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### BEEHIVE

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Mandy & Dave would like to invite customers old and new to the Beehive/Honey Pot.

Selection of 3 real ales at the Beehive and 6 real ales at the Honey Pot as well as various ciders and perrys.

Darts, Dominoes and Skittles on weekly.

Quiz night Fridays plus card bingo.

Everyone welcome.

### Beer and Pub News

The **Thorn Tree** in Ripley is starting to have a good selection of interesting beers available, including, on Charisma's last visit, a new Flathead beer called White Wine Aged Pale 4.2%, which was very tasty. Also on the bar was Wreckage from Titanic at 7.2%, which you don't see very often. There is also a CAMRA discount of 15p off per pint!

The **Arkwright** in Belper now does beer at £2.50 a pint on Mondays.

We hear that, after a change of mind, Wetherspoons may still be looking for somewhere in Belper and will keep people informed when we have more information.

Charisma reports "Shaun at the **White Hart** at **Bargate** is getting a good and varied selection of beer. On my last visit I had Porthbud Pale 4% from Bude brewery at a very realistic £2.60. As Shaun was very quick to point out, any savings he makes on beer he is more than willing to pass on to the customer. There are beers from a couple of new breweries and from Brass Castle in the cellar ready to come on in the next week or so"

The **Queens Head** at **Ockbrook** is due to close for a time whilst an extensive refurbishment is undertaken

Pete at Amber Brewery informs us of some of the forthcoming events at the **Talbot Taphouse** in Ripley. **January** - 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dark beers weekend, A bar full of dark cask ales from Amber Ales and others. **February** - Guest ale promotions throughout the month, come and try some beers you've never had. From £2 a pint! **March** - 24<sup>th</sup> Whisky night (tbc) Join our hosts Imbibe With Me for a journey in a glass, featuring some exceptional distilleries. 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> (Easter Weekend) Derbyshire Brewer's beer festival and meet the brewers. **April** - 28<sup>th</sup> Wine event: a chance to sample our next six featured "wines of the month" sourced from Bellwether wines

### Amber Valley CAMRA Update

8<sup>th</sup> - 8pm, GBG'17 selection meeting, Hunters Arms, Kilburn. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm, survey trip, contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966 to book. 15<sup>th</sup> - 8pm, Beer Festival meeting, The White Hart, Bargate. 25<sup>th</sup> - 8pm branch meeting, The Thorn Tree, Waingroves. 17<sup>th</sup> March 8pm, **AGM** and branch meeting, The Pear Tree, Ripley. **Branch vacancies** - Membership Secretary (from March), Pub Preservation Officer and Young Members Contact

Mark and Dawn welcome you to

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The **Foresters** at **Borrowash** remains closed with no evidence as to the rumoured refurbishment being undertaken

It looks as though the **Greyhound** on Village St, **Derby** has been bought by a city mosque and is to be converted into a community building

**New micro pub  
coming to  
Belper soon.....**

**Watch This  
Space!**

Towards the end of last year I made my usual faux pas on the buses by boarding an Arriva X38 to **Burton upon Trent** instead of Trent Barton, which meant that I had to pay full price. On arrival we took a riverside walk before a first visit to the GBG **Elms Inn** at **Stapenhill** after driving past many times. This was an excellent locals pub with Bass, Pedigree, Dog's Bollocks and Clearwater Dark Night available. Good chat with staff and locals, meals available plus a sympathetic parlour renovation make it well worth visiting, albeit a bit far out of town. Back over the river to the GBG **Burton Bridge** where the usual 6 ales of the same name were on, again a good welcome and chat with the off-duty manager whilst indulging in an enormous pork pie. Moving round the corner towards the centre we came across the **Fuggle & Nugget**, which is a new micropub only opened 4 days ago. There is no bar so table service was the norm as I fought for attention with the many Amber Valley CAMRA day trippers present. I did not know of this place so it was a bonus with Bridestones Blackshaw Brown, Tom Smith's Red Molly and Ramsbury Belapur available. We then came across **The Crossing** where I had not been in before, which was a foody pub but surprisingly had 8 real ales including 2 from Dancing Duck, 1 from Brains and the rest being nationals. However we did not stay for a drink due to the overpowering fish smell. Nearby at another new pub for me, the **Dog** had a very impressive range of ales from Black Country (3), Bristol Beer Factory, Wold Top (they called it 'World Top'), Titanic, Bad Seed, Goddard's, Fixed Wheel, Bude & Bass. A lively place and surely likely to be in GBG next time, despite another appearance by AVC members. To get back to the bus we first went into the GBG **Coopers Arms** but it was too busy to get served so we used the close by GBG **Devonshire Arms**, which held 6 Burton Bridge beers. Our next target was the **Middle**

**Earth Tavern**, another new micropub we had spotted from the bus earlier. This had only opened on the previous day and is in an ex-railway brick building and unsurprisingly sported 2 Middle Earth ales with one each from Great Heck & Boot. After a quick sampler enjoyed with yet more known drinkers from our region, we were lucky enough to get a lift back to the door (thanks Steve). It is very good for ale pubs in Burton now with many more not visited on the day - Chris P Duck

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### Del & Rod's Real Ale Rambles

Our first walk of 2016 came on the clear and chilly morning of January 10<sup>th</sup>. We parked up at Grassmoor Country Park, just outside Chesterfield, and walked through Temple Normanton (where the local church looks like something a teletubby would live in!), round Sutton Springs Wood and through Calow Green - where we found a long on which to sit and have a morning coffee. We continued on to **Hasland** where our first port of call was the **Hasland Hotel** where we were pleased to find Ashover Littlemoor Citra, Blue Monkey Infinity, Lincoln Green Sheriff and Peak Ales Chatsworth Gold on hand pump and a very friendly landlord with an obvious passion for real ale. We went for the Peak Ales - which was in good order - and had a chat with the landlord about his beers, he said he got through 16 tubs over the Christmas period, which isn't bad going. I think we've been in our best pub of the year already! We continued on into the village and called in the **Shoulder of Mutton Inn**, built in 1816, which has a very impressive facade though sadly it is not reflected in the interior. Bradfield Farmers Blonde and a house beer brewed by Wells were on hand pump, with Bradfield Belgian Blue waiting in the wings. The Blonde was quite favourable. A little further down the road we came to the **Devonshire Arms**, which had Doom Bar, Blacksheep Bitter and Wainwright, which gave us a total of 10 different beers. Where we were sat we could watch at least 3 tellys! We managed to find a nice sheltered spot in a little wood for a cup of soup and a cob before continuing on to the Five Pits Trail, which got us straight back to the car. A steady 7.2 miles

On the decidedly wintry morning of January 17<sup>th</sup> we started our walk from Newton Solney, from where we set off up Newton Lane and took a

footpath that looped round to Bretby where we stopped for a cup of coffee, unfortunately the only seat was situated under a dripping tree - but at least we got a seat! We continued on up Geary Lane a crossed a golf course, thankfully we had someone else's tracks to follow, and came out at **Winshill** where a short walk down the main road got us to the **Waterloo**. Bass, Pedi, Gates Damn and Ramsgate Al Murray's Beautiful British were on hand pump with the latter 2 being found in good order. We retraced our steps a short way then headed down to the **Anglesey Arms**, which looked like an eatery but turned out to be a proper friendly locals pub, humming with conversation. Banks' Mild, Hobgoblin & Pedi were on hand pump and we both enjoyed the Banks' Mild....and the warmth....and the comfy chairs. Another short walk down the road found us at the **Sump**, which definitely is an eatery, where Pedi and Cumberland were on hand pump. The latter was favoured but not especially enjoyed. The thaw was now in full swing so we decided to stay on the road, stopping off in a small wood for a cup of soup and a cob before continuing back to the car for an 8.2 miler

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve  
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### Charisma's Scottish Holiday

The wife and I set off at about 9pm for a small fishing village, down the coast from Stranraer, called **Drummore** - a truly picturesque cottage some 20 yards from the sea - with an overnight stop in Carlisle. On Sunday night we located the three pubs in the village - sadly the Ship and the Queen's Hotel didn't have any real ale, only bottled beer at £3.60 a bottle - but we found that the **Clashwhannon** had one real ale in the form of Britannia from Navigation, which was not at its best. Sadly this was to be a regular occurrence, very little real ale, which was not very well kept or served. We did stumble across a beer from a new brewery at the **Crown** in **Portpatrick**, with the brewery adopting the name of the village. The Fog Horn IPA, 4.8%, was quite reasonable considering the brewery had only

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been set up only two months previously by a sheep farmer - the brewery being located one mile from Portpatrick. On The Tuesday, while visiting **Stranraer**, we found the **Grapes**, a classic pub with real character where the excellent Raspberry Blonde from Saltaire was on fine form. The next day saw us visiting **Ayr** where we nipped into the Wetherspoons **West Kirk** which had a selection of 7 or 8 beers - these included Abbot, Deuchars IPA, a Mildstone Mild, Lymestone Stonecutter, two Broughton beers and a spanish pale ale brewed by Batemans. On the way home we called into **Sandhead** to the **Tigh-na-Mara Hotel** and tried the Belhaven St. Andrews and wished that we hadn't as it was sour and cloudy. The weather was good and the scenery at times was breathtaking in this little explored part of Scotland. We made several visits to isolated lighthouses, one in particular was outstanding and had been made into a hotel, where we watched the ferries sail between Stranraer and Ireland - just to let you all know it wasn't just about beer! I will leave the best to last where we visited the creme de la creme in the form of the **Steampacket Inn** at the **Isle of Whithorn** - home of the Five Kingdoms brewery which is based in the disused Queens Inn Hotel at the rear of the building. On offer on the bar was Saaz Session 4.3% from Five Kingdoms, Belhaven IPA 3.2%, Aurora Windswept 3.8%, Gamebird from Born in the Borders brewery and Timothy Taylor Landlord

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Shortly before arrival we called at the **GBG Coach & Horses** at **Horns Cross** where I had a taste of Sea Pool, my first Bude beer, which was very good. They also had Butcombe Bitter and Sharps Atlantic & Doom Bar so a decent stop-off

point about 10 miles from our destination and worth a visit. During this week we stayed in a chalet behind the **Olde Smithy Inn** at **Welcombe**, which is only a couple of miles outside the Cornwall border. At the end of each day I was able to manage the 30 yard walk to the bar where there were always 3 ales available and my favourite was **Skinner's Porthleven**; they had a house beer from **Otter (Bitter)** and during the course of the week **Branscombe Vale Branoc & Summa That**, **Country Life Devonshire Piglet**, **Otter Summer Ale**, **GK Abbot** and the inevitable **Doom Bar**. A very good pub for our local, well worth visiting with good beer and food available with atmospheric pub character and friendly staff. On the Sunday there was heavy rain so we visited the larger resort of **Bude** where due to driving I was not tempted by any of the pubs there although a **St Austell** pub looked ok. This was followed by the first of many epic journeys on single track roads until we found the former **GBG Bush Inn** at **Morwenstowe**. An excellent old place with old stone floors and walls and sea views from the extended restaurant. I had **Bays Summer ale** with **SA Tribute & HSD** also on but with the option of another call on the way back we headed to the **West Country Inn** which is on the main A39 near our turn for **Welcombe**. There was a board outside advertising for bar staff and when we got in there was nobody serving. We must have waited about 10 minutes so 3 local blokes shouted for the barmaid for all of us but she was serving meals and walked past us all without any apology so all 5 of us left and also advised 8 more people coming in that they were wasting their time so they came back with us to our local. I reckon that they lost about £100 in drink and food sales in that time so serves them right for not serving us right. It was only **Tribute** and **Hobgoblin** anyway. The next day saw less rain but fierce winds so after walking in **Northam Burrows CP** we called at the **Village Inn** at **Westward Ho!** which is the only town with a '!' in the name. This was very pleasant with **Exmoor Gold**, **Dartmoor Jail Ale**, **Otter Bitter** and **Doom Bar** being a reasonable selection. Later in **Barnstaple** we went in and out of several pubs including the **Olive Branch** (surprisingly **Robinsons**), **Marshals** (**Otter**, **Bombardier & Bass**), **Alfie Browns** (house ale & **Tribute**) and **The Panniers** (very tatty **Spoons** with **Cotleigh Barn Owl** the best) but stayed in the **Golden Lion Tap**

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for **Otter Ale** or **Doom Bar** as it served very cheap food which turned out to be a pie with no pastry around it. To be fair I would have tried some of those pubs if not driving but you can see why there is no **GBG** entry for the main town area. On to **Bideford** with few pubs along the main street & again nothing in **GBG**. The **Blacksmiths Arms** was a nice place on the industrial side of the river, close to the **Tarka Trail** for cyclists on the old railway track. This had **SA Tribute & Cornish Best** plus 2 ciders and was well equipped for passing trade with a nice outdoor patio. Back on the main street at the **Kings Arms** the barmaid was far more pleasing than the **Otter Amber**, which was returned. I then had **Otter Ale** chosen ahead of **Bass**, **Tribute** or **Doom Bar**. On Tuesday we embarked on a very long walk from the chalet via woodlands to the coastal path and after several up and downs we eventually reached the **Bush Inn** again where I indulged in 2 pints of **SA HSD** which was excellent, another worthwhile visiting. On Weds we visited **Docton Mill** gardens before another tortuous route to **Hartland Point** for more gale force winds then decided to visit the **GBG Hartland Quay**. To access this hotel you pay a £2 toll for car parking but it was a good setting by the coast and I had a decent **Dartmoor Legend** with **SA Tribute & HSD** available. If I thought the toll was bad news worse was to follow with a £6-95 fee payable to visit the ridiculously steep cobbled hill down to the tourist delights of **Clovelly**. The **Red Lion** at the jetty had a house beer from **Country Life** plus **Doom Bar** but I did not indulge as there were 2 **Country Life** ales on at the mid hill **New Inn**, namely **Old Appledore & Shore Break** but with the barmaid being the most miserable of the week. We briefly visited the **GBG Bell** at **Parkham** but the predictable beers were not worth a long wait for food so we returned to the previously visited **Coach & Horses** for a good value meal and another **Bude beer**, **Summerleaze**. The landlord was very accommodating especially as his wife was just leaving for a birthday bash in **Derbyshire** of all places. On Thursday

lunchtime the **London Inn** at **Kilkhampton** had **Bude Sea Pool**, **Skinner's Betty Stogs** and **Doom Bar**. We were on our way into Cornwall to meet an old friend of the **Old Fruit** later on at the **GBG Rising Sun** at **Altarnun** which is the tap for **Penpont Brewery**. This is a very old pub but well restored and very popular with diners including our party. Surprisingly the only **Penpont ale** was **St Nonna's** although the **Graffiti IPA** was also brewed by them for **Firebrand**. All of the beers were excellent and included **Skinner's Lushington** and **Milk Street Funky Monkey** with good food and service to boot so do visit here. On the Friday after taking the wrong road we saw the **Torrige** at **Great Torrington** which looked and was inviting. The landlord reminded us very much of **Bradley Walsh** and consequently talked non-stop about his ambitious plans and the Thai food offered by his wife. Whilst we did not have any food we did try the **Clearwater Torrige Traveller** which was decent and my only taste of this brewery, one of 3 in **Bideford**. He also stocked **SA Proper Job** which was not tried. Returning to **Bideford** to visit a bar that I had already noted advertising 5 real ales, this was **Lacey's** which actually only had 3 on at any time, all of which came from **Country Life** in **Bideford**. The **Old Appledore**, **Reef Break & Shore Break** were decent enough and at £2-70 the cheapest all week; it was a half-hearted attempt at a real ale bar, pleasant enough décor but the music was far too loud so we soon left. Just along the road was the **Appledore Inn**, strangely with another Thai cuisine and it was good to see **Sharps Original & Atlantic** offered in addition to the ubiquitous **Doom Bar**. I also sampled the 3<sup>rd</sup> local brewery, **Jollyboat**, but was not greatly impressed with their **Grenville's Renown**. Overall it was quite hard to come across many interesting ales in this area and pubs are often far apart and usually serve a predictable range of regional and nationals-**Chris P Duck**



**BLACK BULLS HEAD**  
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I recently paid a visit to the **GBG Johnson Arms** in **Nottingham**, a pub I've been meaning to visit for a long time - it was closed on my 2 previous attempts, didn't check the opening times. Full **Mash Séance & Illuminati**, **Adnams Southwold**, **Doom Bar** and **DD Dark Drake** were on hand pump with both the **Full mash** beers in good order. I also called in the **Boat Inn** just round the corner, a cracking little pub with **Deuchars**, **Directors**, **Blonde Witch** and a house beer on offer-**Ed**

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## Beer Festival Diary - Near and Not so Near

- 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 18<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel-Chesterfield 100+ Ales Ciders/Perry, Wine, World Beers  
12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February Hucknall Beer Festival, The John Godber Centre-Hucknall, Nottingham 30+ Ales  
17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February National Winter Ales Festival, The Roundhouse, Pride Park-Derby 400 Ales Cider/Perry, World Beers  
17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Shiny & Magic Rock Beer Festival, Furnace Inn, Duke Street-Derby 20+ Ales  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Champion Beer of Nottingham Beer Festival, The Canal House, 52 Canal St-Nottingham 60 Ales  
27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February Nottingham Rugby Club Beer Festival, Holme Road-West Bridgford, Nottingham 50+ Ales  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, Loughborough Road-West Bridgford, Nottingham 25 Ales 2 Ciders  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 40<sup>th</sup> Loughborough Beer Fest, Polish Club, True Lovers Walk off William St-Loughborough 60+ Ales  
9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March Leicester Beer Fest, Charotar Centre, Bay St, South Churchgate-Leicester 250 Ales 35 Ciders/Perry  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup> Marchington Melee, Dog & Partridge, Church Lane-Marchington  
24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March Holly Bush Beer Festival, Holly Bush Lane-Makeney

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February The Palmerston Arms Beer Festival, 82 Oundle Road-Peterborough  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February The Snooty Fox Rock N Ale Festival, 75 Grosvener Avenue-London  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 12<sup>th</sup> Pendle Beer Festival, Municipal Hall-Colne Lancashire 70+ Ales Cider/Perry Bottled Beers  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 27<sup>th</sup> Bent & Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall-Atherton, Manchester 70 Ales, Trad Cider, Foreign  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February Stevenage Winter Beer Festival, Arts & Leisure Centre, Lytton Way-Stevenage 80 Ales + Cider  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 21<sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury Winter Ales Fest, George Watson Hall, Barton St-Tewkesbury 80 Winter Ales + Cider  
5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> Ilkley Beer Festival, Ilkley Kings Hall, Station Road-Ilkley 150 Ales Cider/Perry Foreign Beers  
5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 28<sup>th</sup> Dorchester Beerex, Corn Exchange, High St West-Dorchester 80 Ales  
5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 9<sup>th</sup> Redditch Winter Ale Festival, Rocklands Social Club, Birchfield Road-Redditch 30+ Ales  
5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 23<sup>rd</sup> White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales, Maison Dieu (Town Hall)-Dover 75 Winter & Strong Ales  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 34<sup>th</sup> Fleetwood Beer & Cider Festival, Marine Hall, Esplanade-Fleetwood 100+ Ales  
16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February A Theatre of Beer, The Clapham Grand, 21-25 St John's Hill-Clapham Junction, London 200 Ales Cider/Perry  
16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February Ship & Mitre Beer Festival, 133 Dale Street-Liverpool  
17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 17<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Winter Ale Fest King Edward VI Grammar School Broomfield Rd-Chelmsford 150 Ales  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 37<sup>th</sup> Warwick University Beer Fest, Copper Rooms, Gibbet Hill Road-Coventry 120 Ales plus Cider  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Liverpool Beer Festival, Metropolitan Cathedral Crypt-Liverpool, 200+ Ales Cider/Perry  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 33<sup>rd</sup> Luton Beer & Cider Fest, Hightown Sports & Arts Club, Concorde St-Luton 110 Ales Cider/Perry  
19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 8<sup>th</sup> Boston Spa Beer Festival, Village Hall, 199 High St-Boston Spa, West Yorkshire 40 Ales  
19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Alton Winter Beer Festival, Alton College, Old Odiham Road-Alton, Hampshire  
19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February Gosport Winter Beer Festival, Bury Road-Gosport 100+ Ales Cider & Perry + Bottled  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February London Beer Week [www.londonbeerweek.com](http://www.londonbeerweek.com)  
25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Stockton Ale & Arty Beer Festival, ARC Dovecot St-Stockton on Tees 80+ Ales  
25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Bradford Beer Festival, Victoria Hall-Saltaire, Bradford 100+ Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Chappel Winter Beer Festival, East Anglian Railway Museum-Chappel 60+ Winter Ales  
26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February Craft Beer Rising, The Old Trueman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane-London 70 Brewery's, 450 Beers  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March London Drinker Beer Festival, Camden Centre, Bodborough-London 150 Ales  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 27<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Beer Festival, Town Hall, Dalton Square-Lancaster 50+ Ales  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 27<sup>th</sup> Wigan Beer Festival, Robin Indoor Park Sports Centre, Loire Drive-Wigan  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 19<sup>th</sup> Bristol Beer Festival, Brunels Old Station, Temple Meads-Bristol 130 Ales 40 Ciders Ticket Only  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March Walsall Beer festival, Town Hall, Lichfield Street-Walsall 80 Ales, Cider/Perry Foreign Bottled

*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 or Rodders on [uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uplonkerrodney2006@yahoo.co.uk) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

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### **The Talbot Taphouse**

"Amber Ales Brewery Tap"

1 Butterley Hill, Ripley, DE5 3LT  
Tel: (01773) 742626.

Up to 10 real ales available on handpull and gravity plus  
local micro-brewed bottled beers, real cider, imported  
lager and Belgian draught beers.

Opening Times: Mon to Thu 5 – 11  
Fri 3 – 11.30, Sat 2 - 11.30, Sun 2 - 11

Good Beer Guide listed

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