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In The Sticks

Welcome to the latest issue of "In the Sticks" the newsletter of RuRAD Rural Real Ale Drinkers. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 55 pubs in 21 different locations, 5 Breweries and 37 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

Alexandra, Siddals Road, Derby has a meet the brewer evening (Batemans) on February 22nd

Babington Arms, Derby is to get an online live beer board

Black Hole Brewery has produced its first beers, Red Dwarf 4.4% & No Escape 5.2%, which were launched at Burton Winter Ales Festival last month, it's reported both sold out before 6.30pm Friday

At the **Old Black Horse**, Mapperley the beer has been very good on previous visits and the HH Rocking Rudolph was no exception on Boxing Day. The HH Bitter was still available but the previously excellent Old Trip may have vanished forever. Unfortunately mine hosts seemed to have mixed up the religious occasions as the carvery appeared like feeding the 5000

A recent walking visit to **Stanley Common** took in the **Bateman Arms**. This was much better inside than on my previous visit but had only 3 other customers. The only real ale on offer was strangely Speckled Hen at 5.2% and unfortunately was not good enough to request another. Further along I entered the gloomy bar of the **White Post** & was pleased with the Funfair Gallopers at £2-00 followed by the dark & strong Christmas Cake Walk at £2-20. Speckled Hen was also available here so it must be a local favourite for some reason. This pub would surely be more attractive to passing trade if brightened up a bit but at least the beer has improved since my last visit - Chris P Duck

The **Old Silk Mill** has reopened again with a new landlord, I am not sure if the range of beers is going to change but I have been told that he is going to try tempt back the biker crowd that used to use it in the early Eighties - Sooty

The **Flowerpot Brewery** is still in the proposal stages

The **Three Horseshoes** and the **Prince of Wales** at Ripley are both closed

February 2007

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Belper's only back street boozier the **Royal Oak** on Mill Street could soon be seeing a change of licensee as an Admiral Taverns board advises of a "Pub business opportunity" recently when Billy passed on Thursday 11th January for those interested go to www.admiraltaverns.co.uk the pub is still open for business.

The **Noah's Ark** at Borrowash is to let.

Leatherbritches Brewery are on the move, I was talking to the owner Edward recently and he told me that he hopes to move to the **Green Man** in Ashbourne by the end of February. The pub is already a regular outlet for their beers so the new partnership should work well - Sooty

The **Liversage Arms** on Nottingham Road Derby has become home to a private members male fetish club called the Steel Cage bondage club for gay men. All the pub signage has been removed to be replaced by ?????? Hard to believe that this was once a popular Marston house were you could get Marston Owd Rodger all year round. R.I.P

The **Jolly Colliers** at Horsley Woodhouse is closed again

The **Cock Inn** at Muggington is due to re-open in the spring according to signs outside the pub

The **Beehive** at Ripley is starting to introduce guests from microbreweries. Thornbridge Blackthorn & Jaipur, both at £2 a pint, have already appeared

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Colin's "Brewery of the Month" for February at the **Cross Keys Belper** continues with beers from the Abbeydale Brewery in Sheffield and will include Chocolate Stout 4.5%, Resolution 4.2%, Absolution 5.3%, Last Rites 11.0% and Resurrection 4.3%. Other attractions include Newby Wyke Red Squall 4.4%, Castle Rock Elsie Mo 4.7%, Mordue Workie Ticket 4.5% and Brains St David's Ale 4.1%.

The **Royal Standard** on Derwent bridge is boarded up and for let, the pub is earmarked for demolition as part as the connecting Derby road scheme, this ex Ind Coope has also been a favourite of mine in the past serving D.B.A. R.I.P - Sooty

Sheffield Brewing Co Ltd has brewed 2 test brews, Second brew 3.5% & Third brew 3.7%, they were spotted on the 21st of Jan in the Gardeners Rest, Neepsend Lane, which is to be the brewery tap.

Michael and Muriel Edwin at the **Black Horse**, Hulland Ward have received the Cask Marque

The **Peacock** on Nottingham Road, Derby is to let

Whim beers are appearing in the **Charles Cotton Hotel** at Hartington on a regular basis

Tweedle Dee's most recent visit to the **Red Lion** in Ripley was very pleasant, Thornbridge St Petersburg Imperial Russian Stout was found to be in excellent form, though at 7.7% he only sampled a ½ pint!!

The next beer festival at the **Old Poets Corner** at Ashover is being held from Thursday 8th March to Sunday 11th March. There will be a total of 40 beers available, plus numerous ciders and perries, together with entertainment every night.

Seven Stars on King St Derby has dropped Pedigree and now always has 2 guests, Camerons Fireside & Hook Norton Old Hooky were available on Sooty's last visit

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If you are in Sheffield and fancy somewhere other than the pubs in the northern quarter try the **Rising Sun**, Abbeydales brewery tap, at **Nether Green**. You can catch the 120 bus from West Street to Fulwood, the driver gave us a shout when we arrived. The fare was free as we had an All Day Rover ticket for the trams if you catch the 60 bus you have to pay so remember this! The pub has a non-smoking policy and serves 8 real ales, which include 4 Abbeydale brews and 4 guest beers. It made a change to go somewhere different - Charisma

The **Punch Bowl, West Hallam** is rapidly gaining back its former popularity thanks to the hardworking landlord Scott who took over in Spring. 4 handpumps offer regulars Pedigree and Deuchars IPA with recent rotating Landlord, Broadside, Black Sheep, Camerons Strongarm amongst others. Plans ongoing for the food side to be updated too. Good to see this place buzzing again. Nearby within staggering distance at the **White Hart**, landlady Diane, was offering very good regular Abbot with G.K IPA and Throbbin Robin over festive season. Recently had Hobgoblin and Broadside. Some re-furb and part non-smoking too. A place for fun and recent Halloween celebrations and decor were a real talking point. Great Effort. Within walking distance, for the more energetic locals, the **Newdigate Arms** continues to thrive mainly as a very good all day eatery but serves up some very drinkable brews. Pedigree, Ruddles County & Dick Turpin from Coach House Brewery, Cheshire were all in good nick recently although all similar strengths. Worth visiting if walking Nutbrook Trail and Shipley Park area. In Mapperley Village the **Old Black Horse** continues to bring in many looking for good snap especially after tramping around Shipley Park. The Hardy Hansons pumps are still being polished for a while yet. You can still get decent HH Mild and Bitter here and many ask for a pint of mixed. Well we all did some years back didn't we when we were not exactly spoiled for choice? The Olde Trip here was bang on in early January - The Escapist

On a Friday night in early January, after the mayhem of Christmas was over and done with, I went on a little crawl around some local pubs. The first pub I called in was the **Sitwell Arms at Woodside** where Gary had 2 beers from DBC, Ruby Tuesday & Extravaganza, I sampled the latter. Next I went to the **White Post at Stanley Common** where Vic had Titanic White Star and Abbot available, the Titanic was very refreshing. The **Bell at Smalley, Derby Camra POTY**, was my next

port of call where I had Broadside (not bad at £2.20 a pint) the other usual beers were available and the guest was London Pride. My final visit was to the **Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse** where there was a range of Leadmill beers and some new offerings from Bottlebrook, which included Kilburn Pale Ale, Toll Bar Bitter, Columbus & Black Bess. I was spoilt for choice but decided to go for the Columbus at 4% and the Kilburn Pale Ale at 4.7% both very nice. I never had a bad drink on my travels that night - Charisma

I led a small group including Papalazarou in search of some Falstaff and Danelaw beers on 30th December. The Falstaff was easy we went to the **Falstaff** pub in Normaton, and there it was. We even got to talk to the brewer. Research had suggested that we might get some Danelaw in the Falstaff but no luck there, so we went on to the **Durham Ox** on Burton Road. None of their handpumps had any clips so we gave that a miss and we went on, first to the **Bell & Castle** and then the **Duke of York**, where we faced the same problem. By that time, we had worked up a bit of a thirst so we headed for the safety of the **Babington** where we found neither Falstaff nor Danelaw, but a wide choice that kept us busy for the rest of the afternoon - Tram Inspector

Chevin Cricket Club would like a few more players /drinkers for 2007 season to play friendlies every week on varied evenings, followed by compulsory real ale drinking. The team is run on a social basis with drinking trips in winter, you do not have to be great and our average age must be about 45. There are also a few Sunday matches & overall we get to visit many pubs over quite a wide area from May to September. So if you are keen and like a drink after (or instead in bad weather) please contact Chris on 07971 046955 for more details.

On the Thursday before Christmas I decided to visit Thornbridge Brewery's new pub, the **Coach & Horses at Dronfield**, where I got a warm welcome from Catherine & Ash. There were 4 Thornbridge beers on the bar, which were Hark, Brock, Jaipur & Babushka, and I was given a sample of them all. The 5th pump was without a beer. Catherine told me that the aim is just to have Thornbridge beers on and there may be a beer festival on the cards at a later date. Many thanks go to all concerned and that includes Kelly, Katie, Della & Tom who is an up and coming rock star as I am lead to believe. The train station is only a 10 minute walk away but the problem, at the moment, is that hardly any trains stop there but according to information from Paul Gibson of Erewash Camra this is due

to change by 2008 with trains from Alfreton to Sheffield stopping regularly - Charisma

Andrew, Dougie and staff welcome you to THE MOSS COTTAGE HOTEL
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On the Saturday after the Derby Beer Festival I decided to take Jim, landlord & brewer at the **Falstaff**, up on his invitation to try a proper pint of Smiling Assassin, as the one I tried at the beer festival was very poor. I was not disappointed as the beer was in top form and The Good the Bad and the Drunk also went down a treat. I also met Laurie who is one of the founder members of CURAD, the Falstaff being their HQ, and after a brief chat with him I left very pleased that I had made the effort to visit a proper little boozier - Charisma

The **Moss Cottage Hotel** in **Ripley** is still flying the flag for Real Ale on the outskirts of the town centre towards Codnor. Along with the house regulars, Shepherd Neame Bishops Finger and Theakston Best Bitter, the guest's beers available on Friday 26th January were Brewster's Stilton Porter (5.0%), Milton Pegasus (4.1%) and Moles Molennium (4.5%). The latest offering from Amber Ales, Imperial Pale Ale at a hefty 6.5% is amongst the guests coming soon, together with Holland Double Dutch

The Tram Inspector has informed me of the following events to be held at the **Red Lion at Crich Tramway Museum** this year. Easter weekend: 1940s, Mayday weekend: bank holiday, Spring bank holiday weekend: Folk event, 16th and 17th June: The Jazz Years, 14th and 15th July: Edwardian weekend, 11th and 12th August: 1940s & August bank holiday weekend: Extravaganza

Ripley Friday Five Report January 26th

George Inn-Pedigree 4.5% £2.30, Rudgate Bitter 4.6% £2.30, Cottage Normans Conquest 5.0% £2.30
Prince of Wales-Closed
Out of Town-Taylors Landlord 4.3% (in a Poly pin) £2.30
Talbot-No Real Ale
Nags Head-Pedigree 4.5%, Taylors Landlord 4.3%, Amber Ales Winter Ruby 5.1%, Derby No Half Measures 4.8%, Bateman's XXXB 4.8% All beers £2.20 plus Moles Black Rat Cider 6.3% and Kingston Black Cider 8.7%
Midland Hotel-Mansfield Cask 3.9% £1.00 (Didn't go in)
Generous Britton-Greene King Kimberley Bitter 3.9% £2.06, Pedigree 4.5% £2.20
Angel-Fullers London Pride 4.1% £2.05

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Pear Tree-Greene King Kimberley Bitter 3.9% £2.05, Greene King Kimberley Mild 3.1% £1.99, Abbot Ale 5.0% £2.40, Ruddles County 4.3% £2.30, Greene King Olde Trip 4.3% £2.30

Hippodrome-Shepherd Neame Spitfire 4.5% £2.30

Three Horseshoes-**Closed**

Red Lion-Pedigree £1.69, Courage Directors 4.8% £1.69, Thornbridge Hall Jaipur 5.9% £1.85, Burton Bridge Damson Porter 4.5% £1.29, Derventio Et Tu Brutus 4.5% £1.75, Springhead Roaring Meg 5.5% £1.85, Deuchars IPA 3.8% £1.75, Greene King Abbot 5.0% £1.75

Brewery News

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

Richard appears to be concentrating his efforts on Bottle Brook with the introduction of several new beers, which include Toll Bar Bitter 4.4%, Kilburn Pale Ale 4.7% & Columbus 4%. New beers are being brewed as we go to print but have no names as yet

Derventio Brewery-Trusely

www.derventiobrewery.co.uk

Derventio Brewery is pleased to announce the launch of its latest beer, Cupid at 4.1% ABV. Cupid is a Honey beer, which is a light coloured, golden ale with a smooth rounded character. Made from the finest Maris Otter Pale Malt, English Hops and Honey.

Ashover Brewery-Ashover

The first brew from the Ashover Brewery went on sale in the **Old Poets Corner** recently and the first firkin sold out within the hour. Most of the first brew will be sold at the pub but some has been allocated to the Derby Tup and the Chesterfield Beer Festival. The 3.8% brew is going to be called Ashover Light Ale, (after the Ashover Light Railway), but that name will not actually be used until they are sure they have got the recipe consistently as they want it.

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

www.funfairbrewingcompany.com

All 72 pints of Dive Bomber 4.6% were consumed in as many minutes at the 12th night Derby Winter Beer Festival, an incredible feat when you consider that there were also another 29 different beers on the bar at the same time. The Christmas Cakewalk 6.5% also proved to be a popular choice. Both Showman's Bitter and Cakewalk were on the guest list at the **Black Horse Beer Festival Darwin**.

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

Just one new beer has been introduced this month, Winter Solstice 4%, but as we go to print several beers are planned

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 14th of January Uncle Albert, fresh back from 3 weeks in Oz, joined us as we started our walk from the Puss in Boots at Hazelwood. We headed of up Nether Lane before striking off on a footpath bypassing Hazelwood village and re-joining the road to Farnah Green, having been in the Bluebell before we weren't too bothered that it wasn't open. We took the Midshires Way through Blackbrook then cut down to

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Belper Lane End and took the Bridleway through Wyver Farm and down Wyver Lane. We hit the urban sprawl that is **Belper** at Bridge Foot where, with Billy's Belper Mini Pub Guide in hand, we found our way to the GBG listed **Cross Keys** on the Market Place. This Batemans pub had XB, XXXB & Valiant, Adnams Broadside & Everards Tiger, Del & Albert opted for the XB I had orange and water and that is no reflection on my opinion of the beer selection it's my self imposed 2 month alcohol abstinence for the new year. I was assured the beer was in good order. I let the drinkers pick the next pub and they decided on the **White Swan** also on the Market Place where they had JW Lees Janus 4.2%, the Jeckylls Gold clip was turned round, the Janus was a bit insipid but the orange was top notch. We picked up the Midshires way (stopping for lunch on the 9th tee of a local golf course) to Duffield and had a rather soggy tramp up the Ecclesbourne Valley back to the car.

On Sunday 21st of January, with the prospect of wintry showers on high ground, we headed off to the Peak District and parked at Upperdale near Monsal Head. We sat in the car for a short time considering the situation as the rain turned to snow and then to a mixture of both....snain? We toggled up in the car, which was doubly difficult for Del who had the steering wheel to contend with, before heading off to Cressbrook and up Cressbrook Dale. Passing the monolithic Peter's Stone we came out just opposite the Three Stags Heads at Wardlow Mires but knowing that a request for lager may provoke a "smack in the gob" I feared for my life if I were to ask for a pint of orange. Del decided that we call in the GBG listed **Red Lion** at Litton where there was Taylor Landlord, Thornbridge Jaipur & Oakwell Barnsley Bitter my round of a Barnsley Bitter and a pint of orange squash came to £3.70, which I thought was a bit steep...there is a nice little open fire though. From there we walked down the road to **Tideswell**, home of "The

Cathedral of the Peak", and made our way to the GBG listed **Star** on High Street where Del had a choice from Marstons Pedi & Ashes Ale and Jennings Bitter, the Ashes was chosen and with my Orange it came to £3.65, again rather steep. After stopping for some grub at Tideswell Dale car park we made our way through Litton Mill to Miller's Dale. Now we are well aware that in wet weather Miller's Dale is prone to flooding so we expected to have to wade through, maybe, 6 inches of water. What we weren't prepared for was the path being 18 inches under water, we didn't really have a great deal of choice but to plough on so you can imagine we were squelching a bit when we got back to the car...but the boots were nice and clean.

Sunday 28th of January saw our walk start from a car park near Allestree Park from where we took a footpath to Quarndon, then on to Park Nook before picking up the Centenary Way. We crossed the Ecclesbourne Valley towards Hazelwood then took the road down to, and through, Duffield. We followed the path, which took us passed Bunkers Hill and Burley Wood, back to Quarndon from where it was a short walk down the road back to the car. Now have you noticed what is missing from this walk?.. PUBS...the reason for this seemingly slipshod planning and the general brevity of the walk was to enable us to be back home in good time to see Chelsea's mauling of the lowly reds (If only Forest had turned up for the start of the game!). Bring on Plymouth! Stand up if you're in the cup!

The line up of beers for the Magpies Beer Festival (1st to 3rd of this month) looks very impressive featuring beer from the likes of Buntingford, Fen Ales, Great Oakley, Ludlow, Nelson, Nethergate, Red Squirrel, St Judes, Three Castles & Wolf not to mention local representation from Castle Rock, Caythorpe, Mallard, Magpie (obviously), Maypole & Nottingham and if that's not enough there are a couple of brews from the new Black Hole Brewery of Burton on Trent. Do your best to get along and try a few but don't forget that it is closed between 3 and 5 Saturday afternoon due to the football

Chris P Ducks Side Dish

On Thursday 4th Jan Chris P Duck visited the **Moss Cottage** in Ripley for the first time in about 25 years, last time he was there it used to sell Home Ales 5 Star. He tried the regular Bishops Finger, which was good enough to warrant another and also had a reasonable pub meal. Theakston Best is also always on, a Burton Bridge and a Christmas guest were also available.

The after match drinks at **Belper** on Sat 6th saw us return to the **George & Dragon**, where an Archers Barking was followed by a Derby Ruby whilst Liverpool were dumped from the FA Cup. Good drinks as usual, with another pale guest plus Tetley & Abbot also available.

The **Seven Oaks** at **Stanton by Dale** has been taken over from 8th Jan, your new hosts are Ryan & Sarah, who inform me that they will retain the restaurant format. Further details not yet received, will try to visit soon.

Fri 12th enabled a teatime visit to the **Old Oak, Horsley Woodhouse**, where I was impressed by the range of 9 Leadmill and Bottlebrook beers available and also found it to be very cosy and friendly, deserving of further visits.

On Fri 19th I made a visit to the **White Hart at West Hallam**, where I was pleased to see a vastly improved interior plus a no-smoking area since my last visit. As usual, GK IPA and Abbot were available but I had the Wychwood Hobgoblin 5.0 which had replaced the inevitable local beer Speckled Hen. This was the first time I had seen this beer locally apart from bottled and was particularly good. The landlady thanked me for my positive comments but was not pleased with

RuRAD for the short measure article that tarred them with the same brush as the offender (I apologise unreservedly-Ed)

In late Dec I made my first ever visit to the **Chequers at Stanton by Dale** that had 3 real ales of which I tried Tiger (as I had not had one for ages) & this was good. The others were Bass & a Jennings seasonal. On the way home another first for me was the **Bulls Head at Little Hallam Hill**. This was pleasant enough but disappointingly only had HH Bitter, the quality of which was nothing special.

After our previous epic football match we

were better prepared this time for the evening conditions at **Belper** in midwinter. The match was abandoned due to fog after 10 minutes so we decided to walk to a different pub this being the **Thorn Tree**. The steep uphill walk with 6 layers of clothing saw us arrive gasping but fortunately the Pedigree & Abbot enabled a slow recovery. We hope that the friendly locals will still be present under the new regime.

A short interlude waiting for a takeaway on New Years Eve enabled a brief further visit to the **White Post** where there was a different Funfair Christmas ale, I think called White Christmas, which was good.

Proposed Trips

Friday 2nd March Minibus trip to Loughborough Beer Festival including visits to the Swan in the Rushes at Loughborough and the Jolly Sailor at Hemington
Contact Charisma on 07974 171243

Beer Festival Diary – 3 Month Look Ahead

- 1st to 3rd February Magpies Beer Festival, Meadow Club, Notts County Football Club, Meadow Lane-Nottingham [Note change of dates](#)
- 1st to 3rd February 3rd Pendle Beer Festival, The Municipality Hall, Albert Road- Colne www.pendlebeerfestival.co.uk
- 1st to 3rd February 7th Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival, Triangle Club, Essex County Council, Duke Street-Chelmsford
- 2nd to 3rd February 12th Tewkesbury Winter Beer Festival, Watson Hall, Barton Street-Tewkesbury www.tewkesburycamra.org.uk
- 2nd to 3rd February Chesterfield Beer & Cider Festival, The Winding Wheel, Holywell Street-Chesterfield
- Advanced tickets recommended for all sessions contact Pomegranate Theatre Box Office on 01246 345222 or www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk
- 2nd to 4th February Winter Warmer Beer Fest, Old White Rose, 20 Lichfield St-Bilston, W Midlands, 30 Ales Tel 01902 498339
- 8th to 10th February White Cross Inn 4th Annual February Festival, 2 Bradley Road-Huddersfield Tel 01484 425728
- 9th to 10th February Out Of The Vault Beer Festival, 24 King St-Leicester, 35 Ales www.outofthevaults.com
- 14th to 16th February Liverpool Beer Festival, Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt, Brownlow Hill-Liverpool
- 14th to 17th Rotherham Oakwood Real Ale & Music Festival, Oakwood Technology College, Moorgate Road-Rotherham www.realale-oakwood.org
- 15th to 17th February 24th Luton Beer Fest, Hightown Sports & Art Centre, Concorde St-Luton, 80 Ales, www.sbedscamra.org.uk
- 15th to 17th February 25th Fleetwood Beer Fest, Marine Hall, The Esplanade-Fleetwood, 120 Ales www.blackpoolcamra.org.uk
- 15th to 17th February Stockton "Ale & Arty" Beer Festival, Arc, Dovecote Street-Stockton on Tees tickets from Arc Box Office 01652 525199
- 16th to 17th February Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Festival, Guildhall, Bore Street-Lichfield 35 Ales www.lichfieldarts.org.uk
- 19th to 25th February Audley FC 6th Beer Festival, Audley FC, Old Road, Bignall End-Stoke on Trent 35 Ales £1.80 a pint, Open 7-12pm/12 -12 Sat
- 22nd to 24th February February Beer Weekend, The Black Horse, 72 Redearth St-Darwin 10+ Ales www.theblacklun.co.uk
- 22nd to 25th February The Green Man Beer Festival, On The B5027- Milwich, Staffs (28 years in Good Beer Guide) 23 Ales Tel 01889 505310
- 23rd to 24th February Gosport Winterfest XV, Thorngate Halls, Bury Rd- Gosport, 70 Ales www.psehcamra.org.uk
- 23rd to 25th February Febfest Beer Fest, East Lancashire Railway, Bolton Street-Bury (~~Cancelled~~)
- 23rd to 25th February The New World Mini Fest, The Lower Red Lion, Fishpool Street-St Albans, 30 Ales www.thelowerredlion.com
- 1st to 3rd March Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall, Saltaire-Bradford www.bradfordcamra.org.uk
- 1st to 3rd March Booze on the Ouse Beer Festival, Priory Centre, Priory Lane-St Neots
- 1st to 3rd March Loughborough Beer Festival, Polish Club, True Lovers Walk (off William Street)-Loughborough www.loughborouhcamra.org.uk
- 2nd to 3rd March 10th Bristol Beer Festival, The Brunel Shed, Temple Meads Station Approach-Bristol. Admission by advance ticket only.
- 8th to 11th March Old Poets Corner Beer Festival, Butts Road-Ashover
- 15th to 17th March Darlington Spring Thing Festival, Arts Centre, Vane Terrace-Darlington
- 15th to 17th March Leeds Beer & Cider festival, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner-Pudsey, 150 Ales www.leedsbeerfestival.co.uk
- 22nd to 24th March 20th Wigan Beer Festival, Robin Park Indoor Sports Centre, Loire Drive, (opp JJB Stadium)-Wigan
- 29th to 31st March Walsall Beer Festival, Walsall Town Hall-Walsall
- 29th March to 1st April Flowerpot Beer Festival, King Street-Derby Tel 01332 204955
- 29th March to 1st April Mansfield Beer Festival, Mansfield Town FC Hospitality Suite, Quarry Lane-Mansfield www.mansfieldcamra.org.uk
- 30th to 31st March Oldham Beer Festival, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Civic Centre, West Street-Oldham www.robcamra.org.uk
- 12th to 14th April 17th Doncaster Beer Festival, The Hub (new college building near new transport interchange)
- 13th to 14th April Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby Club, Butts Park Arena, Butts Park-Coventry
- 18th to 21st April 31st Newcastle Beer Festival, Students Union, Newcastle University, Kings Walk-Newcastle upon Tyne www.cannybevvy.co.uk
- 27th to 28th April 16th Chippenham Beer Festival, Studio Hall, Olympiad Leisure Centre-Chippenham www.nwwiltscamra.org.uk Evening sessions ticket only
- 18th to 19th May 1st Ilkeston Beer Festival, Kind Edward IV Suite, Regency Rooms, Wharnccliffe Rd-Ilkeston, 40 Ales

We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or e-mail: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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