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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 60 pubs in 23 different locations, 3 Breweries and 18 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

I called in the Vernon Arms at Spondon on Christmas Eve to find Marston Pedi & Ugly Sisters and Batemans Rosey Nosey available - The Tomahawk Kid

On December 6th Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors visited the Cottage Tavern in Burton on Trent, which is now under new ownership. The beer selection is just as good (changing on a regular basis), the restaurant at the back still the same high standard for food and service BUT the waitress will have to be retrained (she answers back like a good barmaid). We will have to keep going to check progress and enjoy the food

Thought you would like to know the Rising Sun in Willington is currently up for letting. It has changed hands over past 10 years more frequently than many people change their shirts! This is despite the makeover of the lounge in to dining room - with very uncomfortable seating, building a heated smokers hideout at the back and enclosing the front car park with vegetation to make a screened area (a canopy was fitted over it but that was before planning consent was obtained- had to come down). However still busy and regularly provides good Pedigree with occasional guests. We wait with baited breath! - AG

The latest venture involving Pete Hounsell of Amber Ales Brewery is the "Battle of the Beers" festival to be held at the Lion Hotel, Bridge St Belper 30th of January to 3rd of February. There will be a minimum of 10 award-winning ales from Derbyshire and beyond (including Amber Ales Original Stout & Imperial Pale Ale). Pete informed me "John, landlord of the Lion, is keen to grow the Real Ale choice and is going to feature Amber Ales on a regular basis so we decided this would be a good way to make a splash"

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The licensee at the Old Silk Mill in Derby left on Friday 30th of November, the pub is open with a caretaker manager, but beer range and food arrangements are not known yet - JM Tubbs

Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors were just getting to like the Old Silk Mill in Derby when it closed as the landlord/landlady had to leave. It reopened after 2 days with a covering manager from the Duke of St Albans in Arnold, Nottingham. The new man quickly got 5 or 6 ales similar to the previous and we thought it had survived and would prosper... BUT during a call on December 11th we were told that the covering manager was returning to the Duke of St Albans and the new manager was taking over the following day....watch this space

We reported in the November issue of "In the Sticks" that Trevor Harris of Derby Brewing Co was planning to buy the boarded up Royal Standard in Derby. It has now been confirmed that the contracts have been exchanged as Trevor informed Billy One Mate by phone (the 2nd of two calls as I believe) and a banner has been put up on the front of the pub stating such.....remember where you heard it first!

The Gate Inn at Lower Hartshay is reported to be selling a full range of Amber Ales beers and could be involved in future brewery visits, as reported in The Ripley News

The Denby Lodge is due to lose its licensees on January 3rd

Colin's guest beers for January at the Cross Keys Belper includes Bateman's Salem Porter 4.7%, Woods Shropshire Lad 4.5%, Wadsworth Horizon 4%, Ashover Poets Tipple 4%, Traditional Scottish Ales Resolution 4.1%, Derby Brewing Co Dashingly Dark 4.5%, Harviestoun Haggis Hunters Ale 4.3% and Titanic Full Steam Ahead 4.4%.

Congratulations got to the Stapenhill Institute & Social Club at Stapenhill, the Golden Pheasant in Derby, the Lion Hotel at Belper, the Tiger Inn at Turnditch, the Bulls Head at Repton, the Johnson Arms at Dunkirk, the Horse Chestnut at Ratcliffe on Trent, the Three Tuns at Eastwood and the Welby Arms at Allington on receiving Cask Marque accreditation

The Cock Inn at Muggington is now up for sale as a de-licensed premises and reading the paper work it looks highly unlikely to be run as a licensed hostelry again

The Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse is expected to have a selection of beers from Hart Brewery during the end of December and the beginning of January

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On December 20th I decided to pay a visit to the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse for their beer festival and I couldn't think of a better reason after just breaking up from work. Thursday was going to be a quiet night trying fairly weak beers, Cotswold Spring Gloucestershire's Glory came highly recommended and I was quite impressed. Next on the hit list was Breconshire Cribyn 4.5% this was quickly followed by Millstone Reindeer 4.2% and Salopian Firkin Freezin' 4.1%. We were joined by Bald Eagle and Edmund who then proceeded to try and drink all the dark beers. Unfortunately Pac-a-Mac who is normally at such an event was missing and I later found out that this was because he'd had

or was about to have a minor operation, RuRAD wish him a speedy recovery (absolutely-Ed). Before calling it a night I just had time to try Spire Overture 3.9%, Acorn Tangerine Dream 4.3% and Kelham Island Knockin' on Heavens Door. The following day after finding my feet it was time to try the stronger beers starting off with Bridge of Allan Silver Mist 4%, and Houston Jock Frost 4.5%. These were followed by White Horse Rudolph the Red Nosed White Horse 4%, Kelham Island Blitz 5.2%, Spire Winter Wonderland 6.4%, Blackwater Marley's Ghost 6% and Bridge of Allan Highland Fling 7%. I must say that my favourite was between the Marley's Ghost and Highland Fling. I left the festival well oiled and even managed to get a lift home (probably just as well-Ed). I was serving Saturday (sober day) and noticed the Beijing Black and both the Kelham Island beers had gone, the festival was well attended during the sessions I was serving and by the close of play Saturday evening there wasn't much left in most of the casks. There were 21 beers, 1 cider and 1 perry to choose from with 2 beers from Hart Brewery on stand-by, which I believe went on Sunday night. A nice little beer festival, couldn't have wished for better dates and looking forward to the next one, which I believe might be in May or June - Charisma

Preservation Ale & Elsie Mo, RCH Steam Carnival, Newby Wyke Red Squall (which was in good order) and Batemans XXXB it's surely the smallest establishment in the Tynemill estate, prices ranging between £2.20 and £2.60. I followed the tram tracks back to the Lace Market and took Long Row to my next port of call, the GBG listed **Gatehouse** on Tollhouse Hill, which had Nottingham Rock Bitter, Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven (not bad for BB), Abbot, Everards Sun Chaser and Brewsters Hop Head. A short walk up Wollaton St got me to the GBG **Sir John Borlase Warren** where I had a choice from Everards Sun Chaser & Sleigh Bell, Titanic White Star, GK IPA & H&H Olde Trip and Landlord. The Sleigh Bell went down a treat whilst relaxing on a soporific sofa. By this time it had stopped raining, which was timely as I had quite a trek down Ilkeston road to Radford and the GBG **Plough** on St Peters St. This Nottingham Brewery Tap (the brewery is next door) had Rock Mild & Bitter, EPA, Legend & Supreme of which I sampled the Mild, Legend & Supreme and all were favourable.....as was the news that the Rams were playing well against Man Utd. I got a bus back into town and called in the GBG & NI **Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem**, which had a wide range of hackneyed ales including GK Abbot, IPA, XX Mild, H&H Olde Trip, Old Speckled Hen, Ruddles County and Robinsons Oldham Bitter...it's a mockery to have so many bog standard beers in such an outstanding pub.....well done Greene King (are you Punch Taverns in disguise?...if this is the future of real ale then it is surely doomed). From there I headed back to the station calling in the **Canalhouse** on Canal St where there was Castle Rock Harvest Pale & Preservation Ale, Batemans Valiant, Vale Best Bitter, Oldershaws Yuletide and Thwaites Lancaster Bomber, quite a good selection but the best feature of this pub is the two canal boats inside. Final call was **Fellows, Morton & Clayton** almost next door where there was FMC Fellows Bitter & Clayton's Original (brewed by Nottingham Brewery), Blacksheep Bitter, Mallard Duck & Dive, Nottingham EPA, Deuchars IPA and Landlord. The selection (especially Clayton's) was far more agreeable than the news that the Rams were 3-0 down at Old Trafford.... . bugger! The 4.34 got me back to Derby at 5.00 when I got the best news of the day, the first away goal of the season....Da, da, daa, da Stevie Howard

On a pre-Christmas visit to **Derby** I called in the **Babington Arms** to meet up with Cassandra & Trigger where there was a plethora of real ale available....as usual. Blackwater Almighty, Derby Merry Mash, Cottage Wessex Warmer & Bobsleigh Jack, Nethergate Red Santa, RCH Steam Sleigh, O'Hanlons Dry Stout, Oldershaws Holly Daze, Milestone Comet & Cupid, Green Tye

Coal Porter, Acorn 5th Noel and Wyre Piddle Marco's King of the Watusi were all available alongside the customary offering...just a shame about the slow service. I also called in the **Flowerpot**, which had Whim Black Christmas & Special, Hanby Cherry Bomb, Yule Love it & Ale-ellujah, Boggart Hole Clough Bog Sleigh, Holland Santa Clogs, Salamander Lycanthrope Porter & King Wenceslas, Tollgate Snowy, Full Mash Blakeley Moss, Ossett Nervous Turkey, Oakham Raucous Reindeer, Archers Old Frosty, 3 Rivers Figgy Pudding, Foxfield Honey I Shrunk the Mash Tun, and Horn Beam Top Hop along with the house beers whilst the **7 Stars** had Pedit and Robinsons Mr. Scrooge - Ed

The viability of the **Old Black Horse, Mapperley Village** is in doubt. Recently Mapperley Parish Council decided that the road through Shipley Park to Heanor would be closed to cars etc as a result of an accident and complaints about driving. It is a designated bridleway with speed humps. As a result the drivers of Heanor have around 7 miles to travel via Smalley or Ilkeston and not the previous 2 miles and there has been a big drop in drink and food sales. The landlady, appropriately named Sherry, is to think hard about continuing once the festive bookings are over. The grumbling between locals about the road business may have to take place elsewhere if the pub shuts. Recent samples of GK H&H Bitter and Abbot were good though at this valuable resource to the community and park visitors - **The Escapist**

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On the decidedly inclement morning of Saturday 8th of December an insane resolve possessed me to take the train to **Nottingham**. I just missed the 11.43 so I had to hang around for the 12.11, which got me there at 12.38. I avoided the temptation to go straight to the Vat & Fiddle instead I turned left out of the station, down Arkwright St, Crocus St and on to Meadows Way passed Notts County's ground to the GBG listed **Globe** on London Rd. Here there was Nottingham Rock Bitter & Legend, Adnams Bitter, Newby Wyke White Squall, Magpie Classic, & Allgates Mild at Heart all priced between £2.00 and £2.30. I opted for the Rock Bitter, which was most agreeable. I retraced my steps back to the station and headed up Maid Marian Way down Friar Lane only to realise that I was heading to a tram stop that I had marked on my map and not the next pub so with a little adjustment (I nearly got run over by a tram...these new fangled contraptions) I got to High Pavement and just happened upon the **Keans Head**, which is tucked away on St Mary's Gate and could easily be overlooked. This Tynemill pub (bistro) had Castle Rock Harvest Pale,

I visited a few pubs on 14th December. **Dead Poets, Holbrook** - as usual, welcoming and popular, with a warm real fire. I had an excellent Hartington Bitter. Other beers were Deuchars IPA, Wadworth 6X, Kelham Island Pale Rider, Theakston OP, Shepherd Neame Spitfire and, from the jug Abbot and Pedigree. **Victoria Inn, Alfreton** - pleasant traditional pub with separate lounge and public bar. The St Austell Tribute was excellent. Check each bar - I discovered later another beer in the other one, didn't recognise the pump clip and the writing was too small to read, but I guess it was from a micro somewhere. **Olde Gate, Brassington** - well worth driving through the fog to this un-spoilt old pub, with its simple comfortable furniture and tiled floors. Only Pedigree and Cumberland (which was good), but the high back settle, welcoming real fires and candlelight gave additional atmosphere to this friendly local. **Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton** - hard to

describe this unique old pub. It's more like entering a private house, apart from the hatch through which you can see the stillage. Packed with people, as usual, and buzzing with conversation. Many small rooms to choose from, slate tables, simple furniture and, again, a real fire. The Hartington IPA was excellent, served alongside Burton Bridge Bitter, Sharp's Special and two others. **Black Horse, Hulland Ward** - quiet and welcoming old pub. Peakstones Nemesis was excellent. Also available were Black Sheep Bitter, 6X and Fullers Chiswick Bitter (a rare bird in Fullers houses, let alone the Derbyshire free trade) - Jedediah Trippe

Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Two beers from Bottle Brook will be appearing at the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival, which are Meandering Mild 4.1% and Imperial Russian Stout 8%

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Jedediah reports that Skydiver was "excellent" when he called in at **George & Dragon Belper** in mid December. The new seasonal beer called Elfer Skelter, a smooth easy drinking pale ale at 4.3%, has already been available at the George & Dragon. The bottled version of Cake Walk 6% is now available to compliment Dive Bomber and like the fastest milkman in the west Dave will deliver a crate of 12 to your door!. They can also be found on a regular basis at the **Dewdrop, Ilkeston** and **White Post, Stanley Common**

Leadmill-Denby

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In December we saw the introduction of Denby Pale Ale 3.6% and Richard is Brewing a special for the Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival in the form of East Mill 4%, named after the Belper mills

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Lane taking the footpath, via Dale Farm, on to Newton Lane and down in to Newton Solney. Both the pubs, the Brickmakers Arms and the Unicorn, were yet to open so we forged ahead on the riverside path down to Willington Bridge and walked down the road into **Willington**. First stop was the GBG listed **Green Man** on Canal Bridge where we had a choice from Bass, Pedi, Cumberland and GK H&H Rocking Rudolph (which GK, in their infinite wisdom, have dropped from 5% to 4.5%). It wasn't far to the next pub...just across the road in fact to the **Rising Sun** on Twyford Road, which had Pedi and Batemans Rosey Nosey...the latter being most agreeable. A hop, skip and jump along the road is the **Green Dragon** where we would have had Directors had it not gone mid-pull so we opted for Old Speckled Hen rather than Pedi...not much of a choice really. From there we walked back up the road into **Repton** where we decided to call in the **Red Lion** on Burton Rd (rather than the Boot Inn) and make it a quartet of new pubs for the day. We thought there was only Pedi available until the barmaid pointed out the Marston Ugly Sisters 4.5%, which we promptly opted for and chilled out on the comfy sofas whilst listening to some festive tunes. After a brisk walk up High St (passing the Bulls Head) and on to Mount Pleasant Rd we got on to the footpath (with a little help from one of the locals) straight back to Milton

On 23rd of December as is customary at this "most wonderful" time of the year Del and I headed to Hartington for our Christmas Stilton. After acquiring the beautiful blue stuff we headed off up Hide Lane and as we gradually gained height the view down into the fog-filled dale was truly magnificent, a sight to behold. We came out on the road near Pilsbury Lodge and walked down to join the Tissington Trail, which brought us out at the **Royal Oak** at **Sparklow** where we enjoyed a pint of Theakston Best Bitter (preferred to Pedi) in front of a most welcome open fire, the best feature in a rather austere bar. A short walk across some fields is the **Bull i' th' Thorn** on the A515, which had Robinsons Unicorn (surprisingly at only £1.25 a pint). This is a real gem of a pub that oozes character and antiquity, the wood carvings are superb as are the fixtures and fittings (it's the only pub I've been in with a full suit of armour on display) and I'm curious as to the reason(s) it isn't included in the NI (not even the B list)...I suppose the rotating dessert cabinet doesn't do it any favours. After a relaxed pint on a squeaky seat we retraced our steps back to the Tissington Trail, which we almost followed to Parsley Hay before cutting across to get back on Hide Lane to the car. Imagine our astonishment when we found out that the Rams were actually winning at Newcastle, which was good while it lasted

On the morning of December 1st I met up with Loco & Trigger at Derby train station where armed with a Derbyshire Wayfarer and a cheap day return from Sheffield to **Leeds** we headed off on the 9.17. We went the scenic way from Sheffield and arrived in Leeds at 11.25 (I told Loco that if I inadvertently started on the Dambusters theme to give me a nudge me before I got to the end bit) where we met up with Bagpuss, who'd caught a faster train. First call of the day was the fantastic, if somewhat restricted GBG & NI listed **Whitelocks First City Luncheon Bar** in Turks Head Yard where the first drink was Moorhouse Pride of Pendle, which was on offer alongside Theakston Best Bitter & OP, Sharps Eden Pure Ale, John Smiths Cask and Deuchars IPA even at 11.30-ish the pub was heaving but it's a must for any visit to Leeds. Next it was on to a 2007 GBG pub, the **Duck and Drake** on Kirkgate, which is unkenpt to say the least but probably had the best selection of the day with Taylor Landlord, Theakston Best Bitter, Batemans Valiant, Ossett Excelsior, Cottage Merry Hound, Moorhouse Pendle Witches Brew, Acorn Barnsley Gold, Goose Eye No Eye Deer, Black Dog Whitby Abbey & Rudgate Viking. With a little TLC this pub could be so much more inviting. Next on the list was the GBG **Palace** just down the road where, after a brief phone call on route, I'd arranged to meet up with Fly South. Having not met before I rang to see where he was....he was standing three feet away from me at the bar. There was Cropton 2 Pints & Monkmans Slaughter, Leeds Best & Midnight Bell (much to Bagpuss' glee), Rudgate Drunken Drayman, Roosters Cream and Naylor's Pinnacle Blonde. With the introductions attended to we moved on, at which point Trigger went off to do a non-leaguer, and got a bus to the GBG & NI **Garden Gate** at **Huslett** the exterior of which is truly awesome and the interior is equally as impressive so imagine our consternation when there was no real ale...and the barman didn't seem to give a damn. We had to make do with Tetley Smooth, but don't tell anyone! A bus back into the city dropped us virtually outside the NI listed **Adelphi**, which had Tetley, Taylor Landlord, Batemans XB and Coach House Dick Turpin. The barman (who may also have been the landlord) was very accommodating even when I asked for the tasters he gave us to be topped up, so proud was he of the quality of the beers and rightfully so. The **Grove** on Back Row was next on the agenda and we a choice from Daleside Blonde, Moorhouse Black Cat, Caledonian 80/- & Deuchars IPA, Moorhouse Pride of Pendle, Salamander Chestnut and Elland Bitter. We had to walk past the highest building in West Yorkshire (which I said was probably the dole office) to get to the GBG **Cross Keys** on Water Lane. This bistrosque pub had Saltaire Blonde, Roosters Abbey Ale, Wylam Hedonist and Outlaw Oyster Stout...and some comfy settee's. The GBG **Scarborough Hotel** was next where there was Durham White Velvet, Beartown Bearskinful, Saltaire Yorkshire Pale, York Last Drop, Daleside Bitter and Tetley. Cassandra rang with news of a competent performance from the Rams, which is always nice to hear. With time running short we moved on to Dr Okells on Headrow, now we were saved a lot of aimless wandering around as that friendly barman/landlord at Adelphi

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Sunday 16th of December, after a lengthy break due to Del Boys operation on a detached retina, we started our walk from the village of Milton in Derbyshire. We walked along Main St passing the Swan and took the footpath which led us on to Robins Cross Lane from where we walked up Knight's

had told us that it had been acquired by York Brewery and had its name changed to **Mr. Foley's Ale House**. The impressive bar backing in this pub was equalled by the ale selection, which consisted of York Guzzler, Terrier, Stonewall & Centurions Ghost, Hop Back Odyssey, Castle Rock Preservation Ale, Batemans XB, Tring Huck me Buck, Leeds Midnight Bell and Copper Dragon Scots 1816. Just down the road on Westgate St is the **GBG Town Hall Tavern**, this Timothy Taylor pub had Golden Best, Best, Ram Tam & Landlord and we ensconced ourselves whilst waiting for the final scores...Sunderland scored a late winner...Bigger that's another week without a shave! After a couple of halves we moved on to the **Victoria Family & Commercial Hotel** on Great George St where there was Black Dog Rhatas, Acorn Barnsley Bitter, Leeds Hell Fire, Hambleton Stud and Tetley Cask & Mild. Sadly we didn't think we would have time to take in the North Bar so we headed back to the station and revisited

the Scarborough where Bagpuss and Fly South went to catch an earlier train while Loco and I partook in a last drink. We got the 6.16 and as it turned out so did Bagpuss, which after changing at Sheffield got us back into Derby at 7.55. Loco called it a day and Trigger rejoined Bagpuss & I for a swift one in the **Alex** before doing the same ourselves. Though we didn't have time to do some of the other NI pubs I'd got planned we did manage 11 pubs, with a choice from about 55 different ales and some fantastic pubs all in all it was a good day - Ed

On the night of **Belper's** big Christmas switch-on, sadly disrupted by heavy rain, I made the King Street run. As expected, the beer generally improved higher up the hill! The **Railway** had its usual Courage Directors

at its usual indifferent quality for £1.23 (prices in halves). The **Imperial Vaults** offered Black Sheep Bitter - first bitter I've ever seen in there other than Bass. It was good and cost £1.20. The **Green House** had a good Deuchars IPA for £1.10, with Bombardier and Pedigree also available. The **White Swan** ran out of Grand Old Duke while I was there, but Hydes Jekylls Gold was good for £1.25. Derby Brewery's Pale Adventure was just about OK at the **Black Swan**, but expensive at £1.30, Cocker Hoop and Spitfire were also available. Leaving the best until last, I was not surprised to find that by far the best beer was at the **Cross Keys**. The range was narrower than usual, with XB, XXXB and Miss Cheeky available from Batemans, alongside just White Horse Village Idiot. I enjoyed the ordinary Batemans, proving once again that XB stands for Xcellent Beer! - Jedediah Trippe

Proposed Trips

January 19th RoRAT Dark Peak Tour train trip on a Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket visiting as many GBG pubs as is humanly possible in the Glossop & New Mills area departing Derby at 9.17. Contact Rodders for further details

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

3rd to 5th January, Derby Twelfth Night Beer Festival, Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms-Derby www.derbycamra.org.uk

18th January Onwards Arkwright Arms Mini Micro Beer Festival, Chesterfield Rd-Sutton-cum-Duckmanton Featuring Kelham Island beers

30th January to 3rd February "Battle of the Beers" Festival, Lion Hotel, Bridge St-Belper

23rd to 25th May Belper Town FC Beer Festival, Christchurch Meadow, Bridge St-Belper

16th to 19th January National Winter Ales Festival, New Century Hall-Manchester

25th January Boat Club Beer Festival, Trentside-Nottingham

30th January to 3rd February 3rd Leycect Cricket Club Beer Festival, Park Terrace-Newcastle under Lyme

31st January to 2nd February Magpies Beer Festival, Meadow Club, Notts County Football Club, Meadow Lane-Nottingham

1st to 2nd February Chesterfield Beer Festival, The Winding Wheel, Holywell St-Chesterfield www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk **Advanced Tickets Advised**

1st to 3rd February Old White Rose Winter Warmer Beer Festival, Lichfield St-Bilston

7th to 10th February 2nd Hawkshead Brewery Beer Festival, The Beer Hall, Mill Yard-Staveley, Cumbria www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk

8th to 10th February Newcastle RUFC Beer Festival, Lilleshall Rd, Clayton-Newcastle under Lyme Tel 01782 617042

13th to 16th February Johnson Arms Beer Festival, Abbey St, Dunkirk-Nottingham

15th to 16th February Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Festival, Guildhall-Lichfield www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

18th to 24th February 7th Audley Football Club Beer Festival, Old Road, Bignall End-Stoke-on-Trent

12th to 15th March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, St Margaret's Way-Leicester www.camra.org.uk/leicester

27th to 29th March 18th Doncaster Beer Festival, The Hub, Chappell Drive-Doncaster

28th to 29th March 1st Burton & South Derbyshire Spring Beer & Cider Festival, Town Hall-Burton-upon-Trent www.burtoncamra.org.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 Rodders on 07964492569 or e-mail: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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