



# RuRAD

## In the Sticks

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and BOTTLE BROOK  
BREWERY.**  
Producers of Traditional  
Hand Crafted Real Ales.

### *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 48 pubs in 25 different locations, 4 Breweries and 19 Beer Festivals.

### Beer and Pub News

Amber Ales are delighted to be able to confirm through In The Sticks the opening of their first pub - the **Talbot Taphouse** (formerly The Talbot) on Butterley Hill in Ripley. The pub is currently undergoing an extensive refurbishment and will be re-opening in December. A choice of up to 8 Cask Ales including a House Beer and a couple of Guest Beers will be available together with 2-3 Traditional Ciders and Perry plus Fruit Wines. A 20p-a-pint CAMRA-members discount will be offered at all times and the pub is to be managed by an experienced local publican. Further details can be found on the brewery website. Keep reading In The Sticks for further news - always first with the news about beers and pubs in the local area!!

The **Imperial Vaults** King Street Belper is closed, rumour has it the licensees are moving to the **Homesford Cottage** at Whatstandwell, which has been closed and up for sale for some time

We have been informed that Amanda & David Hill are the new licensees at the **Needlemakers** in Ilkeston

**Paul & Lyn welcome you to the**

### **WHITE POST**

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**Curry & A Pint £5 – Monday.**

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### *December 2009*

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We have received news of the "Fisherman's Restival" at the **Fisherman's Rest**, Broadholme Lane Belper 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of December where there will be a selection of local beers from the likes of Spire, Nutbrook, Derventio, Tollgate, Thornbridge, Howard Town, Peak Ales, Townes, Brampton, Ashover, Fun Fair and Amber Ales alongside several from the Marston's stable. There will be entertainment on Friday & Saturday nights with folk music on Sunday. There will also be a BBQ providing food outside as well as the extensive menu in the bar/restaurant. Declan Nixon, the current manager, took over on August 24<sup>th</sup> and immediately started turning the pub round increasing the real ales from 2 to 4 including a regularly changing guest ale. Paul & Joby, the new landlords, are into food and are sourcing local produce for the kitchen. Lunches are served Monday to Saturday 12 – 2.30 and Sunday 12.30 – 6 and evening meals are Tuesday to Saturday 6.30 – 8.30

After being closed for about 8 days the **Rising Sun** at Willington reopened recently. It's under a manager who says he is there until a tenant is found. Signage is still displayed offering Business Opportunity

The **White Hart** at Heage, which is currently closed, should be reopening in the next few weeks (before Xmas) with Pete & Maggie (previously from the White Hart at Bargate) at the helm offering cask ales and Maggie's famous tea time food

The **Wilmot Arms** at Borrowash is in the process of undergoing a major refurb

### *Free Copy*

December is jam packed with forthcoming events at the **Royal Oak** at **Ockbrook** starting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> with the Christmas tree lights switch on at 8pm. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> is Pizza Night 7-9pm, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> is Xmas Fun Bingo Night from 8.30pm and it's the Ockbrook Big Bands Indoor Christmas Concert on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 8-10pm. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> is Curry Night 7-9pm and there is a Jamming Session on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> from 8.30pm. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> there is a Christmas carol sing-along and of course there is the traditional Boxing Day Steam Carnival on the car park 11am-3pm with hot snacks & drinks available

The **Black Bulls Head**, **Openwoodgate** has closed with the 2 licensees going to the **Strutt Arms** at **Milford** for approximately 12 weeks before taking over the **Seven Stars** at **Openwoodgate**

A visit to the recently reopened Market Hotel in **Heanor** now called **themarket@heanor** found 3 real ales available on the bar, regular beer **Ruddles Best** 3.7% at £1.80 a pint plus 2 guests which where **Idle Coopers** 4.3% & **Burton Bridge** **Damson Porter** 5% both at £2.20 a pint, I tried the porter and found it to be very good. Look out for the beer festival featuring 30 ales on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Dec starting at 4pm on the Friday

Due to the present landlord of the **Thorn Tree** at **Waingroves** being unable to vacate the pub at short notice the reopening under new ownership and management will know not take place until the New Year, the 8<sup>th</sup> of January has been pencilled in as a target date

**Steve Marshall** has returned to the **Steam Packet** at **Swanwick**, which should have reopened by the time you read this

We here at In the Sticks would like to wish **Michael Edwin** of the **Black Horse** at **Hulland Ward** a speedy recovery from illness

### **Cross Keys**

**35 Market Place, Belper**  
**01773 599191**

**Anita & John welcome old and new friends**

**Batemens "Good Honest Ales" plus weekly guest ales and real Scrumpy & Perry**

**Bar Snacks Available**

**QUIZ NIGHT Tuesday 9.30pm**

**POKER NIGHT Sunday 8pm**

**7 consecutive years in the GBG**

There is a planning application notice for a 5-10 barrel brewery at property next to the **Queens Head at Marple**. Unsure as yet to any connection

**Roger, Frances and all the staff welcome you to the**

### **OLD OAK INN**

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**Horsley Woodhouse**

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**RuRAD Bar Open Fri, Sat & Sun**

## **Brewery News**

### **Amber Ales-Ripley**

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

Apart from the major news regarding the imminent opening of our first pub, the brewery are building on the success of the first two Amberfests held during the Summer by holding Amberfest III the weekend before Christmas, with a range of cask ales, including guest beers, plus Traditional Ciders and Perry available. A shuttle bus may be running, if there is sufficient demand, to visit the **Talbot Taphouse**. A limited batch of the multi award-winning Chocolate Orange Stout will be available bottle-conditioned from the brewery shop shortly - an ideal Christmas present! Finally, with the change of season, Winter Ruby will once again be available in both draught and bottle-conditioned forms, plus a limited supply of Christmas Ruby. Off-sales continue to be buoyant from the brewery shop

### **Bottle Brook-Kilburn**

November saw the introduction of 3 new beers, which all debuted on the RuRAD Bar at the **Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse**. These were Sand in the Wind 6.1%, Pot Luck 5% and Taboo 4.9%

### **Leadmill-Denby**

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

The proposed move across the courtyard at Park Hall is still on, as soon as Richard has time

### **Wirksworth-Wirksworth**

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

Towards the end of November Wirksworth Brewery launched their latest seasonal beer Snowfield 5% named after the fictional name for Wirksworth in the 1859 novel 'Adam Bede' by George Eliot. Also following a recent license approval 4 pint carry put jugs are now available direct from the brewery on Fridays 11am-5pm, & Saturdays 9am-2pm

### **Amber Valley CAMRA Update**

12<sup>th</sup> Dec - 7pm, free bus trip surveying Denby and Kilburn pubs from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups please ring Nathan.

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8.30pm, branch meeting **Victoria Inn**, Nottingham Rd, **Alfreton**. 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Amber Ales Beer Festival at Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich, nr Ripley. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - 7.45pm, Christmas crawl of **Belper** pubs, meet **Cross Keys**, Market Place. Contact Social Sec, Nathan 01773 570675

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of November saw Chris P Duck and I venture to the real ale haven that is **Sheffield** to visit some GBG pubs as Mr. Duck had never been, we got the 3.28 train, which got to our destination at about 4.10. Our first call was the **Devonshire Cat** (which we got to in a round about way) on Wellington St where we had a choice from 11 beers with offerings from Thornbridge, Wild Walker(?), Derby, Sheffield, Abbeydale, Oakwell & Acorn, I went for Summer Wine Treason and CPD went for the Idle Black Abbot and both were fine starters. Next it was a short walk to the **NI Bath Hotel** on Victoria St where there were beers from Acorn, Tetley, Ossett and Abbeydale alongside our choices, which were Lytham Dark and Anglo Dutch Special. It was here I realised I'd lost our Wayfarer ticket, and I'd only had 2 halves and if that wasn't bad enough it had started raining. Fortunately it wasn't far to our next stop, the **University Arms** on Brook Hill, which was a new pub for me. Here we had a choice from Wadworth Swordfish, Batemans Jester, Thornbridge Wild Swan (the house beer apparently) & Rakau and Fernandes Newky Black with the latter 2 being sampled. With the rain still coming down we had a 10 minute trek to our next destination, the **Wellington** on Henry St though here we did have a more prolonged stop as there were a few of the Little Ale Cart house beers on alongside beers from the likes of Millstone, West Berkshire and Hidden. We sampled the Goal Train Stout & Doncaster from LAC (the other was Marmion) as well as Foxfield Kiwi Sands and O'Hanlons StormStay (quite relevant really). Next it was a thankfully short brisk stroll to the (POTV contender) **Kelham Island Tavern** on Russell St, which was characteristically busy (no that the other pubs weren't) and here, once I'd cleaned my glasses...yet again...we had a choice from Pictish Brewers Gold & Warrior, Acorn Lubalski IPA & 2 Monkeys, Bradfield Blonde, Thwaites Nutty Black, Sheffield Porter, Glentworth Heavens Gate, Alehouse Give me Sunshine and Bottle Brook Larger than Lime. All the beers sampled were in fine form though unfortunately there was nowhere to sit down. Naturally our next port of call was the **Fat Cat** on Alma St where CPD rebuffed the barmaid's offer to inform us about the beers available, which didn't go down too well....she wouldn't advise me either and I was still cleaning my glasses! I had Brass Monkey Very Monkey Mild and Ilkley Olicana Original and CPD went for Kelham Island Rohrbach's Scottish Ale and another one I forgot to write down in all the fuss.

Other Beers available were from Salamander, Milestone, Derby, Taylor and of course Kelham Island. We even got talking to a chap that hailed from Derby but moved down south.....it's a small world. The next pub was really the reason for the whole trip, the **Harlequin** on Nursery St and their outstanding beer festival where there were 15 or so beers to choose from with offerings from the likes of Brewhouse Bolton, Bull Box, Elmtree, Fremington, Graffiti, Lions Tale, Mill Green, Rowton, Sandstone and Wissey Valley along side our choices of Fallons Green Shadow, Jolly Brewer Cwrw Du, Norfolk Cottage Norfolk Porter, North Curry Winter Warmer and Tydd Steam Hop Harvest Dark. Outstanding beer festival well worth the fare on it's own.....don't mention train tickets! Our penultimate call was the **Wig & Pen** on Campo Lane where there was Milestone Dark Angel & Wicked Witch and Sheffield Paradise Pale to go at. Finally we called in another new pub for me the **Dove & Rainbow** on Hartshead Square where we they had Strongarm, Cumberland, Easy Rider & Pale Rider and some loud music that wasn't quite to our taste so we didn't hang about too long. Oh and yes, you could bet your bottom dollar that of all the times I've been on the train with a ticket and there's not been anyone to check it...well there was a damn keen ticket checker on our train back....Bugger! I think CPD enjoyed the trip and will probably return but with not such a train ticket losing muppet - Ed

## **Funfair Brewing Company**

Established in 2004 we now have a core range of award winning hand crafted beers including Gallopers 3.8%, Showman's Bitter 3.9%, Waltzer 4.5%, Dive Bomber 4.6%, Dodgem 4.7%, Brandy Snap 4.7%, Mighty Mouse 5.0% and Cake Walk 6.0%.

Range of bottled beers now available.

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On the November 19<sup>th</sup> Terry Holmes, landlord of **The Silk Mill in Derby**, started a new venture in the form of a weekend bar at the back of the pub called **The John Lombe Bar** serving 4 real ales from the barrel with free cheese and pickles available (I wonder where he got that idea from?). Opening times are 7-12 Thurs, 5-12 Fri, All Day Sat, 12-6 Sun. When I visited on the opening night there were 2 regular beers on Bishops Farewell 4.6% £2.80 & Jaipur 5.9% £2.90, the 2 guests were Brewsters Hophead 3.8% £2.70 & T.S.A. Sporrán Warmer 4.8% £2.80. Beers on the main bar were Blue Monkey Guerrilla 4.9% £2.80, Blue Monkey Cathedral Quarter 3.9% £2.70, Purity Pure Gold 3.8% £2.70, Loddon Ferrymans Gold 4.4% £2.76, Festival Festival Ruby 4.7% £2.80, Cairngorm Stag 4.1% £2.74, 3B's Shuttle Ales 5.2% £2.86 and Brentwood Hope & Glory 4.5% £2.80. In comparison the following night in the **RuRAD Bar** we had Bottle Brook Taboo 4.9%, Evan



Evans Winter Warmer 4.7%, Leatherbritches Bad Boy 4.4%, Six Bells I Scream 4.7%, Castle Rock Screech Owl 5.5%, Acorn Foresters 4.5%, Oakham Bishops Farewell 4.6% and Wylam The Haugh 4.6% all at £2.40 a pint. Don't forget the **Old Oak** beer festival 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December featuring up to 20 ales - Sooty

**Clare welcomes you to the  
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**Fri, Sat & Sun Open All Day**

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This month's highlight was a coach trip pub-crawl from the RuRAD Bar to **Chesterfield** and District, thanks to Charisma, Claire and Sooty, who gave us a very well plotted route to follow, with 8 excellent watering holes to visit, our driver had the patience of a saint waiting for the stragglers who seemed to get lost. Listed are the pubs visited and some of the ales on offer. The **Coach and Horses**, **Dronefield** had Thornbridge Kipling, Halycon, Lord Marples, and Wild Swan what a choice, thanks to Sooty warning them of our arrival. On the bus to the **Derby Tup** showing a huge well conditioned selection, including Harvest Pale, Easy Rider, Salamanders Tattoo Lady and Penny Farthing, Fyne's Avalanche, and many more interesting beers. We met the Chesterfield Camra group with the Innspire, ED, a great crowd on tour, who gave us some useful info on our tour, like how to get to the back barn in the wonderful **Chesterfield Arms** our next pub; (thanks for that) it was wonderful, all on gravity in the barn, and on hand pumps in the comfortable lounge bar such as Fun Fair's Tea Cups & Harvestoun's Bitter & Twisted. Ollie (from the Dead Poets) is now the New Manager and doing a sterling job, serving in excess of 10 ales many local, all in good condition. Now off to the **Rutland** serving Fugelstou's lockkeepers special 4.2% Osset's Excelsior 5.2% ranging from £2.40 to £3.00 they had 8 ales on at least. Off to **Spa Lane Vaults** Wetherspoons for grub and Jaipur at £1.75 a pint, we got a Burger deal so the Jaipur was free, and the next pint was 50p off, with the Camra vouchers we remembered to take with us, oh joy! life is good in the beer world but only 3 ports of call left, so on shank's Pony we crunch across the Autumn leaves to the **Royal Oak** where we tried Thornbridge's Brother Rabbit 3.7% an easy drinking light session ale, & from Peak Ales Chatsworth 4.5% With the Spire in view, off we go to the **Portland** Wetherspoon's to enjoy a Burton Old Cottage Brewery's Halcyon Days 5.6% a nutty Amber & Spire's Winter Wonderland 6. 1Amber ale with a rich toasted barley taste, to name two we supped.

Disappointingly we ended at the Green King's **Market Tavern** with a Cold welcome, they had only 3 of the 8 hand pumps on, and hardly anyone got served as Towels where on, so we chatted till it was bus time, wishing we stayed on elsewhere, as every other pub was a gem. Many thanks again to the organisers and here's to the next Trip out - 2 P's in a Pod

**Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve  
welcome you to the**

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**Dec 13<sup>th</sup> OBB Indoor**

**Christmas Concert**

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Steam Carnival**

**The Xeno Bit**

"If you're going to **San Francisco** be sure to..." check out the multitude of excellent micro-breweries to be discovered there. Big Ron and myself were lucky enough to do just that on a recent trip across the pond. After a long 10-hour flight we met up with our friend John and headed over to the **Magnolia** pub & brewery on Haight and Masonic to sober up! The pub was named after the Grateful Dead song "Sugar magnolia, sugar magnolia, blossoms blooming, head's all empty and I don't care...". This one roomed former bakery situated in the heart of hippydom has a fine selection of ales including Cole Porter 5.1%, Stout of Circumstance 5.1%, Spudboy IPA 6%, Barking Pumpkins 7% and the excellent Sara's Ruby Mild 3.9% a GABF (Great American Beer Festival) gold medal winner. The guest beers on were Stone Self Righteous 9%, Russian River Damnation 7% and Sierra Nevada Anniversary Ale 6%. The bar tender informed us that the pub is a consortium with all employees owning a share. A true ale house of the people, by the people, for the people. Next up was **Tornado** bar and brewery, also on Haight St, with over 47 draught beers on offer it felt like we were at a beer festival went for North Coast Stout 5.5% whilst others decided on Languitas IPA 6.4%. This is well worth a visit if only for a glimpse of the extensive beer menu and for being witness to the bartenders curious attempt at sarcasm..."You ain't in an English pub now buddy!" The Anchor Brewing Co on Mariposa St is a must for all as Anchor Steam Beer has been brewed in San Francisco since 1896 making it one of the oldest breweries in the city. On

the brewery tour we found the guide interesting and informative and they pride themselves on using only traditional English brewing methods. After the 45-minute tour visitors are generously offered 6 free half pints samples, which were Steam Beer 4.5%, Summer Beer 5%, Humming Ale 6%, Porter 6%, Liberty Ale 6% and Big Ron's particular favourite Old Foghorn Barley Wine 8.2%. The tour is free so can be popular so book well in advance [www.anchorbrewing.com](http://www.anchorbrewing.com). One evening after stumbling out of Vesuvio, Jack Kerouacs favourite bar, we unwittingly witnessed a wake. The San Francisco Brewing Co had been brewing since 1985 but sadly this night was to be their last. With a 5 piece jazz band giving it some and only 2 draught beers to be had, Albatross & Emperor Norton, it would have seemed like we were attending a New Orleans wake but both beers were of sound quality and combined with the amiable bar staff and unique atmosphere all gave this classic bar & brewery a dignified send off. Another bar worth a mention is **Murios Trophy Room** on Haight St where the friendly tactile bar tenders served us with many a decent pint of Racer 5.7%, Hemp Ale 5.4%, Aqmdment IPA 5.2% Steam Beer 4.5% and the excellent Prohibition Ale 5%. God bless y'all. If you happen to stroll through Golden Gate Park, passing the majestic buffalo, heading towards the beach you should find the **Beach Chalet**. This pub offers 9 of it's own ales brewed on the premises, these being VFW Light 4.8%, West End Wheat 4.9%, Ocean Beach Octoberfest 5%, Golden Gate Porter 5.4%, Riptide Red 5.6%, Fleishhaker Stout 5.6%, Presidio IPA 6.8% and my favourite California Kind 5.6%. This is a perfect place to drink with good friends and watch the world go by as the sun sets over the Pacific on yet another un-RuRAD beer trip (can you get there on a Wayfarer? - Ed). So, if you are going to San Francisco... - Davo

**WIRKSWORTH BREWERY**

**Quality Derbyshire Ales**

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**Sun Beam 4.0%**

**First Brew 4.2%**

**Tow'd Man 4.9%**

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**Member of SIBA Direct Delivery Scheme**

**Amber Valley CAMRA** has secured agreement with a couple of local publicans in the branch area to offer a CAMRA-members discount. The first pubs to have signed-up to this initiative, which is widely available in the Nottingham CAMRA area, are the **George & Dragon** in Belper, the **George** in Ripley and the **Talbot Taphouse** in Ripley. Hopefully, further pubs will be joining the scheme in due course - further details will be given in In the Sticks and of course also Derby Drinker

## RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

I was pleasantly surprised by the selection on offer for their beer festival at the **Holly Bush at Makeney**. Hornbeam, Marble & Phoenix were alongside local offerings from Blue Monkey, Ashover, Brampton, Townes, Whim & Wirksworth, which were supported by a few more well known offerings such as Jaipur, Absolution, Dark Ruby Mild, Pale Rider & Bishop's Farewell. A good cross section of ales, well done Andy. I sampled Wadworth Horizon, Townes Pynot Porter, Hornbeam

Black Coral Stout, Brampton Golden Bud and finished off with Jaipur. Really enjoyed this one - Charisma

On my travels around Derbyshire I have been pleasantly surprised by several pubs selling affordable beer. The **Britannia Inn at Tupton** has introduced How Much, a 3.8% session beer at £1.80 a pint whilst Ashover Brewery has produced a house beer for the **Poet & Castle at Codnor** called Golden Valley at £1.80 a pint (not £2.80 as mistakenly

printed in Septembers issue - Ed). The **Old Oak Inn at Horsley Woodhouse** sell all beers under 4% at £2 a pint. The **Queens Head at Marlpool** often have a beer on at £2, not necessarily low gravity either, and the **Royal Oak at Ockbrook** occasionally has a beer on at £2.20. The **Spanish Bar**, as with most pubs in **Ilkeston**, is another place you can get a cheap pint and the list goes on, but the **Nags Head at Ripley** can beat all of them as it sold Amber Stout at £1 a pint on November 15<sup>th</sup>, well done Martin - Charisma

### Proposed Trips & Events

12<sup>th</sup> December Train trip visiting GBG & NI Pubs in Birmingham. Still in planning stages so contact Rodders (not during working hours) for details

21<sup>st</sup> December RuRAD Christmas Gathering Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse from 7pm. Contact Charisma for details

### Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December Good Old days Beer Festival, 93 Station Rd-Ilkeston

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December Queens Head Beer Festival, Main Rd-Watnall

4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December themarket@heanor Beer Festival, Market Place-Heanor 30 Ales & Cider

8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Lion Lincolnshire Beer Festival, Moseley St-New Basford

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December George Beer Festival, Lowes Hill-Ripley

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December Fishermans Rest Beer Festival, Broadholme Lane-Belper

17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December Old Oak Inn Beer Festival, Main St-Horsley Woodhouse

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December AmberFest III, Amber Ales Brewery, Asher Lane Business Park-Pentrich

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January Poet & Castle Beer Festival, Alfretton Rd-Codnor

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January Victoria Beer Festival, Dovecote Lane-Beeston

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1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December Pigs Ear Beer & Cider Festival, Ocean, 270 Mare Street - London 100+ Ales

2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 8<sup>th</sup> Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Ale, Festival, Kingswall Hall, 29 Station Rd - Dovercourt 45 Ales

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December Red Shed Beer Festival, 18 Vicarage Street, Wakefield

10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December Bitter Suite Beer Festival, 53 Flyde Road - Preston 25 ales Tel 01772 827007

10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December Crown Hotel (Suddabys) Winter Beer Festival, 12 Wheelgate, Malton, 30 Ales Tel 01653 692038

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December Amber Brewery Beer Festival, Asher Lane Business Park, Pentrich, Ripley, Derbyshire

27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December The Albion 8<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival, Battersby Lane, Warrington 30 Ales Tel 01925 231820

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 7<sup>th</sup> Frodsham Winter Beer Festival, Helter Skelter, 31 Church Street, Frodsham 40 Ales

8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January Exeter Winter Ales Festival, St James Centre, Exeter City FC, St James Road Exeter 60 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 info or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07974 171243 / [charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk) or Rodders on 0796 4492569 / [uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



## TO YOU, CONSTANT READER



### NAGS HEAD

Butterley Hill  
Ripley's Local Pub

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "Alright brain, you don't like me and I don't like you. But let's just do this, and I can get back to killing you with beer" - Homer J Simpson