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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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First of all we would like to take this opportunity to wish you, constant reader, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, thanks for your continued support.

Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 56 pubs in 27 different locations, 5 Breweries and 23 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

It is with sorrow we report the passing of Malcolm Hawley licensee of the **White Hart Heage**. Always a colourful character and a true advocate for real ale Malcolm will be sadly missed.

The **Lord Scarsdale** on New Zealand Lane **Duffield** has been re named to **Fiddlers Bar & Bistro** with **Andrew Saywood** as the General Manager. Both **Pedigree** and **Jennings Redbreast** were spotted recently.

The **Nags Head** at **Smalley** has been closed.

A brief visit was made to the **Red Lion** in **Ripley** on Friday 3rd November, where I was pleased to find a choice of 10 real ales available!! These included **Marstons Wicked Witch** 4.6%, plus **Thornbridge Hark** 4.8%, **Kipling** 5.2% and **Jaipur Monsoon** 5.5%.

On a recent visit to the **Windmill** at **Breadsall Bass** (£2.10) and **Pedigree** (£1.75) were available and the choice was offered to have the **Pedi flat** or with a head.

December 2006

The **Greyhound** on **Whitemoor Lane Belper** has re opened after extensive refurbishment work.

The **White Hart** in **Duffield** was due to re-open on Wednesday 22nd November after refurbishment.

Thornbridge Hall Brewery has acquired its first pub, the **Coach & Horses** at **Dronfield**, and it is hoped to be the first of several.

The **George** at **Ripley** on a recent visit had **Cottage Howling Ale & Deltic Diesel**, **Hoskins Numbskull & Tower Wide Eyed** and **Legless - Charisma**.

On Wednesday 11th October, Half-Pint and myself paid a visit to **Spalding** on a shopping expedition. Whilst there, we took the opportunity to check out a **GBG** listed hostelry for some lunch **The Red Lion Hotel** where 4 handpulls adorned the bar. We both chose the **Fullers London Pride**, which was very good. The other ales regularly available are **Marstons Pedigree**, **Draught Bass** and **Greene King Abbot - Tweedle Dee**.

The recently opened **Hollybush** at **Ripley** has **Greene King IPA** and **Old Speckled Hen** available.

The "guest beer" at **The Canal Inn** at **Bullbridge** on my latest visit was **Ruddles County - Tweedle Dee**.

On a recent, and very rare, visit to the **Nags Head** at **Borrowwash** I found **Cameron's Castle Eden Ale** to be the guest beer along side the regular **Pedi**. Maybe you understand why my visits are rare - Ed

Brynn from the **Nags Head** on **High Pavement Belper** advises that the **Castle Eden ale** will be replaced by **Adnams Broadside** for the month of December.

The **Tweedles** paid a visit to **The Victoria** in **Alfreton** on Sunday 26th November, where a pool match was taking place. The beers available were **Archers Hustler** (4.6%) and **Millstone Windy Miller** (4.1%). Both ales were on fine form but the **Millstone** was favourite.

Pedro reports that the **Prince Alfred** at **Burton on Trent** has re-opened.

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The guest beers for December, including Xmas and the New Year, at the **Cross Keys Belper** includes **Burton Bridge XL** 4.1%, **Timothy Taylors Ram Tam** 4.3%, **Wychwood The Dogs Bollocks** 5.2%, **Fullers London Pride** 4.1%, **Arundel Warm Willie** 5.3%, **Adnams Tally Ho** 7.0%, **Wadsworth JCB** 4.7%, **Adnams Old** 4.1%, **St Austell Black Prince** 4.0%, **Brains SA** 4.2%, **Bateman's Rosey Nosey** 4.9%, **Elgoods Wenceslas Winter Warmer**, **Derby White Christmas** 5.0%, **O'Hanlons Port Stout** 4.8% and **Robinson's Old Tom** 8.5%.

No **Friday Five** pub-crawl this month due to Christmas and the like but keep an eye out next month to see where we are going-Billy.

The **Moss Cottage Hotel** at **Ripley** has had a 6th handpull installed on the bar the regular house ales are **Shepherd Neame Bishops Finger** 5.0% and **Theakstons Best Bitter** 3.8%, plus **Westons Old Rosie** and up to 3 **Guest Beers** sourced mainly from local micro-breweries!!

Whilst on a shopping trip in **Derby** I called in the **Wardwick Tavern** (which was a first for me) for a little retail relief. On offer were **Tetley**, **York Centurions Ghost**, **Cairngorm Wildcat**, **Coach House Farriers Best Bitter & Springhead Roaring Meg** and there was an impressive selection of ales on the forthcoming list also - **Gail Forswins**.

Chrispy Duck reports that the **George & Dragon** at **Belper** always has some excellent guest beers and is a good port of call on match days.

Recently I had reason to call in the **Alexandra Hotel** on **Siddalls Road**, the reason being a bit of a shindig to mark 'Er in Doors' retirement, where there was a choice from **Castle Rock Hedgehog**, **Harvest Pale & Elsie Mo** and **Maypole Mayfair & Maybee**. I would just like to say for the record that I have never seen so many undertakers in one room!

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On my travels delivering the newsletters I have noticed what a good selection of real ales are available at the various pubs. The **Hollybush** at **Makeney** had Orkney Dark Island, the **Old Poets** at **Ashover** had Ridley's Old Bob, Caythorpe Stout Fellow was available at the **Bell** at **Smalley** and the **Sitwell** at **Woodside** had DBC Triple Hop. Meanwhile at the **White Post** at **Stanley Vic** is hoping to have beers from Funfair on a regular basis, he's started off with having Gallopers with Cake Walk in the cellar. Moving on to **Ripley** there was Cains Raisin Beer on at the **Nags Head** and Holland Blond Bombshell was on at the **Moss Cottage**. Down the road at **Oakerthorpe** John at the **Anchor** told me that Old Goat, an 8%+ beer from Cropton, should be available soon. The **Victoria** at **Alfreton** had Blackwater Dark Magician and finally back into Ripley, on my way home, the **Red Lion** had Thornbridge McConnells. Adam, the manager, is keen to have local micro beers on soon so keep your eyes peeled and lets hope he pulls it off - Charisma

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instead of wine, EVERY course was accompanied by a different Thornbridge beer, which had been specifically chosen to match the food!!! Our reception drink on arrival was the new Winter Ale Hark 4.8%, which packed a spicy fruity flavour and was the perfect accompaniment to the assorted canapés and hors-d'oeuvres. Before taking our seats for the meal, we tried another new beer in the downstairs bar called McConnel 5.0%.

This was a wonderful creamy vanilla stout which was very moreish; a seemingly never-ending further supply of canapés and hors d'oeuvres was available. However, we were both feeling rather hungry by now and therefore decided to find our table upstairs. There was some walnut and herb butter bread on the table to nibble on whilst our first guest speaker explained the different beer styles. A glass of Kipling 5.2% a full-flavoured South Pacific Pale Ale with a grapefruit aroma was served with the first course, which was a galette of fish. This was followed by one of our favourite Thornbridge ales, the multi-award winning Jaipur IPA 5.9% with the main course - we both had the vegetarian option in preference to lamb. Moving onto the third course which was a stilton cheesecake with Thornbridge Ale jelly saw us try a glass of yet another new beer - McCrindle 9.5% - a dry-hopped barley wine with a hint of tangerine flavour, which had been matured in an oak cask!! Our final tittle of the evening whilst at the table was another of our favourites - Saint Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout 7.7%, which was the perfect foil for the rich chocolate dessert. A fantastic evening was completed by our after-dinner speaker who was very entertaining. We decided to finish off the evening with another McConnel in the downstairs bar before it was all-too-soon time to head back home. We both look forward to returning again next year and can heartily recommend this event to everyone - Tweedle Dee

T'be sure there will be a decidedly Gaelic

feel at the **Royal Oak, Ockbrook** at the beginning of December as Steady Steve has got some beers from the Emerald Isle lined up. From the Hilden Brewery of Lisburn there will be Ale 4%, Silver 4.2%, Scullions Irish 4.6% and Halt 6.1% whilst from Messrs. Maquire of Dublin there will be Rusty Ale 4.6% & Haus (a wheat beer) 4.3% and from College Green Brewery of Belfast there will be Molly's Chocolate Stout 4.2% & Headless Dog 4.3%. Who says they don't know what real ale is in Ireland? I don't know but it will be interesting to see if they can brew it. As for the Christmas period Ossett Nervous Turkey 4.3% & Bah Humbug 5%, Cottage Xmas Cracker 4.5%, Steaming Santa 5.5% & This Time Next Year 4.1%, Beartown Santa Claws 4.5%, Salamander Ding Dong 3.8%, York Sleigh 4.5%, Abbeydale Advent 4.6%, Brewsters Ugly Sisters 4.8%, Thornbridge St Petersburg 7.7%, Whim Black Christmas (at a weaker) 5.5%, Oldershaws Yuletide 5.2% and Archers Yule Tidings 3.8%, Old Frostie 3.8%, Robin Red Breast 4% & Christmas Fantasy 4.3% will all be putting in an appearance. So here it is Merry Christmas everybody's having fun.

RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

I arrived by trent bus at the **Bold Forester** at **Mansfield** on my zigzag ticket with Bald Eagle and Pac-a- mac and wasn't disappointed, the place wasn't packed and there was plenty of room to get to the bar. We never had a bad beer all night and the quality was excellent. Thornbridge Kipling, Workie Ticket, Nelson's Revenge and Pigs Ear all went down well while Bald Eagle and Pac-a-mac preferred the darker beers like Pressed Rat and Warthog, Black Prince & Ram Tam. The icing on the cake was when they came round with FREE cobs and sausage rolls. Then it was back on the bus home, what a cracking night it was we shall be going again next year. Unfortunately the bus terminated at Kilburn toll bar and I had to walk home to Little Eaton...never mind it sobered me up - Charisma.

I called on the first night of the **Hollybush** beer Festival at **Makeney** at 7.00-ish when it was nice and quiet, this is one of my favourite beer festivals and despite a few alterations to the beer list (due to poor delivery service) there were plenty of interesting and varied beers to try. Old Spot, Wild Hare & Molecatcher were among my favourites with a Kingston Black Cider 8.4% from Broadoak to finish off. The cider was so good I called round on Friday night for some more but I couldn't get near the pub and had to park at Milford, what does that tell you about the beer Festival? - Charisma (tells me they haven't got a very big car park - Ed)

Dougal and Florence visited the 2nd **Needlemakers Arms** Beer Festival at **Ilkeston** on the Saturday November 18th to be greeted by a selection of beers which included Cotleigh Old Buzzard, Cropton Two Pints, Hopback Odyssey, Mordue Geordie Pride, Oakham White Dwarf, Phoenix White Monk, RCH Pitchfork, Rooster Cream, Wye Valley Butter Bach, Ossett Fine Fettle, Needles Surprise, Poachers Black Crow Stout, York Stonewall, and Westons Old Rosie, plus an ever moving array of beers at the bar. They sampled quite a number of beers from the list proved and all were in good order.



Established in 2004 we now have a core range of hand crafted beers from the Showman's range including IPA 5.3%, Bitter 4.6%, and Gold 4.4%; also available are Gallopers 3.8%, Dodgem 4.7%, Brandy Snap 4.7%, and Cake Walk 6.0%.

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On the evening of Sunday November the 12th Myself, Boycie & Marlene got the bus to meet some friends in **Nottingham** as we had tickets to see "The Sensational Alex Harvey Band" at The Rescue Rooms. We had chance to call in a few pubs on route to the venue and the first stop, straight off the bus, was the **Salutation Inn** on Maid Marian Way. The range of ales here included Springhead Puritans Porter & Charlies Angel, Deuchars IPA, Hobgoblin, Tanglefoot, Archers Golden and Nottingham EPA, the porter went down a treat. Next it was just down the road to the **Royal Children** which was a first for me (and probably a last) here we had Deuchars but there was also Ruddles County & Old Speckled Hen, our first choice had been Bombardier but it went mid-pull on the first pint. The final port of call before hitting the venue was the **GBG Bell Inn** on Angel Row where we had a quick pint of Olde Trip, which was one of 4 or 5 H&H beers on; amongst the others were beers from RCH and Banks & Taylor. The Sensational Alex Harvey Band still tour with the original line up, minus the sensational Mr. Alex Harvey who sadly died in 1982 (the vocals are now provided by Max Maxwell), and still sound absolutely awesome. An encore wouldn't have gone amiss though. Vambo still rule OK! - Ed

On Wednesday 1st November, Half-Pint and myself attended an event called BrewKitchen 06 at Thornbridge Hall in **Ashford-in-the-Water**, where we enjoyed a superb 5-course meal with a difference -

Jedediah's Trippe

Park, Belper - no real ale, as I suspected. **White Hart, Bargate** - H&H Bitter, good at £2.20; other beer is **Abbot. Dead Poets, Holbrook** - excellent Kelham Island Easy Rider at £2.30, also very good Wherry at £2.20; other beers are Abbeydale Absolution, Spitfire, Archers Golden, Snecklifter, Pedigree and Abbot. **Wheel, Holbrook** - passable Cumberland Ale at £2.30; other beers are London Pride, Flowers IPA and Pedigree. **New Inn, Milford** - excellent H&H Bitter to £2.20; other beer is Olde Trip, and not a GK beer in sight! While still very foody, there did seem to be more drinkers at the bar yesterday. It is a welcoming venue. **Mill House, Milford** - GK IPA at a disgraceful £2.50 was undrinkable, but the replacement Directors was very good. **Strutt Arms, Milford** - passable Old Hooky at £2.40; other beer is Pedigree. **King William IV, Milford** - excellent Landlord at £2.50; other beers are Bass and Pedigree, so getting expensive and not so imaginative, although the coming beer list included a Shardlow brew again. **Hollybush, Makeney** - excellent Tower Fosbrooke at £2.30, and also Archers Golden; other beers were Pedigree, Landlord, Abbot and London Pride.

Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

The latest beer from Bottle Brook is Obsession, a 5.4% porter.

Danelaw-Chellaston

www.danelawbrewery.co.uk

Unfortunately due to occupational developments Steve & Paul at Danelaw are suspending brewing for the foreseeable future. There may be a reprieve for the brewery in the long term but arrangements need to be made. One of the partners is hoping to continue brewing in some capacity and has something in the pipeline but it is not a decision to be considered lightly and we will bring you news of any developments as we are informed.

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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Cakewalk 6.0% was one of the guest beers at the **Babington Arms** Dark Ales Festival, which ran from 20th to 26th November. Dive Bomber has been on recently at the **Moss Cottage Ripley**. A new seasonal beer has been brewed alongside Christmas Cakewalk 6.5%, it is a 5% golden ale called "Tiz the Season to be Jolly"

Leadmill-Denby

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Hell for Leather 4.7% is Richard's latest addition to the Leadmill range.

Ashover Brewery-Ashover

After dropping the newsletters off at the **Old Poets Corner** I managed to get a look at how the brewery is progressing. The floor is down, the walls are being rendered and the brewing vessels are in position. The water and electric are in ready to be connected and Kim told me that they aren't far off, so they should be ready for brewing in December. Kim said that the plan is to have 2 of his beers on in the pub but will not be

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rushed as his main aim is to get the quality right and take it from there so he won't give a date on when the beers will be available - Charisma.

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday the 10th of November we started our walk from Highoredish near Ogston Reservoir, we couldn't get on the car park as it was closed due to some sort of canine problem. We took a steady stroll through Ravensnest Wood to Holestone and Tansley Moor then walked down the road to Amber Hill. To avoid walking the busy A623 we took a long loop round via Vernon Lane to Kelstedge but decided not to call in the Kelstedge Inn and moved on to **Ashover**. Having been in the Black Swan and the Crispin Inn before we headed straight for the multi award winning **GBG** listed **Old Poets Corner** where we had a choice from Abbot, Landlord, Oakham JHB, Titanic Iceberg, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Whim Arbor Light, Falstaff Phoenix & Old Poets house beer brewed by Tower. We both opted for the house beer, when the barmaid asked if we wanted to try it first we jokingly replied "it's not that bad is it?" needless to say it was in good order. From there we walked down the road to "the pink pub" otherwise known as the **Nettle Inn** at **Fallgate** where we had a choice from Bradfield Farmers Bitter & Blonde, we sat and enjoyed a pint of the Bitter in front of the open fire in this warm, lavishly adorned pub. But the carvery started our bellies rumbling so we moved on for our snap (under a tree).

On the morning of Sunday November 19th I awoke to the sound of thunder and then realized that it was the headache brought on by the previous nights over indulgence, and Del wasn't that much better, but we over came the urge to crawl into a dark room and decided a good walk would blow away the cobwebs. We parked up in a lay-by on the A515 near Alsop en le Dale and

walked up the Tissington Trail to Biggin, a nice leisurely start to the day. From there we passed Aleck Low and dropped down on to the High Peak Trail, but we didn't stay on it long which was a good job as there was some sort of organised walk and we were getting fed up with saying "Morning" to all the participants going in the other direction. So at Gotham we took the path, via Lowmoor Farm, to the pleasant village of **Parwich** where we called in the **Sycamore**. Robinsons Double Hop and Wards Best Bitter were available of which Del tried the Wards; I didn't think "hair of the dog" would do me any good so I had Orange and water and a cob. It wasn't far back to the car from there, which was a good thing because we'd both had enough and we had more cobwebs than when we started....I think we'll go for the dark room next time. I'm never drinking again.. or at least not until the next time I'm in a pub.

The **White Hart** at **Duffield** has reopened. There seems to be no change on beer policy - regulars are Bass, Pedigree and Landlord. A recent guest was Derby Brewery Dapper Dog. I had quite a good half for £1.30. The front rooms have been redecorated, with little left of the wooden panelling. The furnishings are trendy but comfortable, with plush bench seating around most of the walls. The tiled floor in the "public bar" area remains and, as before, leads into the wooden tiled lounge area. The drinking area to the side is largely unchanged, and here the wooden wall panelling remains. An extension has been built into the garden area, and a new outdoor seating area has been established beyond. The extension is reserved for eating. Although the pub's commitment to food would appear to have increased, the drinking area remains about the same as before. I went early in the evening, and there were already quite a number of drinkers. Perhaps, like me, they were curious! I'm not sure that I would describe the changes as an improvement, but they're not a disaster either.

A trip was made to **The Coach & Horses** in **Dronfield** on Thursday 23rd November by The Old Man, The Recycled Teenager, Tweedle Dum and myself. This fine hostelry is now owned by Thornbridge Hall and an array of 5 handpumps on the bar greeted us on arrival. The purpose of our visit was business (?), as we had been invited to sit on the CAMRA tasting panel to assist with providing tasting notes for the next edition of the Good Beer Guide. The beers that we rated were Wild Swan 3.5%, Lord Marples 4.0%, Brock 4.1% and Windrush 4.5%. Alex from Thornbridge advised me that they hope to keep 4 regular ales on the bar, including Jaipur IPA, with the other beer engine featuring a changing beer from the Thornbridge range - T Dee

On Saturday November 25th I visited **Hartington** with the B&C (ball & chain) and called in the **Devonshire Arms** for lunch. Despite being a Pubmaster the beer was good I had a couple of Bath Barnstormer, which was reminiscent of Snecklifter & there was also Cumberland & Abbot. The food was excellent but a bit pricey as usual in a tourist area. Would recommend this pub but did not get chance because of driving to visit the Sir Charles Cotton across the road - Chrispy Duck

Sooty's Suppings

The highlight of November was the annual **Cask & Cutler** beer festival in **Sheffield** and this year was the 14th which is pretty good going for a pub that was once a run down fizz pub. Anyway after I finished work on Friday 15th I made my way to the Station just to see the back end of the 12.14 leaving northwards, luckily there was a late running Midland Mainline train behind so I was still in Sheffield for 1.00. As I made my way to the tram stop I spotted Two Gallon Man and Charisma Bypass waiting by the exit. Once we were on board and had paid our £2.70 for a day-tripper ticket we were on our way to our first port of call the Cask & Cutler, here we tried Black 5 4.5% from a new brewery in Wales called Black Mountain, not bad for a first brew. Next Charisma and I tried Brimstage Rhode Island Red 4.0% from Merseyside which was also good, unfortunately Two Gallon Man opted for the Carters Best 4.3% from the White Hart Brew Pub in Machen Mid Glamorgan which was anything but best and ended up down the drain. As a lot of the beers at the festival were Welsh we all decided that after

trying a couple more that we would move on to visit the other excellent pubs in the area. Two Tram stops up the line and you arrive at the **Hillsborough Hotel** home to the Crown Brewery which at the time we visited was not in production due to a change of ownership but may have started up again by the time you read this, here Bazens Centennial 4.0%, Northumberland Emotion Ale 3.8% & Northumberland McCrory's Irish Stout 4.8% among others was samples. Next port of call was the **Gardeners Rest** which we opted to walk to, this is going to be the Brewery Tap of the soon to be brewing Sheffield Brewing Co which should in production by the end of the year, here Boggart Hole Dunkle Bier 4.1% and Wentworth Firecracker 5.1% was tried before we moved on to a new pub for me the **Harlequin**. This pub is only a few minutes away from the Gardeners but there is a lot of roadwork's taking place at the moment so care has to be taken across a busy road. Charisma, Two Gallon Man, Fletch

(who had joined our party at the Cask) and myself were all very impressed with this newly refurbished and reopened pub and there was also an excellent choice of beers on. Charisma opted for the Spire Britannia Cream Ale 6.4% Fletch tried the Thornbridge Jaipur Monsoon 5.5% Two Gallon Man was on the Abbeydale and I tried the Kelham Island November Rain 4.5% this pub had a very nice feel to it and I will be calling back soon. After trying Yorkshire Dales Darrowby Dark 3.6% in the **Fat Cat** and Pictish Simcoe 4.4% in the **Kelham Island Tavern** it was back to the starting point for Fletch and myself whilst Charisma and Two Gallon Man went of in search of a bus to take them to the Abbeydale brewery tap. All in all we all had a good crawl around Sheffield and on arrival back at Derby we finished off with Tower A Bit Of Fresh 4.8% in the **Brunswick** and Ossett Big Red 4.2% in the **Babington Arms**, I left Fletch being supported at the bar to catch my bus home hoping that his navigational skills would get him home.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To all our readers

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

- 8th to 9th December Out of the Vaults Beer Festival, King Street-Leicester. Approx 35 beers www.outofthevaults.com
11th to 17th December Xmas Ales Festival, Babington Arms, Babington Lane-Derby
13th to 20th December Hillsborough Hotels Scottish beer week, Langsett Road-Sheffield
14th to 16th December Old Oak Beer Festival, Old Oak, Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse
16th Dec Fat Cat Christmas Bash, Alma Street, Sheffield, Aprox 25 Ales
21st-26th December Beer Weekend, The Black Horse, Darwin, 10 New Ales www.theblackun.co.uk
28th-31st December Beer Weekend II, The Black Horse, Darwin, 10 New Ales www.theblackun.co.uk
4th to 6th January "Twelfth Night" 6th Derby Winter Beer Festival, Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Market Place-Derby www.derbycamra.org
5th-6th January 4th Frodsham Winter Beer Fest, Church Hall, Church St, Frodsham 20 Ales
11th-14th January Winter Beer Fest, The Black Horse, Darwin, 40 Ales www.theblackun.co.uk
17th to 20th January National Winter Ales Festival, New Century Hall & Lancashire Suite, Century House, Corporation Street-Manchester
18th to 20th January Magpies Beer Festival, Meadow Club, Notts County Football Club, Meadow Lane-Nottingham
18th to 20th January Walsall Cricket Club 3rd Winter Beer Festival, Gorway Road-Walsall www.walsallcricketclub.com
25th to 27th January Bury Beer Festival, Bury FC Social Club, Gigg Lane-Bury www.fb-beerfestivals.co.uk
25th to 27th January 16th Bent and Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall, Alder Street-Atherton www.bentnbongs.com
26th January Boat Club Annual Beer Festival, Trentside-Nottingham, 20 beers, open from 6pm
26th to 27th January Redditch Beer Festival Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club, Bridley Moor Road-Redditch Note change of dates and venue
26th to 27th January 12th Burton Winter Beer Festival, Town Hall, King Edward Place-Burton on Trent
1st to 3rd February 3rd Pendle Beer Festival, The Munciple Hall, Albert Road, Colne www.pendlebeerfestival.co.uk
1st to 3rd February 7th Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival, Triangle Club, Essex County Council, Duke Street-Chelmsford
2nd to 3rd February 12th Tewkesbury Winter Beer Festival, Watson Hall, Barton Street-Tewkesbury www.tewkesburycamra.org.uk
2nd to 3rd February Chesterfield Beer & Cider Festival, The Winding Wheel, Holywell Street-Chesterfield
Advanced tickets recommended for all sessions contact Pomegranate Theatre Box Office on 01246 345222 or www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk
23rd to 25th February 2nd "Febfest" Beer Festival, East Lancashire Railway, Bolton Street Station-Bury www.east-lancs-rly.co.uk

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

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DRINK SENSIBLE - DON'T SPILL ANY!