale**. Well their is actually, but is isn't worth drinking. Dreadful stuff in the 3 Pubs we popped in. So back to base camp it was. Now although **Whitby** is by-passed in this years **GBG**, we were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the **Real Ale**. Past visits haven't been so fruitful. 1st up was the **Railway Inn** right opposite the **Station**. A blackboard full of about 8 offerings tempted us in. Their selection included all the **Copper Dragon** Ales and 6 of the more usual suspects found in **Yorkshire**. The **Shambles** (Ex **GBG Pub**) was next on the hit list. Again **Copper Dragon** featured as did an excellent pint of **Old Peculiar**. Running

short of time, we popped in the **Duke of York** only to find a new barrel of Spitfire being prepared for take-off. Another belting beer. The biggest disappointment was the lack of the superb Cropton beers in Whitby (same applies to Pickering even tho the Brewery is only 5 miles up the blessed road!) We found some bottles in a rather splendid Deli tho. So to cure this shortfall, we ventured over to **Cropton** to the **New Inn**. With car keys in hand we sampled just half of Scorseby Stout. Very tasty. 2 mixed cases accompanied us back home. And whilst talking of home, Cropton's Ales are found just down the road

from me at the **Anchor** at **Oakerthorpe**. The last visit in March yielded '2-pints', 'Honey Gold', 'Monkmans Slaughter 6%' and the cinnamon and nutmeg enhanced (only slightly mind) 'Oakerthorpe Ale 4.7%'. All in superb form. On our 1st visit in April, we were confronted with 'Honey' and 'Slaughter' plus 'Yorkshire Ale 4.8%' and 'Old Goat 8.4%'. Again, top quality tipples. The darn strange thing about the Anchor is that it is not particularly well patronised, which tends to sound alarm bells amongst Real Ale

drinkers, but John & Jean keep their beers in top form all the time. John informs me that Cropton will be supplying the Anchor with several new recipe Ales throughout the year. Go on, pop in, you'll be pleasantly surprised. The 140/141 Alfreton-Matlock Bus passes within half a mile. Safe Supping - Wheatcroft Wanderer

### Is Darling Determined We Drown?

Hilaire Belloc wrote... "When you have lost your inns drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England!"... Take heed Mr. Darling!

### Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beer Festival, Royal Oak, Green Lane-Ockbrook
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May Black Bulls Head Beer Festival, Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate-Belper
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May Lion Hotel "Local Heroes" Beer Festival, Bridge St-Belper
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May Johnson Arms May Beer Festival, Abbey St, Dunkirk-Nottingham [www.johnsonarms.co.uk](http://www.johnsonarms.co.uk)
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May Erewash CAMRA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilkeston Beer Festival, King Edward IV Suite, Regency Rooms, Wharncliffe Rd-Ilkeston [www.erewash-camra.org](http://www.erewash-camra.org)
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May Barrow Hill Roundhouse Beer Festival, Barrow Hill-Chesterfield [www.barrowhill.org](http://www.barrowhill.org) FREE bus from train station
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May Blue Bell Beer Festival, 57 High Street-Bolsover 30 Ales Tel 01246 823508
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May Belper Town FC Beer Festival, Christchurch Meadow, Bridge St-Belper
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
- 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June Three Counties Beer Festival, Hosted jointly by the White Horse (Church St) and the Three Crowns (Easthorpe St)-Ruddington
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Needle-makers Arms Beer Festival, Kensington St-Ilkeston
- 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July Ye Olde Dolphin Inne Beer Festival, Queen St-Derby
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May Jervis Arms Spring Beer Festival-Onecote, Staffs ST13 7IE 01538 304206
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May Shoulder of Mutton 1<sup>st</sup> Beer Festival, The Green-Great Bowden, Leicestershire 01858 465142
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May Charters May Bank Holiday Beer Festival, Townbridge-Peterborough [www.bluesontheboat.co.uk](http://www.bluesontheboat.co.uk)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May Long Itchington Beer Festival, 6 pubs in the village-Southam, Warks CV47 9PW [www.longitchingtonbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonbeerfestival.co.uk)
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May Macclesfield Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Priory Lane-Macclesfield Ticket Info [trevor.gamman@baesystems.com](mailto:trevor.gamman@baesystems.com) or 07802 645898
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> Rugby Beer Festival, Thornfield Bowling Club, Bruce Williams Way-Rugby [www.rugbycamra.org.uk](http://www.rugbycamra.org.uk)
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 20<sup>th</sup> Chester Charity Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Hare Lane-Chester [www.chestercamra.org.uk](http://www.chestercamra.org.uk)
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May West Country Beer Festival, Criterion, Millstone Lane-Leicester
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May Philadelphia Beer & Blues Festival Held At Several Pubs Around Sheffield
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May Lincoln Beer Festival The Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln [www.lincolncamra.org.uk](http://www.lincolncamra.org.uk)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park, Tolney Lane-Newark, NG14 1DA [www.newarkcamra.org.uk/festival/index.htm](http://www.newarkcamra.org.uk/festival/index.htm)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May Heart of 3 Cities Beer Festival, The Swan in the Rushes, 21 The Rushes-Loughborough, LE11 5BE [www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk](http://www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk)
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May Tiger Inn Micro Beer Festival, Market Place, Driffield-Hull 01377 257490
- 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Delapre Abbey Beer Festival, London Rd-Northampton (10 minutes from rail station) 150+ Beers
- 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June Kelham Island Tavern Beer Festival, Russell St-Sheffield 30+ Beers
- 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June Out of the Vaults Beer Festival, King St-Leicester [www.outofthevaults.com](http://www.outofthevaults.com)
- 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July Walsall Cricket Club Ashover Brewery Mini Beer Festival, Gorway Rd-Walsall [www.walsallcricketclub.com](http://www.walsallcricketclub.com)

**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 Rodders on 07964492569 or e-mail: [uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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