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In The Sticks

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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 45 pubs in 31 different locations, 6 Breweries and 35 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

The **Punch Bowl** in **West Hallam** saw a change of licensee in February when Sarah Birkin and Scott Smithurst took over. 3 regular real ales were available when I called in on 22nd March these being Marstons Pedigree, Wadsworth 6X and Tetley Bitter with another 2 hand pumps available on the bar should the need arise. Sarah told me that at the moment she and partner Scott would continue with the above range to see how it goes before deciding on the possibilities of introducing any others. The opening times at this Punch Taverns pub are Mon to Thurs 12 til 3 and 6 til 11.30; Fri 12 til 3 and 5.30 til 12; Sat 12 til 3 and 6 til 12; Sun 12 til 3 and 7 til 10.30.

A five-minute walk down towards Station Road found me at the **White Hart** another Punch Taverns pub where the 2 regular real ales available were Greene King Abbot Ale and Old Speckled Hen. There was also a monthly guest, which on this occasion was Adnams Broadside.

The licensees here are Dione Carlin and Steve Turton with the opening times being Mon to Fri 4 til 11; Sat & Sun 12 til 12. Both of the above mentioned pubs are on the Black Cat (1/2 hourly) and Felix No 59 (hourly) services from Derby.

The **White Hart** in **Stanley Village** had regulars GK Abbot Ale and Adnams Broadside with Hop Back Crop Circle as the weekly guest from Punch Taverns Portfolio when I called in on Sunday 2nd April. Mean while the same day the **Bateman Arms** in **Stanley Common** had no real ale on offer, which came as a surprise as this is a Hardys & Hansons tied house, there was however a solitary hand pump on the bar. - Billy

The 1st RuRAD beer festival is being planned for August bank holiday (24th to 28th) at the **Old Stables Bar** with up to 30 real ales plus a couple of festival specials & traditional Ciders & Perries. More details to follow at a later date. The jury is still out on deciding a suitable name for RuRAD man.

If you are on the look out for some real milds this month at least 1 of the 4 ales constantly available in the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook** will be a changing mild, Whim Magic Mushroom & Scattor Rock Meadow Mild are just 2 that have already appeared. Also all of England's World Cup games will be shown on a big screen. Beer & Football what more do you need ? Contact 01332 662378.

Four real ales were available at **Haslams** (Derby Rugby Football Club) on Haslams Lane, Darley Abbey when Half Pint and I called in for lunch on Wednesday 22nd March. The two regulars being Pedigree at £2.20 and Taylors Landlord at £2.20 with two guests Fullers London Pride at £2.10 and Draught Bass at £2.10 The pub, which opened on 14th March 2003, is open from 12 noon til 11pm Mon to Sat and 12 noon til 6pm on Sundays.

Simon, Andy & Rob from the **Seven Stars Belper** emailed us to advise the list of ales available during the month of May include Marstons Merrie Monk 4.5%, Jennings Tom Fool 4.0%, Bank's Chocolate Mild 4.2%, Black Sheep 4.4% and S.A. Brains The Rev James 4.5%.

I recieved a text from the Baron on Good Friday advising that Cropton Monkman's Slaughter 6.0% was on a the **Cross Keys Belper**. As the only place you can get this locally is the **Anchor Inn Oakerthorpe** this was too good an opportunity to miss so Half Pint, Jonathan Kriek and I duly called in to try an excellent drop of the said beer at £2.70 a pint. Later that evening Jonathan Kriek and I sampled the Taylors Landlord at £2.30 a pint in the **Queens Head**. The beer was in good form reminding me how it used to taste in the good old days when I used to visit the pubs in Keighley some years ago on a regular basis.

Champions of "Real Ale for Ripley" Nigel & Mo have taken over the **Nags Head** on Butterley Hill so we can expect another cracking real ale outlet if past experience is anything to go by.

Steve Tomlinson, formerly of the Bulls Head at Belper Lane End has taken over the **White Hart** at **Moorwood Moor**.

The Leadmill **Old Stables Bar** at **Denby** is the official stockist of RuRAD merchandise - a selection of badges is available for 50p each, together with baseball caps for £5.00. Orders can be taken for T-Shirts and Polo Shirts also.

Colin's "Brewery of the Month" for this month at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with beers from the Derby Brewing Company and will include Pride 4.5%, Dashingly Dark 4.5%, Little Gem 4.0% and Good Owd Boy 4.9%. Other forth coming attractions will be Bateman's Dark Mild 3.0%, Mordue Spring Tyne 4.0%, Brains Reverend James 4.5%, Hambleton Stallion 4.2% and Taylors Golden best 3.5%.

The "To Let" sign has been removed from the **Wilmot Arms** at **Borrowash** - Mr E

As from May 18th the **Old Stables Bar, Denby**, will be open every Thursday 7.30 - 11.00 and is looking to increase from 12 hand pumps to 14.

You may recall the article April's newsletter on the re opening of the Little Eaton Jct to Denby railway line and the construction of a temporary halt for Leadmill's **Old Stables Bar, Denby**. One or two of you may have spotted this particular article was not true and in fact was dreamt up by a certain Billy One Mate as an April fool prank. (The bit about enjoying a pint of your favorite Leadmill beer at the Old Stables Bar was true).

Thorn Tree at Waingroves has increased the number of hand pumps to 5.

The **Greyhound** on Whitemoor Lane **Belper** was noted with Punch Taverns "Business Opportunity Available" sign hanging outside on Monday 24th April.

Rodders & BigFoz take the helm

After the shock news that Billy was to step down as editor of "In the sticks" a mad rush ensued to find a successor. It was decided that no one person could possibly undertake and execute the task, such was the enormity of the job vacated by Billy, so we two brave soles stepped forward to try and fill the breach. Please be patient as we try to steer the good ship RuRAD on its continuing course with as little disruption as possible. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all involved with "In The Sticks", contributors & readers alike, to thank Billy for helping to make this newsletter what it is today. - The Eds

The RoRAT trip to Brum & Digbeth was a resounding success (if I do say so myself). It was attended by Rodney (that's me), Old Mother Redcap, Cassasndra, Trigger, Charisma, Loco, Loco's mate, Pedro, 'Er in Doors, Malc the Alc & Sherpa and we visited 14 pubs (including 4 N.I pubs) and had a choice from 61 different beers. Watch this space for the next RoRAT outing.

Severn Valley Spring Steam Festival

Having visited the Severn valley spring steam festival in previous years it was suggested to 'Er in Doors that we spent the weekend concerned in **Bridgenorth** riding on trains hauled by steam engines and trying the different beers from the area. 'Er in Doors immediately agreed and plans were submitted. For those who do not know 'Er in Doors she's the one who is only recognized when she has a pint in her hand.

Anyway come the weekend and the Friday night saw us arrive at the **Falcon Hotel** in Bridgenorth and once ensconced we sallied forth in search of the odd beer. First port of call was to the **Fox** down the road the pub had 3 hand pumps but only 2 beers on, the other having run out at lunch so the barman said. The pub is under the Enterprise Inns banner and the beers available were Hook Norton Old Hooky 4.6% & Fullers London Pride 4.1% both at £2.50 a pint. So after a swift half it was back to the Falcon Hotel here there were 3 hand pumps serving Hobsons Best Bitter 3.9%, Bushy's Pure Gold 4.0% & Varcher 3.9%. The Bushy's beer was excellent and all were priced at £2.10. Anyway after dinner we went to walk dinner down by going up into Bridgenorth (for those who have never been Bridgenorth consists of upper & lower town) and halfway up Clatterway Hill we found the **Black Boy Inn**. 4 Dispensed Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Hobsons Best Bitter, Hook Norton Best Bitter & Wells Bombardier. After refreshment we continued to the top of the hill and called in the **White Lion**. For those with a weak heart at 10pm on a Friday night the amount of young ladies in the pub was amazing but there was a good selection of beers with 4 hand pumps selling Banks' Original & Best Bitter Hobsons Bitter & Holdens Bitter all approximately & £2.10 - £2.20 a pint. After sampling we retired to the Falcon to finish the evening. Saturday started with a good breakfast and a steam train from Bridgenorth to **Kidderminster** and a visit to the **King & Castle** on the Station. 7 hand pumps offering Bathams Bitter, Royal Piddle, Enville Bitter, Everards Tiger, Holdens Golden Glow, Callow End Bitter (from Worcester) & Paragon Steam 4.0% All priced around £2.00 a pint which was good value. From Kidderminster it was slowly back to Bridgenorth and a visit to the **Railwayman's Arms** on the station platform. A good selection of beers on hand pump included Bathams Bitter, Beowulf Dark Raven & Mercian Shine, Hobson's Bitter, Scattor Rock Scatty Bitter & Berrow Porter plus 3 proper ciders and Budvar & Amstel on draught. On being questioned the landlord was heard to say, "We don't do lager". So ended a very enjoyable day with 9 steam engines seen working and back to the Falcon for dinner. After dinner a short walk was called for to the **Black Horse Hotel** (next pub to the Falcon) where 5 beers were on offer; Bathams Best Bitter 4.3%, Bishops Castle Three Tuns Clerics Cure 5.0%, Greene King Abbot, Banks' Original & Hobsons Town Crier all approximately £2.10-£2.20 a pint. So ended a very enjoyable weekend with an excellent choice of ales and plenty of steam.....Roll on next years Spring Steam festival.
Don Pedro.

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Whilst walking in Leicestershire Me & Pedro called in **The Bull & Lion** in the village of **Packington**, with the Marstons sign spread around we expected pedigree but to our surprise three real ales were on offer. Well only 2 really because the Smiles April Fuel had just gone off. This left us with Pedigree & Pheasantly Plucked Ale 4.2% with no brewery name on the pump clip & the bar staff not having a clue where it came from we decided to try it. I had a pint & Pedro had a half, total cost £4.05 thats £2.70 per pint. No brewery name, I wonder why? - Del Boy

The 3rd Friday Five will take place on May 26th starting at The Tavern, Derby Road Belper at 7.15, and calling at Old Kings Head 8.00, Black Swan 8.30, White Swan 9.00, Nags Head 9.30 & ending up at the Cross Keys 10.00. See **Proposed Trips** for more details.

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Tour of the Marches

For some time we've been meaning to explore The Marches country around Herefordshire and Shropshire to sample their hospitality. En route, we stopped by at the "**Three Kings Inn**" at **Hanley Castle**, Worcs., a famous family-run unspoilt gem. They had 4 micro beers on, all at £1.80, and we stuck with the 4.7% Blindmans (from Frome). Lunch of scampi + chips and chicken+ chips cost a TOTAL of £7.50! A couple of days on, in Gwent, while walking along the River Wye, we happened upon the "**Boat Inn**" at **Penalt**. (Most people reach it on foot across the old railway bridge from the main road at Redbrook. They had loads of beers to choose from.....our choice was the excellent Butty Bach 4.5% from Wye Valley. The following day, walking the Wye Meadows near Hoarwithy, Herefs., we sampled yet more Butty Bach (this time a little more expensive) at the **Loughpool Inn, Sellack**. Their lunch menu includes a scrummy liver and bacon offering. On the way back to our "digs", we stopped by at Broome Farm, near Bridstow, for a couple of litres of their excellent cider. Then, along the M4, to the Vale of Glamorgan, and had lunch, al fresco, at the "Pelican in her Piety" at Ogmore. Baguettes, salad + sautees washed down with London Pride. We hadn't been overwhelmed with the pub choice at **Ross on Wye**, but then discovered the "**White Lion**" across the old bridge from the town. Their beers were in top condition and we sampled Old Hooky and Hereford Pale Ale in their garden beside the Wye. We had to give Offa's Dyke a bit of a try for a couple of hours and then to **Kentchurch**, Herefs. to sample the wares of the "**Bridge Inn**". Nice people running it, all ale was well below 4% but excellent for that. (They say remote country pubs can't easily sell heavier beers, because most of their customers have to drive.) The following day saw us scaling the heights of Bredon Hill in Worcs. followed by a pilgrimage to the "**Monkey House**" at **Defford**, near Pershore. It's on the main road, but we passed it twice before spotting it on the third pass!! It's a simple farmhouse down a garden path, with the finest cider in the area. Up to Shropshire, and the inevitable trek to **Bishop's Castle**. We'd always sampled Big Nev's before at the "**Six Bells**", but, this time, it was the "**Three Tuns**" at the other end of town. Over three separate visits, we tried all three ales available from the adjacent brewery.....Cleric's Cure 5%, XXX 4.3%, and Three8 3.8%. We met the head brewer Bill Bainbridge, a quiet unassuming man. The following day saw us walking the Long Mynd, and then in Wistanstow, near Craven Arms, enjoying the Plough's homemade haddock + chips washed down with Shropshire Lad and Pot O' Gold, both 4.5%. They were much quieter than on previous visits, but the Wood's Brewery looked as busy as ever. Finally, after a stunning walk along the Kerry Ridgeway, we stopped of for a quick one at the "**White Horse**" at **Clun**. Yet more Butty Bach + Weston's draught cider. - Tomatoman + Auricula

Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

The latest beers from Bottle Brook are Meandering Mild 4.1% and Tarpit Porter 4.5%

Danelaw-Chellaston

The lads have produced a couple of new brews recently; Two Baboons a 4.0% dark bitter for the **Babington Arms** & Tavern Ale 5.6% which is also dark and well hopped. They have also been commissioned to do a special beer for the Derby Summer Festival.

www.danelawbrewery.co.uk

Falstaff-Normanton

The latest beers from Falstaff are It's Astounding 4.6%, Dylans Drop 4.2%, exclusive to the **Babington Arms** for Spring, and continuing the Rocky Horror theme Drives you Insane 5.2% (which has a sulphury aroma-Ed) & Pelvic Thrust 4.0% which is described as a light brown well balanced session beer with long refreshing hoppy afterflavours.

www.falstaffbrewery.co.uk

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

Funfair will be brewing a 6.0% IPA Festival Special for this year's Derby 29th Summer Beer Festival which is held in the Assembly Rooms between the 5th & 9th of July. Due to popular demand Dave and Gemma will be re kindling a couple of old favorites in the form of Dodgem 4.7% and Brandy Snap 4.7% and are set to make a welcome return in the near future. Funfair's beers can now be sampled on a regular basis at the GBG listed **Spanish Bar** on South Street **Ilkeston**. The planned move to an industrial unit in Ilkeston is due to take place soon where plumbing, drainage, rewiring and repainting work necessary to have the brewery up and running will be carried out, the new brewery should be up and running by the summer.

www.funfairbrewingcompany.com

Howard Town Brewery

The recent fire, which destroyed the original site, used by Les and Tony has thankfully not deterred the lads - they have been brewing on the Derventio Brewery plant whilst looking for new premises. I have been informed that it should be back to business as usual within the next 5-6 weeks hopefully as they are about to sign a lease on new premises.

www.howardtownbrewery.co.uk

Leadmill-Denby

Richard is brewing a 4.2% bitter, the name is yet to be decided. Appearing at **The Stables Bar** will be Nob Goblin 5.0%, Which hasn't been brewed for 2 years, and ESM Milford Mild 6.0%.

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 9th Del Boy & I were joined by Uncle Albert & Two Pints as we started our walk from Trentabank reservoir in Macclesfield Forest. As we made our way through said Forest there was the odd snow flurry but by the time we got to the top of

Shutlingsloe it was coming thick and fast ... brilliant, but no sooner had it arrived then it was gone! By the time we got to Wildboarclough the sun had come out and steam was rising from the fields...tut!! We walked past the **Crag Inn** and made our way to the GBG listed **Hanging Gate** at **Higher Sutton**. Just 2 ales were available Hydes Original 3.8 & Heavenly Draught 4.2%; we were happily enjoying our beer in the sun when the next snow shower began so we supped up and moved on. I did plan to get another pub in that wasn't far away over the fields on Hollin Lane, but there was no real ale and it was so eminently forgettable the name escapes me so we had to settle with just the 1 pint .. Lets not make a habit of it eh!

Sunday 23rd saw our walk start from Gotham in Nottinghamshire. We made our way, over Gotham Moor, across the Great Central Railway line and over Bradmore Moor, to the sleepy village of Bradmore where on November 4th 1618 6 men from the village appeared before the church court for profaning on the Sabbath by Morris Dancing.....I told you it was sleepy, we saw our first swallow of the year.....But you know what they say about one swallow and a summer. From there we took Mill Lane which brought us out at the site of the ancient mother church of St Peter of Flawford, Built circa 800 demolished in two phases in 1773 & 1779, very interesting but it left us with a trudge down the road into **Ruddington**. With the help of a some directions we managed to find the **White Horse Inn**, on Church Street, where we were treated to Jennings Cumberland 4.0%, Hydes Original 3.8%, Thwaites Thoroughbred 4.0%, Wells Bombardier 4.3% & Adnams Explorer, quite a busy locals pub this one but the Thwaites was in good order. I forgot to put the good book in my rucksack so it was by pure chance that we found **The Three Crowns** on Easthorpe Street before admitting defeat and asking for directions. If it weren't for the pub sign outside we would've thought it was a private residence but on entering we were pleasantly surprised to find Adnams Bitter 3.8%, Taylor Landlord 4.3%, Nottingham Rock Mild 3.8% & Extra Pale Ale 4.2%, Church End Goats Milk 3.8% & Oldershaws Harrowby Pale Ale. What with it almost being May we tried the mild, a good choice of ale and a deserving entry in the GBG but we couldn't help thinking there was something "not quite right" about the place. We walked back along the Great Central Railway (saw a steamer.....must tell Pedro) and re-traced our steps to Gotham where we saw 2 more swallows, so in the words of Feargal Sharkey "Here comes the Summer!".

On Thursday 20th April, a trip was arranged to **Thornbridge Hall Brewery** at **Ashford in the Water** by Charisma Bypass and Tweedle Dee - a total of 52 people were given a guided tour of the brewery by Dave Wickett from Kelham Island in smaller groups due to the size of the brewery. In the downstairs bar, an impressive array of beer engines dispensed a

range of Thornbridge ales, which were eagerly consumed by those present with a selection of nibbles, together with a sizeable number of bottled ales after we had drunk the bar dry of the draught beers!! All of those who attended agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening - special thanks are extended to Alex Buchanan and all of the staff at Thornbridge for a super trip. NB - We have been invited to return for the Garden Party on Sunday 2nd July for which a further trip is being arranged from.

The Ex Adman Column

This months column takes to another West Midlands classic pub, of which there are many, as we visit the **Woodman**, which can be located at 106 Albert Street, in **Digbeth**, a short walk from Birmingham Moor Street Railway Station, and not too far from New Street. It is actually situated next to the old Curzon Street station; a stones throw from the Thinktank at the Millennium Point. Built in 1896/97, the Woodman is the oldest of the city's "tile and terracotta" pubs, and has an exterior pleasing to the eye. Internally, the Woodman consists of a large L - shaped bar and a smaller smoke room/lounge at the back. There is some very fine tiling throughout the pub, the smoke room being particularly impressive, etched windows, and the pub contains some quite unusual artefacts - you need to go there to look! Grade II listed, the pub has been a Good Beer Guide regular in recent years, and will usually include Ansell's Mild on it's Real Ale menu. The pub has a real fire, and serves meals at lunchtimes It is open all day, but to check the exact opening hours call 0121 643 1959. In an area with many classic pubs (there are four National Inventory entries in Digbeth alone), the Woodman is well worth inclusion on any crawl.

Big Foz's Travels with PseudoDad

Dad's not been up to it recently so I've had to take PseudoDad around with me. I think you'll find that he and the real dad think alike on lots of things!

10th April 2006

Monsal Head Hotel, Monsal Head

Monsal Bitter, Theakston Old Peculier, Landlord BigFoz says: still can't take to this place. Is it the pretentious place or the pretentious clientele?

PseudoDad says: both.

The Bull, Ashford in the Water

Robinson Old Stockport, Robinson Unicorn, Robinson Double Hop

BigFoz says: two people serving; hardly anyone in and I get completely ignored.

PseudoDad says: who said that?

12th April 2006

Royal Oak, Wirksworth

Bass, Landlord, Whim Hartington IPA

BigFoz says: nice place; good beer.

BigJoan says: yes, even I like it and I'm not easy to please.

BigFoz says: you married me.

BigJoan says: shut up and drink your beer.

24th April 2006

Black Horse, Hulland Ward

Hyde Heavenly Draft, Exmoor Gold, Wadworth

6XSmiles Best

BigFoz says: here's somewhere else where the ale's good but I can't take to the place.

PseudoDad says: is the landlord always like that?

BigFoz says: no, I think we caught him on a good day.

27th April 2006

Admiral Rodney, Wollaton Village, Nottinghamshire

Mansfield Cask, Goff Joust, Titanic English Glory,

Theakston XB, Theakston Mild, Fuller's London Pride

BigFoz says: It's years since I came in here.

PseudoDad says: very pleasant. Food looks good as well.

BigFoz says: a real 'find'.

PseudoDad says: 'find'? You couldn't find your...

BigFoz says: steady on.

PseudoDad says: ...with both hands.

The Bell, Smalley

Adnam Boadside, Mallard Duckling, Whim

Hartington IPA, Oakham JHB

BigFoz says: explain why they wouldn't serve us with ten minutes to go to closing.

PseudoDad says: Pass.

BigFoz says: explain why this is Derby CAMRA Country Pub of the Year.

PseudoDad says: Pass.

Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley

Leatherbritches Black Rock, Leatherbritches

Oak, Black Sheep Ale

BigFoz says: new owners; at least they've tried to tidy the place up a bit.

PseudoDad says: don't know if they've succeeded.

The Wheel, Holbrook

London Pride, Flowers Original, Jennings

Cumberland Ale, Jennings Snecklifter, Pedigree

PseudoDad says: it's quite a while since we've been in here.

BigFoz says: at least they've tried to tidy the place up a bit.

PseudoDad says: don't know if they've succeeded.

Proposed Trips

Friday 19th May bus trip to Rail Ale Festival, Barrow Hill Roundhouse. Contact Charisma on 07974 171243.

Friday 26th May Friday Five pub-crawl and Mild Hunt of **Belper** meet at the Tavern on Derby Road at 7.15pm. For those traveling from the "Beer Capital of Britain" catch the 6.3 at 6.35pm from Full Street stop X6. To join up on the route ring Billy on 07802 914832 to find out where they will be.

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

18th to 20th May Chester Charity Beer Festival, Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane-Chester. **Ticket Only**, available from Mill Hotel-Chester.

18th to 20th May 16th Doncaster Beer Festival, The Dome Leisure Centre -Doncaster. www.members.aol.com/donnycamra

18th to 20th May 1st Delapre Abbey Beer Festival, Delapre Abbey, London Road-Northampton. www.overthebarrel.co.uk

19th to 20th May Rail Ale Festival, Barrow Hill Roundhouse. www.barrowhill.org.uk

19th to 21st May Queens Head Beer Festival, Chesterfield Road-Belper. www.thequeenshead.net

19th to 21st May Needlemakers Arms Beer Festival, Kensington Street-Ilkeston.

25th to 27th May Lincoln Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Free School Lane-Lincoln. www.lincolncamra.org.uk

25th to 28th May Ruddington Beer Festival, White Horse, 60 Church Street & Three Crowns 23 Easthorpe Street-Ruddington.

25th to 29th May Anchor Inn Beer Festival, Bradford Street-Birmingham

26th to 28th May Newark Beer Festival, Riverside Park-Newark. www.newarkcamra.org.uk

26th to 29th May 12th Annual Peak Booze & Blues Festival, the Bentley Brook Inn Fenny Bentley. www.bentleybrookinn.co.uk

26th to 29th May Stag Beer Festival, Nottingham Road-Kimberley.

26th to 29th May Prince of Wales Beer Festival, Chapel Street-Spondon.

26th to 29th May Bluebell Beer Festival, High Street-Bolsover.

26th May to 2nd June County & Station Beer Festival, Dale Road-Matlock Bath.

27th to 29th May Black Lion Beer Festival-Radcliffe on Trent.

27th to 29th May White Post Beer festival, Belper Road-Stanley Common

1st to 3rd June Wolverhampton Beer Festival, Wulfrun Hall-Wolverhampton. www.wolverhamptoncamra.org.uk

2nd to 5th June Vat & Fiddle Beer Festival, Queen's Bridge Road-Nottingham.

9th to 10th June Out of the Vaults Beer Festival, King Street-Leicester. www.outofthevaults.com

9th to 11th June Bourne Beer Festival, Well Head Fields, Bourne-Lincolnshire. www.bournefestival.com

22nd to 25th June Lichfield Real Ale, Jazz & Blues Festival, Lichfield Rugby Club-Lichfield. www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

22nd to 26th June Kelham Island Beer festival, Russell Street-Sheffield. www.kelhamislandtavern.co.uk

23rd June Matlock Rugby Club Beer Festival-Cromford Meadows. www.matlockrugby.com

23rd to 25th June 4th Welland Valley Beer Festival-8 participating pubs.

1st July 6th Riverside Beer Festival, Stamford Meadows-Stamford. www.riversidefestival.co.uk

5th to 9th July Derby Summer Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby. www.derbycamra.org.uk

7th to 9th July Woodcote Festival of Ale Off A4047-Woodcote, Oxfordshire.

14th to 15th July Black Eagle Beer Festival, Factory Road, Hockley-Birmingham

21st to 22nd July Summer Beer Festival, The Mallard, Workshop Town Station-Workshop. themallard@supanet.com

1st to 5th August Great British Beer Festival, Earls Court-London. www.gbbf.org

11th to 12th August Out of the Vaults Beer festival, King Street-Leicester. www.outofthevaults.com

22nd to 27th August 28th Peterborough Beer Festival, The Embankment-Peterborough. www.beer-fest.org.uk

24th to 28th August 1st RuRAD Beer Festival, The Stables Bar-Denby.

26th to 28th August Moorgreen Beer Tent, Moorgreen County show-Watnall

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 from Del & Rod, Ex Adman & BigFoz plus Jedediah's Trippe to New York & Delilah Drinker's Yorkshire Excursion.

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: uplonkerodney2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 1st of the month.

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