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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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Beer and Pub News

Martin & Linda have now taken over the **Generous Briton** and aim to make it one of the places to go in Ripley. The pub previously only had 1 predictable ale but Martin with all his years of experience plans to have 3 quality ales available

The **Bear** at **Alderwasley** is having a bonfire night beer festival with 9 ales available in addition to the usual good selection on the main bar

Paul Needham at the **Unicorn, Newton Solney** has informed us that plans for his next beer festival are well under way. It will take place 2nd to 6th March 2011 and will feature 20+ beers as well as entertainment from The Soul Traders, Rollo Markee and the Tailshakers, Rocket, Mojosa and Willy and the Bandits

The **Tavern** at **Belper** has been nominated for inclusion in the travel & leisure guide "Hidden places of the peak district and Derbyshire" which will be available in January 2011. Nicky also informs us "we are open Christmas day 12-4pm 8-11pm also we have a new years party with a free buffet everybody welcome. We have Abbot Ale also Bass and Smiling Assassin also we have Sky TV, Sky Multiroom, ESPN. The pub has also had a new stone floor much better for dogs and children, and spilling of ale also newly fitted bench seating at the other end of the pub"

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It is rumoured that the new landlord of the **Foresters** at **Borrowash** is the former bar manager of **Nags Head** just down the road

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

20th November - 730pm free bus trip from Ripley MP surveying pubs in Ambergate, Bullbridge and Crich. For Alfreton and Belper pick ups, please ring Nathan. 25th November - 830pm, branch meeting, **Strutt Club**, Campbell St, **Belper**. Contact Nathan 01773 570675

Derek Bruce, the former landlord of the **Prince of Wales, Ripley** has returned after running pubs in Stevenage and Sandy, Bedfordshire, to take the reins at the **Furnace, Derby**

On Saturday 6th of November the **George Inn**, Lowes Hill, **Ripley** are hosting "Frank Martin Sings Swing" for Help the Heroes. Part of a mammoth 365 gigs in 365 days all around the country

The **Cock Inn** at **Muggington** is still closed and boarded up but is undergoing extensive refurbishment by Bespoke Inns. The group has done a similar job with the **Cross Keys** at **Turnditch**, which recently reopened looking very smart. The **Cock Inn** is expected to open sometime in the new year

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BigFoz's Euro Travels with GhostDad Part 2
Hagenbrau Reincafe Betriebs, Am Rhein 3, 67547 Worms, Germany
BigFoz says: Worms? Isn't this where Martin Luther nailed his treatise to the Cathedral door?

GhostDad says: Must have been painful.
BigFoz says: No, a treatise is a formal and systematic exposition in writing of the principles of a subject, in his case, religion.

GhostDad says: Must have been painful.
BigFoz says: Nice place. Good food and six beers. Good location; right by the river.
GhostDad says: Where you tried to park that ruddy rattletrap of a sports car of yours.

BigFoz says: Heh hum, yes, slight miscalculation on my part there.

Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg, Leyergasse 6, 69117 Heidelberg-Altstadt, Germany

BigFoz says: Quite a nice place...
GhostDad says: Although not easy to find.
BigFoz says: That was because they'd blocked the street off.

GhostDad says: They seem to do that a lot to you. Think they're trying to tell you something?

BigFoz says: And there's little to say that it's a pub outside...but what a strange atmosphere...it's almost as if they don't want us to be here.

GhostDad says: And who can blame them?

BigFoz says: They seem more interested in that big group of Americans in the other bar.

GhostDad says: It was like that in the war.

BigFoz says: Don't mention the war. Decent ale; looks like decent food. Think we'll be off, though.

GhostDad says: Before they kick us out.

Vetter's alt Heidelberger Brauhaus, Steingasse 9, Heidelberg-Altstadt, Germany

GhostDad says: This is more like it. All rather 'shabby chic'.

BigFoz says: And the world's strongest beer!

GhostDad says: Pleasant atmosphere...unlike the other place. Smiling barmaid, which is unusual.

BigFoz says: Zand the wohrld's strehnjist beehr!

GhostDad says: Good ale, good German food...if you happen to like German food.

BigFoz says: Ahz azh wuhrld's stroongehst beehr!

GhostDad says: And, luckily, accommodation.

BigFoz says: Zanddawoorld'szongestbeeah!

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Brewery News

Ashover-Ashover

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Kim has produced a new beer called Summit Orange 4% especially for the Chesterfield Market Festival. It will also be available at the Poet & Castle, Codnor, for their beer festival

Bottle Brook-Kilburn

A new strong light beer called Rapture 5.6% is the latest addition to Richard's vast portfolio of beers. It appeared at the RuRAD Bar and Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival

Coppice Side - Heanor

This new 5-barrel plant brewed its first beers, Bitter Robin 3.8%, Deception 4.8% & Scary Crow 5%, in time for Nottingham Beer Festival where they apparently went down very well. Chris Turner has not wasted any time getting his beers into several local pubs including the Spanish Bar and Gallows Inn in Ilkeston, the Poet & Castle at Codnor, the Coronation Club at Heanor and of course the RuRAD Bar

Derby-Derby

www.derbybrewing.co.uk

Trevor continues to produce quality beer for his pubs and the free trade, the Five Lamps on Duffield Road, Derby now stocks a house beer called Five Lamps Ale 4.3%, which seems to be selling well, other beers around during October were Daydream Believer 4%, Golden Target 4.4%, Gorgeous Gold 4.4%, Firefly 4%, Smoking Guns 4.7%, Old Smokey 4.4%, Smokey Joe 4.2%, & Spiffingly Good 4.5%

Leadmill-Denby

www.leadmillbrewery.co.uk

The brewery has now been relocated from Park Hall Denby to, we believe, the Heanor Gate industrial estate

Mr. Grundy's Pub & Brewery-Derby

The first beer from this new brewery appeared on the pub bar on Friday 15th October, Mr. Grundy's Trenchfoot 3.8% is a mid brown malty brew which in my opinion was very acceptable for there first attempt, stronger ales are planned and should be available in the near future

Naked Brewer-Westwood

This new 4-barrel brewery is situated at the Corner Pin and is run by Sarah Webster, who also runs the pub. Sarah learnt the brewing process from Pete of Amber Ales where she spent some 2 years and she received help with the brewery from Dave from Funfair, John from Blue Monkey and Andy from Marlpool who were all on hand to assist where required. Brewing started on September 30th and so far 2 beers have been produced, Blush 4.5%, which went down well with the locals and also appeared at Nottingham beer festival and Radio Mansfield 103.2 4.6%, which was specially brewed for the Mansfield & Ashfield beer festival

Rowditch-Derby

After a few teething problems with the brewery Steve Twells produced Rowditch RSB 5%, which appeared on the bar during the first week in October. The flavoursome pale brew that was made to Steve's own recipe soon sold out, a weaker 3.8% dark brew has also been brewed and should be on the bar about now

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Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Friday 1st of October, after some of us had done half a shift, Charisma joined Uncle Albert, Del Boy and I as we headed off for our final trip to the Lakes District. Uncle Albert decided to go M1-A66 so it was left to me to find a suitable stopping place en-route. Kirkby Stephen was chosen so we could visit the Croglin Castle Hotel to, hopefully, sample some of the new Croglin Brewery beer. Unfortunately they weren't open for beer until 6.00 and we were an hour early so we called in the GBG Kings Head Hotel in the town where we had a choice from Dent Aviator & Golden Fleece and Ruddles Best....we went for the Golden Fleece, which was ok. Uncle Albert wanted to get off to Keswick so we never got chance to go back to the Croglin Brewery, which was a shame. After arriving in Keswick and getting settled in our digs we met up with Mr Sleepy, who'd

come earlier, and unsurprisingly went to the GBG Dog & Gun, which had Keswick Thirst Accent & Thirst Fall, Hawkshead Red & Lakeland Gold, Tirril Old Faithful and Theako's OP. All were in good order but the measures left a lot to be desired and requests for top ups were not well received at all. Our walk the following day, which was mostly overcast but dry, started from Thackthwaite as we tackled Little Mell Fell & Gowbarrow Fell (I also took in Little & Great Meldrum). From the summit of Gowbarrow Fell we dropped down to Dockray and called in the Royal Hotel for refreshment with Tirril Royal Oak, Derwent Parson's Pledge and Cumberland available. None of us went for the Cumberland. From there we had a steady stroll across country back to the car in good time before the rain came. That evening we had a bit of a wander around Keswick starting in the Square Orange to find Keswick Squorange and Cumbrian Legendary Ales Loweswater Gold before finding Thwaites Original, Bomber, Nutty Black & Wainwright in the Keswick Lodge and Jennings Bitter and Cumberland in the cellar bar at Sweeney's before returning to the Dog & Gun but there were no different ales on offer

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Taking advantage of accommodation halfway between Buxton and Ashbourne for a mid week break recently gave a great opportunity to get out walking and visit many previously unvisited pubs. At the Church Inn, Chelmorton found a very tasty Brew Dog Trashy Blonde and Pedigree. The Pack Horse Inn, Crowdicote had beers from Whim and Limestone and a very pleasant and appropriately named Rambler from Winkle. The not to be missed Quiet Woman at Earl Sterndale had Jennings Mild and Rev James with Pedigree. Great atmosphere and on a rainy walk several walkers and horse riders passed an hour on in laughter. The Charles Cotton at Hartington was an upmarket venue in comparison but offered Hartington IPA and bitter and beers from Leatherbritches, Howard Town and Hornbeam. The George at Alstonefield gave us our best meal of the week and Jennings Cumberland with Pedigree and Burton Bitter. The Waterloo at Biggin had on Black Sheep, Hobgoblin and a very drinkable Wadsworth 6X. The Sycamore at Parwich had Robinson Unicorn, which was a rare treat. The Old Tom was not tried and was too strong for walking on. Finally the Coach and Horses at Fenny Bentley offered Pedigree and

strangely named Falstaff 3 Faze, which was very good. Nice week, good weather, friendly pubs, fresh air and very good beers around too - The Escapist

**Martin & Linda
welcome friends old and
new to the
Generous
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RuRAD Supporting local beer festivals

Well October means one thing to me, the Royal Oak beer festival at Ockbrook. Undoubtedly the beer festival highlight of my year and yet again it didn't disappoint with 40+ beers from Berkshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and plenty of new breweries and beers for me to sample. My first visit was Thursday night with Del Boy & Uncle Albert, I stayed on the lower gravity beers and particularly enjoyed Concrete Cow Iron Bridge Brew, Oxfordshire Triple B and West Berkshire Old Father Thames & Magg's Magnificent Mild. The serious drinking began on Friday as we were joined by Uncle Albert, Sea Bass, Comical Ali & Mr Sleepy. The White Park Bedford Best, Rebellion Mutiny and Two Bridges Golden Cygnet were very nice but Sea Bass was none too impressed with B&T Dragonslayer and I thought the SOD was very disappointing, right colour, right strength but not the flavour to match (Bosun was dying for that to run out so he could shout "SOD off"). Saturday was a fleeting visit for me so I met Trigger early doors and started off with Old Luxters Barn Ale Bitter. Bagpuss had sampled it on Thursday night and it had been a little turbid, but it had improved somewhat. White Park GB, Rebellion Red, White Park Nightjar Porter and Vale Hadda's Autumn Ale were my pick from this session. Sunday I went up with Del Boy & Mother Superior for lunch but didn't get home til gone 10 O'clock....good time. Overall I sampled 31 different beers and there wasn't a bad one among them (only one very disappointing one - B&T) Steady Steve did have to take B&T Five Hop Bitter off as it developed a distinct twang. The first beer to go was Wells & Young London Gold followed by Windsor & Eton Knights of the Garter and Oxfordshire Ales Harvest Moon. I was surprised when the White Park Nightjar Porter was 6th to go....who was drinking all my darks???? I am already looking forward to the next festival with beers from Lancashire and it will be here before you know it (well, before the end of next year...I guarantee that!)- Ed

This was Amber Valley CAMRA's first beer festival and despite the weather proved to be a huge success. The main bar was situated in a large tent with another bar in a railway carriage, which incorporated seating. Despite a few hiccups, like having to arrange a generator at the last minute, all obstacles were overcome with the determination and teamwork from all the keen members and helpers. There was a selection of 58 ales and a fine selection of ciders and most of them sold out. After a slow start on Thursday the Friday & Saturday nights turned out to be cracking sessions with the tent buzzing from the throng of bodies and the sound of the bands. All the top 3 ales of the festival were dark with Cropton Blackout being top dog followed by Dunham Massey Choc Cherry Mild and Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby. However the first to sell out was, unsurprisingly, the CBOB Castle Rock Harvest Pale. My favourite was Icen Fine Soft Day, which was in fine form. There were quite a few that traveled from all parts of the country to be there and all comments were very complimentary, which was pleasing. Looking forward to the 2011 festival which will be at the same venue - Charisma

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On Friday 23rd I paid a visit to the Erewash Valley 1st Long Eaton Beer Festival. I found the venue easily enough and paid my £1 admission (what is CAMRA membership for these days?). I got my tokens and after perusing the stillage I noticed the beer I really wanted to try, Coppice Side Scary Crow, was not evident, which was a disappointment. I started with Muirhouse Shunters Pole followed by Beowulf Noble Bitter, Blue Monkey Evolution, Backyard Brewhouse Nipin and finished off with Funfair Cake Walk. A fleeting visit but I was glad to be away before it got too crowded, which wouldn't have taken much. On my way back to the bus I had time to call in the Hole in the Wall where I had chance to sample a Flipside beer for the first time, Sterling Pale was had, which was not bad at all

For the first time I managed to visit the Old Poets Corner beer festival at Ashover on 2 separate occasions. The first was Thursday 14th when I had Ufford White Hart 3.8% followed by the first variation of Poets Tipple made with local hops from Chesterfield. I returned on the Sunday to see what had changed on the beer list and started with York Crystal 4%, a nice one to start with then I tried another variation of Poets Tipple made with New Zealand hops at 4%. The I got brave and decided to try Brewdog Paradox Smoke Head 10%, I'm glad it was only a taster as it was somewhat powerful....I had to chew it rather than drink it! I finished off with Mauldons White Adder and Woods Shropshire Lass both going down a treat. There was a full selection of Ashover beers as well as the list of some 40+ beers, which are rotated during the course of the festival - that is why it is a must to visit more than once - Charisma

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6 nights in Salisbury last month meant myself and TJ would be able to visit most pubs in and around the city centre. 9 pubs in total were tried with a varied choice of beers available. 1st on the list was the GBG listed Village Inn, reason being they were showing the England match, 5 beers were on offer, 2 from nearby Keystone brewery, Gold Spice with a hint of ginger and Gold Standard both 4% and £3 a pint were tried first, Downton quadhop, TT Landlord and Hopback Entire where the others on offer as well as Thatchers Old Rascal cider, we found the beer quality not as we had hoped or expected and we both returned the under par TT Landlord. A walk back through the centre we tried the CAMRA award winning Rai Dor, a bit weird though as it is a very busy Thai restaurant with a small bar usually serving 2 Downton beers, New Forest and Apple Blossom, then Rose Hip and Andwell's Resolute appearing later in the week all served in excellent condition with the 4.3% Apple Blossom at £2.90 coming out as our favourite brew, Addlestone's cider is usually on tap. The wonderful food served here also worthy of a mention as well. Down the same road were another 5 pubs, the Wig and Quill with the full range of Wadsworth beers, we tried the Horizon and Henry's, both pale ales priced at £2.80 and a superb pint of the 6X. Further down is the New Inn a recently refurbished pub with low beamed

ceilings owned by Hall and Woodhouse, First Gold, Fursty Ferret and Tanglefoot were on offer, quite a busy foody pub with good beer quality. 2 other pubs were by passed (No hand pumps spotted on the bars). The **Old Ale House** at the bottom offered 6X + 3 others on hand pump it also included grumpy bar staff so we had a quick pint and never returned. As TJ was training nightly for the Great North Run I filled my time trying a few of the pubs on the market place, the aptly named **Market Inn** served London Pride, Sharpe's Doom Bar and my favourite Ringwood best, a bit expensive at £3 for a 3.8% bitter. 20 yards away is the **Ox Row Inn** with 5 hand pulls, 2 Hopback brews, Summer Lightning and

GFB, 2 Ringwoods, Best and my choice Boondoggle 4.2% and again quite pricey at £3.10. Exmoor Gold was also available. The GBB listed Wetherspoons pub the **Kings Head** had a couple of the Waylands 6d brews, the 6d Gold and the Rushmore Gold which in my opinion was far too cold but at £2.05 a pint you cannot complain too much. Ff Stairway and Box Steams brewery Chuffin Ale also available that evening. We saved the best 2 pubs till last, the former Hopback brewery tap the **Wyndham** and it's nearby sister pub the **Winchester Gate**, the former serving 5 Hopback brews, Spring

Zing, Taiphon Lemongrass, GFB, Crop circle and Summer Lightning, we started with the Taiphon and finished off with the Summer Lightning all the beers were superb but the Crop Circle ran out the best. A point worth noting is that on our Monday night visit all beers were priced at £2.15 a pint. On Tuesday night the Winchester Gate offered 3 beers, Crop Circle, Evan Evans Cmrw 4.2% and Three Castles Corn Dolly at 4.7%, in 2 years the landlord has turned this pub into a CAMRA award winner and in our opinions rightly so with the excellent beer quality - R&TJ

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

5th to 7th November Rolleston Club Beer Festival, Burnside-Rolleston on Dove, up to 16 Real Ales, on main V1 Bus Route
5th to 7th November The Stag Beer Festival, Nottingham Rd-Kimberley

10th to 14th November Johnson Arms Beer Festival, 59 Abbey St-Dunkirk, Nottingham 25 Ales over 5 Days

11th to 13th November Horse & Groom Super Beer Festival, Parker Street-Derby, 20+ Ales

11th to 13th November The Soar Bridge Beer Festival-Barrow upon Soar Loughborough 15 Ales

11th to 14th November West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, 276 Loughborough Rd, (next to fire station), West Bridgford-Nottingham NG2 7FA

12th to 14th November Lincolnshire Poacher Beer Festival, Mansfield Road-Nottingham 30+ Ales

18th to 21st November Princess Victoria Beer Festival, South Parade-Matlock Bath

25th to 28th November The Talbot Taphouse IPA Weekend, 1 Butterley Hill-Ripley Derbyshire

27th to 30th December Old Oak Inn Beer Festival, Main St-Horsley Woodhouse

4th to 6th November 20th Wakefield Beer Festival, Light Waves Centre-Wakefield 130+ Ales www.camra.org.uk/wakefield

4th to 6th November Swindon Beer Festival, Steam Museum, Kemble Drive, Swindon, 100 Ales www.swindoncamra.org.uk

4th to 7th November The Globe Cornish Beer Festival, 43 Silver Street-Leicester 20+ Ales

11th to 14th November Alvethorpe WMC Beer Festival, Flanshaw lane, Alvethorpe-Wakefield

12 to 13th November Otley Beer Festival, Otley Rugby Club, Cross Green-Otley

12th to 13th November Woking Beer Festival, Woking Leisure Centre, 70 + Ales www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk

12th to 14th November 17th The Three Kings Beer Festival, Church End-Hanley Castle, Worcestershire Tel 01684 592686

15th to 19th November Criterion Beer Festival, 44 Milestone Lane -Leicester, Featuring Derbyshire Beers

18th to 20th November 16th Watford Beer Festival, W Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue-Watford

18th to 20th November Belfast Beer & Cider Festival, Ulster Hall, Bedford Street-Belfast 100+ Ales

23rd to 27th November 31st Rochford Beer Festival, Freight House-Rochford, Essex 210+ Ales

25th to 27th November 25th Dudley Winter Ales Fayre, Dudley Concert Hall, St James Road-Dudley 75+ Ales

24th to 28th November Dove Street Inn Beer Festival, 76 St Helens Street-Ipswich 66+ Ales

30th November to 4th Dec Pigs Ear Beer Festival, Round Chapel, Powerscroft Road, Hackney-London 100+ Ales

1st to 4th December 9th Harwich & Dovercourt Bay Winter Ale Fest, Kingsway Hall-Dovercourt 50+ 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 or Rodders on uplonkerrodneym2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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