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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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### Beer and Pub News

The Mapplewells, Sutton-In-Ashfield now has 2 Cask Ales recently they featured Wychwood Hobgoblin & Marston's EPA

The Dragon at Willington (formerly the Green Dragon) reopened on March 17th after a major refurbishment. A new entrance has been created directly off the marina, together with a patio area at the rear of the building. The seating area increased and the toilets have been relocated upstairs (other than for disabled). On opening Pedigree and Timothy Taylor were on sale and both were very palatable! They are also planning to have guest beers. The Provision of food, at moderate prices, recommenced on 26th March and it was full house for Mothers Day

Terry Holmes of the Silk Mill has taken on the Exeter Arms in Exeter Place Derby as his 2<sup>nd</sup> pub, it was closed for refurbishment but is due to reopen on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Beers are expected to be from the Marston's range plus guests, a full report will be available in the June edition of "In the Sticks"

The Furnace Inn on Duke Street Derby has started to stock guest beers away from the usual Greene King range, on a recent visit Buxton Gold 5.2% was sampled and found to be very drinkable in deed

The Great Northern on Junction Street, Derby, which was up for Auction with a guide price of £75,000 has been sold to an unknown buyer

The Nags Head at Borrowash has reopened

The Kingsfield in Wirksworth which closed towards the end of last year has been demolished to make way for housing, the Vaults, which closed over 18 months ago has been turned into an interior design retailer and the Nelson at Middleton by Wirksworth is closed and up for sale

The Codnor Inn Walkers is a group set up by a few friends with a passion for the great outdoors. Walks take place on the last Sunday in the month and are between 5 and 10 miles and we always try and finish at a pub. So far 5 walks have been completed starting from Monsal Head, Pilsley, Bakewell, Cromford and Codnor. On the 24th April we celebrated the 79th anniversary of the Kinder Trespass by tackling an 8-mile hike up onto Kinder Scout (not for the faint hearted I might add). Not all walks are as strenuous as this one and we always walk at the pace of the slowest member of the group. Fresh air, fantastic scenery, good company and a good pint to finish - what more could you ask. E-mail [jim.helen.britt@talktalk.net](mailto:jim.helen.britt@talktalk.net) if you are interested or for more information go to [www.codnorinnwalkers.co.uk](http://www.codnorinnwalkers.co.uk)

Ramsey's Bar at the Buckingham Hotel, Buxton are reported to be selling real ale at a 50p a pint discount on selected beers 5 - 10 on Sunday and Monday

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The Wilmot Arms at Borrowash continues to keep a Mr. Grundy's beer on a regular basis alongside Padi and a couple of Greene King beers with 1914 and Trenchfoot being sampled recently

The Woolpack at Shirland is closed and boarded up

A serious fire has caused the closure of the Dog & Duck at Shardlow. More than 40 firefighters took 7 hours to bring the blaze, which gutted the main part of the pub, under control. The refurbishment is now under way

The Noah's Ark at Borrowash is for sale

The Royal Oak at Ockbrook is hosting its Anniversary Beer Festival over the May Day weekend April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 20+ local beers from the likes of Thornbridge, Leadmill, Coppice Side, Flip Side, Slaters, Castle Rock, Burton Bridge, Derby, Mr. Grundy's and Buxton

One Monday evening in March, a visit was made to the Gate Inn at Awworth because a lot of people have been reporting about the place. It is what I call a proper pub, with separate rooms like pubs used to be years ago. With 5 real ales to go at and a price of £2.40 a pint you can't go wrong. I had the 22 from Dancing Duck, also on were Burton Bridge XL Bitter, Blue Monkey Evolution, Flipside Dark Denomination and Woodlands Oak Beauty from, very impressive and would recommend a visit. Just up the road I called into the Dew Drop at Ilkeston to see how the beer brothers were going on, they are doing ok with 5 real ales on, I had like most others in the pub Wrangler from Outlaw, with Bishop's Farewell and Harvest Pale being very popular, Phil tells me he is having some Coastal beers in very soon, look forward to it - Charisma

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the

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## Mr. Grundy's-Derby

About the time you read this there should be a new beer available on the bar at Mr. Grundy's called Passendale, a 3.9% pale ale named after the battlefield of the third battle of Ypres which is in keeping with the Brewery's theme of memories of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War

## Naked Brewer-Westwood

The new royal wedding beer Kiss Willy 3.8% is proving to be popular. The local Jacksdale butcher plans to sell Naked Brewer pasties made with Blush. Future plans include a strong 6% beer for a local cricket club

## Rowditch-Derby

Such is the demand in the pub for the Rowditch St Stephens 3.6% that this is the only beer being brewed at the moment and at £2.20 a pint it is not surprising, but be aware that it is not always available

## Wirksworth-Wirksworth

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

Still doing off sales Friday and Saturday daytime and all Jeff's beers are still only £1.50 a pint when you bring your own 4-pint carry out, bargain

back to Wirksworth. I must admit I can comprehend the whole anorak thing where steam locos are concerned. As we wandered in to Duffield, not quite knowing where we were going to come out we happened across the **Pattenmakers Arms** so we called in not only to find Bass, Landlord, Padi & Spire Brassed Off but also Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors propping up the bar. A much needed pint of Spire was relished by all, some with their CAMRA cards. We moved on and called in the **Kings Head** to find Bass, GK OSH, Abbot & Ruddles Best and Blue Monkey BG Sips and some comfy chairs to recline in and watch a spot of footy, which was all Greek to me! The Bass was one of the best pints I have had for quite a while, Del was more than happy with his Blue Monkey and Uncle Albert, being designated driver, was quite happy with his shandy. We had a walk to the station in time to see the DMU come in (nowhere near as aesthetic) before heading the mile and a half back to the car

## Brewery News

### Amber -Ripley

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

The brewery are delighted to welcome John Morton-Lomax to the team and Frankie Burrows who will be organising the sales and marketing going forward. Rachel Clark, our ex-brewer, is visiting us during April and we are rather hoping she may find the time to show us how to brew some of her exciting Canadian ales before she returns to Calgary to set-up her own brew-pub

### Brunswick-Derby

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

It is hard to believe but Derby's oldest brewery is 20 years old on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and to celebrate this milestone James the head brewer (not difficult when you do all the brewing) has produced a commemorative beer for the pub called Emerald Express 4.6% which should be available on the bar to sample soon

### Buxton-Buxton

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

A slightly modified Axe Edge 6.8% has won the strong beer of the festival at Bradford Beer Festival. They are also considering dropping the Wild Walker beers from their portfolio

### Derby-Derby

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

There have been plenty of new beers available during April including Taylor Made 4%, Ace Of Spades 4.5%, Springtime Rendezvous 4.2%, Something For The Weekend 4.6%, Hopstar 4.2%, Diamond Fever 4.5% & I Do 4.2% one of many Royal Wedding beers that you will find around. The 3rd anniversary of the reopening of the **Brewery Tap** aka the Royal Standard is at the beginning of June, there will not be a stillage of ales outside this year but it is rumoured that extra beers will be available from the cellar, check fliers in the pubs for details nearer the day

### Leadmill-Denby

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

Richard has brewed two one-offs to coincide with the group The Forgeries playing at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The beers are called Fluffer a light 4.8% beer and a copper coloured beer called Old Faker 4.3%

## Nicky & Pete Foster welcome you to the

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## Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> we headed off on another one of Uncle Albert's steam excursions as the Ecclesbourne Valley railway was in operation. We parked up at the Puss in Boots at Hazelwood and had roughly 3 hours to kill before the first steamer arrived in Duffield so we headed off towards Weston Underwood. We turned back on the Centenary Way and cut through Windley Hill Farm to end up 50 yards from the car....we could have left the rucksacks in there! With the train imminent we made our way towards the track and stopped for a cup off coffee. The loco, BR Standard Class 2 78019 built in Darlington in 1954, borrowed from Great Central Railway, tootled past and as we walked in to **Duffield** we also saw it heading

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"Sip before you Sup" seems to be the motto in **Leeds**. A two-night stay found most bars had this sign above the bar and encouraged it. Some good pubs and a good range of local breweries were found by using GBG and free tourist map. **North Bar** was a place with beer, and not food, menus on the tables. A huge selection of bottled beers from all over the world with pulls of tasty Roosters Orange Blossom and Wild Mule Outlaw. Thornbridge Lord Marples and St Petersburg were also on offer. **Scarborough Hotel** was one of three places seen in the Nicholson chain. Beer from Leeds, Kelham and Brains on offer and a new beer called Milkwood from Brains was good. **The Palace**, also Nicholson run, had draught Tetley, Bass, Coach House Gunpowder Mild, Butcombe Old Vic, Harviestoun Schiehallion, Roosters Special, Brains Milkwood and very good Kelham Best Bitter. **Mr Foleys Cask Ale House** had Wharfedale Camfell, Thornbridge Lord Marples, York Centurion and Tring Mansion Mild, which was a nice change and also tried a new brewery Liverpool Organic Pale Ale. **Whitelocks First City Luncheon Bar** was a quaint place tucked away down a main street alley way. Another new brewery Wharfbank had a tasty Slingers Gold with other beers Copper Dragon Golden Pippin, Springhead Charlie Angel, Ilkley Mary Jane and Deuchars IPA on offer. **Victoria Family and Commercial** was also Nicholson run and like the

other two had good range of beers at £3.10 and £3.20. Good food though. The pub is very ornate and has had much work done on it. Beers were Cropton Majestic, very pleasant Downton Honey Blonde, Leeds Best, Hook Norton Old Hooky, very tasty Sharps Atlantic IPA, White Horse Village Idiot and Coach House Gunpowder Mild. Having never been to Leeds before I was pleasantly surprised. Free Royal Armouries Museum and good range of beer just over an hour away. Price range £2.80 to £3.20 a pint for same beer in same pub chain is memorable - The Escapist

## **Cross Keys**

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

I have been attending the **Holly Bush, Makeney** beer festival for many a year and on March 24<sup>th</sup> I was there again. I was pleased to see around 20 beers on the festival bar alongside 2 ciders and 4 or 5 beers on the main bar. It was a good and varied line up of ales, which included beers from Ossett, Clarke's, Wharfesbank, Everards, Dent, Vale, Great Heck, York, Copper dragon, Castle Rock, Titanic, Blacksheep, Bank Top and local brewer Naylor's. I of course had to try the Naylor's, which were both in good nick, the Old Gold was good but the Mild was even better. These were followed by Ossett Corker 4%, Bank Top Gold Digger and Great Heck Heck's Angel. A very enjoyable night - Charisma

On Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> I ZigZagged to **Burton-on-Trent** on the X38 to visit the Beer and Bangers Festival at the **Burton Bridge Inn**. There were some 24 ales from the likes of Bathams, Leatherbritches, Blue Monkey, Slaters, Holdens, Whim, Hook Norton, Church End & Sarah Hughes in the tent with about 5 or 6 house beers in the pub. The place was absolutely rammed and it was quite a chore getting to the festival bar where I procured Tring Royal Poacher and RCH Spring Steam before withdrawing to find somewhere out of everyone's way.....and failing miserably. After going through the same rigmarole to sample White Park Kellyhopper and Tower Imperial I decided to call it a day, or head back to Derby at least - Ed

On Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> my destination was the beer festival at beer the King William IV at Milford. After collecting my tokens from the main bar, where there were 3 or 4 ales, I made my choice of 4 from the festival bar. Captain

Cook Easter Island 4.1% was my first choice followed by Northumberland Crimson Pirate 4.3%, Titanic England's Glory 4.5 and Tring Wooden Wonder. Other beers were mainly from local brewers such as Amber, Brampton, Milestone, Nottingham, Burton Bridge, Shardlow and John Thompson. I was glad I went on the first night as it was nice and quiet unlike Friday & Saturday nights when large numbers of people were noted outside the pub so it is safe to say the festival was a success - Charisma

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of April I got the X38 to **Burton-on-Trent** for the second week running this time to visit the **Coopers Arms** beer festival. There were 5 or 6 predominantly dark beers on the bar and 18 lighter beers outside. Being a dark person I had Salopian Ironbridge Stout and Tower Hoskins Best Mild before venturing outside. Andwell Spring Twist and Triple F Apache Rose Peacock were sampled before heading back in for Enville Old Porter but it wasn't on yet so I settled for Joules Slumbering Monk. I had time to call in the **Lord Burton** before my bus back but the beer selection was uninspiring so I had a cider - Ed

A walk from Edale up Jacobs Ladder onto Kinder Scout, where the wind almost blew you over, could only mean a reward. So called at the **Cheshire Cheese** at **Hope** on the way home. A good pint of Bradfield Farmers Blonde was soon followed by another. Beers were on from Buxton brewery too. Shortly afterwards called at the **Millstone, Hathersage** and had a pint of Landlord for a mere £3.20 at what is a restaurant serving a very good range of beer. My lady chauffeur reminded me how I don't have to drink it and to stop chuntering - The Escapist

After a 3-hour coach trip to **Bath** we raced off in search of any GBG pub, which I had marked on a city map. We soon reached the **New Inn**, which was a super locals' pub with a very friendly welcome. All beers were from Wadworths, mine being a low strength Henry's IPA for starters, the others being 6X, Horizon, St George & Dragon and Bishops Tipple. Moving reluctantly on to do the touristy things at The Crescent, I was interrupted from a stroll along the cobbles by a new 4x4 driver who rudely announced 'This is a road' and roared off before I could offer a suitable reply like '& this is a fist'. In the centre everywhere was crammed with rugby fans so we did not visit the Raven or Olde Green Tree. Eventually we found the **Bell**, which was soon to reveal several unusual events. Firstly the Stonehenge Sign of Spring was an astonishing bright green beer so I plumped for Hereford Mutleys Revenge, Otter Ale & Bath Gem with Butcombe Bitter, Hopback Summer Lightning, Cottage GWR & RCH Pitchfork also available. We were then joined for a chat by a hairy stag do groom wearing pink

tights and a fairy outfit. If this was not enough I then spotted a female former work colleague in a Leicester Tigers shirt, which resulted in an embarrassing embrace but even worse later misconstrued as being in the bath with a former workmate. A terrific pub with excellent home-made pizza but time was running out so we walked a short distance to the **Star**. The geeky looking barman, who unfortunately bore a strong resemblance to Rodders (unfortunate indeed for the poor soul - Ed), informed me that it was a CAMRA National Inventory interior. It was indeed wood panelled with poky little rooms and the beer was again very good. I had Abbey Bellringer, Stonehouse Old Smokey & Teignmouth Neap Tide. The girls had JW Lees Chocoholic whilst being taught shove halfpenny by a local expert and I chatted beer with the Rodders look-alike (did you buy him a drink? Cos you never buy me one! - Ed). When I inspected the game I was briskly told to 'get out of my light' by the over-serious expert - charming indeed. Nevertheless a very interesting pub but no time to dry Bass from the barrel which apparently is very popular in the area, so a brisk walk back to the bus. Definitely worth a return visit for a long weekend with many more pubs not visited plus all the tourist attractions - Chris P Duck

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

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At Trent Lock on 9<sup>th</sup> April the Steam Boat was closed for refurbishment and is allegedly due to re-open under an imaginative new name - The Trent Lock. Our cycling route took us towards Shardlow, passing the GBG **Old Crown** at **Cavendish Bridge**. With 9 ales on the bar this was too good to miss, remarkable for a Marstons pub. I had Okells Red & Caledonian Flying Dutchman but had to pass on Brains IPA, Everards Sunchaser, Batemans XXXB (now at 4.5%) & Wadworths 6X in the interests of time & road safety. The Marstons offerings were Pedigree plus Jennings Mild & Cocker Hoop - Chris P Duck

During a long walk over the Easter weekend I called at the **Bluebell** at **Farnah Green** as it was the only pub on our route. The beer range was impressive with a house beer 'Bear' (from Derby), TT Landlord, Thornbridge Jaipur & Ringwood 49er. I had the former which was pretty good with a familiar taste but I could not recall its true identity. A bit like a restaurant but worth a visit in the daytime when passing - Chris P Duck

### Proposed Trips

14<sup>th</sup> May Train trip to visit GBG pubs in Tamworth and Rugby

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

28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May Poet & Castle Royal Beer Festival, Poet & Castle, Codnor 40+ Beers & Ciders [www.poetandcastle.co.uk](http://www.poetandcastle.co.uk)  
29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May (Not) Royal Wedding Weekend Beer Festival, Tramway Tavern, Brampton-Chesterfield  
29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May The Alfred Beer Festival, 51 Derby Road-Burton on Trent 20 Guest Ales, Bridge Beers & BBQ  
29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May Thorn Tree Beer Festival, Church St-Waingroves  
29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May The Black Horse Inn Beer Festival, 358 Lower Somercotes-Somercotes, Alfreton 20+ Ales  
29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May Royal Oak Anniversary Beer Festival, Green Lane-Ockbrook  
6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup> Macclesfield Beer Festival, Macclesfield Rugby Club, Priory Lane-Macclesfield, Cheshire 130+ Ales  
7<sup>th</sup> May Kegworth Charity Beer Festival, Kegworth Village Hall-Kegworth, Leicestershire  
11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May Johnson Arms Beer Festival, 59 Abbey Street, Dunkirk-Nottingham 25+ Ales Over 5 days  
12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May Holy Gr-Ale Beer Trail Involving 7 Pubs Along Mansfield Road-Nottingham 100+ Ales & Cider  
13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May Barrow Hill Beer Festival, Campwell Drive, Barrow Hill-Chesterfield 150+ Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May Cow & Plough Booze & Blues Festival, Stoughton-Oadby, Leicester 30+ Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May May Bank Beer Festival, Bread & Bitter, 153 Woodthorpe Road-Mapperley 20+ Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May The Tap House Beer Festival-Smisby  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May Off the Tracks Festival, Donington Park Farmhouse, Melbourne Rd-Isley Walton. [www.offthetracks.co.uk](http://www.offthetracks.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 16<sup>th</sup> Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park-Newark 160+ Ales Ciders & Perry  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May Gladstone Beer Festival, 45 Loscoe Road-Nottingham 20 Guest Ales Tel 01159 129994  
27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May Stag Inn Beer Festival, 67 Nottingham Road-Kimberley, Nottingham 22+ Ales & 5 Ciders  
28<sup>th</sup> May 3 Valleys Beer Festival, Dronfield, Holmesfield, Dore & Totley More Info [www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk/](http://www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk/)  
28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May Greyhound Beer Festival, Whitemoor Lane-Belper  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June Ruddington Village Fest, White Horse, Three Crowns & Red Heart 50 Ales  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June Horse & Groom Beer Festival, Parker Street-Derby 15 Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August Tavern Beer Festival, Derby Rd-Belper

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5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May Banbury Beer Festival, TA Centre, Oxford Road-Banbury 90 Ales  
6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May Halifax Mayfest, Square Chapel Arts Centre, Square Road, (Opp Rail Stn)-Halifax 60+ Ales  
6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May Sale Beer Festival, Sale Masonic Hall, Tatton Road-Sale, Greater Manchester 40+ Ales  
7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May Ludlow Beer Festival, Ludlow Castle-Shropshire, 150+ Ales Ciders Perry & Wine  
12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May Stourbridge Beer Festival, Town Hall, Market Street-Stourbridge, West Midlands 80+ Ales  
13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May Chippenham Beer Festival, Olympiad (5 Min from Rail/Bus Stations) 90+ Ales Ciders & Perries  
13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May Yapton Beer Festival, Ford Village Hall-Yapton, West Sussex 65 Ales + Cider  
19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May Dewsbury Beer Festival, Dewsbury Town Hall-Dewsbury 70+ Local & Scottish Ales  
19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Skipton Beer Festival, Town Hall, High Street-Skipton 65+ Ales Cider & Perries  
20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Rail Ale Festival, Welsh Highland Railway, Dinas-Caernarfon, Gwynedd 55+ Ales  
20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> Cheshunt Beer Festival, Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane-Cheshunt, Herts 50+ Ales & Cider  
21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Ale & Steam Weekend, Winchcombe Station, Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway 24 Ales  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 38<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Beer Festival, Jesus Green-Cambridge 200+ Ales 80+ Ciders  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May Northamptonshire Beer Festival, Delapre Abbey, London Road-Northampton 300+ Ales Cider/Perry  
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26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May Lincoln Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln 80+ Real Ales + Cider/Perry  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June St Ives Beer Festival, Guildhall Concert Hall, Street an Pol-St Ives 70 Ales, Cider  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June The Crown Beer Festival, 10 Bond Street-Nuneaton 50+ Ales Tel 024 76373343  
8<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June Thurrock Beer Festival, Thurrock Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane-Grays, Essex 140 Ales 15 Ciders

**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 [uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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Carl & Liz welcome you to the

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