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## "In the Sticks"

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### In the Sticks

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 3 Cats Cider makers will be holding their open day on Sunday July 21st entrance is ticket only, available from the RuRAD bar at the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse priced at £6

The Noah's Ark at Borrowwash is boarded up

The Phoenix beers are proving to be very popular at the Anchor at Oakerthorpe, on a recent visit there was St Georges White Flag, Resurrection and of course Wobbly Bob, with further seasonal beers planned to appear in the future

After being closed during April whilst undergoing a refurbishment and refit, The Rising Sun at Middleton by Wirksworth reopened on Friday May 3rd. The outside of the pub has been painted and the beer garden spruced up, inside the kitchen has been moved upstairs to give a bigger working area and the dining area extended. The beer range has improved tremendously as well with Pedigree, Landlord, Doom Bar, Nutbrook Responsibly 4.3%, Blue Monkey 99 Red Baboons 4.3% and Marmoset 3.6% available on my visit

In Belper the Lord Nelson failed to be sold at auction and still appears to be empty. This would make an excellent alehouse for an interested party (Oooooo, I love a party!!! - Ed)

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### June 2013

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve  
welcome you to the

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June 15<sup>th</sup> 8.30 – Late

The Arousers

Rock-a-Billy Special

Chris P Duck visited the Three Horseshoes at Long Lane for a quality meal recently and the Pedigree was also pretty good but only had London Pride as an option. The Ostrich just along the road also does good food but the Marston's range beer was less good

Hannah at the Spanish Bar, South Street Ilkeston informs us of their forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> beer festival. It will take place 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of July in their award winning beer garden where there will be 20 beers with a North v South theme and 10p from every pint will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Research. 4th July - 6pm - 11pm, 5th July - 12 noon - 12pm + Midnight pumpkin trucks from 7pm, 6th July - 12 noon - 12pm + Hog Roast & BBQ \*Morris Dancers (Dinner)+ Band TBD from 7pm\*, 7th July - 12 noon - 11pm + BBQ \*Skiffle Band KICK & RUSH\*. All buses that go to Ilkeston pass the Spanish Bar. [Spanishbar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Spanishbar@yahoo.co.uk)

The Travellers in Kilburn is well worth a visit, as they are having an interesting range of beers on all at £2.80 a pint, with 10p discount for CAMRA members. On a recent visit by Bald Eagle he noted that Voodoo Mild from Great Heck, Cains Fine Raisen Ale and Backyard Hoard were all on with Belvoir Dark Horse and Nutty Black together with Rudgate Mild being available during Mild May

Another Derby pub that has been closed and neglected is due to reopen its doors again during June. The Bell & Castle on Burton Road has had a major refurbishment inside and out and is looking forward to serving customers old and new. The drab

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interior has been remodelled incorporating a new bar area, comfortable seating and dining areas, making good use of uncovered former fireplaces and refitting the kitchen area. 6 real ales are promised including micros that will change on a regular basis; a full report will be printed in the next issue

### Amber Valley CAMRA Update

14th June - Survey trip to Shottle/Turnditch, bus departs 7:30 pm from Ripley Market Place contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966 to book. 17th June - Beer Festival meeting at Steam-packet, Swanwick 8pm start. 27th June - Branch meeting, New Inn, Riddings, 8pm start

2013 sees the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olive Wilson's name being above the door at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook and to commemorate the achievement there will be a special beer for each month of the year. June's beer is Olives Diamond Elixir 4.7% from Whim

Bald Eagle reports that Buxton brewery plan to acquire a brewery tap on The Crescent at Buxton later this year

We finally have some good news about the Crompton Tavern in Crompton Street, Derby that has for a while been threatened with closure and change of use. The proposed purchase of the property by a developer is now not set to go ahead and the pub will stay open for the foreseeable future. Fixtures and fittings that were sold prior to the sale will now be replaced, the kitchen is to be refurbished and the beer range is to be extended. Perry the landlord is to move back in upstairs and oversee improvements to this former GBG pub, all the best to him and his staff

Muirhouse Brewery is proposing to open a Micro Brewery bar on South St in Ilkeston

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just the local dog-walk) to get back on to Ambaston Lane. With probably our shortest ever drive home.....10 minutes

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### Brewery News

#### Naked Brewer-Westwood

Sarah's latest beer is a 2.8% bitter called Weak-end, which for a beer of that strength has bags of flavour

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

On the glorious morning of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> we started our walk from the tiny village of Ambaston. We set off down Ambaston Lane to Shardlow where we got on the Trent & Mersey Canal to **Sawley**. Our first port of call (for convenience sake) was the **Harrington Arms**, which we haven't been in since Dougal locked his bike to our bikes and then lost his keys. The landlord at the time could not have been more unhelpful. I opted for Hop Back Crop Circle, a perfect drink for the day. Abbott, Morland Original and GK IPA were also on offer. Just around the corner was the reason this walk, the beer festival at the **White Lion** where there were 30-odd beers split between the bar and an upstairs function room. Blue Monkey, Dancing Duck, Lincoln Green, Brunswick, Navigation, Mallard, Muirhouse, Castle Rock and Hartshorns all had 3 of their beers on offer but I was more interested in the on-site Old Sawley Brewery beers, of which I sampled Roo Brew II and Toll Bridge Porter, once the barmaid had shown us how to find the stillage! It was pleasant to find that the bar staff had a modicum of knowledge regarding beer and brewing. And Del didn't have to settle for Strongbow either, he had Sandford Orchards Fanny's Bramble and Local Man Brewery Mowgli, it was a shame to leave. Our final port of call was the **Railway Inn**, which we decided to go in just because we'd not been in before. It is a Marston's pub and he board outside proclaimed Pedigree, Hobgoblin and guest beers so I wasn't expecting much. Sure enough there was Pedigree & Hobgoblin but were the guest beers Jennings, Brakspear, Ringwood????.....no, Hook Norton Old Hooky and.....Portobello American Pale Ale! That showed Me! Naturally I opted for the unusual, which was another fine beer for such a summery day. Two of the best new pubs we've been in for a while and virtually on our doorstep! From there we took the road to Church Wilne where we sat by the river for dinner and had a little kip before exercising our right to roam (well, it looked like a well worn path - maybe its

Taking advantage of a lift to **Darley Bridge**, I first went to the **Three Stags Heads** for a Peak Chatsworth Gold with Black Sheep the other offering and 2 hand pumps empty, pub score 6/12. Found out later that the owners turned their last pub into flats so might not be visiting again! Over the river at the **Square & Compass** the only beer on was Robinsons Unicorn with no other hand pumps, 4/12. The interior was particularly bland and unwelcoming so I made a sharp exit with the thought of watching the nearby cricket match but they were having tea. The road to Churchtown was very pleasant and as I came into **Darley Dale** visited the **Church Inn** for the first time. It turned out that at 5pm I was the only person in so after negotiating the enthusiastic house dogs I had a decent Kimberley Bitter whilst chatting with the landlord of this GK pub. A good old-fashioned local with 2 other GK beers, small rooms and food available, 7/12. Next call on the main A6 was the **Grouse** where Belhaven Golden Bay was partaken, 2 other national beers on but not very friendly, 4/12. Along the road towards Matlock a chip shop visit was deemed appropriate before arriving at the Whitworth Hotel, which contains **Barringtons Bar**. This was very smart and up market (unlike my appearance) but had 3 ales on offer of which I had Peak Ales Swift Nick. Quite welcoming and comparatively good value food here, 6/12. It then became an epic 40-minute walk on the A6 then up Hackney Lane to the top of **Matlock**. After being told by a local that the **Laburnum** had closed down, my first call was at the **Sycamore**, which was very friendly but with only 3 national beers of which I had St Austell Tribute, 7/12. They told me that the **Laburnum** had re-opened but with hardly any beer so I did not bother to retrace my steps. Up an even steeper hill to the **Thorn Tree**, this proved to be well worth the effort with the best range of beer so far

and fantastic views over the Derwent valley. Here I had Okells Bitter with the others being Hopback Crop Circle, Landlord, Bass, Ruddles, Tiger and Milestone St Georges Legend, 11/12. I should really have stayed longer but after a couple of photos made my way along the top to the **Duke of Wellington**. Excellent views of Riber Castle and a Jay on the wall outside were small compensation for the appalling Old Golden Hen sampled in this GK pub, 3/12. Down Matlock Bank the former Gate Inn is now known as Designate@TheGate but I could not fathom what it was supposed to be and it was only open 12-3 so certainly not a pub. Now cutting across to **Matlock Green** to the **Red Lion**, which has been upgraded to a smart bar, I saw EPA and Chatsworth Gold so plumped for the latter. Sitting in a plush chair I then realised that my view of the bar had been restricted and that there was also Batemans Spring Goddess, Olde Trip and GK IPA Reserve; so it turned out to be one of the better pubs in the area, 7/12. Across the road and another steep hill to the **Duke William** with Marstons offerings of which I had Ringwood 49er, 5/12. The barmaid and landlord were friendly but I was perturbed by some of the lifeless clientele resembling the living dead. I then made my way through the park and back to the main street where I knew I would not be disappointed at the **MoCa Bar**. The recent winner of MAD CAMRA pub of the year, it was easy to linger and I tried Abbeydale Deception, Blue Monkey 99 Red Baboons and Kelham Island Mistress Flames & Riders on the Storm with Brampton Mild, Dancing Duck Nice Weather and Oakham Scarlet Macaw also on, 12/12. It can't get better than this I thought and for once how right I was - at the **Boathouse** the Morland Original was moderate but preferable to Speckled Hen or GK IPA but even worse was the karaoke, which sounded like a cats chorus visit to Crufts, 3/12. I did not know whether to laugh or cry so another sharp exit with abortive visits to Black Hippo (NRA) and the Railway with very loud music and GK beer. The last chance saloon was the **Crown**, which is a traditional Wetherspoons outlet. Very disappointing with Thornbridge Hopton the only beer available other than the usual nationals, 3/12 so off to the 1055 train home. Overall you need to pick the best out of these as at least half were not worthy of a return visit. PS MAD CAMRA please up-date your pub guide as your pub of the year is not even on it! - Chris P Duck

## **George & Dragon**

Bridge St, Belper  
Tel: 01773 880210

### **Beer Festival**

June 20th-22nd

20 real ales & 5 ciders  
Barbie Fri 5.30-9, Sat 4-9

Live Music:

Thursday: Sonic Oblivion

Friday: Midnight Alpha

Saturday: Unfinished Business

## RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

Over the last bank holiday weekend in May the **Furnace Inn, Derby** celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary since reopening with a beer festival featuring 30 ales & 6 ciders and craft keg ales. I paid a visit on the Thursday as did Charisma, Didler, the.chair & Fly South among others, the format was 8 dark beers on the front bar and 18 pale beers in the brewery bar out the back. I tried Blue Monkey Molten Monkey 4.4%, XT Pi Mild 3.14%, Wood Street Coco De Mar 4% from the pub bar and Red Willow Witless II (wheat beer with mango) 4.8%, Steel City Sheriff's Robbery 4.4%, Robinsons Uncle Sams 4.2%, Rat Forged Rat 3.8% and Raw Amarillo Pale 3.9% from the brewery bar. There was a BBQ during the afternoon each day and authentic curries in the evenings as well as entertainment, the festival was well attended and all round quality was excellent. Well done Pedro, Luke and the team-Sooty

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

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Rodney and myself called into the **White Hart** at **Bargate** to see what Andy had to offer I counted 15 ales on the outside festival bar, which included beers from Castle Rock, Exmoor, Blue Monkey, Bradfield, Sharps, Shepherd Neame, St Austell, Adnams, Greene King, Courage, Nutbrook, Theakstons, and Tower. I had the Early Bird from Shepherd Neame not sure what Rodney had? We then took a look at the main bar, and found Hercules from Navigation, which we both had and found very agreeable. This festival was very busy as it always seems to be - Charisma

I nipped into the festival at the **Bell, Smalley** at lunch time, there seemed to be a local theme to the beers with the exception of Abbeydale, there were 8 ales in all together with a cider beers were from Amber, Blue Monkey, Gates, Burton Bridge, Old Cottage, Dancing Duck, and Hartshorne. I tried the Reservoir Premium from Gates, which reminded me of Bass. From all reports the festival went very well selling out on Saturday or Sunday with no beer or very little for Bank Holiday Monday, that's what I call a successful beer festival - Charisma

## Worcester Spin

Worcester is a city that I had not visited for many years, and despite the pessimistic "it'll be hard work to find any decent pubs/beer"



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comments from some, I was keen to do a spin round the city to see what the pubs and beer selection were like. An opportunity to achieve this and be sociable at the same time came from a conversation with Ged in the Alexandra as he was planning a trip to Worcester on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Ged, Jim and I met at Derby station on the day for an (unnecessarily) early train, which meant we arrived at Worcester Foregate Street Station some time before most of the pubs were open. The only option was to head for the nearby **Postal Order** for a liquid breakfast. This Wetherspoon pub had a good range of around eight beers, including some tail-enders from the recent Wetherspoon Real Ale Festival. I made a mistake of ordering Battledown Porter, which although an excellent beer, was a bit too heavy and dark for that early in the morning! Equally heavy at 5.2%, but not so dark, Battledown Special IPA was enjoyed by all of us. Having left before noon to meet Dave and Neil, we found that the Dragon and the Firefly were both still closed, so rather than hang around we walked through the city centre to the **Plough**, an unspoilt small pub with four ales and real ciders on offer. It also seems to specialise in beers with hard to pronounce names: I had Malvern Cyneward and Teme Valley Reveille, both beers being in good form. Following a tip-off from a friendly local, a short walk was taken to the recently re-opened **Cardinal's Hat**, which now stocks real ale after a long absence, where we all had the Wye Valley Butty Bach. After this, the group split up as Ged and I were keen to cross the river to visit a couple of pubs just outside the city centre, whilst the others wanted to do some sightseeing. First up after about a 15 minute walk was the **Bell**, which is a good honest busy local with a fine range of local breweries' beers. Ged and I had Pope's Worcester Gold (one of two regular beers from this brewery) and Hobson's Up and Down, both in excellent condition. We left after a chat with another friendly local, and ventured into the local estate for a quick half of Jennings Cocker

## Butchers Arms

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Hoop in the unremarkable **Berkeley Arms**. As the weather was good, we decided not to take a taxi for what looked on the map to be a long walk to the next pub, the **Wheatsheaf**, which is across the river from the racecourse. After about 20 minutes we reached the pub and met up with the others (who had taken a cab). Popes Hope and Glory (the other Popes beer) and St Georges Friar Tuck were sampled in the excellent beer garden overlooking the river and racecourse, both beers being very good. After a tip-off from yet another friendly local, we all decided to walk back into the city centre along the river, and had a quick half of Little Ale Cart The Derwent in the **Paul Pry**. There was an assertion that this was the beer of the day but sorry, all the beers from this brewery look and taste the same to me! Time was running very short now, so disappointingly we had to drop the visit to the Firefly, which has a micro-brewery on site. We did manage a swift half of Kings Citra Hop in the **Dragon**, and noted that more Little Ale Cart beers were amongst those on offer, before returning to Worcester Foregate Street Station and catching the train back to Derby. The pessimists were proved wrong and the quality of the Worcester pubs and choice of ales were generally very good. The locals were also friendly and offered plenty of good tip-offs on other pubs worth visiting. I was not able to cover everything so a return is needed to visit other pubs such as the Firefly and the King Charles, which re-opened on the day of our visit as a Craddocks/Sadlers breweries joint venture and has a range of eight beers - Rugby Exile (aka Paul from Derby)

## Cross Keys

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## Highland Mini-Fling

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> across to **Crewe** for the midnight sleeper to Inverness, quick pint first in the **Borough Arms** and the **Hop**. Up to Inverness 3 hours by bus to **Wick** for the **Mackay Hotel**,

Loch Ness beers and Wetherspoons (fest was on). Up the road for the match with Cove Rangers, lucky here as I got a lift back down to **Nairn** for the annual April beer festival at the **Braeval Hotel** (bandstand-bar) 100+ beers. Then back to **Inverness**, just time to

do my three favourite pubs **Blackfriars**, **Hootenanny** and the **Castle Hotel**. Bed and Breakfast then back down Sunday Morning for a quick run around Sheffield's best pubs and back home close to midnight - Honest Hayden

## Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June Ruddington Village Fest, White Horse, Three Crowns & Red Heart 75+ Ales  
31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June Belper goes Green Beer Festival, Belper RFC, Strutts Playing Field-Belper 30+ Ales  
7 to 8<sup>th</sup> June Bingham RFC Beer & Music Festival, The Pavillion, Brendan Grove-Bingham  
8<sup>th</sup> June 3 Valleys Beer Festival, Dronfield, Holmesfield, Dore & Totley More Info [www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk/](http://www.threevalleysfestival.org.uk/)  
8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June Stapleford Steam & Real Ale Festival, Stapleford Park-Melton Mowbray 14 Ales & Cider  
13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Retford Beer Festival, Retford Town Hall, The Square-Retford 100+ Ales, Cider  
14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June Boat Inn Beer Festival, Scarthin-Cromford, nr Matlock 15 Ales 1 Cider Tel 01629 258083  
20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June George & Dragon Beer Festival, Bridge St-Belper  
4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July Spanish Bar Beer Festival, 74-76 South Street-Ilkeston, Derby's, 20 Ales 5 Ciders  
4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July Sun Inn Beer Festival, The Square-Gotham  
6<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Warslow Beer & Food Festival, Warslow Village Hall-Warslow 20 Ales + Cider  
7<sup>th</sup> July Thornbridge Brewery Garden Party-Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire Admission £5, Thornbridge Beer Tent  
10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 36<sup>th</sup> Derby City Charter Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms & the Market Place-Derby 300+ Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Grundy's Beer Festival, Ashbourne Rd-Derby

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4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Thurrock Beer Festival, Thurrock Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane-Grays, Essex 120 Ales 20 Ciders  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Great Welsh Beer & Cider Festival, Motorpoint Arena-Cardiff 160 Ales, 60 Ciders  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June 38<sup>th</sup> Wolverhampton Beer Festival, Wulfrun Hall, Mitre Fold-Wolverhampton 75 Ales Cider/Perry  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Hitchin Beer Festival, Hitchin Rugby Club, Old Hale Way-Hitchin Herts 70+ Ales  
6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Southampton Beer Festival, Southampton Guildhall-Southampton 90+ Real Ales, Cider  
6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June Boot Beer Festival, Shared Between The 3 Pubs in Boot [www.bootbeer.co.uk](http://www.bootbeer.co.uk)  
7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June Bingham Rugby Club Beer Fest, The Pavillion, Brendon Grove-Bingham 20 Ales, Cider  
7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> Welland Valley Beer Festival, More info at [www.wellandvalleybeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.wellandvalleybeerfestival.co.uk) 250 Ales  
14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup> Rugby Beer & Cider Fest, Thornfield Bowling Club, Hillmorton Road-Rugby 50+ Ales Cider/Perry  
14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June Stratford-on-Avon Beer & Cider Fest, Stratford Racecourse, Luddington Rd-Stratford, 50 Ales 12 Ciders  
20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June Pheasantry Brewery Beer Festival, High Brecks Farm, Lincoln Rd-East Markham 20 Ales 6 Ciders  
21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 17<sup>th</sup> South Downs Beer & Cider Fest, Lewis Town Hall, Old Corn & Hop Exchange, Fisher St-Lewis  
21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June Nuneaton & Bedworth Beer Festival, Co-op Club, 23 Dugdale Street-Nuneaton 50+ Ales Cider/Perry  
21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June Idle Beer Festival, Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club, Westfield Lane-Idle, Bradford  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup> Gtr Manchester Cider & Perry Festival, Copper Face Jacks, Palace Hotel-Oxford St, 60 Ciders & Perries  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July Bhurtpore Inn Beer Festival, Wrenbury Road-Aston nr Nantwich, Cheshire 130 Ales over 6 days  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> Bromsgrove Beer Festival, Bromsgrove Rugby Club, Finstall Park, Finstall-Bromsgrove 100+ Ales  
5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> Chorlton Beer & Cider Fest, St Clements Church, Edge Lane, Chorlton-Manchester 85 Ales 40+ Ciders  
5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July Beer on the Wye IX, Hereford Rowing Club Greyfriars Avenue-Hereford 120+ Ales 120 Ciders & Perries  
6<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> Devizes Beer Festival, Wharf-Devizes, Wiltshire 60 Ales Cider/Perry  
9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July Chelmsford Summer Beer Fest, Admiral's Park, Rainsford Road-Chelmsford 300 Ales 100 Ciders  
12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July Bishops Castle Beer Festival-Bishops Castle, Shropshire, 6 Pubs, 100 Ales + Cider

**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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## Quote of the Month:

**"The church is near, but the road is icy. The bar is far away, but I will walk carefully."**