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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 58 pubs in 33 different locations, 3 Breweries and 36 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

The **Wilmot Arms** at **Borrowash** has re-opened

The **Dead Poets** at **Holbrook** finished 2nd in a competition held by **Greene King** to find the best pint of Abbot in the country

Erewash CAMRA will be holding a meeting at the **Rays Arms** at **Heanor** on October 3rd. On a recent visit there was a promotion which had 50p off a pint and 25p off a half on Fridays and Saturdays between 7pm and 8pm, there are also groups in the function room every fortnight and entertainment every other Saturday. Another forthcoming promotion is for every 5 pint you buy you get 1 free - **Charisma**

On Wednesday 12th September, Half-Pint and I called into the **Canal Inn** at **Bullbridge** for lunch and were pleasantly surprised to see a range of guest beers available - **St Austell Tribute** and **Tom Woods Bomber County** were both selling well, alongside **Morland Original**, which was the sole **GK Offering** - **Tweedle Dee**

The **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** is boarded up

Dave Edwards of **Peakstones Rock Brewery** at **Alton** in **Staffordshire** is upgrading to a 6-barrel plant to cope with increasing demand for his beers, **Chained Oak** 4.2% is especially popular

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The **Noah's Ark** at **Borrowash** is a pub business opportunity to let - **Rocky Raccoon**

On 23rd August I made a visit to the **Hill Top** at **Belper** after the cricket. As on my previous visit the **Olde Trip** was excellent, the other 3 beers were well received by my associates and the pub was very popular with locals, also boasting a new dining room - **Chris P Duck**

There has been a change of landlord at the **Hunters Arms** at **Kilburn**

Derek Bruce, the landlord of the **Prince of Wales** in **Ripley**, rang me to remind folks that the pub is now serving 4 real ales with pedigree and Landlord is regulars and 2 guest beers (**Hobgoblin** and **Dr Okells IPA** on this occasion). I think this pub tends to get forgotten about and needs a visit - **Charisma**

Pat & Cynthia's short reign at the **Steam Packet** at **Swanwick** has come to an end after realising that they could well end up in debt with the pub company's offered terms. They sadly have decided to call it a day, which seems to be an all too familiar occurrence these days - **Charisma**

The **George & Dragon** on **Bridge St** has been included in the 2008 **GBG** for **Belper**

Colin's guest beers for October at the **Cross Keys Belper** includes **Bateman's Victory Ale** 5.9%, **Dursley Steam Bitter** 4.2%, **Elgoods Pageant** 4.3%, **Oldershaw Regal Blonde** 4.4%, **Wadsworth Malt & Hops** 4.5%, **Clarks Rams Revenge** 4.6%, **Fyne Ales Highlander** 4.8% and **Milestone Black Pearl** 4.3%. The **Victory Ale** should be available throughout October

For those keen on bottled beers I recently paid a visit to **Liquid Treasure** on **King Street Belper**, which is opposite the **Ritz Cinema**. In this **Aladdin's Cave** of beers there were no less than 7 different beers from **Spire**, 7 from **St Peters Organic Brewery**, 2 from **Thornbridge Hall**, 1 from **Amber Ales**, 4 from **Burton Bridge**, 2 from **Kelham Island** and 8 from **Leek** as well as a selection of **Hook Norton**, **Fullers**, **Wychwood**, **Titanic** and **Black Sheep**. Full details of **Liquid Treasure** are 59 King Street Belper DE56 1QA Tel 01773 825754 - **Billy**

On Sat 22nd Sep, I visited the **White Post** at **Stanley Common** after drinking bottled beer during the afternoon. A **Blyth ale**, something to do with **Samuel Johnson** was tried. This did not disappoint and considered excellent by all present, a **Falstaff** beer was another guest but was not sampled. The **White Hart** at **West Hallam** has recently offered **Courage Directors**, which I personally prefer to the regular **Abbot Ale** - **Chris P Duck**

Gordon has left the **Travellers Rest** at **Kilburn** and a new couple are set to take over

Whilst delivering the newsletters to **Heage** this is what **Jedediah** found to be available: **White Hart** - **Pedigree**, **Old Speckled Hen**, **Spanker** - **Pedigree**, **Adnams Bitter**, **Olde Trip**, **Black Boy** - **Pedigree**, **Adnams Bitter**, **Jennings Crag Rat**, **Eagle** - **Pedigree**, **St Austell Tribute**, **Toll Gate** - no real ale, **Windmill** - Landlord

Having a rare night off, I visited the **Britannia Inn** at **New Tupton** on Monday 10th September, where a meeting of **Chesterfield CAMRA** was taking place upon my arrival. The **Spire Ales** on the bar were **Chesterfield Best Bitter**, **Whiter Shade Of Pale**, **Land Of Hop And Glory** and **Sgt. Pepper Stout**, plus guests from **Crown**, **Tom Woods** and **Davenport's**. **Barry** advised me that the other pump had had **Abbeydale** on, but it had sold out in less than a day and a half!!! All the beers are very competitively priced and public transport stops nearby - **Tweedle Dee**

Gary's departure from the **Sitwell Arms**, **Horsley Woodhouse** seems imminent as he is rumoured to be leaving for **Spain** in the near future - **Charisma**

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The New Spoons near **Hillsborough** is now called **Deep End**

Osett have acquired the River Head Brewery tap at **Marsden**

The **Three Horseshoes** at **Morley** has recently been refurbished

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On the evening of the 14th of September I was invited to join Charisma and Loco as they as they headed off to **Osgathorpe** beer festival at the **Storey Arms**. On arrival I was introduced to Jasper and his chauffeur...sorry, his good lady who are both RuRAD adherents and seemed quite pleased to finally meet the editor (veneration at last). There were 16 beers on offer, 5 in the bar and 11 on stillage, which included offerings from Burton Bridge, Holdens, Nelsons, Ramsgate, Rebellion, Titanic and Shardlow with 2 ciders from Westons and 1 from Gwynt y Ddraig. Of the beers that were sampled all were in good order (the Ramsgate Seaside (with the dodgy tap) and Rebellion Booby Trap going down particularly well) poor old Charisma had to limit his intake due to being the DD. After a few good beers and some good conversation with our fellow RuRADians (what more do you need?) we bade farewell and headed to the **Harrington Arms** beer festival at **Thulston** where we bumped into our local CAMRA National Executive member. Here there were 18 beers on Stillage including Tollgate, Skinners, Leatherbritches, Howard Town, Parish, Crown and 3 in the bar (the best of which was Smiles Best). The Leatherbritches Ginger Helmet went down well, so much so that Charisma took a couple of pints home in his carry keg - Ed

The **Ashover** and **Milntown** area is becoming a good place to visit for real ale with the **Old Poets Corner** and the **Nettle Inn** both being in the 2008 GBG also the **Black Swan** is selling Thornbridge beers and has won Chesterfield CAMRA's Pub of the season. The Nettle keeps Bradfield beers and of course the Poets is the home of Ashover Brewery and won the CAMRA cider and perry pub of the year and it is now open all day every day. There are 40 beers lined up for the forthcoming beer festival and pork sausages made from organic meat cooked in Ashover Ale

Recently called in at the **Fox and Crown** at **Basford**, the Alcazar Tap and the Bombay Castle 6.5% was in top form. If you like Jaipur then you may want to try this as it's very similar with a slightly more bitter aftertaste. Another one to sample is the Brush Bitter

normally know as Fox Tale except in the Fox & Crown. Nice smooth session bitter at 4.9% - The Signalman

The first beer to sell out at The 1st Cricket Inn Beer Festival held over the August Bank Holiday Weekend at the **Cricket Inn** at **Totley**, near Sheffield was Sheffield Blanco Blonde, which was closely followed by Bradfield Farmers Blonde and Abbeydale Absolution. Musically, the undoubted highlight of the festival was an appearance from Richard Hawley on Sunday! It was also very pleasing to receive a visit to the festival from a member of the CAMRA National Executive, plus members of Derby CAMRA!!! Details of the next beer festival will be in this fine publication as soon as they are available - Tweedle Dee

With the onset of winter (dark nights and football) PostScript & I ventured to **Belper** to watch the Nailers usual humiliation on Sep 12th. As part of a preparation for a longer visit by the cricket team, we tried a couple of different pubs. Firstly the **Lion Hotel**, where we were pleased to see 2 Derby Brewery ales on display but were rather less pleased after consuming them. We then moved to the **Green House** for our 1st ever visit. This Smith & Jones pub is remarkably similar to a Wetherspoons and offered 3 ales of which we had Deuchars IPA and Bombardier, both being decent especially at £1-50 a pint. This looks like a good place to start our crawl on November 30th. The others to be decided by offers of free beer to the writer (could be a dry night then) - Chris P Duck

A visit was made to **Ye Olde Macdonalds Farm** in **Alfreton** on Wednesday 12th September, followed by a swift exit, as it is once again a "No Real Ale" outlet unfortunately! However, the **Waggon & Horses** (JDW) is offering a wide range of guest ales, including Thornbridge Jaipur, Derventio Venus and Springhead Roaring Meg to name but a few on recent visits - Tweedle Dee

Belatedly reported, on Friday 24th August I decided to support some of our local beer festivals. Firstly I visited the **Wheel** at **Holbrook**, which had 18 beers one offer from breweries such as Black Hole, Derby, Titanic and Mordue to name but a few. A nice venue in pleasant surroundings with Mordue IPA, Dr Okells IPA and Brains SA Gold flowing nicely. This festival is well attended and normally sells out quite quickly so it's always best to go early. Next I visited the **White Post** at **Stanley Common** where I had a choice from 10 beers but settled for Tower Noah's Tipple, Downton All Rounder and finished off with Newby Wykes aptly named

Homeward Bound. This festival did well for Ray & Shirley and I am glad to see them benefiting from all the hard work they've put into the pub. The following day I decided to pay a visit to the **Green Man** (& Blacks Head Royal Hotel) at **Ashbourne** where there were 38 beers all from Staffordshire and Derbyshire breweries (which I thought was a good idea), I sampled Kinver Pale Ale, Whim Armadillo, Town House Audley Gold and finished up on Thornbridge Jaipur (surprise, surprise - Ed) all went down well and were in good form. Whilst there I bumped into Trigger & Cassandra as well as Paul and Maria Gibson from Erewash CAMRA and all agreed what a good festival it was with a cracking atmosphere. Still didn't see any sign of the Leatherbritches brewery located at the back of the pub - Charisma

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Rodney's Loughborough Foray

On the 22nd of September I got the 2.04 train (it should have been 1.34 but it was cancelled) to London St Pancras and alighted at **Loughborough**. On arrival I decided to head for the **Paget** on the corner of Paget Street and Oxford Street though it isn't in the GBG I read in the Leicester Drinker that it had recently been acquired by the Steaming Billy Brewery (they of the superb Cow and Plough at Oadby) so I thought I'd give it a try and I wasn't disappointed. There was Steaming Billy Bitter, Mighty Oak Gold Finger on hand pump and Blackwater Ya Kuza, Harviestoun Late Harvest and Hampshire Pink Elephant on gravity (all priced at £2.20 to £2.60) in this tidy pub (it could have done without the rap music blaring out). From there I walked up to Derby Road took Clifford Road, Tyler Avenue and Knightthorpe Road to Thorpe Acre and the GBG listed **Plough Inn**, which is in the middle off the housing estate. Though the beer selection was unadventurous with Bass, Pedit, Landlord, Batemans XB and M&B Mild available it has a nice bar area and the mild was only £1.95. For a change of scenery I walked up Alan Moss Road crossing Derby Road to Canal Bank and calling in the GBG listed **Albion Inn** where I had a choice from Wicked Hathern Albion Special, Sharps Doom Bar and Dow Bridge Morgan Ales Olde Codger there was also a Highgate Mild clip turned round. A short walk down Canal Bank and my next stop the GBG listed **Swan in the Rushes** could be seen off to the right. Here I had a choice from Castle Rock Rushes Gold & Harvest Pale, Adnams Bitter, Newby Wyke White

Squall, Okells Mild, Bath Barnstormer, Woodfordes Wherry, Hop back Summer Lightning, Batemans Libra and Elgoods Barleymead the worst thing about this pub was finding out that the Rams had suffered yet another drubbing, this time at the hands of the Gunners. I had a smidgen of difficulty finding my next port of call on Bradford Street, the GBG **White Horse** (though you could be forgiven for thinking it is called "Noodle Bar") and with only one real ale available I wondered if it was worth the trouble. White Horse Village Idiot was the offering giving the place at least a little credence. Final stop was the GBG **Tap & Mallet** on Nottingham Road where there was a choice from Marston Burton Bitter, Abbeydale Matins, Temptation & Absolution, Sharps Eden Pure Ale, Church End Gravediggers and Jennings Bitter. I was enjoying a Gravediggers when I realised I really should have been on my way to the train station so after a few large gulps I saw to it, as it turned out the train was late anyway

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Brewery News

Ashover Brewery - Ashover

A new beer, Coffin Lane Stout, is being brewed for the October Beer Festival at the **Old Poets Corner** and is hoped to be between 5% and 6%. The brewery has regular outlets in the **Arkwright Arms** at **Sutton cum Duckmanton** and the **George** at **Ripley**, these are to be followed by the **Cross Keys** at **Belper**, which is to have Ashover beers at their forthcoming beer festival. There are also regular brewery tours, which are by appointment only and proving to be very popular, so too is the beer which is sold in stainless steel pins with a refundable deposit on return of the cask

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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It's coming up to that time of year again when the annual Funfair Beer Festival of Ilkeston takes place to coincide with the 755th Ilkeston Charter Fair. No fewer than 6 beers will be on the bar at the **Observatory** with others planned at the **Dewdrop** and **Spanish Bar** plus and other pubs to be confirmed. Dave will be brewing a new beer called Striker to commemorate his 100th beer brewed. The new Showman's Stout 5.0% proved popular at the Dewdrop,

Spanish Bar and Observatory and is due to appear at the Nottingham Beer Festival as well as Ilkeston Brown Ale and Dive Bomber

Headless Brewery - Derby

After the success of the Headless Brewing Co launch brew, First Bloom, a second beer weighing in at 3.8% was brewed on September 20th this yet unnamed beer should be available mid October. A 6% beer is also to be brewed soon which is to be left to mature until around Christmas time as this will be a winter brew

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Sunday 16th of September we started our walk from Osgathorpe in Leicestershire, the second time I'd been there in three days what with visiting the Storey Arms beer festival on Friday night. We took the footpath past Osgathorpe Hall, over Ashby Road and battled our way through a pathless maize field and joined the road at Top Merril Grange. We walked down the road for a bit and took a footpath over the A42 and onto the Cloud Trail, which we followed through Tonge to **Wilson** where we called in the **Bulls Head**. 3 ales were available; Pedigree, GK IPA and Landlord we both plumped for the latter, which was as good as it gets (not very in my opinion). From there we crossed the golf course to **Breedon on the Hill** and after checking that the Lime Kiln was still closed for business we called in the **Three Horseshoes Inn** to find 4 hand pumps, 2 empty and 2 with Pedigree on... what a choice. The beer was in good order but the only things notable about this place were the toilets and the barman's dicky bow. After necking a swift half we moved on to **Worthington** where in the **Malt Shovel** we had the choice from Pedigree, Old Empire (I think) and Banks' Original. The latter was sampled and thought to be average and after a short walk up Bull Hill the footpath past Barrow Hill (where we got a little bit lost) got us back to Osgathorpe

After meeting Dave McClaren from Spire Brewery and finding out about his new pub, the **Britannia Inn**, at **New Tupton** (and reading Tweedle Dee's, or was it Tweedle Dum's, article in last months "In the Sticks") I decided to seek out the Spire tap house. Unfortunately my first attempt on a Thursday lunchtime failed as the pub doesn't open during the week until 4.00 (3.00 on Friday, all day Saturday & Sunday) but my second attempt the following night was well worth the effort. I would describe it as a real locals local with 4 Spire Brewery beers and 4 guest beers, which are acquired through beer

swaps with other breweries, nice and basic just as I like it. The prices were very agreeable ranging from £1.70 to £2.30 depending on the strength (exactly how it should be done, none of this across the board "rip off" pricing - Ed), what a gem and well worth a visit. Now I suppose you are wondering how to get there? Well if you are driving you take the A61 to Chesterfield out of Clay Cross and take a right at the at the Royal Oak roundabout at the next junction go straight on (Nethermoor Rd) and the pub is on Ward St 200 yards down on the left. If you are travelling from Chesterfield take the A61 to Clay Cross, at the New Tupton roundabout take a left (Queen Victoria Rd), up the hill when you reach the church and the primary school turn right (Green Lane) then it's the 2nd left on to Ward St and voila! Better still if you are bussing it from Chesterfield (you can drink more that way) jump on the No51 Stagecoach and alight at Green Lane, turn left at Tupton Fish Bar and it's 200 yards down Ward St - Charisma & Ed

For more details (and clearer directions) go to www.spirebrewery.co.uk/britannia.html

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After failing (for the first time ever) to get into the **Burton Beer Festival** due to our buses not turning up Uncle Albert and I decided, after queuing for half an hour, to cut our loses and get a drink in at the **Coopers Tavern** on Cross St. Tower Thomas Salt Bitter, Marston Sweet Chariot, Woods Shropshire Lass, Black Hole No Escape, Thornbridge Jaipur and Hanby Shropshire Stout were available. We were only going to stop for a couple so I had the Hanby whilst Uncle Albert had the Woods after which I tried the Black Hole and Albert went for the Marstons. But low and behold who should turn up but Charisma, Loco and Dodgem (all suitably lubricated) who had caught our intended train and managed to get into the festival. Charisma being the silver tongued devil that he is talked us into staying and catching the later train so we had another in there (Woods for me, Tower for Albert) and shot the breeze before moving on to the **Devonshire** where the guest beer alongside the Burton Bridge offerings was Arkells 3B, which went down a treat. Now what seemed like a good idea at the time proved not to be so as the train was late, which meant Uncle Albert missed his last bus (taxi cost £14....ooh dear) as did Charisma & Dodgem, but look on the bright side I got my bus ok

Being the editor of "In the Sticks" I do become privy to some extremely classified information, which I am predestined to pass on to you, constant reader. On a recent visit to the **Royal Oak at Ockbrook** a copy of the proposed beer list for the forthcoming beer festival came into my possession, a reasonable amount of money changed hands before this happened (mind you that was for my round) and many people died to bring you this information....not really. So here goes: Bridgenorth Appley Ale, Best Bitter & Old Mo; Corvedale Norman's Pride, Secret Hop & Dark and Delicious; Hanby Ales Black Magic Mild, Shropshire Stout, Old Wemian & Nut Cracker; Hobsons Mild (CBOB), Best Bitter & Town Crier; Lions Tale Lionbru, Blooming Blonde & Chesbrunette; Ludlow Best Bitter, Ludlow Gold & Boiling Well; Offa's Dyke Dark Mild,

Barley Blonde, Barley Gold & Grim Reaper; Salopian Shropshire Gold, Thirst Gold, Lemon Dream & Golden Thread; Six Bells Goldings, Haymaker, Cloud Nine & Duck & Dive; Stonehouse Station Bitter & Cambrian Gold; Three Tuns Three Eight, Triple X, Clerics Cure & Old Scrooge; Woods Quaff Ale, Shropshire Lad, Old Sam & Wonderful and Worfield Coalport Dodger Mild, Dabbley Ale, OBJ & Dabbley Gold. Strengths range from 3.2% to 6.5% so there is a good mix. So far the only brewer to fail to produce is Dolphin at Shrewsbury but that was due to problems with the brew plant. There will be 30 odd beers on stillage with the rest rotating on the bar so get yer'sens down to the Oak 11th to 14th of October and I may buy you a drink

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| <p>Roger, Frances and all the staff welcome you to the</p> <p><u>Old Oak Inn</u></p> <p>176 Main Street Horsley Woodhouse DE7 6AW</p> <p>#####</p> <p>Weekdays 5 (4 Fri) – 11 Saturday 12 – 11 Sunday 12 – 10.30</p> <p>Serving a wide selection of beers from BOTTLE BROOK and LEADMILL Breweries plus Guest Beers</p> |
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Proposed Trips

November 6th The proposed trip to GBG and NI pubs in Leeds has been cancelled until further notice due to Engineering work between Derby & Sheffield on that weekend see future editions of the newsletter for further information

Beer Festival Diary – Near and Not so Near

- 28th September to 7th October Oktoberfest, Bell Inn, Angel Row, Off Market Sq-Nottingham 40 Real Biers
- 3rd to 6th October Annual Brunswick Beer Fest, 1 Railway Terrace-Derby 40+ Ales
- 4th to 7th October Fox & Crown Autumn Beer Fest, 33 Church St, Basford- Nottingham ,Over 30 Ales Tel 0115 9422002
- 11th to 13th October Devonshire Arms Beer Festival, Station St-Burton on Trent 15 Ales
- 11th to 14th October Royal Oak Beer Festival featuring Shropshire Breweries, Green Lane-Ockbrook 40 ales
- 11th to 14th Old Poets Corner Beer Festival, Butts Road-Ashover
- 12th to 14th October Out Of The Vaults Beer Fest, 24 King Street-Leicester, 30+ Ales www.outofthevaults.com
- 16th to 18th November 4th Needlemakers Arms Beer Festival, Kensington St-Ilkeston
- 18th to 21st October Nottingham Beer Festival, Victoria Leisure Centre, Gedling St-Nottingham www.nottinghamcamra.org
- 19th to 21st October Tiger Beer Festival, Ashbourne Rd-Turnditch **Dates to be confirmed ring Richard on 01773500200 before attending**
- 22nd to 25th November Ilford Beer Festival, Station Rd-Ilkeston
- 25th to 27th October Holly Bush Beer Festival, Holly Bush Lane-Makeney
- 1st to 4th November Cross Keys Beer Festival, Market Place-Belper

- 4th to 6th October Huddersfield Oktoberfest Irish Centre. 86 Fitzwilliam St-Huddersfield, About 66 Ales www.huddscamra.org.uk
- 4th to 6th October 11th Louth Beer Festival, Masons Arms Hotel, Cornmarket-Louth
- 4th to 8th October 23rd Telford Beer Fest, Crown Inn, Market St-Oakengates 60 Ales www.crown.oakengates.net
- 5th to 6th October 9th Solihull Beer Festival, Royal British Legion, Union Rd-Solihull
- 11th to 13th October Quorn Beer Festival, Quorn Village Hall, Leicester Rd-Quorn nr Loughborough
- 11th to 13th October 17th Wakefield Beer Fest, Lightwaves Leisure Centre, Lower York St-Wakefield, Over 150 Ales www.camra.org.uk/wakefield
- 12th to 14th October Bells Beer Fest, Bells Brewery, The Workshop, Lutterworth Rd-Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth 40 Ales
- 12th to 18th October Bignall End Cricket Club Beer Festival, Boon Hill-Bignall End
- 17th to 20th October 27th Stoke Beer Festival, Kings Hall-Stoke on Trent www.camrapotteries.co.uk
- 18th to 20th October Wellington Beer Festival, Bennetts Hill-Birmingham www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk
- 22nd to 27th October 30th Norwich Beer Fest, St Andrews & Blackfriars Hall, St Andrews Plain-Norwich over200 Ales www.camra.org.uk/norwich
- 25th to 28th October Beer Weekend, The Black Horse, 72 Redearth St-Darwin, 10 Ales www.theblackun.co.uk
- 26th to 27th Boston Halloween Beer Festival, The Eagle, West St-Boston
- 26th to 27th October Ale-oween Beer Festival, The Mallard, Station Approach-Workshop
- 26th to 27th October Chester & South Clwyd CAMRA Autumn Beer Festival, The Guildhall, Watergate St-Chester 35 Ales www.chestercamra.co.uk
- 31st October to 3rd November Sandyford Cricket Club Beer Festival, Shelford Road, Sandyford-Stoke on Trent
- 1st to 4th November Wood Lane Cricket & Sports Club Beer Festival, Megacre, Wood Lane-Stoke on Trent
- 16th to 18th November Fox & Goose Inn Beer Festival, Heptonstall Road-Hebden Bridge www.foxale.co.uk
- 22nd to 24th November Dudley Winter Ales Fayre, Dudley Concert Hall, St James Rd-Dudley
- 28th November to 2nd December, Star Inn Winter Beer Fest, 7 Albert St, Folly Hall, Huddersfield, Tel 01484 545443
- 29th November to 2nd December Royal Oak Beer Festival, High Street-Harriseahead
- 7th to 9th December Newcastle & Hartshill Cricket Club Beer Festival, Clayton Lane, Clayton-Newcastle under Lyme
- 14th to 16th December Crown Inn Christmas Beer Festival, Bond St-Nuneaton

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: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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