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In The Sticks

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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 but before you do we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 47 pubs in 30 different locations, 4 Breweries and 23 Beer Festivals.

## Beer and Pub News

The **Emporium** on the Market Place **Ripley** has been refurbished and returned to its former glory as the **Three Horse Shoes**. The outside has been sand blasted and painted cream; signs advertise "Quality ales and beers".

There are six "wickets" on the bar but as yet no real ale; however this is planned for the New Year with two regular real ales these being Bass and Pedigree accompanied by one guest.

On a recent visit to earth Dr Who reported that the "To Let" sign has been removed from the **Noah's Ark** in **Borrowash**.

**Half Pint** reports that on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November the **Anglers Arms Spondon** had **Kimberley Bitter** 3.9% and **Olde Trip** 4.3% available with the former being £1.89 a pint.

The **Spanker** at **Neather Heage** had guest **Lichfield Steeplejack** 4.5% alongside regulars **Bass & Pedigree** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

The eagerly awaited reopening of the **Black Swan** on the Market Place **Belper** took place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Real ale was available in the form of **Bass** 4.4% at £2.10 a pint with one guest ale **Jennings Cockerhoop** 4.6% at £2.30. The opening times are Mon 4 - 11, Tue to Sat 12 - 11 and Sun 12 - 10.30.

The **Nottingham House** pub on **Derby Road Heanor**, which has been boarded up for

some time, has now been sold.

**Simon, Rob & Andy** of the **Seven Stars Belper** reminded me that they always have a minimum of 2 real ales available one being **Marstons Pedigree** 4.5%. When I called in on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November the guest was **Hook Norton Old Hooky** 4.6% with **Marstons Santa's Revenge** coming on soon.

**Bald Eagle** was out and about on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November advising that the **Windmill at Breadsall** had **Titanic Iceberg** 4.1% and **Harviestoun Schiehallion** 4.8%.

The **Three Horse Shoes** in **Morley** had regular **Marstons Pedigree** with guests **Owd Roger** 7.6% and **Highgate Black Pig** 4.4%.

At the **Sitwell Arms Horsley Woodhouse** were **Acorn Barnsley Gold** 4.3% as the guest with two from **Cropton** and two from **Titanic** coming on next: **Gary Jones** took over as the new licensee on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

The **Blue Bell Kirk Langley** had three regular real ales on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November **Bass** 4.4%, **Pedigree** 4.5% and **Old Speckled Hen** 5.2%. **John Creed** the licensee told me that they also have occasional guest beers.

On the same day the **Cock Inn Mugginton** had regular **Pedigree** with two guests **Charles Wells Bombardier** 4.3% and **Adnams Broadside** 4.7%: **Wendi Payne**, the licensee, told me that the next guest on would be **Green King Abbot Ale** 5.0%.

The 26<sup>th</sup> October this year saw a change of Licensee at the **Old Black Horse Mapperley** when **Sherry & Charlie Hatton** took over the helm. The pub had **Kimberley Bitter** 3.9% and **Olde Trip** 4.3% with seasonal guest **Guzzling Goose** when **Charisma** and I paid a visit on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December the **Old Kings Head** on **Days Lane Belper** had regulars **Marstons Burton Bitter** 3.8% and **Pedigree** 4.5% as well as **Hook Norton Old Hooky** 4.6% as the guest.

**Colin's "Brewery of the Month"** for December at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with, beers from the **Derby Brewing Company** and includes **Old Intentional** 5.1%, **Brewers Treat** 4.6%, **Naughty Nog** 4.5% and **12<sup>th</sup> Night** 4.5%.

Other forthcoming attractions for the remainder of the month are: **-St Austell Tinners Ale** 3.7%, **Castle Rock Elsie Mo** 4.7%, **Bateman's Rosey Nosey** 4.9% and **Brains SA** 4.2%.

At the **Royal Oak Ockbrook** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, where we were celebrating **Cassandra's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday** party, were regular **Bass** 4.4% with guests **Moor Merlin's Magic** 4.3%, **Bogart Brew** 4.5%, **Hartington IPA** 4.5%, **Taylor's Landlord** 4.3%, and **Burton Bridge Down Under Wunda** 4.5%.

Earlier in the evening the **Rose & Crown Morley** had regular **Draught Bass** 4.4%.

A visit to the **Ilford Club's 1<sup>st</sup> beer festival** in **Ilkeston** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November found a good selection of beers including a new one for me **White Horse Bitter** 3.7% from the **White Horse Brewery**. The beers were dispensed from three hand pumps, eight barrels on a stillage with the rest being brought straight up from the cellar. For cider fans **Old Rosie** 7.3% from **Westons** was also available. Well done to **David, Sharon** and all those involved. Can't wait for the next one!

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November the **Tavern** on **Derby Road Belper** had regular **Marstons Pedigree** 4.5%.

A new wine bar called the **Hippodrome**, next to **Tonkers** on the **High Street Ripley**, is due to open after Christmas and is reported that **Real Ale** will also be available. Watch this space for further developments.

The **Queens Head** on **Bleech Road Marpool** is boarded up and has apparently been closed for a couple of months; it is due to be open as an **Indian Restaurant**.

## Brewery News

### Leadmill-Denby

Milford Mild 6.0%, which was originally brewed with Strawberry Blonde 4.4% for the **King William** in **Milford**, has been renamed King William IV ESM.

Richard has also brewed a one off beer to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bridge across New York Harbour called Verrizano Narrows Bridge 4.5% it is reported to be very pale and very nice!

Pete Hilden reports that the Beer at the **Old Stables Bar Denby** will be on sale for £1.70 a pint for the whole of December.

### Funfair Brewing Company-Holbrook

The 2005 Good Beer Guide listed **Wheel Inn** on Chapel Street in **Holbrook**, home of the **Funfair Brewing Company**, has been sold to Punch Taverns.

The brewing equipment has been removed and is currently in storage prior to relocation to a new site in Ilkeston.

Dave hopes to have the new brewery up and running again by the end of January next year and will continue to supply Funfair beers to the Wheel which will also have guest beers, including beers from microbreweries available.

Our best wishes go to Dave and Andrea who moved out of the pub on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Falstaff-Normanton

In keeping with Jim's Spaghetti Western theme some of the latest beers brewed by Falstaff have included Billy the Kid 4.2%, Four Coffins 5.8%, Tombstone 6.0%, Wyatt Earp 4.5% and Calamity James 4.0%.

The **Gentle Giant** advised that the **York Brewery** are to open a forth pub called the **Yorkshire Terrier** which is situated on Stonegate.

## Visit reports

On Friday the 12th of November we, that is Del, Rod, Double D, Charisma Bypass (aka Pete Hilden) & Two pints travelled via the A50 & M6 to the lake district for our annual October trip.....we were a bit late this year. After a hold-up free journey (a very rare thing on the M6 on a Friday night) we arrived at our traditional first port of call the **Watermill Inn** at **Ings**. This multi-award winning family run pub usually has 16 real ales on at any one time so you can imagine our disappointment when there was only 15, Theakstons OP 5.7%, Lees Moonraker 7.5%, Black Sheep Special 4.4%, Coniston Bluebird

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3.6%, Hawkshead Bitter 3.7%, Moorhouses Black Cat 3.4%, Orkney Reg MacGregor 4.0%, Atlas Three Sisters 4.2% and Loddon Hullabaloo 4.2% were a few that were on offer. A microbrewery is soon to be in operation too. It was a shame we could only have one because we had to move on to our destination, **Keswick**.

After checking in at our digs we hit the town the **Packhorse Inn** was our first stop, this serves a range of Jennings beers as do most of the pubs in Keswick. Our next stop was a GBG pub the **Dog & Gun**, one of the few pubs not tied to Jennings, where we tried Yates Bitter 3.7%. Our final pub was the **Lake Road Inn** where we had Jennings Sneek Lifter 5.1% for a night cap and after a fish & chip supper from The Olde Keswickian we called it a day.....knackered.

Saturday morning, after a full English, Del Boy drove us round to Ennerdale where (after Charisma had parted company with his brekky) we embarked upon our ascent of Pillar, at 2927 feet a hefty lump. After 3 hours walking and concerned about the shortage of daylight Del & Double D turned back leaving Rodders, Charisma (now aka the intrepid Pete Hilden) & Two pints to carry on regardless. An hours worth of toil later we arrived at the summit and the panorama made all the pain & suffering worth while, But it was 2:30pm and sunset was fast approaching so after a short lunch break we headed down. Unfortunately the darkness descended before we did but luckily Del & Double D had anticipated our route and guided us the last few hundred yards with the car headlights.....bless 'em.

As a reward to ourselves we called in to another GBG pub the **Kirkstile Inn** home to, the recently opened, Loweswater Brewery. Both of their brews were available Melbreak Bitter 3.7% at £1.80 & Grasmoor Dark 4.3% at £1.90 (both named after fells in the vicinity and both in very good order) along with Coniston Bluebird 3.6% at £2.10 Yates Bitter 3.7% at £1.90 & Hawkshead Bitter 3.7% at £2.10. This pub is a true gem and well worth visiting. Later that same evening we visited a few Jennings.....at varying prices and the **Keswick Lodge** the towns only Thwaites pub serving Bitter 3.6%, Thoroughbred 4.0% & Lancaster Bomber 4.4%. After yet another fish & chip supper we drew our weekend to a close. Awesome weather, Awesome Ale.....Who can ask for more?

## Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November we started our walk from Foremark Reservoir after walking for a couple of hours we came to the village of **Newton Solney** here we decided to visit the GBG entry The **Brickmakers Arms**, a nice village pub with two real ales on offer these being Bass & Pedigree, they do have an occasional guests but not today. As Rod was not on the orange & water today we tried a pint of Pedigree each, £2.20 a pint, average drink, nice pub. On leaving here we decided to give the other village pub The **Unicorn** a miss for a later date and walk on to **Repton**. Here we walked past the **Red Lion** and visited a little back street pub called The **Boot**, two real ales on offer, once again Bass & Pedigree, this time we decided to really be adventurous and try the Bass, £2.30 a pint, a nice drink and a nice friendly pub, there was know sign of any guest beer and we was warned not to sit near the dart board as two young ladies were playing, thank you landlord.

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### Marlpool & Loscoe Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The **Country Park Tavern** on Thorpe Hill Drive **Marlpool** had regulars Marstons Pedigree 4.5%, Kimberley Bitter 3.9% and guest Rocking Rudolph 5.0%.

The **Munday Arms** on Ilkeston Road **Marlpool** had Hardy's and Hansons Kimberley Bitter 3.9%, Olde Trip 4.5% and seasonal guest Rocking Rudolph 5.0% at £2.32 a pint.

The **Eclipse Inn** on the High Street **Loscoe**, had one regular real ale Bank's Bitter 3.7% with guest and my choice Highgate Black Pig 4.4% at £2.30 a pint, Geraldine, the Licensee, told me that the next guest beers to come on were Adnams Broadside 4.7%, Bateman's XXXB 4.8% and Marstons Christmas Ale 5.8%.

The **Gate Inn** on High Street **Loscoe** had regular Marstons Pedigree 4.5% with guest Hook Norton Old Hooky 4.6% at £2.10 a pint. The next guest on would be Highgate Black Pig.

### MAB's Penzance & Scilly capers-Part 1

The Isles of Scilly, lying 28 miles south-west of Lands End, boasts several pubs all of which serve Real Ale, though as far as I am aware only the **New Inn** on **Tresco** and possibly the **Turk's Head** on **St. Agnes** have

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ever made into the GBG. I visit these islands every autumn and try to visit every pub during my trip. (There aren't that many). This year, as we do most years, we stayed in Penzance for the night prior to our helicopter flight to St. Mary's which as usual meant we got to visit a few of the local hostelrys before sampling a curry.

This short article will indicate which pubs are worth a visit (and those that aren't!).

We started off before we even got to Penzance with a visit to the **Star** on the A30 in **Crowlas** (GBG entry). This is a great boozier, renowned for its variety of guest ales and I have previously scored a few new brews here. This trip was no different and on offer were Clearwater Cavalier 4.0%, Young's Elysium 4.3% and Cottliegh Kookaburra 4.5% as well as Jennings Cumberland 4.0%. The forth-coming attractions were Exe Valley Bitter 3.7%, Sharpe's Doom Bar 4.0%, Thwaite's Lancaster Bomber 4.4%, Country Life Old Appledore 3.7% and Wallop 4.4%, Cottliegh Harvest Ale and just gone was Organic Wolf Rock 5.0%. What a start to the trip!

Moving on we called briefly at another regular in the GBG, the **Mexico Inn at Long Rock**, though this was a little disappointing. There was just Sharpe's Doom Bar and Eden Ale 4.4% on and some of their more sought after regulars such as Skinner's Spriggan Ale 3.8% and Figgy's Brew 4.5% were absent. From here we called briefly at the **Pirate's Inn** on Alverton Road, **West Penzance** on the recommendation of the bar man in the Mexico Inn (recommended as a good source of local ales). Here we found six ales on including Ales of Scilly Natural Beauty 4.2% and Scuppered 4.6%, Sharpe's Doom Bar, Skinner's Old Klocker 4.5% as well as Courage Best and Greene King Abbott. We then moved on to the **Mounts Bay Inn** to find that this once regular GBG entrant was no more metamorphosing into an Indian restaurant...Argh. A sad loss to a town bereft of decent alehouses.

Still never mind plenty to go at and after dumping our bags at the hotel we moved on to the **Alexandra** (on Alexandra Road) again on the recommendation of that helpful little chap in the Mexico Inn. I had previously been in this pub and at best it could be described as lousy, that being the politest word to use, I could be more graphic!! However a new landlady has done wonders with this place and it now rightly gets a place in the GBG. Here five beers were on, four of which were new for me-oh deer you can see how the night is going to develop, good job we were now on foot and the driver could join in the sampling. We tried the

Skinner's Heligan Honey 4.0%, Pirate's Pride 4.2% and Pennycomequick 4.5%, the latter a dark and fruity beer, which was very nice and Wooden Hand Black Pearl 4.2%, ignoring the ubiquitous Sharp's Doom Bar and noted that Skinner's Green Hop was yet to appear on the bar. A thriving interest in Real Ale prevails in this pub and a local Real Ale newsletter is usually available, though unfortunately they had run out on our visit. Well worth a visit.

From here it was up in to the town where two small pubs next door to each other on Chapel Street, the **Turk's Head** and **Admiral Bembo**, were visited albeit very briefly. Fortunately when we entered both there was a bit of a queue and a quick look at the available brews ensured that we didn't wait to be served. However we didn't leave before making a note of the ales available, which in the Turk's Head were Wadworth 6X, Greene King IPA, Exmoor Gold and Sharpe's Doom Bar, whilst the Admiral Bembo had Sharp's Own 4.4% and Klocker 4.5%. At the top of the street the **Globe and Ale House**, a former GBG entry I think, was also disappointing with Young's Ram Rod, Speckled Hen, Doom Bar and Well's Bombardier on offer so it was off to the local **Weatherspoon's** where (un) fortunately there was the annual beer festival to delve into. Things were starting to get a bit hazy but the trusty notebook shows that Nethergate Old Growler 5.0%, Cameron's Edenhof Lager 4.5%, Hampshire Ironside Best 4.2%, Highgate Black Pig 4.4%, Usher's Autumn Frenzy 4.0%, Hook Norton Generation 4.0%, St. Austell HSD 5.0% and Caledonian 80/- were all available. The night was rounded off in time-honoured tradition with a curry and the following morning we moved on to the Isles of Scilly.

**Bald Eagle & Fat Penguin** were out and about on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November and report that the **Yew Tree Brinsley** had Hardy's & Hansons Kimberley Bitter 3.9% and seasonal guest Rocking Rudolph 5.0%. The **Red Lion Underwood**, an oak beamed pub with good food, had Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% and Burton Bridge Hearty Ale.

The **Shepherds Rest Bagthorpe** had regulars Caledonian Deuchars IPA 3.8% and Charles Wells Bombardier 4.3% with Ruddles County 4.3% as the guest.

The **Dixies Arms** also in **Bagthorpe**, an excellent traditional pub with friendly locals, had Theakstons Bitter and Green King Abbot Ale 5.0% with Jennings Robin Redbreast as guest.

The **Hollybush** in **Marehay**, which re opened again on 13<sup>th</sup> August after a period of closure, had one regular real ale Adnams Broadside 4.7% and one guest Courage Best Bitter 4.0% on my visit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: The pubs opening times are Mon to Thurs 2 - 11, Fri & Sat 12 - 11 Sunday 12 - 10.30.

## The Exadman Column

For this month's classic pub feature we take a look at a real gem - the **Turf Tavern** in **Bloxwich**, West Midlands. Locally known as tinkys, the Turf is a Victorian terraced pub probably dating from about 1835, and consists of 3 rooms off a central corridor. The main room and bar area is to the right, although there is a hatch servery on the corridor. Stone flagged floors and wooden seats in each room are a feature of tinkys, which has been kept by the same family for 130 years. This is a remarkable pub in many ways, with no electronic music or even an electronic till, just a good atmosphere with good conversation, and as well as being a GBG regular for many years, it won the prestigious West Midlands Pub Of The Year award in 2004. There are usually 4 real ales on offer, including a mild, often from the Titanic or RCH breweries, with Bathams Bitter also a regular. The pub itself is on Wolverhampton Road, just off Bloxwich High Street, and is 10 minutes walk from Bloxwich train station. As long as you pass the Romping Cat, another NI pub, you are on the right track. Opening hours are 12 - 3, 7 - 11 Monday - Saturday and 12 - 3, 7 - 1030 Sunday. There aren't many pubs like this around, so if you haven't seen it yet, go there soon, you won't regret it.

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**Steady Steve**, beer manager of the **Royal Oak at Ockbrook** has been serving up one or two beers from new breweries. William Greenwood Brewing Co Blind Ref (which rams & reds fans will be all too familiar with) 3.8% and Drop Kick 4.4%, Crane Brewery Crane Sundancer 3.7% and Twickenham Original 4.2% have all made an appearance. Other beers on offer over the Christmas period as follows:- Rudgate Skadis 4.5%, Brewster's Marlene 4.8% & Yuledo 4.5%, Acorn Winter Ale 4.5% & 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel 4.9%, Cottage Bobsleigh Jack 4.4%, Bogart Hole Bog Sleigh 5.0%, Wicked Hathern Derby Porter 4.8%, Whim Magic Mushroom Mild 3.8% & Black Christmas 6.5% (yum yum), York Stonewall 3.7%,

Yorkshire Terrier 4.2%, Stocking Filler 4.8% & Centurions Ghost 5.4% (yum yum), Wye Valley Santa's Delight 4.2%, Oldershaws Yuletide 5.2%, Scatter Rock Rocking Rudolph Burton Bridge Forbidden Fruit 4.5% from, Gales Robins Revenge 4.0%, Highgate Old Ale 5.3% and Robinson's Robin Bitter 4.5%. That pretty much sums up my Christmas list.....

### More Del & Rods Real Ale Rambles

Today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, we started our ramble at the village of **Crich**, not a very nice morning so we were glad to reach our

first port of call which was the **Steam Packet Inn** at **Swanwick**. This is a GBG entry and on offer were five real ales, Adnams Bitter 3.7%, Adnams Fisherman's, 4.5%, Black Sheep Bitter 3.8%, Young's Bitter 3.7% & Bombardier 4.3%. We decided to try the Fisherman at £2.30 per pint, a very nice drink.

We then decided to move on down the road to **Pentrich** where we visited **The Dog Inn**, this used to be a village pub with a bit of character where you could sit down and have a pint and read about the Pentrich Martyrs,

not any more, we were undecided whether we were in a DFS store or a Bistro as we were surrounded by three piece suites & arm chairs & the smell of food. Anyway here they had three real ales on offer Bass, Pedigree & Deuchars IPA, we tried the IPA at £2.15 per pint a nice drink but not our kind of watering hole.

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### Proposed Trips

The Brampton Mile pub-crawl, date to be advised: Contact Charisma on 07974 171243.

### Beer festival Diary

13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December Babbington Arms Christmas Beer Festival-Derby.

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December The Old Oak-Horsley Woodhouse.

17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December Newshouse 12 Ales of Christmas Beer festival Canal Street-Nottingham.

18<sup>th</sup> December The Fat Cat Beer Festival, Alma Street-Sheffield

28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December Paradise Brewery Wrenbury-Nantwich Cheshire.

21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January West Avenue Social Club Mini Beer Festival, Butt Lane-Kidsgrove.

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2005 National Winter Ales Beer Festival New Century House-Manchester.

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January Bent & Bongs Beer Bash (Atherton Beer Festival) Formby Hall, High Street Atherton-Manchester.

27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January Crescent Beer Festival-Salford.

28<sup>th</sup> January Nottingham Boat Club Beer Festival Trent Bridge-Nottingham.

28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 10<sup>th</sup> Winter Ales Beer Festival, Town Hall-Burton upon Trent.

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January King William Mini Beer Festival-Milford.

4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February Chesterfield 7<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival The Winding Wheel-Chesterfield.

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February Ashfield Beer Festival, Festival Hall, Hodgkinson Road-Kirkby in Ashfield.

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February Derby Winter Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby.

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February Fleetwood Beer Festival Marine Hall Esplanade-Fleetwood.

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 13<sup>th</sup> Rotherham Oakwood "Back to the BAA" Beer Festival, Oakwood Technology College Moor Road-Rotherham.

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February Bradford beer Festival Victoria Hall-Saltaire.

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Royal Oak Winter Beer Festival, -Watnall, (In the log cabin at the rear of the pub).

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, off St Margaret's Way, nr St Margaret's church-Leicester.

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

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

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Rail Ale Festival-Barrow Hill Roundhouse.

*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 and Part two of MAB's Penzance and Scilly capers.

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-mail to: [billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk)

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