



*In The Sticks*

# RuRAD Rural Real Ale Drinkers

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Welcome to this month's edition of "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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## Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 52 pubs in 39 different locations, 5 Breweries and 38 Beer Festivals.

## Beer and Pub News

In our January issue we dropped a clanger by reporting that Craig Sales was the new licensee of the **Devonshire Arms** on **Pentrich Lane End** in fact Craig had never left in the first place, oops sorry Craig!

Titanic Captain Smith was available when Charisma called in on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

You may recall that in February's newsletter the Bald Eagle reported during his visit to the **Hunters Arms** in **Kilburn** it became smokey before the fire alarm sounded, well apparently the staff had decided to light the fire to warm people up on that cold December day, unfortunately there was an old birds nest in the chimney. Happily no damage was done however; unhappily, the birds nest was a write off.

Champions of the "Real Ale for Ripley" campaign Nigel and Mo Eadie furthered their dream of returning the **George Inn** on **Lowes Hill** as the towns premier ale house by having the likes of Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby 6.0%, Shugborough Coachman's Tipple 4.7%, Isle of Skye Blaven 5.0%, Taylors Ram Tam 4.3% and Moles Black Rat Cider along side regulars Hartington IPA 4.5% and Mansfield Dark Mild 3.45% over the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February. As if that wasn't enough there was live folk music on the Sunday night.

Nigel & Mo's first Beer Festival, planned for April, has had to be postponed until August due to renovation work taking place at the pub.

Steady Steve of the **Royal Oak Ockbrook** reports forth coming attractions include: - Full Mash Apparition 4.5%, Brewster's Scarlet 4.8%, Falstaff Fist Full of Hops 4.5%, Falstaff Smiling Assassin 5.2%, Berrow Topsey Turvey 5.9%, Burton Bridge Spark & Ride 4.5%, Rudgate Manis Ale 4.4%, Rudgate Odins Mash 4.0%, Holland Glamour Puss 4.2%, Holland Golden Blonde 4.0%, Scatter Rock Steeperton Tor 4.2%, Springhead Saint David's Bitter 4.0%, Everards Tiger Best Bitter 4.2%, Original 5.2%, Triple Gold and Sunchaser.

Wellsy thought we might like to know that the **Plough** at **Diseworth** (near East Midlands Airport) has re-opened and has a decent selection of real ales and a small but tasty menu.

The beers available on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February including the prices, which reflect the grossly unfair price increases, (are the brewers trying to destroy pub life?), were Pedigree £2.40, Bass £2.40 guest beers are £2.35-£2.45 currently these are Black Sheep and Speckled Hen.

Nice old-fashioned "proper pub", open fires and no gaming machines! Worth a visit. Also well worth a visit while in the area you could try The **Old Crown** at **Cavendish Bridge**, near **Shardlow**.

Whilst out caravanning last year Rex Simpson called in at the **Marton Arms Thornton in Lonsdale** which is off the A65 near **Ingleton** Yorkshire. The Pub has 15 real ales on at any one time and 260 malt whiskeys as well as good food and accommodation. The pub has its own website and for more information visit [www.martonarms.co.uk](http://www.martonarms.co.uk)

The New Licensee at **White Hart Bargate** is Wendy Andrea Miles; the pub is part of Hardys and Hanson's estate.

The guest beer at the **Spanker Nether Heage** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February was Elgood's Old Wagg 4.0% which was along side regulars Bass and Pedigree.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Festival at the **Ilford Club Ilkeston** will now run between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

Colin's "Brewery of the Month" for March at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with, beers from the Sarah Hughes Brewery in Sedgley and includes: - Pale Amber 4.0%, Sedgley Surprise 5.0% and Dark Ruby 6.0%.

Our congratulations go to Colin who received a highly recommended certificate in the Bateman's Cellar Management awards scheme for cellar maintenance, glassware and beer quality.

Colin received his certificate on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February during a presentation held at Bateman's Brewery in Wainfleet from George and Stuart Bateman. Publicans from all over the county and the East Midlands attended the event.

The future of the **Royal Oak** on Mill Street **Belper** seems a little more certain as on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February new licensees Dawn and Alan Stewart take over the helm. You may remember that we brought you news of the pubs uncertain future in our July newsletter last year.

Jackie McDonald thought it might be worth a mention that the **Thomas Sykes** on Anglesey Road **Burton on Trent** is under threat of closure.

The site is being developed and the contractors want to close it, they say not permanently, for health and safety reasons. A group have met with the contractors and are trying to work round this.

In the meantime Norman the Licensee held a beer festival between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March which, by the time you read this, could well have been his last.

The Bald One reports that during a visit to the **Needlemakers Arms** on Kensington Street **Ilkeston** he found Deuchars IPA 3.8% as a regular "Quality Superb" with recent guests from Wye Valley WPA and Gales Robin's Revenge.

Members of the Sealed Knot will be "Bringing the past to life" with a number of English Civil war re enactments over the Easter weekend at the **Old Stables Bar Denby**.

To learn more about the Sealed Knot visit [www.sealedknot.org](http://www.sealedknot.org)

## Brewery News

### Leadmill-Denby

Leadmill Brewery have a new web site

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

Richard has recently installed a new mash tub, which will increase capacity to 15 barrels.

The beers, including the guests, are staying at £1.70 a pint at **The Old Stables Bar Denby** with the draft larger being removed leaving the cider as a regular feature.

A selection of guest beers from Crouch Vale will be making an appearance soon as part of a beer swap arrangement.

Bar staff Positions are needed at both the **Stables Bar** and the **King William IV Milford**.

### Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

Funfair's next beer will be called

Speedway at 4.1% and is described as a light beer.

The 18 of Waltzer 4.5% proved so popular at the 4<sup>th</sup> Derby Winter Beer Festival that it went in a matter of hours.

The Breweries new web site is

[www.funfairbrewingcompany.com](http://www.funfairbrewingcompany.com) or email [sales@funfairbrewingcompany.com](mailto:sales@funfairbrewingcompany.com)

### Falstaff-Normanton

Falstaff are brewing special beers for the **Babington Arms in Derby** the first of which **Invader Ale** 4.5% was sampled by the **Gentle Giant** and me on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Old Poets Corner Brewery-Ashover

Kim and Jackie Beresford report that they are still very positive about plans to install a 5-barrel plant within the cellar of the Old Poets. To date several pairs of experienced eyes have been cast over the project with favorable comments from all. One set back encountered is the limited access into the cellar, which would severely restrict the size of any component parts passing into it. There are two ways round this; firstly, the vessels could be assembled in situ. This is not ideal and poses problems with quality of joints, which could lead to potential contamination hazards.

Secondly a temporary access point could be created which seems to be the more favorable option but does have its drawbacks in that it will cause a disruption in the pub trading areas. For this reason it has been decided that work cannot proceed until later in the year, and things have quietened down a bit (maybe). Some small scale sample brewing may take place prior to installation of the main plant.

### Derby Brewing Co-Derby

Trevor Harris, of the Derby Brewing Co, rang to advise that his latest beers are named **Enjoy** 4.6%, **Corker** 4.6% and **Tickety Boo** 4.3%.

Apparently Trevor got the idea for the name **Harris Hawk** while listening to **Five Live** on the radio covering the **Tennis at Wimbledon** where **Hawks** were used to clear the pigeons from the tennis courts.

### Caledonian Brewing Co-Edinburgh

Pip Fitzherbert Territory Manager for the **Caledonian Brewing Co Ltd** in Edinburgh e-mailed us to advise of Caledonian's excellent web site and includes, amongst other things, details of the breweries seasonal guest beers and the nearest pub to you where you can try a pint including our very own **Queens Head in Belper** and the **Pattern Makers Arms in Duffield**.

The guest beer for February and March is **Six Nations** 4.2%. If you want to learn more why not log onto [www.caledonian-brewery.co.uk](http://www.caledonian-brewery.co.uk)

### Danelaw-Chellaston.

Steve and Paul have recently acquired two brewing vessels and cooling equipment from **Leadmill**.

### Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February along with Uncle Albert we started our walk from **Baslow**. We walked up onto **Baslow Edge** along **Curbar & Froggatt Edge** and about midday arrived at the **Grouse Inn at Longshaws**. We weren't too concerned what ale was on offer as it was now snowing. A nice pub serving 4 real ales **Deuchars IPA** 3.8% at £2.10 per pint **Wards Bitter** at £2.10 per pint **Pedigree** 4.5% & **Banks Bitter** 3.5%, we tried the **Deuchars & Wards** both nice drinks and served in lined glasses. As it had now stopped snowing we decided to walk on to **Froggatt** and visit the **Chequers Inn**. A very nice pub but food orientated, we felt very out of place surrounded by menus and diners. Two real ales on offer **Greene King IPA** 3.6% £2.20 per pint & **Bombardier** 4.3%. We tried the IPA not the best we've had but never mind you can't win em all

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February we took **Trigger** along with us and started our walk from **Bakewell**; we walked through the village of **Edensor & Pislely** and on to **Hassop** where we called into the **Eyre Arms**. A very nice pub with an open log fire serving three real ales, **John Smiths Cask** 3.8% **Black Sheep Special** 4.4% and **Pedigree** 4.5%, we tried the **Black Sheep** quite a nice drink at £2.36p per pint. We left here and walked through **Great**

**Longston** passing the **White Lion** and the **Crispin Inn** both **Robinson's Pubs** and onto **Little Longston** where we called in at the **GBG** entry the **Packhorse**. On offer here was three real ales **Marstons Bitter** 3.8%, **Pedigree** 4.5% & **Old Speckled Hen** 5.2%, we tried the **Marstons Bitter** at £2.25 per pint & **Trigger** the **Speckled Hen** £2.40 per pint, both quite acceptable drinks. From here we decided to visit another **GBG** entry just up the road, the **Stable Bar** at the **Monsal Head Hotel**. Here we found another nice open fire plus eight real ales, where do we start? **Monsal Head Bitter** 4.2% brewed by **Lloyds, Abbeydale Absolution** 5.2% & **Moonshine** 4.3%, **Timothy Taylors Landlord** 4.3%, **Theakstons Best Bitter** 3.6% & **Old Peculiar** 5.7%, **Hartington Bitter** 4.0% & **Kelham Island Pale Rider** 5.2% we tried the **Moonshine** at £2.20 per pint & **Trigger** the **Monsal Head** at £1.90 per pint. Both were very nice drinks and it was going to be very hard to move away from the side of this lovely open fire but as we had another 4.5 miles to walk back to the car we had to make the effort!

Today Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February we started our walk from the miniature railway station at **Rudyard** and headed for the village of **Denford** where we planned to visit a new entry in the **GBG The Holly Bush Inn**. On arrival we were not disappointed, after we had sorted out the sliding door to get in we found a nice open fire, trophies, pump clips, **Toby jugs** hanging from the ceiling plus six real ales. **Fullers London Pride** 4.1%, **Ind Coope Burton Ale** 4.8%, **Courage Directors** 4.3%, **Theakstons XB** 4.6% **Town House Flowerdew** 4.0% & **Exmoor Stag** 5.2%. We tried the **Flowerdew** a very nice drink at £2.15 per pint. On leaving we decided to head up the road to the **New Inn at Longsdon**, this was the first of two mistakes we made today, on arrival the doors were locked and the **Pub To Let** signs erected. We now had to re plan and looking at the map there was a pub in the village of **Horton**, but wrong again, on arrival no pub to be found just a church. So all in all not a very good day but the **Holy Bush At Denford** was well worth a visit.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February **Del & Pedro** visited the **Sycamore Inn at Parwich** a very nice village pub serving 3 real ales, **Hartley's XB** 4.0% £2.10 per pint **Robinson's Double Hop** 5.0% £2.10 per pint & there regular ale **Robinson's Old Tom** 8.5% at £2.90p per pint. The **Old Tom** was very tempting but with the car outside we decided on the **XB**, a very nice drink served by a very pleasant and friendly landlady and well worth the visit

The **King William** at **Milford** has been included, along with the **Strutt Arms** and the **Holly Bush Makeney**, as part of a number of **Ghost Walks** due to take place in **March** and **April**.

## The Bald Spot

Not so much a bald spot but a number of bald patches this month.

At the **White Post Stanley Common** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2005 Bald Eagle & Big Un report they had Bass, Black Sheep Special and guest Steemin Billy Merry Christmas 4.4% now brewed by Grainstore of Oakham.

On 5<sup>th</sup> January Chippie Cherry and the Bald One report that the **George Inn** Lowes Hill Ripley had Hartington IPA as their regular beer at £2.00 a pint. Guests were Leadmill B52 £2.10 and Phoenix Wobbly Bob 6.0% at £2.30.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> January Bald Eagle & Big Un sampled Highgate Old Ale 5.3% £2.30 at the same establishment. Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild, Isle of Skye Black Cullin, Cairngorm and Sheepshagger Gold have appeared more recently. Pork dripping sandwiches are a speciality.

Charisma, Fly South and the Bald One visited the **Anchor at Oakerthorpe** in mid January and sampled beers from Cropton including Balmly Mild 4.4%, Rudolph's Revenge 4.6%, Monkmans Slaughter 6.0% and Honey Gold Luvly! The Landlord hopes to have a beer festival in summer.

Next stop was the **Old Yew Tree at South Wingfield** where Pedigree £2.20, Abbeydale Moonshine, Leek Staffordshire Gold and one from Archers. The three beers sampled were of excellent quality if not a little pricey at £2.40 a pint.

At the **Shoulder of Mutton at Hallfieldgate** on the same night were John Smiths Bitter, Adnams Broadside, Shardlow Reverend Eaton with free snap greatly appreciated Beers from Clarke's were due to go on next.

Last but no means least we called in at the **Hay Hotel Shirland** where Charisma tried the Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Fly tried the Cottage North Western and Bald tried Fullers Jack Frost. A cracking tour! Cheers chaps!

The Silver Fox reported that on 7<sup>th</sup> January the **Moss Cottage Ripley** had Fullers Jack Frost and Bateman's Rosey Nosey. On 4<sup>th</sup> February Had Fullers ESB and usually has two guest beers on a week.

Bald Eagle & Big Un on 21<sup>st</sup> January the **Malt Shovel Spondon** had Bass, Burtonwood Bitter, Top Hat, Hop Back Summer Lightning and Reverend James all on hand pumps with Beartown Kodiak Gold and Okells IPA straight from the barrel. A multi roomed pub of character. The next beers on were due to be Pedigree and Beartown Bearskinfull.

On the same evening at the **Punch Bowl West Hallam** were Wadworths 6X, Tetley Bitter, Pedigree and the elusive Draught Burton Ale The DBA was of very good standing.

Early on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Derby station, after buying 2 wayfarer tickets Trigger and Old Mother Redcap caught the 9:15am train and set off on our crazy journey to **Sheffield** city centre. As we got to Sheffield the Wetherspoons pubs were open at 10:00 am so we went in the one called **Wetherspoons** on Cambridge Street Steady first half beers included Titanic White Star 4.8%, Coach House Dick Turpin 4.2%, Hook Norton Old Hooky 4.6% & Abbeydale Moonshine 4.3% all priced at £1:65. Our second pub was another Wetherspoons house, 5 minutes out of town, the **Swim Inn** on Glossop Road. A small and neat place with Butcombe Gold 4.7% at £1.59 also Abbot Ale, Everards Tiger & Pedigree available.

Making our way to the other side of town we arrived at our 3<sup>rd</sup> public house, the **Devonshire Cat** on Wellington Street. It had just opened when we arrived, this very smart place is a sister pub to the **Fat Cat**. A selection of 12 ales greeted us plus many foreign bottled beers. Whitely Bridge Gold 3.8 & Emberzale 4.2%, Clarke's Wakey-Wakey 4.6% and Devonshire Cat (the house beer) 3.8% were just a few that were available. Prices ranged from £1.75 to £2.50 a pint and there was plenty of reading material to pick up, well worth a visit.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> pub was 5 minutes walk to Bath Street and the **Bath Hotel**. A certain Mr. Onemate recommended this national inventory listed pub to us. Six beers were available here including Barnsley Acorn 3.8%, Derby Business as Usual at £2.10, Oldershaws Alma's Brew £2.10 and Wentworth Rampant Gryphon 6.2% at £2.10, very impressive. Then we were on our way to Pitt Street in the city centre and the **Red Deer**, our 5<sup>th</sup> stop where we had lunch with a good pint of Adnams Broadside 4.7% at £2.05, they also had Timothy Taylors at £2.05 and Wells Bombardier at £2.10.

Moving on after lunch, heading towards Kelham Island, we came across the **Frog & Parrot** on Division Street. More of a student style pub the ales available were Robinson's Unicorn 4.2% at £2.45, Wards Best Bitter 4.0% at £2.05, also the pub brews its own beer, Roger and Out 12.5% at £1.50 and only sold in 1/3 of a pint. Unfortunately it wasn't available on our visit so we settled for the Unicorn. Moving closer to Kelham we headed to the **Bankers Draft** (Lloyds) where we had a swift half of Acorn Winter Ale 4.5% at £1.69, which went down well. Whilst in the pub I received a phone call from my mate Chris saying that he was already at the **Kelham Island** on Russell Street. A few people were going between Fat Cats and Kelham Island as they are close together but Kelham Island was still busy and hardly surprising considering the range of beers available. Eastwood & Sanders Beyond The Pale 4.2% at £1.74, Dorothy Goodbodys Wholesome Stout 4.6% at £1.86, Birkswood

Square 3.8% and Litchfield Parsons Nose 4.0% at £1.80 was a few on offer.

Watch this space for Part 2.

## The Ex Adman Column

We go south this month, visiting the **Salisbury at Haringgay**, in North London, which is a late - Victorian classic built around 1898. This 3 - storey Public House is situated on the corner of Green Lanes and Grand Parade in Haringgay, and is an imposing sight from the outside as well as having a superb interior. Grade II listed, it comprises 3 separate drinking areas around a central bar, which has an unusual trough at its front, which is reputed to have been used for sheepdogs to drink from when shepherds used to take their flocks to Kings Cross Market in the early part of the last century. When entering the Saloon Bar one sees a couple of small recesses suitable for private drinking, and there is a superb mosaic floor reminiscent of many pubs of that period. The back of the bar is decorated Art Nouveau style, whilst there is some excellent etched glass decor elsewhere, and the back room has a beautiful vine - decorated skylight. There are usually 2 real ales on offer, and the opening hours are 12 - 11 Monday - Wednesday, 12 - 1am Thursday - Saturday and 12 - 1030 Sunday. The pub can be reached by taking the Underground to Manor House Station on the Piccadilly Line, turning right and walking along Green Lanes for approximately one - and - a - half miles, a bit of a trek perhaps, but worth the time and effort.

## Big Foz's travels with his Dad

7<sup>th</sup> February 2005

**Bar, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Greater Manchester**

Marble Chorlton-cum-Hazy Marble, Lagonda IPA, Phoenix Arizona, Phoenix Wobbly Bob

BigFoz says: superb food; nice place...when you can find it.

Dad says: it's opposite Safeways.

BigFoz says: I know that *now!*

14<sup>th</sup> February 2005

**Plough, Radford, Nottingham**

Nottingham range including: EBA, Supreme, Rebellion Smuggler, Anker, Goulden Carolus (10.5 %)

Dad says: should beer be as strong as that last one?

BigFoz says: that's a cupboard, dad.

16<sup>th</sup> February 2005

**Robin Hood & Little John, Lambley, Nottinghamshire**

Mansfield Dark, Mansfield Cask, Pedigree, Banks Bitter

BigFoz says: I feel like sitting by this blazing log fire and going to sleep.

Dad says: Zzzzzzzzz.

Early Feb found me up north towards **Guisborough**, where I came across a pub called the **Cross Keys** at the side of a travel lodge on the A172. Usually this means the Chef & Brewer type of place but to my surprise on entering this old coaching inn there was a selection of organic beers from the North Yorkshire Brewing Co., which I later found out

was brewed in nearby Pinchinthorpe. The first to be sampled was the Boro Best 4% at £ 2.40 a pint, which is one I would say, would be a steady session drink. On the next pump was the Flying Herbert 4.7% at £2.55 and I must say this one being a bit more full bodied went down a treat. Lastly the Golden Ale 4.6% at £2.50 and as the name suggests quite pale not

usually to my taste but nonetheless still a pleasant drink. The other surprise was the quality of the food, a good menu with some excellent specials, so if any of you are around this area at any time I would definitely recommend this one.

**Openwood Wanderer**

**Proposed Trips** York by train, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2005: Contact Charisma on 07974 171243.

## Beer Festival Diary

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Bell Inn Irish Beers Festival, Market Square-Nottingham. [www.thebell-inn.com](http://www.thebell-inn.com)

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Ship & Mitre Beer Festival, Dale Street-Liverpool. [www.shipandmitre.co.uk](http://www.shipandmitre.co.uk)

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, near St Margaret's Church-Leicester. [www.camra.org.uk/leicester](http://www.camra.org.uk/leicester)

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March Wars of the Roses Beer Festival Priory Street Centre, Priory Street-York. [www.yorkcamra.free-online.co.uk](http://www.yorkcamra.free-online.co.uk)

17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Old Poets Corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Festival-Ashover. **Note change of date from last issue.** [www.oldpoets.co.uk](http://www.oldpoets.co.uk)

18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March Coventry City Beer Festival Coventry City Football Ground, East Stand Mall, Swan Lane-Coventry.

18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March Bingham Rugby Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Beer Festival, Pavilion, Bredon Grove-Bingham.

19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March Oldham Beer Festival Queen Elizabeth Hall, West Street-Oldham.

21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, Babington Arms Beer Festival-Derby.

24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March Holly Bush Beer Festival-Makeney.

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem Beer Festival, Brewhouse Yard-Nottingham. [www.triptojerusalem.com](http://www.triptojerusalem.com)

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Alfred Beer Festival, Derby Road-Burton upon Trent.

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Victoria Easter Beer Festival, Dovecote Lane-Beeston.

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Arkwright Arms Beer Festival, Sutton cum Duckmanton-Chesterfield. <http://thearkers.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March Mini Easter Beer Festival Suddaby's, Wheelgate-Malton. [www.suddabys.co.uk](http://www.suddabys.co.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March Rowing Club Beer Festival, Darley Grove-Derby. [www.derby.rowing.org.uk](http://www.derby.rowing.org.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Wellington, Easter Beer Festival, Bennets Hill-Birmingham.

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Newshouse Beer Festival, Canal Street-Nottingham.

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Boat Beer Festival, Scarthin-Cromford. [www.theboatatcromford.co.uk](http://www.theboatatcromford.co.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Green Man Beer Festival-Stamford.

31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> Dunstable Beer Festival Dunstable Young Persons Centre, Manchester Place-Dunstable. [www.sbedscamra.org.uk](http://www.sbedscamra.org.uk)

1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 19<sup>th</sup> Oldham Beer Festival, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Civic Centre, West Street-Oldham.

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April Walsall Beer Festival Walsall Town Hall, Leicester Street-Walsall.

7<sup>th</sup> to 10 April Mansfield Beer Festival, Mansfield Leisure Centre, Chesterfield Road-Mansfield. [www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk](http://www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk)

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April Ilford Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Festival, 93, Station Road-Ilkeston.

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April Steam Packet Beer Festival, Derby Road-Swanwick.

22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April Mallard Beer Festival, The Mallard, Railway Station-Worksop.

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April Stourbridge Beer Festival, Stourbridge Town Hall, Market Street-Stourbridge. [www.stourbridge-camra.co.uk](http://www.stourbridge-camra.co.uk)

29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May Philadelphia Blues Festival Participating Northern Quarter Pubs-Sheffield.

29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May Gladstone Beer Festival, Loscoe Road-Carrington.

9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Spring Beer Festival-Wetherspoons Pubs. [www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk](http://www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May Rugby Beer Festival Thornfield Bowling Club-Rugby.

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Rail Ale Festival-Barrow Hill Roundhouse. [www.barrowhill.org.uk](http://www.barrowhill.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May Lincoln Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln. [www.lincolncamra.org.uk](http://www.lincolncamra.org.uk)

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park-Newark. [www.newarkbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.newarkbeerfestival.co.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May White Post Beer Festival-Stanley Common.

14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June Boundary 11<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival 2 Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw-Manchester.

6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 28<sup>th</sup> Derby CAMRA Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby. <http://www.derbycamra.org.uk/>

**We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.**

In the next issue of "In the Sticks" look out for more Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles, the Exadman's column on historic pubs, out and about with the Bald Eagle, Big Foz's travels with his Dad and part two of Trigger and Old Mother Red Caps visit to Sheffield.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in the next issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-<mailto:billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk>

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