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### Beer and Pub News

Following on from the success of his August bank holiday mini beer festival, Ian Darlington will be holding another at the **Cross Keys, Ockbrook** from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of December. It will feature beers from Nottingham, Black Hole, Flipside, Blue Monkey, Whim, Springhead and Dancing Duck

The **Wheel** at **Holbrook's** new manager, Tracy, has several years experience in the pub trade and she informs us that they plan to have a beer festival in early December, although no dates have been finalised yet. She also has real ales on sale, charging £2.50 between 2.30pm and 6pm - these include two changing guest beers plus Bass and Pedigree. When Charisma visited they had Hobgoblin and Bombardier as the guests and the pub opens at 2.30pm in the week

Nicky at the **Tavern** in **Belper** informs us "We are taking bookings now for any parties with a do your own food policy if you wish or we cater at £3.95ph. We will be holding our usual New Year's Eve party with a free buffet and champers at midnight. We have a license till 2am! We are also open Christmas Day 12 till 4pm then reopen at 8pm until 1am. We have Doom Bar at £3.10 a pint and Tribute at £3.30 with guest ales at £2.80pt. 75cls of various wines at £9.00 per bottle, 187mls at £2.85. Look for offers on Facebook. We would like to wish all our valuable

customers Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Pedro from the **Furnace, Derby** informs us "Shiny Brewing will be getting the keys to their second pub on 25th November: **County & Station, Dale Rd Matlock Bath**. The pub will be run by Lee & Sally Jackson (formally of the Abbey, Darley Abbey) and will reopen to the public 6pm on Tuesday 2nd December. Open 11am-Late Daily there will be 7 Real Ales, 2 Real Ciders and Craft Keg & Craft Bottles available with a 20p/pint CAMRA discount. Bar Snacks & Sunday Carvery to start, with full food offering in the New Year. A 20 Beer Festival is planned for 29th Jan-1st Feb"

The recently reopened **Sir John Borlase Warren** at Canning Circus, **Nottingham** has been awarded the Best Cellar for the Midlands & East Anglia region in the Great British Pub Awards 2014

### Amber Valley CAMRA Update

13th - survey trip, contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966 to book (NO survey in January). 29th January Branch Meeting, **Black Boy, Heage, 8pm start**



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Amber Brewery has been given notice to leave their present location as it has been earmarked for housing. It is believed they have until May to find a new location to relocate their brewery

### Peak Ales-Ashford in the Water

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Following their expansion plans Peak Ales have successfully brewed a batch of Bakewell Best Bitter at their new, bigger brewery at Ashford in the Water. An open day is planned soon to celebrate this achievement, they were previously based in Chatsworth, Bakewell

### Wirksworth-Wirksworth

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

Since Sooty last reported that Wirksworth brewery was up for sale he is happy to report that Jeff has sold it lock stock & barrel to Keith Marshall Clark the proprietor of the **Old Bear Inn at Alderwasley**. The last beer brewed at Wirksworth was Laura Rose on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November by Jeff and Keith with the removal of the brewery taking place from the 21<sup>st</sup>. The plan is that disused stables at the rear of the Bear are to be refurbished and fitted out to make them fit for purpose to accommodate the brewery. Names and recipe's of Jeff's beers were sold in the deal, with the plan being to recreate a number of them, brewing it not expected to recommence at its new home until the new year but as usual you will be the first to know as soon as we do

### The Boot-Repton

A new brewery at the **Boot** in **Repton** is due to come into operation early next year. It will be the sister pub of the **Dragon** at **Willington**

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### Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On the morning of Sunday November 2nd we started our walk from **Gotham**, parking outside the **Sun Inn**. We took the footpath across **Gotham Moor**, crossing the **Great Central Railway** and continued across **Bradmore Moor** (neither being particularly moorish) to **Bradmore** - where

we planned to stop for a cup of coffee in the church yard, but it didn't have one....it has a church but no church yard - so we continued on to Barn Farm, which did have a barn to suit our requirements. After a seemingly interminable stretch of road walking we arrived at **Ruddington** where our first port of call was the **Victoria Tavern** where we found Bass, Abbot, Adnams Bitter and Everards Pumpkin Ale on offer, we both chose the latter but wouldn't know pumpkin if we tasted it! A little further down the road we came to the **Ruddington Arms** where Navigation Daniel Diggle, Theakston Cresset Ale, Harvest Pale, and Ruddy Good Ale (brewer unknown) were on offer, with the Theakston being opted for. Retracing our steps we called in the **Red Lion** where we favoured Theakston Best Bitter over OP. Our final port of call was the **Bricklayers Arms** where there was a beer festival with some 18 beers on stillage, but no-one was attending the bar so we ventured inside to find 6X, Flipside Russian Rouble, Bombardier, Blue Monkey Guerilla and Lincoln Green Tuck available with the former being in good order

## Cross Keys

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### **Scotland with Mr. Shane & Poirot Pt2**

**Friday** A latish start saw us in **Elgin** at JDW **Muckle Cross**. Guests include Wadworths 6X 4.1%, Deuchars IPA, 'USA' Terrapin Rye 5.5% (brewed by Everards), Orkney Raven 3.8%, Arran Sunset 4.4%, Cairngorm Wildcat 5.1%, Abbot, and Camerons Strongarm 4%. Chose the Raven but only average. A short walk away, hiding up an alley is the **Drouthy Cobbler**. 3 sticks but only Cairngorm Trade Winds on, but still a nice pint. 'Just gone' are Harvistoun - Bitter & Twisted and Black Wolf - Lomond Gold which we managed a small sample and was very smooth. Shame its gone. The 3rd and final venue in Elgin was the **Sunninghill Hotel**. 3 on here - Box Steam Tunnel Vision 4.2%, Okells Autumn Gold 4.2% and Evan Evans Organic Gold 4.2%. The Box Steam was very nice, as was the Cullen Skink! Then it was back to the beer festival at the Braeval Hotel in Nairn. All beers the same as previous day plus Windswept North Hop 3.7%. There's quite a few punters in with it being Friday afternoon. All beers sampled were well kept and the food in the busy restaurant was definitely to be recommended. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening. **Saturday** At lunchtime we were in **Aviemore**. The Winking Owl was closed for refurb, so called in **McKenzies Bar** next door. 5

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sticks here with ODI, Cairngorm -Trade Winds, Black Wolf - Gold Digger 4.2%, (Belhaven) McKenzies Highland Ale 3.9%, and Broughton IPA 5%. Couldn't resist the ODI again which was top notch. Back to the **Cairngorm Hotel** with 2 Cairngorms on - Stag 4% and Gold 4.5%, both very nice. Train down to **Pitlochry** to call at a busy **Kingfisher Hotel** with Inveralmond Lia Fail + 1 other so off to The Old Mill where they have 3 beers, all from Strathbraan Brewery, Dunkeld - Head East 4.2%, Look West 4% and Due South 3.8%. OK but nothing special. Down the road to the **Auld Smiddy**, 2 sticks but only Orkney Northern Lights 3.8% was on so a quick half. Our next base for the night was **Broughty Ferry** near Dundee, which looks good with numerous real ale outlets. We stick our heads in the **Royal Arches** to see what's on. 3 sticks: Deuchars IPA, Gower Gold and 1 from Hydes. After checking in our JDW hotel **Jollys** we're off to check out the other watering holes. The **Ship** had 3 on - TT Landlord, John Muir - Wilderness 4% and Kelburn Goldihops 3.8%. The Wilderness was preferred to Goldihops. Back at JDW the choice is also poor. Abbot, London Pride, Latitude, Deuchars IPA, Adnams Broadside, Citra Session IPA and a Norwegian (Batemans) 4.5% which isn't on. So unimpressed we don't even bother with a drink! Shame as its the last night. **Sunday** On the journey home we called in at the **Haymarket**, in **Edinburgh** - a Nicholson house. 12 sticks on here 2 x Deuchars IPA, 2 x Nicholson (St Austell) Pale Ale 4%, Wold Top Against the Grain 4.5%, Robinsons South Island (NZ) 4.2%, Roosters - Yankee 4.3%, Stewarts 80/- 4.4%, Hopback - Summer Lightening 5%, Sharps - Atlantic 4.2%, Oakham Inferno 4%, and Sadlers Jacks Pale Ale 3.8%. A smashing boozers but again disappointed with the choice of Scottish beers. Our last but by no means least was the **Halfway House** next to Waverley. As usual we had the excellent haggis, tatties and neeps washed down with ODI. A perfect end to a great week. Other beers were: Harvistoun - Track 'n' field 3.8%, Scottish

Borders - Flower of Scotland 4.1% and Alchemy - Rhapsody 3.8%. All in all, we were disappointed with the Whatpub recommendations, with far too many not having any real ale. Will be sending a report so as they can update the listings - Mr. Shane

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### **RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals**

On the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November I visited a couple of local pub beer festivals, the first one was at the **White Hart** in **Duffield**, I had not been here for a while as beer choice and quality had not been up to scratch on my last visit. I am pleased to say that standards have vastly improved with good quality beers being served in comfortable surroundings. The ales I tried being Joules Calcutta 5%, Raw Zenith 3.7%, Bristol Sunrise 4.4% and Leadmill Fluffer 3.8% all being in top condition, beers from Navigation, Burton Bridge Wentwell, Goffs, Sharps & Batemans were also available. My second festival of the day was at the **Horse & Groom** in Parker Street, **Derby**, the main event was a music event on the Sunday but 6 festival beer were available from the Saturday evening being served from an outside beer tent, Wild Beer Bible 4.2% from Somerset was sampled as was Otley Croscoe 4.2% from Wales, Adnams 1659 Smoked Ruby 4.7% and Dark Star Revelation 5.7%, Jarrow Westoe IPA 4.6%, Hartshorne's Porter 4.5% were also available with Abbeydale White Lady 4.7%, Jarrow McConnell's Irish Stout 4.6% and Leadmill Heanor Pale Ale 4.2% on the bar, all the beers tried were in top condition-Sooty

On November 1st I zigzag-played on the Red Arrow and 9s to **South Normanton** for the beer festival at the Post Mill Centre where I was greeted by our very own Tweedle Dee and a selection of some 30+ ales. I started off with a Slap In The Face (I didn't deserve that!), which was followed by a Punch In The Face (I probably did deserve that!) from Totally Brewed. These were followed by Scribblers One Brew Over The Cuckoo's Nest and Double Top Madhouse. I was pleased to see that Pac-a-mac managed to find this festival and HH also put in an appearance. I finished off with Welbeck Abbey Dave's Dark 'Un, one of 4 beers dedicated to the memory of David Brett who sadly passed away earlier in the year. There were other beers on offer from the likes of Amber, Ashover, Blue Monkey, Brampton,

Brunswick, Dancing Duck, Derventio, Grafton, Great Heck, Kings Clipstone, Medieval, Navigation, Nutbrook and Raw. As I was in the area I thought I would bag the other 2 GBG pubs (having done the Devonshire Arms previously) so I went over the road to the **Clock Inn** where I favoured Pheasantry Dancing Dragonfly over Swift Nick and Cumberland. From there I walked down to the **Villager** where Lincoln Green Archer & Tuck were on offer and sampled. Back in **Derby** there was time for a swift visit to the **Furnace** beer festival, it was that swift I only had time for 1 beer and I forgot to make a note of it-Ed

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**Glossop** is not the place that springs to mind when thinking of a short holiday but it is well worth exploring. We stayed at the new-ish Travelodge in the town at the end of September and it has the JDW **Smithy Fold** conveniently situated underneath which was used as breakfast and "last orders" for two nights. The stunning countryside, weather, hill walking and great views everywhere kept us happy during the day and several welcoming pubs were sought out to enhance the experience. First call was to the **Star** by the railway station. There was Copper Dragon Best Bitter, Ossett Yorkshire Blonde, Wychwood Piledriver and very good Fernadez Hopmaster and tasty Wilson Potter Bon Don Doon. In what is known as Old Glossop about half a mile away there were 3 good pubs close together. The Robinsons owned **Bulls Head** had Unicorn, 1892 and a palatable Dizzy Blonde. Next door was the **Wheatsheaf** that had Everards Tiger, a very good local Howard Town Wrens Nest and one labelled Bob's Best from Marstons that was obviously a re-name. The food here was good and very popular as it filled up quickly. A short walk away was the **Queens Head**, which had many banners outside telling that it was new to the GBG. There were six beers here that included Thornbridge Jaipur, Robinsons Unicorn, Speckled Hen, Nutty Hen and the Jaipur was first class. A visit to the town had to leave time for a visit to the **Crown** a pub specially listed for its interior. Whilst sampling the Samuel Smiths it was good to look into the three rooms with local old photographs. On the trip after a lovely walk on the Sett Valley Trail managed to spend a little time in two pubs in Hayfield, the **George Hotel** had Marstons EPA, Hobgoblin,

Banks Bitter and Mars EPA that was okay. Nearby the modernly refurbished Packhorse had Doom Bar, T. Taylor Landlord, Jennings Cumberland and a Tanga Moorhouse Blonde Witch. The JDW had the usual numbers of beers with three from USA recipes but only one from Glossop, Howard Town Crazy Nathan (I think), which was a nice nightcap as the wife enjoyed her wines. Sadly didn't have time to visit other pubs but there are plenty that look promising for next time-The Escapist

On Saturday November 22nd I met up with Charisma, Cassandra, Trigger, CPD, HH, Snug Dave, Ged and Jesus (yes, really!) in the usual place and waited patiently for our bus to arrive. When it did, already half-laden with fellow RuRADians, we set off to the farthest reaches of south Staffordshire. A couple of hours later, and a tad behind schedule, we arrived at Kinver Brewery where we were made most welcome by Dave, Carole and Ian. A couple of tubs (Light Railway & Noble) were set up for us and there was a superb buffet laid out. Dave, the head brewer, gave the best brewery talk ever "It starts off as water here and ends up as beer over there", brief and to the point I think. He did actually go into more detail and showed us their tipping vessel that very nearly killed him! Much beer and clothing was procured then it was off into **Kinver** where everyone (except me) piled in to the GBG Constitutional Club to indulge in their plethora of real ales. Having been in there on a couple of occasions I decided to visit the other GBG pub in the village, the **Cross Inn**, just up the road (with the help of Dave from the brewery). Black Country Fireside, Pig on the Wall and BFG, Full Mash Illuminati, Vale of Glamorgan Nugget, Birds Amnesia and my choice Nethergate Stour Valley Gold were on hand pump, so worth a visit. We had a slight debacle getting to the next pub with a journey of about 10 miles taking an hour, but get there we did and worth it it was too (Yoda, leave you must!). The GBG **Waterfall** at **Black Heath** had Holden Golden Glow, Special & Ay It, Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby, Enville Ginger, Batham Bitter, Kelham Island Pale Rider and my choice Northern Soul Time and all members of our bus trip were given a bowl of curry and chips, which went down a treat. Staying in Black Heath our next port of call, found with consummate ease, was the **Swan** where Black Country Fireside, Pig on the Wall, BFG & English Winter, Springhead Moustache Meg, Norfolk Brewhouse Moongazer and Plain Ales Indulgence Ruby Porter & Inspiration where available. I tried the English Winter, just in case we don't get one! The lost time meant that Tipton (sadly) had to be omitted so at **Upper Gornal** some where dropped at the GBG **Britannia** (Bathams, say no more) whilst the rest went straight to the GBG **Jolly Crispin** just up the

road. Here there was a choice from Hopback Citra & Taiphooon, Blackwater Voodoo, Fownes Crispin's 'Ommer, Goff White Knight, Oakham Bishop's Farewell, Titanic Plum Porter, Salopian Golden Thread and Kelham Island Pale Rider. Then it was on to **Sedgley** where we split ourselves between the 2 GBG pubs, the Beacon Hotel and the White Lion Inn both within a stones throw. Again having been in the Beacon Hotel before I, and several others, just stayed in the **White Lion Inn** where Oakham Bishop's Farewell & Citra, Dark Star American IPA and Kelham Island Get Your Kicks were on offer. The Dark Star was opted for before finishing the day off on the 6.6% Get Your Kicks. We arrived back in Derby at 9.40-ish where we dispersed like water off a duck's back.....to meet again. Good day, despite the navigational troubles - Ed

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After a very pleasant bus trip on the Trans Peak bus and only £7 return from Derby I arrived in **Buxton** just before noon undecided on an order of pubs to visit so narrowed it down by which ones were open. I was not too disappointed to find the **Marstons King's Head** on the market place was closed for a refurb. Just by the Opera House, the **Old Club House** was advertising real ales and on my last visit with Rodders last year we did not go in so thought it was worth a try. The manager gave me a tour of the refurbished building as there was nobody else in and I had a Moberley Legacy which was very good. The other ales were Hunters Pheasant Plucker, Robinsons Indulgence and Doom Bar. Off to a good start then on to the nearby **Buxton Tap House** with 5 real ales & 7 'craft' ales available. I had a Jacobs Ladder as it was only 2.7%; the others being very strong - Axe Edge, High Tor, Rednik Stout & Pomperipossa Cherry Stout. The Axe Edge was also available on keg, I had a taster which was good for a keg beer and also tasted a fruit sour beer which was very different but still decent, not to mention the Rainshadow Imperial Stout at 11.8%. So much for avoiding the high strength drinks as the friendly barman informed me that the familiar names such as Blonde & Kinder Downfall were no longer brewed due to the export demand for keg beers, particularly to the USA. At this point I took a walk through the main street and called at Wetherspoons for a cheap but predictable drink and meal. The **New Inn** is a Robinson's house and I believe the only one left in the town, with their

Unicorn, Trooper & South Island, Titanic Nautical Mild and my choice Sambrooks Powerhouse Porter - a very good drink. The Titanic was a strange choice as the brewery now have their own pub just along the road. The friendly barmaid advised me to visit a new micro pub across the market place which was unknown to me so I made this my next call. The **Ale Stop** is situated in an old wine shop and run by a bloke who has worked in several other local pubs. Of the 3 ales on offer I tried Vibrant Forest Cydonian Martian Red and Fallen Brewing Odyssey Blonde. Black Iris American IPA was the other choice and I found this to be a good addition to the local pub scene. I also discovered that the Buckingham Hotel containing

the former **GBG Ramsay's Bar** is being run down prior to demolition so decided not to take the long walk there. Next to the **Cheshire Cheese** which is the Titanic / Everards collaboration and the only entry in the current **GBG**. I had Titanic Capt Smith ahead of Tomahawk, White Star, Iceberg or Steerage with Everards Tiger & Pumpkin and Bank Top Flat Cap the other options. A good selection and with afternoon visits in midweek there is always the chance to chat with the bar staff and try samples as was the case here. I had also been recommended to try **No 13** and whilst this was more of a restaurant and not really open at this time I

did manage a glass of Jaipur whilst chatting with the friendly owner and barman. I then made my way to **53 Degrees North** which is a gastro type bar formerly known as Beltane. It was pleasant with 4 ales on offer including my choice of Wincle Butchered over Jaipur, Ringwood Best or Hobgoblin. Decent beer and worth a quick visit. With time running out I made a quick call in the **Eagle** for Hydes 1863 and Beer Studio Fiery Phoenix but would also have gone somewhere else if I had known that the bus was running 45 minutes late; it was no fun standing outside in the freezing cold. Overall Buxton was somewhat improved since our last visit just over a year ago- Chris P Duck

**Proposed Trips**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December - RuRAD Christmas Gathering in Sheffield, meeting up at Derby train station for the 12.05 or in the Sheffield Tap at 12.45. Any people wishing to join up en-route should contact Charisma (number below) to find out where we are.

**Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near**

- 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Keys Mini Beer Festival, Green Lane-Ockbrook
- 26<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January Old Oak Beer Festival, Main Street-Horsley Woodhouse, Derby's 20+ Ales
- 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December Rudfest Winter Beer Festival, Three Crowns & The White Horse-Ruddington 30 Ales 20 Cider's
- 29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February County & Station Beer Festival, Dale Rd-Matlock Bath

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 31<sup>st</sup> Pigs Ear Beer & Cider Fest, Round Chapel, Powerscroft Road-Hackney, Gtr London 200+ Ales
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 13<sup>th</sup> Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Beer Festival, Kingsway Hall, Dovercourt-Harwich 50 Ales
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December Star Inn Beer Festival, 7 Albert Street, Folly Hall-Huddersfield 50+ Ales Tel 01484 545443
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December Imperial Club Beer Festival, Cliff Street-Mexborough, South York's up to 25 New Brewery Beers
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December The Western Winter Ales Festival, 70 Western Road-Leicester 6 Strong Dark Ales & 4 Milds
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December Oakengates Winter Beer Fest, 60 Ales Over 4 Days at The Old Fighting Cocks & The Station Hotel-Oakengates, Telford
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December Old Moseley Arms Beer Festival, 53 Tindal St-Balsall Heath, Birmingham
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December Swan & Slip Inn Winter Beer Festival, Clementhorpe Road-York 50+ Ales
- 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December Suddaby's Winter Beer Festival, 12 Wheelgate-Malton, North York's 25 Ales 4 Cider's
- 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December Kash Tap Rooms Beer Festival, 121 Brook Street-Chester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January Frodsham Winter Ales Festival, Parish Church Hall, Church St-Frodsham 25 Ales
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival, Whittlesea-Peterborough, Various Pubs Holding Beer Festivals

*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 07891 365887 / [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.

*Edited by Rodders the Red Nosed Reindeer*



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to you, Constant Reader**



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**Quote of the Month:**

*"I only drink on two occasions every year, when it's Christmas and when it's not Christmas"*