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Beer and Pub News

Dave Mountford from the Boat at Cromford informs us "I will be presenting another few power point demos on "Market Rent Only Amendment - how it came about and how it works". Following on from the presentation to Derby CAMRA: The first one will be at The Boat on Thursday 29th January at 8pm. The second will be for Sheffield CAMRA early Feb - date to be confirmed but probably at their meeting on the 3rd at one of the Kelham Island Pubs. The third will be at Burton Bridge Pub - on Saturday 14th February at lunchtime. All exact details to be confirmed via posters and flyers"

The Cross Keys at Belper is due to close in the new year for a major refurbishment which will change it from a cosy local to a trendy bar, I leave it up to you to decide if this is an improvement

For 2015 Steady Steve at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook is introducing a LocSale scheme where a beer from a local(ish) brewer will be on offer at a discounted price. Brewers penned in as we go to press are Welbeck Abbey, Totally Brewed and Dancing Duck. Check at the Oak for further details

Emily Bowler - formerly of the Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield - is the new bar manager at the

January 2015

Boat at Cromford

Whilst out delivering newsletters Jedediah reports "The pubs were quite busy for a Wednesday, and the beer range was a bit wider. I suspect that it was due to the Christmas build-up, though it would be nice to think that it heralded a revival of pub-going! In Duffield the Pattenmakers was still offering a good choice of beer, including from Blue Monkey, Salamander, Ossett, and Courage Directors brewed by Charles Wells. The guests at the White Hart were from Navigation and Blue Monkey. And the Kings Head included two beers from Hartshorn. Among the more unusual offerings in Belper were Lincoln Green and Brimstone in the Black Swan, while another Lincoln Green brew sat alongside Mr. Grundy's (and one other independent that I missed) in the Tavern. The George & Dragon had Tower, Full Mash and Dukeries beers. A broad range in the Arkwrights Bar was no surprise with Welbeck, Titanic and Bottlebrook. More surprising was the presence of Brampton and Slaters in the Rifleman's Arms. A less welcome surprise was that fact that the Thorn Tree was closed. As it was closed the previous Saturday evening as well, I wonder what is going on there"

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During a Shipley Park walk Chris P Duck tried Ye Olde Black Horse at Mapperley. This seems to retain a fierce independence as a village local despite Greene King's best efforts to convert it to a food place. There were 4 ales available - GK Abbot, Speckled Hen & IPA Reserve plus guest HH Rocking

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Rudolf, which were decent quality and a better selection than expected but £3-30 a pint. I shared a 2-person platter of food with Sicknote, which was very good and excellent value at £5-50. Add a very good welcome, we were even allowed to enter in walking boots probably as it is due for a refurb shortly

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

12th - beer festival meeting, George, Lowes Hill, 8pm. No survey trip in January. 29th - Branch Meeting, Black Boy, Heage, 8pm. 16th February - GBG selection Meeting, Barnes Wallis, Ripley, 8pm. 26th February - Branch AGM, the Poet & Castle, Codnor, 8pm start (notify Sec ahead of interest in vacant committee positions, tel. 01773 769215)



BLACK BULLS HEAD

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On Christmas Eve at Etwall the Hawk & Buckle had 4 Marston's ales on offer. It is a nice old-fashioned pub with a dining option. The Jennings Redbreast was not especially good although the Ringwood XXXX Porter was decent. Just along the road the Spread Eagle offered Middle Earth Rivendale, Brampton Golden Bud, Pedigree, Bass & Doom Bar. This is more of a modern style place with plenty of local drinkers and with better beer quality and selection

The Cock Inn in Ripley reopened on the December 12th selling 3 real ales, which were Pedigree, Hobgoblin and EPA

The Rykneld Turnpike at Clay Cross was due to reopen in December after a fire had closed the pub for several months

The Gate Inn at Codnor is closed and is believed to be earmarked for demolition

The Beehive at Peashill Ripley has now got Landlocked and Pentrich breweries based at the recently constructed brewery at the pub

RuRAD Supporting Local Beer Festivals

I didn't know anything about the beer festival at the **Steampacket** until bumping into Fly South who told me about it, so I took a run up to **Swanwick**. When I entered the pub I found 6 beers on the bar that were being replaced when they had sold out. The selection consisted of Ruby Jewel from Muirhouse, Heart of Gold from Bumpmill, Imperial IPA, from Amber Wild Swan & Jaipur from Thornbridge and Heath Robinson from Barlow Brewery, I sampled the Barlow beer which for a weak beer was quite tasty-Charisma

Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

On Sunday 7th of December we started our walk from the Leicestershire village of Countesthorpe. We took a footpath across to the Grand Union Canal, which we followed to the outskirts of Glen Parva before heading across to **Blaby**. Our first port of call was the **Ye Olde Bakers Arms**, which is a superb olde worlde pub and we had a choice from Hydes Yule Rejoice, Bath Gem, Pheasantry PA and Everards Beacon, Tiger & Original - Once we'd been directed to the bar. I had the Hydes whilst Del went for a mulled cider, which turned out to be £5 a pint.....and cold! Our next stop was a strange place indeed, the **Black Horse** had the feel of a social club rather than a pub but the Pediton offer was quite acceptable. Next it was on to the **Fox & Tiger** (would you have guessed we were in Leicestershire?), a sports bar where Theakston Best Bitter and Courage Directors were available. A short way up the road we came to our target pub, the **GBG Bulls Head** and found Landlord, Adnams Southwold & Broadside and Tring Side Pocket for a Toad. The beer guide says there is an impressive bulls head over the door, well there is a bulls head....but I wouldn't have called it impressive!



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there was a taxi waiting to take us to Archerfield estate for the Knops Brewery. We found a modern dining and bar area which incorporated the brewery with a selection of Knops beers including India Pale Ale at 5%, Golden Ale 3.8% and Dark Ale 4.1%, all at £1.60 a half. The taxi was waiting to take us back to **North Berwick** and the **Neather Abbey Hotel Bar**, a GBG pub. On the bar were Knops India Pale Ale & East Coast Pale, William Bros Birds and Bees and Edinburgh Pale Ale. Then it was a short bus trip to Prestonpans to visit the inventory pub, the **Prestoungrange Gothenburg**, but it was closed, so it was another bus trip back into Edinburgh. The proposed trips to breweries at Dunfermline and Alloa had to be missed out, so next it was the train from Edinburgh to Glasgow. The digs were just around the corner from Glasgow Central so we dumped our bags at the digs before catching the train to Johnstone where a taxi was waiting to take us to the **Fox and Hounds** at **Houston**, home of the Houston Brewery. Here we found 5 ales on the bar which were Crystal, Warlock, Thistle Cru, Killellan and St. Peters Well - all from Houston, followed by a tour around the brewery. Then a taxi took us back to the station where we caught a train to Hillingdon West and a short walk took us to the Jaw brewery, which was located on an industrial estate. We had a short brewery tour and sampled his beers, Drift and Drop, after which the brewer kindly ran us to the station where we caught the train back to **Glasgow**. Next it was time for some food at Wetherspoons - we found the **Sir John Moore** and had a curry and a pint, I had NZ Pale from Hawkshead and there were also two Isle of Skye beers, Deuchars IPA and Hawkshead Pale on at the bar. Just time to visit the **Babbity Bowster** where we found Jarl from Fynne, Deuchars IPA and Wilderness Ale from Green King, before finishing off at a classic inventory pub, the **Lauriston Bar**, which was serving a selection of Fyne ales - Vital Spark, Jarl and Maverick, was well worth seeking this pub

out. Then it was back to the digs for some kip. **Day 2** - We arrived at Buccanan St bus station to catch the 9:26 to **Cairndon** and then made the short walk down the lane to the **Stagecoach Inn** situated on the side of Loch Fyne, where they had **Avalanche** from Fyne. The landlady very kindly ran us to Fyne brewery, which also had a shop and a bar serving Jarl, Highlander, Vital Spark and **Avalanche**. We paid the £4.50 for the brewery tour, which included a half. Then it was back to the Stagecoach for dinner and a pint or two. We then continued our journey by catching the bus to Oban, which proved to be very uncomfortable, being very hot and with no ventilation making me feel unwell. We arrived in **Oban** to find that the Oban Bay Brewery tap, the Cuan Mor, had no real ale available, just keg? So we quickly found a Wetherspoons, the **Corry Wreckin**, which boasted 9 real ales including Stargazer - Yeovil, Deuchars IPA, Killellan - Houston, Broadside, Abbots Reserve, Guid Ale - Arran, 500 Amber Pale - Strathaven, Coronado Red - Coronado Brewing Company and Terrapin. Then it was back on the bus to Fort William and thankfully the air conditioning was working. Once in **Fort William** we made our way around several pubs, the first being a Wetherspoons, the **Great Glenn**. Beers included Deuchars IPA, Broadside, OSM - Cotswold Spring and beer from American craft brewer Terrapin. Then it was down the road to the first **Ben Nevis** pub where we found 3 Scottish beers from Dark Island, Loch Ness. Just across the road was the **Grog & Gruel**, probably the best pub in Fort William, which offered another good choice of beers including Silkie Stout and Hop Trail from Loch Lomond, Gallie from Caingorm and Black & Tin from Houston. There was just enough time to call into the **Nevisport** where IPA Gold from Green King, Nimbus from Atlas and Tower Ridge from Isle of Skye, were available. We were booked to stay in The Glenfinnan House Hotel on the edge of Loch Shiel and on the way there we called into what looked like a youth hostel type lodge that had been converted into a bustling pub. Being at the bottom of Ben Nevis it was unsurprisingly called the **Ben Nevis** and had available Blond and IPA from River Leven brewery, and Wildcat from Cairngorm. Day 2 came to an end when we arrived at The Glenfinnan Hotel. TBC

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Highland Fling 5 - pt 1

Day one - The 3 amigos, Charisma, HH and Didler set off on our Scottish adventure. We caught the 7.44 train from Derby to Newcastle, meeting up with Didler at Chesterfield. Once at **Newcastle** we went to the **Centurian** pub on the station where we found 5 ales on the bar, which were Blaydon Brick and Tradestar from Firebrick, Rivet Catcher from Jarrow, Deuchars IPA and Black Sheep Bitter. We caught the 10.54 to Edinburgh, then went on to North Berwick where

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area, GC and I drove down to Bristol for the weekend, travelling out on Friday and back on Sunday. It was also a good opportunity to meet up with an old Derby mate who now lives in Bath. Since we intended to explore both Bath and Bristol, we found a hotel in Keynsham, which is half-way between the two. Readers of a certain age will know exactly how to spell K-E-Y-N-S-H-A-M but younger people will wonder what the hell I'm talking about! Anyway, the Grange is a friendly, comfortable hotel, on the bus route, not too expensive and with the added advantage of having an excellent Indian restaurant attached. We caught the bus into Bath to meet up with Mark early on Friday afternoon and then put him in charge of the tour. Of the 10 GBG pubs in or close to the centre of Bath, we visited 6 of them plus three more, which Mark felt were worth calling at. Since the centre of Bath is quite compact, we probably never walked more than a couple of hundred metres between pubs, barely enough time to work up a thirst. Now that I look at the route on a map it's more in the shape of a drunken "N" than a circle, but definitely not a straight line! All the pubs were good in one way or another with perhaps one exception, which I will come to. We were made welcome everywhere which of course isn't what you expect, it being the South of England an' all (smiley face). We called in at two of the Abbey Ales pubs in Bath including the **Star**, which deserves a visit as in addition to good beer it is also on the National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors. As you would expect, beers from Otter (Amber 4.1% & Ale 4.5%) and Bath Ales (Gem 4.1%) were widely available plus examples from other local breweries Exmoor (Gold 4.5% & Ale 3.8%), Butcombe (Gold 4.4%), Hopback (Summer Lightning 5%) and RCH (Pitchfork 4.3%). At the **Pulteney Arms**, we encountered a new brewery in Sunny Republic based in Dorset, whose Shark's Head (4.4%) is described as a Friesian Pilsener, whatever one of those is. I thought Friesians were cows. The **Raven** offers a range of its own Raven ales, which are brewed by Blindman's Brewery near to Frome in Somerset. This is a superb pub and we were made very welcome but it can get very busy at times (but not mid-afternoon on a Friday apparently). We tried 4 of the "Raven" beers: Raven 4.7%, Gold 4.0%, X 5.5% plus a half of the RIP 10.5% which we shared between the three of us! Men or mice? Eeek! The

Griffin Inn also offers its own beer (Gold 4.1%) but this is brewed by Cotswold Spring Brewery based in Chipping Sodbury. The only true brew pub we visited was the **Bath Brew House** which is a modern establishment having opened its doors in September 2013. Lots of wood and glass. The brewery itself can be seen behind glass panels as you enter the pub and there's no doubt that it all looks very smart. They had a good range of beers on offer including their own (obviously): Gladiator 3.9%, Emperor 4.4% & Brutus 4.6% plus others from Hand Drawn Monkey, Celt Experience and Sadler's. Our expert pub critic GC had this to say: at £4.50 a pint and £2.35 for a half, this is just a poncy, over-priced wine bar. Probably just as well that GC doesn't report for TripAdvisor. We ended the day at the **Bell**, which is a true community pub being owned by 536 of its customers, fans and workers. This is an extremely popular pub with live music three times a week plus vinyl DJ sets at the weekends so it's unlikely that you'll be able to enjoy a quiet pint here! This is what Robert Plant has to say about it: "To me, the Bell is a crucial and integral venue and a great window into the world of music and entertainment in the West Country". Snug Dave (with help from GC. Thanks also to Mark, our local guide)

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I made it just in time to meet Rodders at the railway station for the 11.36 train to **Lichfield**, (they were NOT happy about me lying across the tracks!!!!-Ed) changing at Tamworth. This took us to Lichfield Trent Valley, which meant about a mile walk before we found the GBG **Duke of York**. This is a Joules house that featured their Pale, Blonde, Slumbering Monk & Old No 6 with guest Castles Snow White. Rodders took advantage of the latter whilst I settled for the Monk. Another longish walk followed to the GBG **Duke of Wellington** where Rodders appropriately had A Good Stuffing (Wells) whilst I had a Golden Glow (Holden's), which was warmly received. Lancaster Blonde, London Pride and Pedigree were the other

options. We watched the Rams v Middlesbrough match on TV and left as another good stuffing looked on the cards. Next call was the Ember Inns GBG **Bowling Green** which is on a massive traffic island with a pay & display car park for non-walking patrons. It was horrendously busy with diners so we had a quick half of Itchen Valley Dark Solstice and Adnams Shingle Shells which were both good, the 3 other beers were predictable Ember offerings. Moving back towards the city centre we called at the **Queens Head** but after waiting in vain with another man there was no bar person to serve us from 6 of the Marston's portfolio. The GBG **Horse & Jockey**, which was also hot and busy. We both had Black Country Tracey's Tipple which was a disappointing choice over Wye Valley HPA, Welbeck West Australian and 2 nationals. Next to the **King's Head**, an old coaching inn, where I famously said to the barmaid that I did not like to order that beer by name - she replied 'You mean the Dog's Bollocks'. It was in fact very good and a very pleasant pub with other Marston's beers including a house beer called Lillington Regiment. Shortly after we had excellent sunlit views of the cathedral before arriving at the last GBG pub, the **George & Dragon**. The Okells Olaf was my worst choice of the day with the 6 other ales all from Marston's again including some craft type named Revisionist. A nice enough pub with a decent welcome. On the same street the **Gatehouse** was very standard JDW but with 3 interesting guest ales namely Arkells Noel, Moorhouse Ice Witch and Backyard Kris Kringle plus only 3 more of the usual Spoons beers. Nearby the **Angel** was another Joules pub with the same ales as their previous pub plus Morrells Champion as the guest; this time we tried the Old No.6, which Rodders liked but I did not. A minute walk to the **Malt Bar** which was a gastro type bar for trendy people (unlike us) but the beer range and quality was decent with Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Holden's XB, Church End Goats Milk and HH Rocking Rudolf. We then went in another Spoons, the **Acorn** for Green Duck Sitting Duck & Blonde, Cotleigh Reinbeer, Adnams Ghost Ship and 3 usuals. After first walking straight past it we then found the latest micro pub the **Whippet**. A typical micro with good atmosphere, this time I had a cider - Orchard Pig Hog Father selected over Barbourne Crimson King. The beer selection was very interesting with Longden Golden Arrow, Sadler's Mud City Stout, Dickensian Nicholas Nicklebeer and Fixed Wheel Chain Reaction; overall as good as anywhere on the day and must be GBG next time. Around 44 different ales so this is not bad at all for a beer visit-Chris P Duck

Saturday December 20th saw the RURAD Christmas Jolly in **Sheffield** and after some horrendous congestion into Derby I finally met up with the group at the **Shakespeare**, though I did have to direct the taxi driver. There were about 8 or so beers on offer plus a few available on a cellar-run. I had time to try Stancill Barnsley Bitter and Clarks Christmas Truce before it was time to move on. The next stop was the **Gardeners Rest** (expertly directed by Bagpuss)

where we met up with Two Gallon Man and a few others. Alongside 5 Sheffield brews there were beers from Fixed Wheel, Wentworth, Lion Heart, Blindmans and Angel. I went for Sheffield Christmas Spiced Stout and Fixed Wheel Smoked Stout, which were both in fine form. Snug Dave (who mistook me for CPD, I mean how can you get us mixed up?...he's far more handsome!) and Ged arrived just before we were about to set off for our next port of call and a first for me, the **Toolmakers Brewery Tap**, which most of us walked straight past. The building it is housed in looked a bit austere but the welcome and hospitality was outstanding with Steel City Christmas is Cancelled alongside Pin Hammer, Fine Finish, Black Edge and Christmas Box and a superb buffet - that we almost demolished! I

think their next open day is the first weekend in February, if it is, it is definitely worth a visit. Next it was on to Kelham Island, or rather the **Fat Cat** where the customary array of fine ales were on offer, I sampled Naylor's Pud and I couldn't deny my intrigue with Sonnet 43's My Old Grievs a mulled white stout? Turned out to be quite nice. Again at the **Kelham Island Tavern** there was the expected plethora of ales of which I sampled Rebel Black Rock Bitter. Then it was on to the **Wellington** where I was sure I took a piccy of the beer board, but I'm bugged if I can find it! Anyway, a swift half was had and some of us got the tram up to the **Hillsborough Hotel**, a place I've not been to for many a year, where I

had a very nice Wood St Truffle Oak Stout. A half of one of the Wood St brews was passed around to the distain of all who tried it and when this was queried with the brewer she tried it and said it was fine! Back in town we called in the **Brewhouse**, another first for me, which is a trendy bar that brews its own beer. There were 3 or 4 guest beers alongside 3 test brews T7, T16 & T17 (I sampled one but I can't remember which). Next it was on to a new Kelham Island pub, the **Tap & Tankard** where of the 8 or so beers on offer I tried Harthill Village Brewery Warm Hearted and KI Fairytale of New York. Everyone seemed to disperse from there so I waited with HH to get the tram back to the station where everyone else seemed to be leaving the **Sheffield Tap** as we arrived.

Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

22nd to 25th January Beermuda Beer Festival, Fox & Crown, Castle, Prince Rupert, Flying Circus, Just Beer & Organ Grinder-Newark 70 Ales

29th January to 1st February County & Station Beer Festival, Dale Rd-Matlock Bath

5th to 8th February Champion Beer of Nottingham, The Canal House, 52 Canal St-Nottingham, Featuring around 23 Breweries

6th to 7th February Chesterfield 17th Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel-Chesterfield 120 Ales 16 Ciders/Perry

11th to 14th February National Winter Ales Festival, The Roundhouse, Pride Park-Derby 400 Ales Cider/Perry, Continental

11th to 15th February Furnace Beer Festival, Duke St-Derby

13th to 15th February Hucknall Beer Festival, The John Godber Centre-Hucknall, Nottingham 30+ Ales

13th to 15th February National Brewery Centre International Festival of Beer, Horninglow Street-Burton-upon-Trent

8th to 10th January Rotherham New York Beer Festival, New York Stadium-Rotherham 70 Ales + Cider

9th to 10th January Frodsham Winter Ales Festival, Parish Church Hall, Church St-Frodsham 25 Ales

9th to 11th January Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival, Whittlesea, Peterborough, Various Pubs Holding Beer Festivals

16th to 17th January 26th Exeter Festival Of Winter Ales, Exeter Football Club, St James Park, Stadium Way-Exeter 66 Ales 12 Ciders

21st to 24th January Manchester Beer & Cider Festival, Velodrome, National Cycling Centre-Manchester 500 Ales

22nd to 24th January Cambridge Winter Ales Festival, University Social Club, Mill Lane-Cambridge 100+ Ales Cider/Perry

23rd to 24th January Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Festival, Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street-Lichfield 30 Ales, Cider

23rd to 24th January Beamish Winter Festival, Best Western Country House Hotel-Beamish Stanley, County Durham 60+ Ales

28th to 31st January Colchester Winter Ale Festival, Colchester Arts Centre, Church Street-Colchester 95+ Ales 25+ Ciders

29th to 31st January 26th Bent & Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall-Atherton, Manchester 70 Ales, Trad Cider, Foreign

30th to 31st January 6th Elysian Beer Festival, The Maltings, Ship Lane-Ely, Cambridgeshire 70 Ales 15 Ciders

5th to 7th February Fleetwood Beer & Cider Festival, Marine Hall, Esplanade-Fleetwood 100+ Ales

5th to 7th February 11th Pendle Beer Festival, Colne Municipal Hall, Lancashire 70+ Ales Cider/Perry Bottled Beers

5th to 7th February 20th Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival, George Watson Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury 80 Winter Ales + Cider

6th to 7th February 27th Dorchester Beerex, Corn Exchange, High St West-Dorchester 80 Ales

6th to 7th February Redditch Winter Ale Festival, Rocklands Social Club, Birchfield Road-Redditch 30+ Ales

6th to 7th February 22nd White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Maison Delu (Town Hall)-Dover 75 Winter & Strong Ales

6th to 7th February 8th Ilkley Beer Festival, Ikley Kings Hall, Station Road-Ilkley 150 Ales Cider/Perry Foreign Beers

12th to 14th February 36th Warwick University Beer Festival, Copper Rooms, Gibbet Hill Road-Coventry 120 Ales plus Cider

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 07891 365887 / charismabypass2005@yahoo.co.uk or Rodders on uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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