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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 35 pubs in 28 different locations, 5 Breweries and 30 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

The **Steam Packet** at **Swanwick** has not reopened as previously thought but is due to open in the near future with ex-landlord Steve, who now runs the **Air Hostess** at **Tollerton**, believed to be taking on the lease and putting someone in to run it

Nicky & Pete Foster at the **Tavern, Belper** are celebrating 2 years at the helm on November 21st and are having a DJ and Karaoke night with a free buffet with all being welcome. Nicky & Pete, both CAMRA members, are really making the effort on the real ale front and now have 4 regularly changing guest ales. Bookings are taken for parties and the like with the option of buffet at £3.95 per head or provide your own. Sky multi-room is now available and DJ and free buffet is planned for New Year's Eve

We have been told that the **Court House, Mansfield** & the **Picture House, Sutton-In-Ashfield** (Both JDW's) will be holding an Acorn Brewery Mini Beer Festival between 20th November and 29th November. They will feature 5 Acorn Beers on stillage in addition to their usual beer ranges

Paul & Lyn welcome you to the

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The **Anglers Arms** at **Spondon** is due to be demolished to make way for a care home

Charisma visited the **Crown** at **Beeston** on the day it reopened and was really impressed with the 10 real ales, with 2 at £2 a pint. With the proper snug, drinkers bar and many little rooms off the bar this could become a real ale gem...what more could you ask for?

The **Seven Wells** sat **Etwell** does not serve Nutbrook Beers as previously reported it somehow got mixed up with the **Cherry Tree Farm** just off the A38 A50 junction

The **Market Hotel** at **Heanor** has finally reopened and is serving 3 real ales, which recently were GK IPA, Ruddles Best Bitter and a Derventio brew

The **Blue Bell** at **South Wingfield** should have re-opened by the time you read this. The landlord of the **Yew Tree** at in the village is at the helm and hopes to keep a selection of real ales

Andrew at the **Spotted Cow** at **Holbrook** has informed us that he and his partner have bought the pub from Punch Taverns and hope to put on a selection of ales from local micro's. The pun, which sells food plans to create a drinking area by altering the bar layout

The Wild Walker brewery that closed in September has been bought by Buxton Brewing Co; they will be brewing at the present location in Derby until an alternative location has been found

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

29th October - 8pm, AGM **George and Dragon**, Bridge St, **Belper**. 20th November - 7pm Free bus, surveying Codnor and Riddings pubs from Ripley Market Place. For Alfretton and Belper pick-ups, ring Nathan. 26th November - 8.30pm branch and GBG selection meetings **Queens Head**, Ilkeston Rd, **Marlpool**. 5 mins walk from Heanor Market Place. Contact Social Sec, Nathan 01773 570675

Local business man Chris Buxton has bought the **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** from Punch Taverns for around the asking price of £145,000, contracts were expected to have been exchanged on the 26th of October with Chris getting the keys shortly after. Once the deal has been done the pub will close for a day or two whilst some cleaning and cellar work is carried out. When the pub reopens customers will be greeted by the sight of 5 real ales on the bar along with 1 real cider, the plan is to have a house mild and bitter on at £2.00 a pint sourced from a local brewer, 1 lager and 1 premium lager will also be available. Opening hours will be 5-11 Mon to Thurs, 12-1130 Fri & Sat and 12-1030 on Sunday an update will be reported in the next issue of In the Sticks

The **Wheel** at **Holbrook** has got a new landlord. Local chap Leon Fisher has taken over the lease and plans to reopen the restaurant on December 1st and is planning a beer festival for October 30th to November 1st with a selection of 15 beers mainly from local brewers. On the bar Leon plans to have Bombardier and Pedit as regulars alongside 2 guest ales and is hopeful, with the expanding Punch beer list, to obtain a few different offerings

The **Markeaton** at **Allestree** continues to have interesting guest beers at £2-40 but is due to close in Nov for 2 weeks for yet another refurb. Beers have included Mauldens Broomstick, Wyre Piddle Chamber of Secrets and Adnams Gunhill

House ales seem to be increasing and a visit to the **Harrington** at **Thulston** found another, Earl's Ale by Tollgate. I tried Cameron's Fireside, which was good but unusual taste with Bass also available

News has reached us of a new brewery that should be up and running by the time you read this newsletter, Barlow Brewery is located in north east Derbyshire near Dronfield about 4 miles from Chesterfield. The beers that are planned include Carnival Ale 4% refreshing golden ale, Barlow Black a 5% Stout and a best bitter yet to be named. Go to www.barlowbrewery.com

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Smisby Arms but I decided to carry down Anwell Lane and visit the **Tap House** where we had a choice from Directors, Pedit, Bishops Farewell and Tap House Festival Special. We both went for the latter and wished we'd not, the best thing about this wishy-washy brew was the barmaid that served it, maybe it was left over from the festival the week before. We continued up the busy main road to the water tower where we took an equivocal footpath to **Hartshorne** and after walking past the Bulls Head and the Admiral Rodney we called in the new 2010 **GBG Mill Wheel**. Here there was Tollgate TGB, Thornbridge Kipling, Hop Back Summer Lightning and Abbot, we both plumped for the former but unfortunately at went off mid pull so we went against our better judgement and had the latter as it was the weakest and darkest of the rest. It was the best drink of the day (not much in the way of competition on that score) but GK beers really aren't worth walking all that way for.....not in my opinion anyway! Whilst sitting in the smoking area outside, the worst of the showers passed as we imbibed, which was a bit of luck and by the time we moved on the sun was out....but that was probably because the wind had picked up. We got through Coppice House Farm, but not by the intended route I don't think and even managed to have our snap in the sun....even if we were buffeted by the wind

On a bright sunny day a motley crew left by minibus at 10.15am. Our first stop was the **GBG Anchor** at **Caunsall** and just up from the canal side. This lovely village inn has been in the same family for 80 years. Busy and welcoming with unspoilt main bar and snug. I sampled Hobson's Best Bitter at £2.50 and very good. Other beers on offer Included Hobson's Town Crier, Enville Ale, Wye Valley HPA. Very quick service by 4 serving bar staff. Renowned for its various filled cobs, which were doing a roaring trade. We then made our way to the **GBG Bell** at **Pensax** and local CAMRA POTY a superb village pub and made very welcome by the waiting landlord who originates from Derbyshire. Pub very busy, superb interior, old wooden floors, old pew seating, stove fire and hops hanging from the beams, cosy little snug plus a dining area with superb scenic views. I tried Oxfordshire Ales Pride of Oxford 4.1% at £2.70, top quality, also tried Hobson's Twisted Spire 3.6% £2.60, good nick. Other ales available were Hosons Town Crier, Bathams Best Bitter Oakham JHB plus local cider and perry. The pub usually closes at 2.30 but it stayed open as a local CAMRA trip was calling at 3pm, unfortunately we had to keep to our schedule. Pub not to be missed if in the area, we could happily have stayed all day. Next stop close by the **Fox** at **Hanley Broadheath** an ancient 400 year old pub that brews its own Joseph Herbert Smith ales nearby though soon to be

relocated into the old barn next to the pub. Beers tried were JHS Best Bitter, Adams Northdown Green 3.6% and Foxy Lady ("you gotta be all mine, all mine".....sing along now) 4.3%. All JHS beers £1.90 a pint, all new for me and great, also Batham's Best Bitter and local Robinsons scrumpy cider. The landlords hospitality plateful of pork pies went down a treat. Time to move on and soon arrived at the **GBG Fruiterer's Arms** at **Uphampton** and the brewery tap for Cannon Royal, basic and busy with many locals (some the worse for wear). I tried Cannon Royal Mild 3.7% £1.90, Muzzleloader 4.1% £2 and Trafalgar Stout 4.7% £2.40, all in top order, also on was Arrowhead. Also local produce on sale, cabbages, cauliflowers and pickled onions, which some of our motley crew happily took away. Next stop the **GBG Fox** at **Chaddesley Corbett** here tried half of Blue Bear Autumn Breeze 4.1% £1.23, good but the pub too modern for most so down the road to the **GBG Swan**, which was extremely busy top quality Batham's Best Bitter £2.25 a pint..bargain. Then time for a last call at the **GBG Plough** at **Shenstone**, Batham's Best Bitter £2.25 again beer on top form. Rave reviews for a great trip and everything worked out just reight - Didler

Brewery News

Amber Ales-Ripley

www.Amberales.co.uk

Demand for the range of beers produced continues apace - an extra fermenter is being installed to increase production. A brand new beer - Vienna Marzen - an amber-coloured Vienna-style cask lager at 4.5% has been produced. This was launched at the Chesterfield CAMRA Market Beer Festival held at the end of October. Off-sales business continues to grow each week

Ashover-Ashover

www.ashoverbrewery.co.uk

A new brew has recently been completed, Hydro 4.8%, using a variety of New Zealand hops

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

The **Hunters Arms** at Kilburn recently had Pot of Gold on sale and Columbus won "Beer of the Festival" at the Beamish Hall beer festival in the north east. Columbus, Roadrunner and Obsession all appeared at the outstanding Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival with Columbus also pencilled in for the **Wheel** beer festival at **Holbrook**

Brampton-Chesterfield

www.bramptonbrewery.co.uk

The brewery has acquired the **Rose & Crown** just off the Brampton mile and it is due to open in mid-November as their tap house

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

The proposed move across the courtyard in to the former Old Stable Bar building is due to happen by the time we go to press. Wild Rover will be at the **Wheel** beer festival at **Holbrook** and Autumn Goddess, Tubthumper and Slumdog all appeared at the outstanding Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On the rather dank morning of Sunday October 11th Del Boy and I started our walk from the car park at Ticknall. We walked up the road towards Calke Abbey but took the footpath off to Southwood and up through Pisternhill Plantation and on to **Smisby**. We could have called in the

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A visit to outside Derbyshire into Staffs for a walk on the canal should have included a visit to the pub at Fradley Junction but it was invaded by hundreds of motorcyclists prior to my arrival! We drove to **Barton Marina** where a modern eater pub, **The Waterfront** did not look appealing. Inside I was amazed to find 6 ales at the bar - St Austell Tribute, Wychwood Bountiful, Morgan Icemaiden, Pedigree, Banks & a house beer, Marina. The Tribute was decent, the food looked ok and there was a pleasant outdoor seating area overlooking the water. Well worth a visit for families with some posh shops and the opportunity to keelhaul the mother-in-law - Chris P Duck

Enjoyed a weekend in **Windsor** at the end of September and managed to visit four pubs from 2009 **GBG** whilst there. Price of a pint was around the £3 mark in all except one. The **Vansittart Arms** on Vansittart Rd was around 10 minutes walk west of the Castle and was tied to Fullers Brewery and offered London Pride, ESB and Discovery which was a golden light 3.8% ale which was very pleasant. Around the corner was the **Duke of Connaught** on Albert Rd. This is GK pub, part wine

bar and music venue with Sports on a big screen and offered GK Abbot, Ruddles County and Old Speckled Hen but fortunately the other one, which was St Austell Proper Job which was really quite good. The **Two Brewers** on Park St was very close to the Castle Grounds and next to the back gate of the castle the "Long Walk". This was a Courage pub and it took some to drink the very ordinary Best Bitter, which was the only one available as other unknown lines had just gone. The place had a lot of character though and I could have caught it on an off day. By far the best pub was the **Carpenters Arms** only yards from the Castle gates, which had several tiers of rooms and eating outside on both sides of the pub on the cobbled streets. A long list of beers was displayed and five were available. This was the local Camra POTY in 2008 and seeing a beer from a brewery I had not heard of before I plumped for what turned out to be the best drink I had during the stay, which was **Wolvers Ale 4.1%** from Newmans of Caerphilly. Surprisingly, considering it's proximity to the main tourist spot, this was £2.75 and the other beers were £2.50. The GBG listed **Weatherspoons, King and Castle**, was only about 80 yards away but I didn't go in there due to the good beer from Caerphilly. As an aside the car parks in Windsor are small and very expensive and you need a residents parking permit in every street - The Escapist

called away on more pressing duties. The presentation was made to Richard & Tracey by East Midlands Chairman Julian Tubbs (unfortunately I couldn't hear the speeches) after which a substantial buffet was tucked in to by all in attendance. Congratulations go to Richard, Tracey and all involved in the running of such an excellent hostelry and we wish them every success in the continuing competition - Ed

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Thursday (not Tuesday) October 22nd saw the eagerly awaited "Meet the Brewer" night at the **Royal Oak** at Ockbrook and having never been to one of these things before I wasn't sure what to expect. The Assembly Room was full and when we arrived our glasses were charged with Chiswick Bitter just as a little whistle wetter. The talk was conducted by Fuller's head brewer, John Keeling, who started off with a little bit of the history of Fuller, Smith & Turner and their connection with Ind Coope Brewery before moving on to the brewing process and raw materials used not just at Fuller's but worldwide also. Then to the tutored tasting with instruction on how to get the most out of each sample; swirl the sample to release the aroma compounds and take several small deep sniffs (not much used when you've got a cold!), taste the beer ensuring that it covers all areas of the mouth, consider the taste, mouthfeel and aftertaste, note all impressions and cleanse the palate well between each sample (probably where I was going wrong!). The first beer was Chiswick 3.5% a light hoppy beer with biscuity malt flavours followed by Gales Seafarers Ale at 3.6% a fruity, malty beer with a gentle bitterness and hoppy finish. Next was Organic Honey Dew 5% and even with my cold the sweet honey aroma was very prominent but the zesty honey flavour was not to everyone's taste, a perfect summer ale. The greatly underrated London Pride was next, which I think is one of the better "bog standards" with it's good malty base and fruity satisfying finish, incidentally this is the UK's best selling premium ale. ESB 5.5%

was next and has justifiably been voted Champion Beer of Britain 3 times with its powerful malt base and rich, hoppy fruit flavours. Gales HSB 4.8% followed but after the ESB the rich dark, sweet and fruity tones were hard to detect. Then came the strong bottled beers starting off with 1845 6.3% the award winning bottle conditioned ale brewed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the F, S&T partnership. Golden Pride 8.5% the mellow warming barley wine came next, I got the nutty and malty tones but not the Christmas cake, nor did I get it in the Vintage Ale 8.5% either, of which we were given the 2007 and the 2008 vintages to compare. There was a merchandise give away at the end of the evening, those that didn't realise it was first come first served had to make do with keyrings, mugs and bar towels! A good night was had by all and anyone who can keep a room full of people entertained for 2 hours talking about beer is OK in my book - Ed

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On the evening of Sunday 18th of October I got the 6.35 Amberline and after it had wended it's meandering way through just about everywhere between Derby and **Horsley Woodhouse** I alighted directly outside the **Old Oak Inn** as I'd heard a rumour that something might be cracking off. Of course it was the presentation of the East Midlands Pub of the Year award and the place was suitably busy. The RuRAD Bar was being ably manned by our very own Sooty and had Derby Pot of Gold, Allgates IPA, Leadmill Butwiser, Oakham Mompesson's Gold and Kelham Island Cadillac Ranch with Nottingham Harvest Pale coming on later. The main bar had Leadmill Old Mottled Cock, Tubthumper, Mash Tun & Festival Stout, Bottle Brook Full Moon, Columbus & Roadrunner and Derby Pale Mild. The RuRAD Bar was very busy with several RuRADians in attendance such as 2 P's in a Pod, Dangerous Dave & Pedigree Pam and Dodgem to name but a few. Charisma put in a brief appearance but was

RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

The beer festival at the **George & Dragon, Belper** seemed to have a local theme, which was accompanied with beers from around the country. Local offerings included Wirksworth Cruckbeam & Night watchman, Amber Ales Chocolate Orange Stout & Jasmin IPA, Tower Sun Down & Cooper Special, Funfair Hot Dog, Rollerghoster & Hoopla, Quartz Grungold, Derventio Cleopatra & Derby Quintessential not forgetting the local Belper based Nailer's Oktober Ale. Just for the brave there was Falstaff Super Nova 13.1% with other beers from Mallinsons, Harviestoun, Caledonian, Keltak, Wooden hand, Celtic Experience, Mordue, Moorhouse, Church End and Beowulf. I sampled the Nailer's Oktober Ale which was like a brown ale in colour and tasted malty, very nice, they seem to be better from this brewery. I thought about trying the Super Nova but this not being a beer for the faint hearted I thought better of it and settled for the Pendle Witches Brew, another nice malty beer. With that I decided to call it a day and my attempt to make a return visit failed miserably - Charisma

The beer festival at the **Greyhound** at **Mansfield Woodhouse** is one I have been meaning to go to for years and this time I did and was not disappointed. There were 6 ales and 2 ciders backed up by a good selection on the bar. Thornbridge St Petersburg 7.7% & Kipling 5.2%

and Brewdog Punk IPA 6% were on offer for the serious drinkers but I settled for the other end of the scale by sampling Mallinsons Amazon 3.8%, Howard Town Longdendale Lights 3.9%, and Cannon Royal Muzzleloader 4.1% and all were fine. The 2 ciders were Westons Old Rosie 7.3% and Traditional Scrumpy 6%. Many thanks to the landlady who supplied me with a carry out of St Petersburg for 'er in doors. A good little festival, I'm glad I finally made it - Charisma

Attended the **Royal Oak Beer fest at Ockbrook** and as usual was not disappointed. The beers were from just 7 Leicestershire Breweries, Belvoir, Dow Bridge, Everards, Grainstore, Parish, Langton and Shardlow but this meant there were at least 4 beers from each to show the range available. I opted for mainly the Parish Brewery range as I have rarely seen them before. The Burrough Bitter at 4.8% was very good - The Escapist

Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors had a foray to the fair city of Birmingham where they called in the **GBG Waggon & Horses at Halesowen** to find 14 beers including the likes of Ossett Cherry Porter, Bob's Yakima, MHB Green Pear, Beerworks Clown Poison, Salopian Symphony and Holdens Dragons Blood. Whilst in the NI & **GBG Anchor at Digbeth** there were beers from Riverhead, Church End, Wentworth, Isle of Avalon

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 28th October to 15th November Wetherspoons 30th Birthday Beer Festival, All Wetherspoon Pubs www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk
29th October to 1st November Poet & Castle Halloween Beer Festival, 2 Alfreton Road-Codnor, Derby 's, up to 60 Beers & Cider
30th October to 1st November 2nd Chesterfield Market Beer Festival, Assembly Room, Market Hall, Market Place-Chesterfield 35 Ales
5th to 8th November Victoria Cross Memorial Beer Festival, The Canalhouse, Canal Street-Nottingham 20 Beers
6th to 7th November Alfred Beer Festival, 51 Derby Road - Burton-on-Trent Tel 01283 562178
6th to 7th Derby Tup Beer Festival, Sheffield Rd, Whittington Moor-Chesterfield
6th to 8th November Beers for the Boys Beer Festival, Little Acorn, Awworth Road-Ilkeston 23 Ales
11th to 15th November Johnson Arms November Beer Festival, 59 Abbey Street-Dunkirk, Nottingham 25+ Ales
12th to 15th November West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, 276 Loughborough Road-West Bridgford Nottingham
12th to 15th November 5th Annual Beer Festival, The Lady Bay, 89 Trent Boulevard-West Bridgford, Nottingham 16 Ales
26th to 29th November Derby Brewery Tap (Royal Standard) Beer Festival, Derwent Street - Derby 30+ Beers Tel 01332 366283
11th to 13th December Fishermans Rest Beer Festival, Broadholme lane-Belper
17th to 20th December Old Oak Inn Beer Festival, Main St-Horsley Woodhouse

- 6th to 8th November Broughton Festival of Beer, Pubs Around Broughton In Furness, www.broughtonfestivalofbeer.org.uk
10th to 15th November Bhurtpore Inn Beer Festival, Bhurtpore Inn-Aston, Nantwich 65 Ales www.bhurtpore.co.uk
12th to 14th November 1st Barnsley Winter Ales Festival, Barnsley Rugby Club, Shaw Lane - Barnsley 30+ Ales
12th to 14th November Harlequin Beer Festival, 108 Nursery Street - Sheffield 40 Ales Tel 0114 2494181
12th to 14th Nov Rainhill Bierfest 2009, Prescot Leisure Centre, Warrington Road - Prescot 80+ Ales
12th to 14th November The Medway Beer Festival, The Stanley House Ballroom, Grundulph Road - Chatham 50+ Ales
13th to 14th November 1st Saltburn Beer & Pier Festival, Emmanuel Parish Church Hall, Macnay Street - Saltburn 20 Ales
18th to 22nd November Star Winter Beer Festival, 7 Albert Street, Lockwood - Huddersfield 60+ Ales Tel 01484 545443
19th to 21st November 15th Watford Beer Festival, West Herts Sports Club, 8 Park Avenue - Watford 70 Ales
19th to 22nd November Criterion War of the Roses Beer Festival, 44 Milstone Lane-Leicester
20th to 21st November West Cumbria & Lakes Beer Festival, Whitehaven Civic Hall, Lowther Street - Whitehaven 40 Ales
25th to 29th November Ship & Mitre Beer Festival, 133 Dale Street - Liverpool 100 Ales
26th to 28th November Dudley Winter Ales Fayre, Dudley Concert Hall, St James Road - Dudley 70+ Ales
27th to 28th November Heathrow Beer Festival, Concorde Club, Crane Lodge Road - Cronford 35 Ales
1st to 6th December Pigs Ear Beer & Cider Festival, Ocean, 270 Mare Street - London 100+ Ales
2nd to 5th December 8th Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Ale, Festival, Kingswall Hall, 29 Station Rd - Dovercourt 45 Ales
10th to 13th December Bitter Suite Beer Festival, 53 Flyde Road - Preston 25 ales Tel 01772 827007

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 or Rodders on 0796 4492569 / uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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