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## *In the Sticks*

Welcome to this 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 47 pubs in 23 different locations, 6 Breweries and 40 Beer Festivals.

### Beer and Pub News

Could there be a rebirth of the famous Stables Bar? Richard and Tracy plan to utilise the beer festival bar at the **Old Oak Inn** at **Horsley Woodhouse** and open it as the "RuRAD Bar". The opening times will be similar to the Stables Bar, Friday, Saturday & Sunday to coincide with the pub opening times. There will be 4 ales available, mainly the more common ones to start with then hopefully progressing to newer and rarer breweries and beers. Prices will be consistent with pub prices i.e. £2 for beers under 4% and increasing with ABV. The opening of the "RuRAD Bar" is planned for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of January and it is hoped it will be well supported

The GBG listed **Malt Shovel**, **Spondon** is now open from 5pm Monday to Thursday instead of 6pm

The **Red Lion** in **Wirksworth** has been bought by a local property developer and extensively refurbished to a high standard, there is currently work being done on the letting rooms and the pub has reverted to its original name of the **Red Lion Hotel**. There is now a bank of 3 hand pumps in the main bar with 2 in use on a recent visit by Sooty, which were dispensing Pedigree and Hobgoblin

The **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** and the **Coach & Horses** at **Loscoe** are both closed and boarded up

Bateman's Rosey Nosey was available at the **Travellers** at **Kilburn** and the **Steam Packet** at **Swanwick** over the Christmas period

There is to be a first beer festival at the **Poet & Castle** at **Codnor** this year. February 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> has been pencilled in but is yet to be confirmed. Whilst at the **Old Poets Corner** at **Ashover** a beer festival is planned for March but as yet there are no dates

## *January 2009*

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York Brewery has been bought for an undisclosed fee by Mitchell's Hotels and Inns of Lancaster. Mitchell's, a family-run firm founded in 1871, has 62 pubs in Lancashire and South Cumbria and plans to take the York brands across the Pennines. York Brewery, which has been in business for 12 years and operates four pubs, three in York and one in Leeds

The **Malt Shovel** on **Wirksworth Moor** Bolehill reopened its doors last Easter after being closed in November 2007. The pub seems to be doing very well, meals are now served in a dining area to the right of the pub as you walk in but best of all there are 2 extra hand pumps on the bar serving guest beers which on a recent visit were Jennings Red Breast & Wychwood Hobgoblin

Martin at the **Nags Head**, **Ripley** plans to have Brampton beers on soon and he is also planning a Port & Whiskey sampling evening

Reported at the **Tavern**, **Belper** Derby Brewing Co beers on the bar over Christmas included Cool Yule 3.9% & Winter Wonderland 4.3%

The **Rising Sun**, **Middleton** by **Wirksworth** is laying on a shuttle bus from Belper & Derby for their beer festival in February. Call 01629 822420 for details

**Dewdrop**, **Ilkeston** had Timothy Taylor Best Bitter and Best Mild on recently and Harvest Pale and Oakham, Bishops Farewell. Nice rare mild it was too

## *Free Copy*

Colin's guest beers for January at the **Cross Keys Belper** include Kelham island Easy Rider 4.3%, Bateman's Winter Cheer 4.2%, Magpie Fledgling 3.8%, Hook Norton Old Hooky 4.6%, Harviestoun Haggis Hunter 4.3%, Bateman's Salem porter 4.7%, George Wright Pipe Dream 4.3% and Castle Rock Preservation 4.4%

The **Nags Head** at **Smalley** re-opened on December 14<sup>th</sup>

### Jedediah's Round Up

The **White Hart** at **Duffield** has Derby Brewery beer and the **White Hart** at **Bargate** has reopened (as reported) - despite now badged Greene King, it still stocks their version of H&H Bitter - new landlord seems keen. The **Bull's Head**, **Belper Lane Ends** seems to be busier these days - although quite food oriented, there is increasing welcome for those who just wish to drink. Although no guest beer on (pump clip reversed), there was Bass and, again, the landlord is keen, whilst in **Belper** the **Tavern** has Derby Brewery beer (also previously reported); the **George & Dragon** had Funfair Ilkeston Brown Ale, with pump clip not unlike another Brown Ale usually available in bottle from the North East - tasted interesting; **Lion Hotel** has two Amber Valley beers on, and still offers discount to CAMRA members; the **Green House** has two Springhead beers on, the first I've seen from a small brewery there; the **Imperial Vaults** is under new management and beginning to recover from a very low period under temporary managers. Old Speckled Hen is now a regular alongside a guest - recently it was White Horse Bitter (Ufford, I think, and very good). Rocking Rudolph will be on over the Christmas period. This pub is worth a visit to see how it gets on; the **Black Swan** has Derby Brewery Spiffingly Good alongside Spitfire, and it lived up to its name and the **Royal Oak** is still shut

Michael & Muriel Edwin invite you to visit  
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A new beer, Rattle Red Imperial 7.5% has been introduced after an inspirational trip to America

**Bottle Brook – Kilburn**

The latest beer to appear are Recession 4%, Charlatan 4.2%, Hare & Hounds 4% and 2 dark beers brewed for the Old Oak Inn beer festival, Bandit 5.6% and Double Chocolate Stout 5.7%. Richard also added Dragonfly 5.6% for Christmas with 2 more in the system Alchemy and There's always Tomorrow

**Funfair Brewing Co – Ilkeston**

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

[sales@funfairbrewingcompany.co.uk](mailto:sales@funfairbrewingcompany.co.uk)

Matterhorn 4.5% and Blueberry Stout 5% are on the list to appear at the Derby Winter beer festival between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**Leadmill – Denby**

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

[tlc@leadmill.net](mailto:tlc@leadmill.net)

The brewery is ticking over supplying the Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse with their regular beers including Rampage, Wild Rover and B52

**Wild Walker Brewery – Derby**

Yet another new brewery has just started up in Derby, the Wild Walker Brewery, Victory Park, Victory Rd. Their first three beers are to be Great Escape 5%, Old Bighead 4.1% and Last Orders 3.8%.

**Wirksworth – Wirksworth**

[www.wirksworthbrewery.com](http://www.wirksworthbrewery.com)

Jeff has got his beers into the Wetherspoons chain of pubs and the first to take his beers was the Crown at Crown Square Matlock that took all four of his beers in November and December

**Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles**

Heavens to Betsy, is it December already! On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> we started our walk from Hanbury in Staffordshire. We headed off to Fauld crater, the result of the largest explosion caused by conventional weapons during both world wars when 3500 tons of high explosives were

accidentally detonated killing 70 people, 18 never being recovered. We lost our bearings a bit but managed to get back on track and made our way through Hare Holes Farm and Lower Castle Hayes Farm to Rolleston Park where we thought we were coming under fire while we were having a cup of coffee. From there it was on to Tutbury and the GBG Cross Keys on Burton St where we had a choice from Draught Burton Ale and St Austell Tribute (there may also have been Tetley but we didn't see it), both the beers were enjoyed in convivial surroundings. With several pubs to choose from we had a wander around town and decided to call in the Leopard, we were almost deterred by the dog poo in the doorway but the landlady came out to clean it up and it was a fake! HA! HA! With just Pedi and Cumberland available a swift half of the latter was had (quite acceptable) before moving on to Ye Olde Dog & Partridge, which (once we'd found our way in) had Pedi, Bass, Adnams Bitter, Abbot and Bombardier. Though this is a hotel eatery there is loads of character, a legend on one of the beams proclaims "Hops & Turkey, Carp & Beer came to England all in one year (1520)" and more importantly the beer (Adnams & Bombardier) was in good order. We took the somewhat soggy riverside path to Fauld and then back to Hanbury, gaining several pounds (per foot) crossing one last, freshly ploughed, field!

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Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> saw our walk start from Hartington so we could collect our Christmas Stilton from the Cheese Shop (while it's still there). We headed off past the cheese factory (while it's still there), up into Staffordshire, to Harris Close and along the road past Sheen Hill (looking down on Pilsbury Castle) before striking back down to Crowdecote via Under Whitle. From there we walked up the road, it always seems longer and steeper than the last time, to Earl Sterndale and the GBG Quiet Woman where we had a choice from Marston Burton Bitter, Pedi & Jennings Dark Mild and Blacksheep Best Bitter. This is an old favourite of ours

and we've spent many a merry time by the fire (not too close though) supping Pedigree, when it used to be worth drinking, and Owd Rodger, ditto, before going back out into the rain or the wind or the snow and suffering hysterics as we slid down Hitter Hill in a drunken stupor. Oh happy days. The Blacksheep Bitter was in good order and Ken was in a sociable mood too....bonus. We retraced our steps back to Crowdecote and called in the Pack Horse where there was Storm PGA and Tower Churnet Valley Tipple alongside the regular Young's Special, the young barman told us they were all local ales! Now not wanting to be pedantic Storm Brewery in Macclesfield is about 15 miles away, which would qualify as LocAle but Tower Brewery at Burton on Trent is about 35 miles away and Youngs of Bedford (not London, as I informed said barman) is about 128 miles away! We tried the 2 "locales" and both were in good order. Though it is a meals pub there are usually a couple of interesting beers on. We have taken the route back to Hartington, via Pilsbury, many times and occasionally in the dark, but not today.

**Paul & Lyn welcome you to the**

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During the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, I made a return visit to Beverley, East Yorks, where the appalling weather deemed pub visits essential. On the Saturday lunchtime the first port of call was the GBG Green Dragon located on the street named Saturday Market. There were several unusual street names & I was glad that there was no pub on Old Waste! Hydes Owd Bill, Batemans Santa's Tipple & Cropton Uncle Sam's were all in good form and returning for a bar meal in the evening, Hydes Insulation was also good with GK IPA & Tetley also available. During the afternoon the GBG Dog & Duck was found to be a superb traditional pub inside and the beers did not disappoint in the least. Copper Dragon Best Bitter had excellent flavour for 3.8% and the York Centurion Ghost was enjoyed but was probably a bit too strong for the time of day at 5.4%! It was discovered that excellent B&B is available here, which was very disappointing to know, as I was staying at the Windmill at the same tariff in a moderate room & with no real ale available. In the evening further disappointment was met when a long walk in the rain to the former GBG Monks Walk yielded no real ale due to cellar refurbishment, so back to the Dog & Duck for a good welcome and more of the same beer. On Sunday, visited the Tiger for lunch with Arundel



Sussex Gold justifying the GBG rating, Batemans XXXB, Tetley & Black Sheep also on offer. Still a good place for real ale with several good pubs not visited due to time restrictions, all 3 used were worthy of a future visit - Chris P Duck

**Roger, Frances and all the staff  
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Recently had a wander around **Langley Mill** on an early Saturday afternoon. After wandering around the canal basin went to view the railway and canal memorabilia in the **Great Northern**. The history bit was very good but the very cold Old Speckled Hen and the loud MTV on multiple screens meant an early exit so the Abbot was not tried. The Mill on the corner of Cromford Road is closed and looks very dilapidated. What a pleasure it was to call at the **Railway**, which had a list of eight Alcazar brews. Although only two on were on offer, Alcazar Ale and Foxtale, they were both excellent and the friendliness and ambience was first class. I will visit again. Hearing that the Durham Ox and Sir Charles Napier were also closed the next visit was the **Inn in the Middle**. This was like a tardis inside and was well populated with locals. There was a hand pump of Mansfield Cask but it lost to Northumberland Bucking Fastard, which was very good. One or two were grinning and shaking their heads over this beer title but it was selling well. Also had a very good meal here and would visit again. Sadly didn't have time to visit the Horse and Jockey but will do soon when I revisit two very good, friendly pubs "down at t'mill." - The Escapist

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December Silver Fox and I ventured in to **Derby** for a spot of live music. After being dropped off by Del Boy we called in the GBG & NI listed **Ye Olde Dolphin** and I was pleasantly surprised by the choice of guest beers. I went for Little Valley Stoodley Stout, which was in fine form, others available were Hobsons Town Crier and George Wright Blonde Moment. From there we moved on to the music venue, the **Flowerpot** if you hadn't guessed, where there was an impressive array of ales available, Silver Fox had Limestone Foundation Stone, I had Black Hole Starry Night from the pub before going in the back room for the ELO Experience (which were as good as an ELO tribute band could be without actually having any strings) and spending the rest of the night on Hartington Bitter. Live music in the right place, y'canna beat it! - Ed

My search for festive drinks began at the GBG listed **Malt Shovel, Spondon** on December 12<sup>th</sup> where there was Wychwood Winter Troll, at 4.8% better than some of these namby pamby so called Christmas beers. The following day I had Durham White Christmas in the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook**, which was a bit wishy washy (a typically pale Durham beer). On December 18<sup>th</sup> at the **Old Oak Inn** beer festival at **Horsley Woodhouse** I had Okells St Nick and the awesome Christmas Cakewalk from Funfair and the following day at the **Vernon Arms, Spondon** there was Brakspear Oh be Joyful. On the 19<sup>th</sup> at the **White Hart, West Hallam** (for Uncle Albert's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday) there was Batemans Rosey Nosey, whilst back at the Royal Oak on the 21<sup>st</sup> Archers Christmas Pud was more like it. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> the **Babington Arms** had a plethora of festive beers available of which I tried Cotleigh Red Nosed Reinbeer, Cottage Christmas Cracker, Skinners Jingle Knocker, Northumberland Rudolph's Balls and Banks & Taylor Hoppy Turkey and on the same night at the **Crompton Tavern** there was Batemans Rosey Nosey. On Christmas Eve at the **Cross Keys, Belper** I sampled Hopback Pickled Santa and the **Imperial Vaults** had GK (lets not fanny about with the H&H bit) Rockin' Rudolph. At the **Brunswick** the only festive beer I could see was Neslon Santa's Salvo and amongst the offerings at the **Alexandra** I chose Springhead (I think) Rudolph's Ruin. At the **Metrobar** I was delighted to see Hawkshead Jingle Fells but I wasn't happy with it (and I seemed to be the only one) but to his credit the landlord changed it without a complaint. Instead I had Leeds Christ Alemighty and I also went for Sporrnan Warmer (the name of the brewer escapes me) both were in fine form. On Christmas Day and Boxing Day back in the Royal Oak at Ockbrook with Del Cassandra & Trigger there was, what makes Christmas worth waiting for, the deceptive Whim Black Christmas. Unfortunately dinner was waiting on both occasions (maybe a blessing?)

**Derek & Staff welcome you to the**

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## RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

The beer festival at the **Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse**, which ran between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> of December was very well attended and at some time during the festival several members of RuRAD put in an appearance. There were 22 beers a cider and a perry to choose from with a good selection of Leadmill & Bottle Brook beers on the main bar (9 in all if my memory serves me right) Including Nemesis at 7.7%, not for the faint hearted. There was a wide choice of beers from such breweries as Okells, Leeds, Saltaire, E&S Elland, Newmans, Hoggleys, Abbeydale, Kelham Island, Willoughby, Battledown and Daleside together with local beers from the likes of Amber Ales, Fun Fair and Wirksworth with 2 specials from Bottle Brook, Bandit 5.6% and Double Chocolate Stout 5.7%. The beer was well complimented by the pie & peas, which proved to be very popular. My plan was to serve early doors on Friday and Saturday and then get the other side of the bar, which worked well. Sooty, HQ and Rodney were soon there on the opening day at 3.00 to make an early start. Dodgem, The Baron, Bald Eagle, Edmund, 2 Gallon Man and Loco were all seen on various days and not forgetting 2 Shandies Pete who was on taxi duty. Okells Eastern Spice was the first to go and of the dark beers Fun Fair Christmas Cake Walk and Bottle Brook Bandit & Double Chocolate Stout proved to be good sellers. The Scary's Dark was brewed at Amber Ales by the landlady of the Corner Pin at Westwood and was very well liked with numerous positive comments. I quite liked the Wirksworth beers, Towd Man 4.9% & Sunbeam 4%, which were light and very lively. Also sampled were Newmans Wolver's Ale and I couldn't resist the Abbeydale Hells Bells 5.8% as I like my strong beers. Another beer that proved popular was Abbeydale Advent 4.6%. I always look forward to this beer festival, well done to Richard, Tracy, Roger, Frances and all the staff - Charisma

The **Denby Lodge Pub and Dining Room** in **Denby** village has re-opening following a complete refurbishment. "We wanted to create a modern, premier destination food pub whilst maintaining the Pub People values of excellent food and choice of real ales from Castle Rock brewery," said Andrew Crawford, operations director for the Pub People Co. "We are really pleased with the outcome of the refurbishment and hope our customers are equally happy"

CAMRA has recently launched its new "Axe the Beer Tax" campaign. The 5 main demands are:  
1. To axe plans to increase beer tax even further  
2. To enforce existing laws - not create new ones - to deal firmly with irresponsible drinkers and premises  
3. To end the irresponsible promotion of alcohol in supermarkets, pubs and elsewhere  
4. To trust responsible adults to make informed choices about what they drink, not punish them for the actions of an irresponsible minority  
5. To support the British pub as a vital part of social life in local communities. If you wish to join the campaign log on to [www.axethebeertax.com](http://www.axethebeertax.com)

## Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 8<sup>th</sup> Derby 12<sup>th</sup> Night Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms-Derby [www.derbycamra.org.uk](http://www.derbycamra.org.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January Full Moon Mini Beer Festival, Main St, Morton Nr Southwell- Nottingham [www.themoonatmorton.co.uk](http://www.themoonatmorton.co.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January Victoria LocAle Breweries Festival, Dovecote Lane, Beeston-Nottingham [www.victoriabeeston.co.uk](http://www.victoriabeeston.co.uk)

29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February Nottingham "Magpies" Beer Festival, Wheelers Bar, Notts County FC, Meadow Lane-Nottingham

5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February Joint Beer Festival Between Unicorn, Repton Rd-Newton Solney and Bulls Head, High St-Repton. Free Shuttle Between the Pubs

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel, Holywell St-Chesterfield [www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldbeerfestival.org.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfreton Rd-Codnor **DATES TO BE CONFIRMED**

12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February SIBA Champions Beer Festival, Canalhouse, Canal St-Nottingham

14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February Rising Sun Beer Festival, Rise End-Middleton by Wirksworth, Matlock 12+ Ales Tel 01629 822420

13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March Burton Spring Beer Festival, Town Hall-Burton on Trent

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2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 6<sup>th</sup> Frodsham Beer Festival, Church Hall Church St-Frodsham 20 Ales

9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January Exeter Festival of Winter Ales, Lower Exhibition Hall, Exeter University-Exeter

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January National Winter Ales Festival, New Century Hall-Manchester [www.winterales.uku.co.uk](http://www.winterales.uku.co.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 13<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Winter Ales Festival, University Sports & Social Club, Mill Lane-Cambridge Approx 120 ales [www.cambridge-camra.org.uk](http://www.cambridge-camra.org.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Colchester Beer Festival, Arts Centre-Colchester [www.colchestercamra.org.uk](http://www.colchestercamra.org.uk)

23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January Redditch Winter Ale Festival, Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club, Bridley Moor Rd-Redditch [www.redditchwaf.org.uk](http://www.redditchwaf.org.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January Burn's Night Scottish Ales Festival, Criterion, Millstone Lane-Leicester

30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> Newark Winter Beer Festival, Town Hall, Market Place-Newark Approx 40 ales [www.newarkcamra.org.uk](http://www.newarkcamra.org.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> Leycett Beer Festival, Leycett-Newcastle under Lyme

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> Pendle Beer Festival, Municipal Hall, Albert Rd-Colne Over 65 Ales [www.pendlebeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.pendlebeerfestival.co.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 10<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Winter Beer Festival Triangle Club, Duke St, Chelmsford, Over 130 ales

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival, Watson Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury [www.tewkesburycamra.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburycamra.org.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Town Hall-Dover 75 Winter/Strong Ales non below 5%

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February Dorchester Beer Ex, Corn Exchange-Dorchester [www.camradorset.org.uk](http://www.camradorset.org.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilkley Beer Festival, Kings Hall, Springs Lane-Ilkley 100 Ales [www.ilkleybeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.ilkleybeerfestival.org.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Festival, Guildhall, Bore St-Lichfield. Over 35 Ales [www.lichfieldarts.org.uk](http://www.lichfieldarts.org.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February Hawkshead Brewery Winter Beer Festival, The Beer Hall, Mill Yard-Staveley 39 Ales [www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 19<sup>th</sup> Battersea Beer Festival, Grand Hall, Town Hall Rd, Lavender Hill-London

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Nations Beer Festival, Newcastle RFC, Lilleshall Rd, Clayton-Newcastle under Lyme. Over 30 Beers and Ciders

18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 17<sup>th</sup> Rotherham Oakwood Ale & Music Festival, Oakwood Technology College, Moorgate Rd-Rotherham [www.realale-oakwood.org](http://www.realale-oakwood.org)

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February Liverpool Beer Festival, Crypt Hall, Metropolitan Cathedral, Brownlow Hill-Liverpool [www.mersecamra.org.uk](http://www.mersecamra.org.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 27<sup>th</sup> Fleetwood Beer Festival, The Marine Hall, The Esplanade, Fleetwood Approx 120 ales

20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February WinterfestXVII Gosport Winter Beer Festival, Thorngate Halls, Bury Rd-Gosport [www.psehcamra.org](http://www.psehcamra.org)

23<sup>rd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> Audley FC Beer Festival, Old Rd-Bignall End. 38 Ales and Ciders

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall-Saltaire [www.bradfordcamra.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcamra.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February Ale & Arty Stockton Beer Festival, Arts Centre, Dovecote St-Stockton on Tees [www.clevelandcamra.org.uk](http://www.clevelandcamra.org.uk)

27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February Wrexham Beer Festival, Gresford Colliery Social Club Recreation Ground, Bluebell Lane, Pandy-Wrexham [www.chestercamra.co.uk](http://www.chestercamra.co.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Festival, Charotar Patidar Samaj, Bay St (Off St Margarets Way)-Leicester [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March Hitchin Beer & Cider Festival, Town Hall, Brand St-Hitchin [www.camranorthherts.org.uk](http://www.camranorthherts.org.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March Booze on the Ouse, Priory Centre, St Neots-Cambridge [www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals](http://www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals)

27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March Coventry Beer Festival, Coventry RFC, Butts Rd-Coventry

**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](mailto:uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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Churchill's reply - "Madam, if you were my wife, I would drink it."