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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 54 pubs in 31 different locations, 5 Breweries and 39 Beer Festivals.

#### Beer and Pub News

Craig Tennick is the new landlord of the **George & Dragon** at **Belper**, he has connections with the **Holly Bush** at **Makeney** where he used to help out behind the bar, he also used to run the bar at Belper Rugby Club and now feels the time is right to run the George. He plans to put on beer from local brewers including Falstaff, Tower, Black Hole, Bottle Brook & Leadmill. Plans are also in the pipeline to put a regular beer at £2 a pint. Craig also plans for a beer festival sometime in June

The **Anchor** at **Oakerthorpe** has a new beer from Cropton called Northern Light, a 5.2% IPA, this is alongside the usual selection of Monkman's Slaughter, Old Goat, Yorkshire Warrior and Honey Gold

Mr Angry informs us of an interesting selection of beers at the **Nags Head** at **Ripley** on April 10<sup>th</sup>, which included Derby Golden Pale, Amber Samuel Slater & Belvior Old Dalby

A tour of the pubs of **Ockbrook** village revealed the following. The **White Swan** - Pedi, Landlord & Bombardier (£1.38 ½), the **Queens Head** - Bass, Pedi, Tiger & Youngs Special (£1.30 ½), the **Cross Keys** - Pedi (£1.35 ½), the **Royal Oak** - Bass, Durham County (£1.30 ½), York Guzzler & Holdens Springheel Jack. Some notes in conclusion: the best drink I had (before reaching the Oak obviously) was the Pedi courtesy of the relatively inexperienced Ian Darlington at Cross Keys. Both beers sampled in the first 2 pubs were below par, though I don't think the tenants at the Swan have been there long. As for the Royal Oak it remains unchallenged as the best pub in the village for beer selection and quality, though it is only the introduction of the £2 a pint (pensioner special) beer that makes it the markedly cheaper pub. Well done to Olive, Jean, Steve & Sally and the staff, hats off to my local!

Derek at the **Prince of Wales** in **Ripley** has been given notice to leave the pub as we believe it has been sold after having been up for sale for some time

The **White Post** at **Stanley Common** continues to have a regular selection of Funfair beers on together with an interesting selection of guest beers, which have included Consett Ale Works White Hot, Wylam Northern Kite and Reivers Border Brewery India Pale Ale

The **Canalhouse**, Canal St Nottingham will be holding a Titanic Brewery weekend May 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

In last months newsletter we mistakenly printed that the **Grapes** is the only pub in **Belper** to have Cask Marque accreditation. Our apologies go to the **Lion Hotel** and the **Hilltop Inn** who also hold Cask Marque accreditation for the quality of their beers. Our congratulations also go to **Ye Olde Dolphin** and **Travellers Rest-Derby**, the **Blue Bell-Kirk Langley**, the **Steam Packet-Swanwick**, the **Red Lion** and **Shoulder of Mutton-Barton under Needwood**, the **Spotted Cow-Holbrook**, the **Spanker Inn-Nether Heage**, the **White Hart Inn-Heage**, the **White Hart -Aston on Trent** and the **Old Plough-Weston on Trent** as all have achieving Cask Marque accreditation recently

We have been informed that the **Cock Inn** at **Muggington** has been purchased from Punch Taverns by a newly formed PubCo. It is understood a major refurbishment will be required before it reopens

Congratulations go to all at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** on being awarded Derby CAMRA Country Pub of the Year and also taking the overall Pub of the Year award. We wish them luck in the national competition

Michael & Muriel Edwin invite you to visit the

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From the **Tavern** on Derby Rd **Belper** can you give us a mention this time please! Try not to forget us this time! Our new guest ale this week is Soul Mate by Derby Brewing Company also we now sell Stella at £2.80 a pint. Still offering £2 a pint on Sundays between 4 and 7 pm on selected beers! Our bookings are increasing for functions from funerals to anniversaries, birthdays, even inquiries on weddings. At our very low rate of £3.95 per head for this price we offer to meats, cheese, tuna, egg mayo & other variations! Also sausage rolls, cocktail sausages, pickles, pork pie & other snacks, fantastic value for money! We now have a Mediterranean style under-covered smoking area with heater. Also plans passed for a new patio area at the top of the garden to enjoy the summer sunshine. Sky Sports & Setanta still installed and showing any matches requested, cold snacks available on request also hot chip cobs. There is a regular bus service outside of our pub and also keep a timetable for any customers who wish to travel here or there on the journey. Our men's dart season has now finished on Wednesday and will obviously be more room for football supporters! Dogs are now welcome in our pub but would respect that all dogs are not muddy, wet or nasty when coming inside the Tavern pub! There would be an exception when a function goes on for dogs in the pub!

Andrew Rutherford e-mailed to inform us of his purchase of the **Queens Head** at **Marlpool** along with the public toilets in front of the building. The last year has been spent painstakingly restoring the building back to being a traditional pub, it having been used as an Indian restaurant

#### **Cross Keys**

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previously. It will be a traditional real ale free house with the core products being sourced from Castle Rock Brewery though many other real ales will accompany them and the aim is to serve them in the best condition. The pub should be opening sometime this in May, we wish all concerned every success and hope to visit soon.

### Brewery News

#### **Amber Ales-Ripley**

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

[info@amberales.co.uk](mailto:info@amberales.co.uk)

The latest beer is Britannia IPA 5.5%, which was available on handpull at the **Cornerpin** Beer Festival. The move across the yard into the new brewery nears completion - To celebrate the opening of the new brewery, the 1st Amberfest will take place from Friday 19th June to Sunday 21st June - more details will be available next month. "Meet the brewer" events were held at the **Red Lion, Ripley, Red Lion, Heanor and Waggon & Horses, Alfreton** during the JDW Real Ale Festival. A blond beer called Red Hot Holly (named after the pub manager and her hairstyle!) subtly infused with Jalapeno Chilli was available at The Waggon & Horses in Alfreton recently.

Further experimental ales are planned

#### **Bottle Brook-Kilburn**

Two new beers have been brewed for the RuRAD Bar, which are Ramcock 5% and Slumdog 5.9%, which is proving very popular

#### **Falstaff-Derby**

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

The latest beers in the "constellations" range are Lyra-a 4% straw coloured beer, Perseus-a 4.1% chestnut coloured beer and Draco-a 4.2% pale gold number

#### **Leadmill-Derby**

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

[tlc@leadmill.net](mailto:tlc@leadmill.net)

After several months of inactivity brewing has resumed

#### **Wild Walker-Derby**

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

Joe & Ken are planning to increase their plant from 5 barrels to 7 and have also installed bottling facilities at the Victory Rd brewery

### **Clare welcomes you to the PATTENMAKERS ARMS**

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**Friday, Saturday &**

**Sunday 12 – 12**

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### **Amber Valley CAMRA Update**

16<sup>th</sup> May-free bus to Duffield and Milford from Ripley Market Place, 7pm. Phone to book seat from Belper or Alfreton. 28<sup>th</sup> May-8.30pm, Branch Meeting at the **Nags Head**, Butterley Hill, **Ripley**. 6<sup>th</sup> June-1.07 Departure from Alfreton rail station to Sheffield, including POTY. Meet Derby branch, station entrance noon. Contact Social Secretary Nathan 01773 570675

### **Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles**

On the veritably vernal morning of Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> we started our walk from Commonsides near Barlow just outside the Peak District National Park. We started off down the road to Brindwoodgate where we took the pleasant Bridleway gently up hill to Cartledge a seemingly affluent little hamlet. We walked through Holmesfield with its 4 pubs (1 of which, the Angel, we visited way in back in '97) and opted for the path through Holmesfield Park Wood, with its plethora of waymarkers, to Woodthorpe Hall down to Totley Brook where Gillfield Wood was carpeted with wood anemones, quite a sight to see. We arrived in **Totley** (from where we started the 26 mile Monuments Walk back in 1997) and decided to revisit the **Cross Scythes** on Baslow Rd, which offered us refreshment after the afore mentioned walk. The beers on offer were Blacksheep Bitter, GK IPA and Sheffield Blanco Blonde of which we both plumped for halves of the latter at £2.50, even though it looked like an anaemic sample it wasn't the worst beer we've ever had. From there we walked down Hillfoot Rd and happened upon the **Crown** so in we called and had Kelham Island Easy Rider at £2.90 for 2 halves, the other beers available were Tetley Bitter, Landlord and London Pride. Nice pub. Down Penny lane we found the main objective, the **GBG Cricket Inn** a Thornbridge/Brewkitchen pub that had Jaipur, Kipling, Lord Marples and Cricketers (re-badged Wild Swan?). Halves were had of Lord Marples and the house beer (obviously

summer is on the way because that was my 3<sup>rd</sup> wee coloured beer of the day) and unsurprisingly it was the most expensive round of the day at £3. We made our way through Fanshaw Gate, Lidgate and Horsleygate to **Millthorpe** and the **Royal Oak**, which thankfully doesn't close at 3.00-if it had we'd have missed it by 5 minutes. I had Theakston Bitter and Del had Blacksheep and we sat outside with the multitude soaking up the sun. From there it was to Johnnygate and Rumbling St (honestly I'm not making these names up) down Far Lane back to the car with the sun still blazing in the crystalline azure sky as it had been daylong. Oh, I nearly forgot....I saw my first Swallow today.....and you know what that means?

Text messages from Ginger Spice to Bald Eagle, then Bald eagle to Charisma and a discussion between the latter 2 led to this beer trip. Bald eagle & Pacamac called at the **Hay Hotel** in **Shirland** where we found London Pride, Bombardier, OSH and our choice Robinsons Trouble & Strife. This was a 4.1% bitter at £2.30 a pint, quite a reasonable drink. The **Red Lion** at Shirland had Padi & Jennings Golden Host. The Host was 4.35 at £2.70 a pint, very nice too. Forthcoming beers from Marstons owned breweries were on a blackboard. Fine beer garden at side of church. A short amble to the **Shoulder of Mutton** on **Hallfieldgate**. Here there were 3 ales on tap, John Smiths Cask, Abbeydale Matins 3.6% and Slaters Common Road 3.8%. We tried the last 2 both were £2.70 a pint and in OK nick. A pleasant stroll taking in the views across the valley to the **Crown** at **Higham**. Again 3 real ales: Wentworth Imperial 3.8%, Brampton Golden Bud 3.8% & Impy Dark 4.3% (our choice). This was the beer of the day so we had to stay for another, cheers duck. On to the **Greyhound** at Higham. This is a Marstons Tavern Table given over to food. The beers were Padi, Banks' Bitter and Cumberland, the Cumberland at £2.50 a pint was quite acceptable. The only downside, there isn't a separate bar or drinking area, shame. We also called in the Woolpack, 3 hand pulls dispensing no real ale - Bald Eagle

**Carl & Liz welcome you to the**

### **GEORGE INN**

**Lowes Hill, Ripley**

**Tel: 07973 770076**

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**Selection of up to 4 real ales.**

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### **RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals**

On Thursday I called in at the **Holly Bush** beer festival at **Makeney**, 1 I try not to miss. 20 beers were on offer and I started with Nailers Meadow Ale 4.6%, which was excellent, followed by

O'Hanlons Royal Oak and Purple Moose Glasyn (sorry but not as nice as the Nailers). Other beers included Radgie Gadgie, Pale Rider, Otter Ale, HSB, Butcombe Gold, Brains SA, Elgoods Old Wag and Exmoor Hart. An excellent festival, well done to Andy and the staff. On Friday I called in at the Rowing Club beer festival where there were 18 beers to go at. I Tried Slaters Owzat 3.8%, Ossett Black Bull 3.9% (not to my liking), RCH PG Steam with my favourite being Leatherbritches Ginger Helmet, which was very nice. Other brewery beers included Shardlow, Nethergate, B&T, York, Whim, Oakham, Burton Bridge, Castle Rock and Derby - Charisma

On Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> with 18 beers to choose from the **Grapes** beer festival at **Belper** was where I was at. Beers from Wild Walker, Copper Dragon, Hydes, Thwaites, Adhams and St Austell were on the list along with the more well known beers such as Hooky Bitter, Deuchars IPA, 6X, Old Speckled Hen, Bass, Landlord, Spitfire and Absolution. I sampled Copper Dragon Challenger IPA 4.4%, Hydes Original 3.8% and Thwaites Summat Special 4% but the drink I enjoyed the most was Admans Explorer 4.3%. This festival is proving very popular and due to demand there has been an increase in selection - Charisma

Over the Easter period I paid a visit to the **Rising Sun** at **Middleton by Wirksworth** where they had their Thornbridge festival on. I counted 8 different beers but I could have missed 1 or 2 as they have quite a few to choose from. These included Lord Marples, Kipling, Jaipur, Ashford, St Petersburg, Wild Swan, Red Brick & Martius. I tried the Ashford as the ones I wanted to try weren't available yet and I never got chance to pay another visit - Charisma

On April 17<sup>th</sup> the **Hilltop Inn** at **Belper Lane End** was my destination where I found 5 beers on at the festival as well as 4 on the bar. GK Olde Trip, Old Speckled Hen, Abbot & H&H Cool were on the Bar with Abbot Reserve 6.5%, Hare Raiser 4.1%, Morland Original 4.1%, St Edmunds 4.2% & GK XX Mild 3% for the festival. I had the Hare Raiser & St Edmunds, which were in good nick, but the Abbot reserve was in excellent form. Pauline the landlady pointed out that the pub has Cask Marque approval. I hope the festival was a success and that Pauline is in a position to have another one - Charisma

**Paul & Lyn welcome you to the**

## **WHITE POST**

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**BEER FESTIVAL**

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Ed & CPD go to Heanor and back**

On the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, after a brief visit to the Derby CAMRA City POTY, where I sampled a very nice Spitting Feathers Old Wavertonian, I caught the 7.05 H1 from Derby, was joined on route at the Rose & Crown at Smalley by Chris P Duck as we headed of to explore **Heanor**. On arrival the first thing that greeted us was a chip shop on fire so we immediately dismissed thoughts of a fish & chip supper, though thought we might have been ok for char-grilled chicken. The second thing we saw was the boarded up Market Hotel and in hindsight we should have taken heed of the omens and got straight back on the bus...but we didn't. Our first port of call was Que Sera on Church St, which was only a fleeting visit as there were 4 hand pumps but the clips on 3 of them were all turned round, NRA. Now they say bad things come in 3's so maybe we perhaps thought it couldn't get any worse...how wrong we were. We retraced our steps by past the smoke-filled chip shop (maybe we'd have to settle for kippers) and made our way to Ray St and the Rays Arms fervent for a first pint of the evening. Alas again we were thwarted as there were 6 or 8 hand pumps and not a single beer on one of them.....we did slake our thirst though but I'm not telling you what with. Still (rather foolishly) undeterred we moved on to what we thought was a dead cert in the Wetherspoons **Red Lion** on Derby Rd and at long last here we did find our first pint of real ale, Oh rapture! Along side the usual "Spoons" humdrum there was Falstaff 3 Faze and Magpie JPA, we both went for the JPA, at 5.2%, hoping to redress the balance though it tasted ok it was turbid to say the least. Not one of the better establishments in the Wetherspoons estate, its only saving grace was that it was only £1.29 a pint. We walked down Derby Rd and paid transient calls in the Cross Keys and the Jolly Collier both of which had hand pumps but no real ale. Our last throw of the Heanor dice was the **New Inn**, which surprisingly didn't let us

down. John Smiths Cask & Winners Tipple were available, the latter was chosen and was the best drink of the night (thus far) though there wasn't a lot in the way of competition. Maybe we caught Heanor on a bad night....more worryingly maybe we caught it on a good one, neither of us is in any rush to verify. Conveniently there is a bus stop right outside the pub and we jumped on the 9.00 H1 and alighted at **Smalley** and the first stop was the **Nags Head** where we thought our run of bad luck was to continue as 2 pumps had clips turned round and we were about to walk straight through when I spied a pump with Pedi on so we partook. Final pub of the night was the **Bell**, which had Hartington Bitter & IPA, Oakham JHB & Harlequin, London Pride and Pedigree but even in here (having had our resolve well and truly battered) we weren't enamoured, though both the Harlequin and the Hartington Bitter were in good order. You can draw your own conclusions from our findings, or lack of them. Next time it's either Ripley or Burton on Trent

### **Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year 2009**

#### **OLD OAK INN**

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On April 3<sup>rd</sup> the core members of Amber Valley CAMRA embarked upon a survey trip around Ambergate, Bullbridge, Fritchley & Crich. We started off at the **White House** (or should I say the group did...I was playing catch up) where on the bar there was a pleasant surprise in Whims Easter Special, which was very nice. The Hurt Arms never had any real ale so the next port of call was the **Nelson Arms** at **Bullbridge** (yours truly was still playing catch up) where Cumberland and Pedi were on the bar and with the Cask Marque being displayed I expected a better quality beer than I got. I finally caught up with group at the **Canal** where GK St Edmunds, a wheat beer, was on together with IPA on electric pump. Next we went to the **Red Lion** at **Fritchley**, a pub I haven't been in for some 20 years, where Bath Ale went down well. A good local with friendly banter. We called in the **Kings Arms** where Landlord & Pedi were on offer but some of the group didn't think much to the Landlord and it was replaced by beer from a fresh barrel but it did not appear much better. At the **Cliff Inn** at **Crich** we got a warm welcome from Jean the landlady who had Brampton Best, Landlord, Blacksheep and Abbot, the Brampton went down a treat. An interesting trip that I'm glad I went on and by the way we passed the Jovial Dutchman, which was open - Charisma (Why didn't you go in?-Ed)

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### Proposed Trips

9<sup>th</sup> May Train trip visiting GBG & NI pubs in Liverpool. Leaving Derby at 9.42 contact Rodders for details (after 6pm by phone)

30<sup>th</sup> May Train trip visiting GBG pubs in Wakefield. Contact Charisma for details

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

15<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May The Worlds Biggest International Beer Festival, All Wetherspoons [www.jdwetherspoons.co.uk](http://www.jdwetherspoons.co.uk)

30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfreton Rd-Codnor

1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May Royal Oak Anniversary Beer Festival, Green Lane-Ockbrook 20+ beers

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May Johnson Arms Beer Festival, Abbey St, Dunkirk-Nottingham [www.johnsonarms.co.uk](http://www.johnsonarms.co.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May Barrow Hill Beer Festival, Roundhouse, Campbell Drive, Barrow Hill-Chesterfield 140+ beers. Admission by ticket £5, £6 on the gate

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May Blue Bell Beer Festival, High St-Bolsover

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

22<sup>nd</sup> May Onwards Mini Micro Festival featuring beers from Ashover Brewery, Chesterfield Rd-Sutton-cum-Duckmanton [www.arkwrightarms.co.uk](http://www.arkwrightarms.co.uk)

24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May Coach & Horses Beer Festival, Sheffield Rd-Dronfield [www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May Ruddington Beer Festival held between the White Horse, Church St and the Three Crowns, Easthorpe St-Ruddington

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May Gladstone Beer Festival, Loscoe Rd-Nottingham. 25 beers, BBQ Friday night

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

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30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May Fusilier Beer Festival, Elizabethan Suite, Bury Town Hall, Knowsley St-Bury 60 Ales

30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> Reading Beer & Cider Festival, Kings Meadow, Napier Rd-Reading 440 Ales

30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 26<sup>th</sup> Telford Beer Festival, Crown Inn-Oakengates, 60 Ales [www.crown.oakengates.net](http://www.crown.oakengates.net)

30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May Spring Beer Festival, Coalheavers Arms, Park St-Fletton, Peterborough

30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Beer Festival, South Meadow Lane-Preston 60 Ales [www.newcontinental.net](http://www.newcontinental.net)

31<sup>st</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May Oddfellows Beer Festival 7 Albion Rd-North Shields, Tyne & Wear 20 + Ales

1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup> Frodsham Beer Festival, Community Centre, Fluin Lane-Frodsham 45 Ales

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> Banbury Beer Festival The TA Centre, Oxford Road-Banbury 100 Ales [www.northoxfordshirecamra.org.uk](http://www.northoxfordshirecamra.org.uk)

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May Rugby Beer Festival, Thornfield Bowling Club, Bruce Williams Way-Rugby [www.rugby-beerfestival.com](http://www.rugby-beerfestival.com)

8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> Macclesfield Beer Festival, Macclesfield Rugby Club, Priory Park, Priory Lane-Macclesfield 120 Ales

8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May Halifax Mayfest Beer Festival, Square Chapel Arts Centre, 10 Square Rd-Halifax 60+ Ales

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May Rail Ale Festival, Welsh Highland Railway-Caernarfon 40 ale

9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May Newark & Notts County Show, Showground, Winthorpe-Newark [www.newarkshowground.com/countyshow](http://www.newarkshowground.com/countyshow)

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Chester Charity Beer Festival, Rugby Club, Hare Lane-Chester 70+Ales [www.chestercamra.co.uk](http://www.chestercamra.co.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Clitheroe Beer Festival, St Marys Centre, Church St-Clitheroe 60+Ales [www.clitheroefestivalweekend.co.uk](http://www.clitheroefestivalweekend.co.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Stratford upon Avon Beer & Cider Festival, Racecourse-Stratford upon Avon [www.stratfordbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.stratfordbeerfestival.org.uk)

18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May Langdale Valley Beer Festival, Old Dungeon Ghyll, Wainwrights Inn, Britannia Inn, Three Shires [www.westmorlandcamra.org](http://www.westmorlandcamra.org)

21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May Lincoln Beer Festival, The Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln 70+ Ales

21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May Anchor Inn Beer Festival, Bradford St-Birmingham [www.anchorinnidigbeth.co.uk](http://www.anchorinnidigbeth.co.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park-Newark 140 Ales [www.newarkbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.newarkbeerfestival.org.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May Blue Dog Inn Beer Festival, Main St-Sewstern, Leicestershire 30+beers. 01476 860079

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Wolverhampton Beer Festival, Wulfrun Hall, Mitre Fold-Wolverhampton 100+Ales

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Stockport Beer & Cider Festival, Edgeley Park Football Ground, Hardcastle Rd-Stockport 70+Ales [www.stockportfestival.org.uk](http://www.stockportfestival.org.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June Annual Summer Beer Festival, West Riding Refreshment Rooms, Dewsbury Station, Wellington St-Dewsbury [www.imissdthetrain.com](http://www.imissdthetrain.com)

23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June Cambridge Blue Beer Festival, Gwyder St-Cambridge [www.the-cambridge-blue.co.uk](http://www.the-cambridge-blue.co.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July Rising Sun Beer Festival, Fulwood Rd-Sheffield [www.risingsunsheffield.co.uk](http://www.risingsunsheffield.co.uk)

***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 info or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 / [charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk) or Rodders on 0796 4492569 / [uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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