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Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 66 pubs in 46 different locations, 7 Breweries and 30 Beer Festivals.

Beer and Pub News

A new landlord took over the **Bulls Head** at **Openwoodgate** on the 28th of January, 4 real ales will be on the bar

Congratulations go to the **Bridge Inn, Derby**; the **Spanker Inn, Nether Heage**; the **Eagle Tavern, Heage**; the **Riverside Hotel, Branston**; the **Golden Fleece, Nottingham**; the **Belle Vue, Mapperley**; the **Gladstone Hotel, Carrington**; the **Runner, Canning Circus** and the **Hemlock Stone, Wollaton** on receiving Cask Marque accreditation

The lease is up for sale at the **Dog** at **Pentrich**

The **Malt Shovel** at **Wirksworth Moor** is closed

Sues Corner Shop on **Station Rd, Ilkeston** continues to stock a wide range of bottled beers at the very competitive price of £1.39 a bottle. Beers from the likes of **Badger, Batemans, Highgate, Hook Norton, Ridleys, Thwiates, Wychwood** and **Youngs** are all available, why not call in for the full list?

The landlord of the **Greyhound** at **Belper** is reported to have left at the end of January

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Nitdad reports that the **Royal Oak** at **Caldwell**, a 2007 GBG entry, is closed and boarded up

It has been reported that a new landlord has taken over the **Cap & Stocking** at **Castle Donington** keeping good Bass, straight from the barrel plus **Bombardier** and **Directors**

The **Greyhound** at **Mansfield Woodhouse** is having a mini beer festival 28th to 29th of March to celebrate 16 years at the pub, which won Pub of the Season for Autumn 2007. **Tweedle Dee** also reported that there was **Sharps Doom Bar** and **Cornish Coaster** available recently

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Pete Hounsell of **Amber Brewery** e-mailed me the list for the forthcoming "Battle of the Beers" festival at the **Lion Hotel, Belper** 30th of January to 3rd of February. They are: **Amber Ales Imperial Pale Ale**, **Original Stout & Amber Pale**, **Beowulf Dragon Smoked Stout**, **Burton Bridge Stairway to Heaven**, **Crouch Vale Brewers Gold**, **Holden's Golden Glow**, **Oakham Bishop's Farewell**, **Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild**, **Thornbridge Jaipur**, **Castle Rock Harvest Pale & Titanic Iceberg**. All award winning beers, favourites old & new so you can decide the best of the best

Bald Eagle reports that the **George IV** at **Sheffield** is worth a visit with 6 real ales available and all in good nick

The **Nags Head** at **Hulland Ward** will be closed for 4-6 weeks whilst refurbishment work is carried out

Colin's guest beers for February at the **Cross Keys Belper** includes **Bateman's Hooker 4.5%**, **Everards Tiger 4.2%**, **Robinsons Old Tom 8.5%**, **Salopian Hop Twister 4.5%**, **Bateman's Mild 3.0%**, **Moorhouses Blond Witch 4.5%**, **Castle Rock Great Crested Grebe 4.2%**, **Milestone Black Pear 4.3%**, **Newby Wyke Kingston Topaz 4.3%**, **Oldershaws Mowbrays Mash 3.7%**, **Castle Rock Black Gold 3.5%**, **Oakham White Dwarf 4.3%** and **Bateman's Salem Porter 4.7%**

Congratulations got to **David McLaren** at **Spire Brewery** as **Sgt Pepper Stout** won bronze in the **Stouts Category** at the **National Winter Ales Festival** in **Manchester**

A new **Wetherspoons** outlet is rumoured to be opening in **Belper** soon, it is believed that they have acquired premises somewhere off **King St**

Half-Pint and I visited the **Green House** in **Belper** for lunch on **Wednesday 9th January**, where we found **Caledonian Deuchars IPA** and **Charles Wells Bombardier** to both be on fine form. The pub is part of **Barracuda Group** and trades under the **Smith & Jones** brand - **Tweedle Dee**

Kim Beresford of the **Old Poets Corner** and **Ashover Brewery** is looking to acquire another outlet for his beers. He is believed to be looking for a pub closer to **Derby**, details of which we hope to be able to confirm in the next newsletter

A **New Year** treat is in store for cask ale drinkers in the **Alfreton** area in the week commencing **Monday 28th January** at the **Waggon & Horses**, where **Dave** is holding a **Strong Ales** festival.

Amongst the ales being featured are **Exmoor Beast 6.6%**, **Marstons Old Empire 5.7%** and **Thomas Sykes 10%** being served direct from the barrel. All of the ales will be 99p a half!!

Tweedle Dee and **Tweedle Dum** noticed that the **White Lion** in **South Normanton** had reopened again following a lengthy closure, but unfortunately it did not have any real ale available when we looked through the door on **13th January**. Across the road from the **Lion**, the **Devonshire Arms** continues to offer an excellent range of traditional ales at just **£2.10** per pint - the house regulars are **Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby** and **Morland Old Speckled Hen**, complemented by a couple of guest beers, plus **Westons Old Rosie**

In **Kilburn** it seems to be the same old story for the **Travellers Rest** and the **Hunters Arms**, the **Travellers** is **To Let** and the **Hunters** is boarded up after the departure of the landlord. Things are looking up at the **Cricketers** though as the landlord is waiting for 2 more hand pumps to be fitted

RoRAT Dark Peak Tour 19/1/08

On the morning of Saturday 19th of January I met up with Cassandra, Trigger, Charisma and 2 RoRAT virgins, Bluestreak and Poirot at Derby Station where armed with our Derbyshire Wayfarer tickets we caught the 9.14 to Sheffield for the connection to **New Mills**. We arrived at just after 11.00 and had half an hour to kill before our bus so we called in the **Royal Oak** on Market St, which had Robinsons Hatters, Unicorn, Double Hop & Old Tom and though many of us expressed a preference for the Old Tom we all admitted it was a little too early in the day. Charisma wanted to try the Torrs up the street but when we got there it wasn't open so he went in the **Pride of the Peak** but even before I got to the door he was on his way out suitably unimpressed. By this time our bus was about due so we jumped on the first No.61 bus we saw only for us to get off 2 stops later when I realised it was going in the wrong direction. We managed to get the planned bus to **Glossop** at the second attempt and arrived there at 12.00 which gave us time for a half in the **GBG Star Inn** on Howard St, which is right next to the station. Here there was Batemans Salem Porter, Blacksheep Bitter, Howard Town Wrens Nest, Davenport's IPA and Adhams Bitter, the Salem and IPA went down a treat. The barmaid here also told us that the **Old Gloveworks** was still closed so we struck that one from the itinerary along with the **Globe** with its silly opening times. After a brief discussion as to which would be less harmful to the environment, bus or train, we got the train to **Hadfield** where we visited the **GBG New Lamp** on Bank Bottom and had to pick from Arundel Sussex Blonde or Blacksheep Bitter, all plumped for the Arundel and none were overly impressed. With an hour to kill I had found a few other back up pubs on t'internet so we gave them a whirl and wished we hadn't. The **Spinners Arms** on Marsden St looked like a nice pub but there was no real ale available and the **Anchor** on Hadfield Rd was a Pubmaster house, which didn't inspire any confidence. Tetley Cask was available.... and if that wasn't bad enough I trod in some dog poo as well. I don't think we'll be rushing back to Hadfield any time soon. We got back to the station just in time (no thanks to my map reading) to catch the 1.31 back to Glossop where Charisma decided that we should go in the **George Hotel**, which is just across from the station. There was Old Speckled Hen and Spitfire available, we all went for the Spitfire and all I can say is that I'm glad we only had halves because it was pitifully poor so much so that several of us didn't even finish our drinks. With a large black cloud hanging over Charisma's judgement he told us that Bald Eagle had told him of a new Cains pub in Glossop, the **Market Tavern** (formerly the Last Orders) on Victoria St so we headed for that. What a difference, from one end of the spectrum to the other, with a choice from Mild, Bitter and Victorian Ale on handpump and FA, 2008, Dragon Heart, Fine Raisen & Wheat Beer in bottles. Several of us went for the Victorian Ale at 6% to take away the taste of that dreadful Spitfire. After a brief parley we decided not to move on to the **GBG Crown Inn** and stayed put, it would have been rude not to. We sampled the bottled beer selection and all were excellent so

Cassandra & I took some carryout for Del Boy. The landlord even gave us all a Cains bottle opener each in case we wanted to sup them on the train. Best beer of the day, thank you Bald Eagle. We got the 3.00 No.61, which got us to **Hayfield** at about 3.15 and we called in the **Kinder Lodge** on New Mills Rd, which had Landlord, Blacksheep Bitter and Thornbridge Lord Marples before moving on to the **GBG Royal Hotel** on Market St where we had a choice from Hydes Bitter, Mauldons Dickens, Burton Bridge Golden Delicious & XL and Vale Hadda's Winter Solstice. We got so ensconced in front of the roaring fire and chatting to a friendly local that we missed the bus (despite Charisma's best efforts to delay it) so we killed a little time in the **Pack Horse** on Market St, Cumberland and London Pride were available. On the way back for the next bus Cassandra almost got stuck whilst climbing over some railings but Poirot & I managed to spare her blushes. On arrival back in New Mills we decided to catch the 5.12 and get off at **Hathersage** where we called in the **GBG Little John**, which had Wentworth Little John Inn Ale & Painted Lady, Sharps Doom Bar & IPA and Kelham Island Pride of Sheffield. We stayed here for an hour and it made a change to be able to have a relaxed drink, this is a cracking pub. The 6.43 was taken back to Sheffield from where we got the 7.23 and arrived back in Derby at 7.55. We had a few from the impressive beer selection in the Babington far too numerous and late in the day to note. We visited 10 pubs, 4 of which were **GBG** some outstanding and some pitiful and had a choice from around 30 different real ales all in all a good (and thankfully dry) day out - Ed

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On Friday 11th of January I decided to do a Billy no Mates impression and have a drive down the A52 towards Ashbourne. The first pub I called in the **Mundy Arms** at **Mackworth** with 3 real ales on offer with a large eating area and a small drinking area. Directors, Abbot and Old Speckled Hen were available at £2.50 a pint. The interior of the

pub is very appealing, the exposed beams giving it the air of a real olde worlde pub. Next port of call was the **Yew Tree** at **Ednaston**, sadly only Bass & Pedigree on offer at £2.60. A bit further down the road is a picturesque country pub, the **Saracen's Head** at **Shirley**, which was mainly full of people dining. Greene King IPA was my choice but at £2.70 for a 3.8% session beer I think it would have been cheaper to have a meal! Old Speckled Hen and Abbot were also available (probably at the same price-Ed). After that shock my final visit was to the **Shoulder of Mutton** at **Osmaston** with Bass and Padi on offer at £2.50 a guest beer is normally available in Spring and Summer. Another country pub well worth a visit with meals regularly available - Charisma

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On the last day of 2007, being expedition day, Don Pedro & 'Er in Doors visited **Birmingham**. During the 2006 RoRAT visit to Brum the memory noted of old pubs so from New Street Station it was south to **Digbeth** and **Moseley**. We went passed the Old Fox aiming for the first gem, the **Lamp Tavern** where we were not disappointed with Church End Grave Diggers 3.8%, Thornbridge Wild Swan 3.5%, Tiger 4.3% and Stanway Lords a Leaping 5% & Bitter 3.9%. The Church End and Thornbridge were sampled and found to be excellent. The memory was then tested and having passed another of the RoRAT pubs we arrived at the **White Swan**, a beautiful Victorian corner pub now in the hands of Marstons. The fayre on offer was Jennings Cumberland 4% & Cocker Hoop 4.5%, Banks' Original 4.1% & Bitter 4% and Titanic Iceberg 4.1%. The Cumberland was tested and passed with flying colours. On leaving the White Swan and looking up Bradford St we spotted a large empty building site (soon to be a hotel-Hooray) but beyond the 2007 Birmingham Pub of the Year, the **Anchor** on Rea St another Victorian corner pub. The beers on offer were Coastal Cornwall Frosty 4.2%, Milestone Reindeer 4.2%, Castle Rock Hemlock 4.2%, Full Mash Séance 4% (best in Brum on pump clip), Wentworth Snowman's Revenge 5%, Abbeydale White Christmas and Phoenix Humbug. At £2.58 for 2 halves the pub is slightly more expensive than some pubs in the area (£2.20 in the Lamp). On the plus side beside the quality of the beer an excellent lunch was taken. We also met one of the luckiest men in Birmingham...his local is the Waggon & Horses at Halesowen (come on Mr. Editor this needs research ASAP). After the Anchor it was back to the station via the **Wellington** on Bennets Hill with 15 hand pumps including 3 Black Country ales, 2 Shardlow ales

including Rev Eaton and 2 from Saddlers. Before home we called in the **Alexandra** for a swift half of Deuchars IPA one of 7 beers on offer as usual, all excellent. So ended an excellent half day (12 til 4 in Brum) we would ask the Editor for another RoRAT visit to Birmingham ASAP (I'll see what I can do-Ed)

Managed a quick visit to the **Green Man** at **Ashbourne** on 10th January. They had 2 Derby ales, Abbot & the house beer brewed on the premises by Leatherbritches. The latter named Doctor Johnson (I think) was the best beer I have had for ages & only £2-00 a pint, typical that I was restricted by driving that day - Chris P Duck

Half-Pint and I called into the **Dog** at **Pentrich** for lunch on Wednesday 16th January, where we both tried Black Sheep Special, which was found to be on good form - Tweedle Dee

Brewery News

Abbeydale-Sheffield

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The new beer is Deception 4.1%, which Richard from Abbeydale informs us is selling very well

Ashover-Ashover

www.ashoverbrewery.co.uk
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A winter warmer at 7% called Ashover Tit has sold very well and is still available. This was followed by Rainbow End, which again sold well and should be available again soon...if not already. A new beer is planned to commemorate 1 year of brewing and is to be called Butts Pale Anniversary Ale 5.5%

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

There are 3 new beers planned for February and March though no names have been decided yet

Funfair Brewing Co-Ilkeston

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Dave reports that bottling side of the operation is progressing to plan and that the beers are being well received. The now familiar Funfair bar will be at the **Loughborough Folk Festival** which will be held at the Town Hall from the 7th to the 9th of March

Headless-Derby

New brew due out any time is Sam's Ale 4.5%

Leadmill-Denby

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Richard at Leadmill is brewing 4 for new beers for March on an American state theme they are Iowa 4%, North Dakota 4.2%, Missouri 4.5% and New Jersey 4.7%

Wirksworth-Wirksworth

New brew from this brewery is called T'owd Man 4.9% and should be available at the **Hope & Anchor** in **Wirksworth** and at Chesterfield beer festival

Cathedral Ales-Lincoln

Milestone Brewery have purchased a 15 year lease for the **Green Dragon** 31 Waterside North, Broadgate, **Lincoln** where they are to install a micro brewery with beers brewed under the Cathedral Ales name which should be up and running by early April. The brew plant was previously owned by Greenwood brewery at the Cock & Bottle pub in Bradford, work is currently under way and when complete the plans are to have 12 handpumps in the bar with 3 Milestone beers, 3 Cathedral Ales and 6 guest beers available. Milestone are to appoint a manager to run the Green Dragon and this job has been offered to John Moore who is currently Toms second in command at the **Babington Arms** in **Derby**, it will be a great loss if and when he leaves but those of us who know him wish him all the best and will be sure to go and visit him in his new position

Del & Pedro's Real Ale Rambles

Thursday 10th of January after a short walk in Warwickshire Del, Don Pedro & R/R called for a pint in the **Four Counties, No Mans Heath**. This pub supposedly had a room in Warwickshire, a room in Leicestershire, a room in Staffordshire and a room in Derbyshire but it is now definitely situated in Warwickshire. There were 4 pumps on the bar but only 1 beer available, which was Everards Original the other 3 should have been Pedigree, Banks' Original and a guest. The Everards at £1.70 a pint was nothing special. On the 17th of January after a walk around the Cubley area Del & Don Pedro called in the **Holly Bush, Church Broughton**. Alongside the regular Pedigree Blacksheep Bitter was the guest, both at £2.50, which is getting to be about average. The bar staff were very friendly albeit temporary as the landlord & landlady were sunning themselves in Barbados. On the 24th we went for a walk around the Moira area just outside Ashby and called in the **Blue Bell Inn, Blackfordby**. Just Pedi and Old Speckled Hen available, no great choice but we tried the Speckled Hen at £2.40 only average...don't think we'll be rushing back - Del Boy

The **Red Lion** was the first pub I visited in Ripley where there was Milestone Dark Gallon 5.4%, Mauldon White Adder 5.3% and Derventio Caesar 6%, these being the ales that stood out. Next was the **George** which had Thornbridge Ashover 4.2% and Amber Imperial Ale 6.5% with 2 more hand pumps being installed to dispense yet more Amber Ales. Dropped in the **Prince of Wales** just round the corner where the selection was Phoenix Arizona, Okells IPA and Landlord then a walk up the hill to Nags Head saw Adnams Bitter on. Finally called in the **Pear Tree** where there was Greene King XX Mild, Abbot and Morland Original - Bald Eagle

On Friday 4th of January Loco and I decided to visit some of the new Derbyshire entries in the 2008 GBG. We headed towards Buxton calling in the **Hope & Anchor** at **Wirksworth** on the way as Loco had yet to sample any Wirksworth Brewery beer, St Austell Tribute, Amber IPA and Wirksworth First Brew were available. As we were in Wirksworth we decided to call in the **Royal Oak** were the landlord thought we were from Wirksworth Brewery as he expressed an interest in having some of the local beer...so come on Jeff see if you can sort it out! Beers on the bar were Hartington Bitter, Landlord, Sharps Special and Hampshire Tinsel Tinker, we also found out that the house beer Royal Oak Bitter 5% is brewed by O'Hanlons. Unfortunately this beer was not on but in the cellar not quite ready. After driving around **Parwich** for half an hour we finally found the **Sycamore**, a very nice country pub. A range of Robinsons beers were available including Double Hop, Old Tom and the Christmas special Mr. Scrooge. Then we got on to the A515 to **Buxton** where we parked up in the Market Place and walked up to the **George** only to find it closed and after talking to one of the locals we found out that it had been for 2 months and there is not much hope of it re-opening as a property developer is rumoured to be involved. A short walk up the hill is the **Beltane** where Hartington IPA and Batemans XXXB were on offer a third hand pump had Hobgoblin on it but it had just gone. More of a wine bar type of pub for the younger generation was my impression of this pub. A short trip up the A6 to **Dove Holes** found us in the **Queens** (after driving past it). A proper locals pub with Tetley and Bradfield Farmers Blonde on the bar. Just enough time to visit the **Thorn Tree** at **Matlock**, which we used to visit years ago, with 7 beers to choose from including Bass, Blacksheep Bitter, Adnams Bitter, Spitfire, Deuchars and Good Elf. Sadly after chatting to the barmaid it appears that Greene King might be taking over the pub as one of their beer is being introduced at the expense of one of the regular beers (another one bites the dust?-Ed) - Charisma

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The **White Post** at **Stanley Common** continues to have Funfair beers, which on the 5th of January included Elfer Skelter, Dive Bomber and Christmas Cake Walk. The next guest beers on the list are Burton Bridge Sovereign Gold and Porter. 4 beer festivals are planned, as well as the usual ones in

May (23rd to 26th) and August (22nd to 25th) 2 are planned for the ends of June (27th to 28th) and July (25th to 27th). Dave Tizard of Funfair Brewery is sponsoring the beer festivals and his bar will be set up

In line with this newsletters quest to be first to inform our readers locally of forthcoming beer festivals, we have been advised that the **Bartons Arms** in **Birmingham** is holding a 6th Anniversary Beer Festival from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th February. The festival will feature 25+ Real Ales, Cider & Perry. Amongst the guest ales due to be available are offerings from Castle Rock, Hambleton, Phoenix and York. Further details of the festival can be found on the website www.bartons-arms.co.uk

Arriving at **Beverley, East Yorkshire** around noon on 9th of December a visit to a local was essential due to the vile weather. The **Tiger** was close to the B&B and served Tetley & Exmoor Fox, which were Cask Marque. A very friendly pub with varied seating areas and an

impressive display of jugs. When the remainder of our crew arrived they were hungry, so we visited the all day eating **Queens Head**, which in the local tradition had John Smiths & Tetley available. A walk through the town centre led inevitably to the famous **White Horse**, known locally as **Nellie's**, with it's quaint cosy rooms dimly lit by gaslamps and Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter at an amazing £1-40 a pint. It was now nearing the time for the ladies to prepare for the evening so us chaps called in at the **Monks Walk** instead for a quick one. This soon changed to 2 when we had Wold Top Falling Stone, which was the best beer so far with Abbot, Everards Tiger & Black Sheep also on. After the evening meal we returned to the **Tiger** for a live Irish band and found Adnams Old Ale a welcome addition to the list. On Sunday it was thronged with the Victorian Christmas event in the town so

after visiting this we returned yet again to the **Tiger** for lunch with Old Ale again. Definitely a good town for pubs with numerous more not visited including 3 in GBG - Chris P Duck

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Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

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

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

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

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

29th February to 1st March Beer Bash, Temple Hotel, Temple Walk-Matlock Bath 12 to 15 Ales Tel 01629 583911

6th to 8th March 32nd Loughborough Beer Festival, True Lovers Walk (off William St)-Loughborough

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

13th to 16th March Old Poets Corner Beer Festival, Butts Rd-Ashover www.ashoverbrewery.co.uk

21st to 24th March Wheel Easter Beer Festival, Church St-Holbrook

28th to 29th March Greyhound Mini Beer Festival, High St-Mansfield Woodhouse

28th to 29th March 1st Burton & South Derbyshire Spring Beer & Cider Festival, Town Hall-Burton-upon-Trent www.burtoncamra.org.uk

10th to 13th April Mansfield Beer & Cider Festival, Intake Club, Kirkland Ave-Mansfield www.mansfieldcamra.org

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

23rd to 26th May White Post Beer Festival, Belper Rd-Stanley Common

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

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

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

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

15th to 16th February Clipston Beer Festival, Clipston Village Hall (signed opp. Church), Clipston, near Market Harborough-Leicestershire www.clipstonbeerfestival.com

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

14th to 17th February Anniversary Beer Festival Bartons Arms, High St, Aston-Birmingham www.bartons-arms.co.uk

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

5th to 9th March Beer Fest, The Black Horse, Darwin, 42 Redearth St-Darwin 40 Ales www.theblackun.co.uk

6th to 8th March 17th Sussex Beer Fest, Hove Town Hall-Hove Approx 200 Ales www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk

12th to 14th March London Drinker Beer Fest, The Camden Centre, Bidborough St-London www.camranorthlondon.org.uk

13th-15th March 21st Wigan Beer Fest, Robin Park Sports Centre, Loire Drive-Wigan 50 Ales

13th to 15th March Leeds Beer Cider & Perry Festival, Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner-New Pudsey 150 Ales

14th to 15th March 9th Bristol Beer Fest, Brunel Shed, Temple Meads Station-Bristol 120 Ales www.camrabristol.org.uk

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

11th to 12th April Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry Rugby Football Ground, Butts Park Arena, Butts Rd-Coventry

24th to 26th April 16th Tuckers Maltings Beer Fest, Teign Road, Newton Abbot-Devon 140+ Ales Tel 01626 334734

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

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any information or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 or Rodders on 07964492569 or e-mail: uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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