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Beer and Pub News

There were two new openings in Derby last month; the first on Saturday Dec 1st was Annie's Burger Shack located on Friary Street just off Friar Gate in the Art Deco Grade II listed First Church of Christ Scientist. It is mainly set out for diners but there is a central bar where you can get served from both sides, on my visit the beers available were Oakham Citra 4.2%, Bass 4.4%, Derby American Dream 4.4%, Derwentio Cleopatra 5% & Titanic Plum Porter 4.9%.

The second opening on Friday Dec 7th was yet another micropub; The Creaky Floorboard located on Kedleston Road is a conversion of the front two rooms of a family home. The room to the left houses the bar where there is a choice of 5 handpulled ales, these were all local on my visit being Derby Pennys Porter 4.6%, Derby Creaky Floor Board 4.4% Falstaff Palmer 4.0% Hartshornes Ignite 4.0% & Hartshornes Speed Wobble 4.8%. 1 real cider is available as is wine & soft drinks, opening times are Wed/Thurs 3-11, Fri 2-11, Sat 12-11 & Sun 12-8. **Sooty**

The Tip Inn

Real Ale Bar

60a High St, Loscoe
Bass and 5 constantly
changing guest ales available
plus a good selection of
ciders and perries.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 4 - 10
Saturday & Sunday 12 - 10

10th December I paid a visit to the Sawley Junction, a new micro bar just across the road from Long Eaton railway station. The former newsagent with one large room is run by Marie Redfearn who informed me since opening the week before has been rather busy serving up to 4 real ales and 4 ciders.



BLACK BULLS HEAD

2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate,
Belper, Derbyshire
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On my visit they were from Magpie, Blue Monkey, Abstract Jungle and Beartown at £1.70 a half and £3.40 a pint. At the moment there is no discount for CAMRA members but this may change in future. Opening times are 12 - 9.30 Monday to Wednesday, 12 - 10 Thursday to Saturday and 12 - 8.30 Sunday. Well worth a visit and pretty central to Long Eaton and Sawley pubs.

At the Lock Keepers in Sawley Dave is closing over Christmas from December 23rd to January 31st.

Trigger

The former White Swan in Chesterfield is now the Pig and Pump. 12 handpumps dispensing a variety of ales and 4 ciders. (As reported by Pacamac). While delivering Sticks to Queens Head Marlpool it was noted they'd had a Beermats takeover with several of their beers on the bar and a guest beer from Redcastle brewery.

Crompton Tavern Ripley had Bradford Belgian Blue and a Truman's Autumn Ale. **Bald Eagle** The 'SUN' at Willington, on the cross road junction, has had a chequered few years - a succession of landlords and little change.

About 2 years ago Marston's closed down the servery in the lounge - but made a new direct access into the bar. About the same time they refurbished the bar seating and improved the outdoor seating area. Soon after Neil Shanklin and his wife took over tenancy. Neil is quite a character and has brought life, and music into the place. For years good Pedigree has been served - now on offer weekday for only £3 a pint. They have added a couple of guests from the Marstons house. Well worth a visit these days **Percy** The Devonshire in Belper have 5 Real ales on these days, and are selling them with a CAMRA discount of 20p per pint, 10p half. **Ed**

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

Jan 31st Branch Meeting at the Dead Poets, Holbrook, 8pm start
Don't forget - if you fancy being the **Social Secretary** or **Beer Festival Chairman** as these positions are vacant, then please contact Chairman Chris Rogers.

The Hockley rebel Broad St Nottingham has opened - It's a single bare floorboarded room with bare brick walls it has 8 handpumps with regular beers from Tiny rebel and Purple moose plus interesting ales from near and far. The pub also has a dart board now a rarity in the city centre plus an upstairs bar. It's being managed by Angus ex organ grinder canning circus. The dovecote ex ram inn on Dovecote Rd Newthorpe has been demolished and sad to see its demise. The millipede micro pub 8 Alexandra St Stapleford has opened, hours are 12-10 Thursday to Sunday

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve
welcome you to the



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The foresters arms Newthorpe which is a proper community pub although a greene king house pub has been serving some interesting guest ales and had a small refurbishment and now offers trad ploughmans with colston basset stilton-long clawson red leicester cheeses and owen taylor's pies in the kitchen converted from the former pool room. The pub has an old trad bar and lounge and very friendly welcome. Another new micro pub has opened in Hucknall called the Doghouse and is the sister pub of pub of same name in Sutton in Ashfield it's in a ex equestrian supplies shop and comprises a bar area plus upstairs bar with much bare metal and wood

and log burner stove with 3 ales at the moment Blue monkey-infinity and 2 changing guests all £3 pint pub open mon-wed 4-9pm thurs 4-10-30pm fri&sat 12-11pm. A fifth Beer Headz has opened on king st Melton Mowbray in Melton's oldest building here excellent beer choice as usual. A new nottingham micro brewery has started called Lazy Bay, Phew thats it for now ,can I wish all reader's a very hoppy christmas and prosperous new year cheers.The Didler

Tracy and all the staff welcome you to the

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Otley Beer Festival visit

Met up with Eastwood johnny at langley mill train station with a change of trains at chesterfield for the faster train to leeds,big mistake as this pulled into leeds 22 mins late oh the joy of train travel we headed swiftly through town and luckily just got 11-39 x84 bus to otley with a short walk down to rugby club for 18th beer festival a £10 package consisted of glass programme and tokens,a choice of 56 yorkshire ales here in this small 2 roomed festival,met up with colleague david from nottm and a very steady crowd beers sampled Ainsty angel-Bone idle citra pale -Goose eye festival special-Salt jute -Briscoes rats reward-Copper dragon sidewinder-Saltaire titus and all beers excellent also met up with brian ticker moore from sheffield and rotherham steve so great company.I later made my way a short distance to the old cock otleys best pub with choice of 9 quality ales in this lovely old stone boozier to sample Rudgate 300th brew £1.60p great then x84 bus back to leeds and just up from bus stn here to my favourite chippy the fishermans wife and fish and chips to die for. I made my way to Duck and drake old trad pub with choice of 15 ales, had half of Salamander beleive it 3.8 £1.75p good, I then made tracks to fit in the Brewery tap on concourse to Leeds railway Stn for half of Leeds yorkshire gold 4.0 £2 which was packed before my 18-03pm train home. The Didler.

View from the Chair

Sunday Aft Spin is back this week, primarily because I wished to have a look at Sawley Jnc micro pub, run by Marie Brewster at Birch Cottage Brewery and situated just across the road from Long Eaton railway Stn. Thanks to Andy Sales for posting when it opened. However Sunday public transport can be challenging, and after arrival in Derby there was around 40 mins wait for the train on to Long Eaton....so I decided a visit to Alexandra for refreshment was in order.

Ralf was tied up with paper work, and Anna was working the bar, a good selection as usual was on offer, my choice being Red Willow: Mosaic/Citra Pale 5.5 fitted the bill.

I then made my way back to the station for the short hop to Long Eaton. I had read on What Pub that Sunday opening commenced at 14-00 and with my train arriving at 13-20 a walk to the White Lion Sawley was in order.

This took 11-12 mins so not too bad. The pub is home to Old Sawley Brewery, whose beer recipes have been slowly improving imo. The Kit is 10 BBL size, and certainly the Two Rivers IPA 4.8 was very good a splendid balance of Fruitiness and Hoppiness and very much enjoyed.

I then walked back to Long Eaton Station where Sawley Jnc micro pub is just across the road. Network Rail have actually done some veg control here and there are now splendid views from inside the pub of the approach to the station from the east, coincidentally the pub has a railway theme. The pub has been open for a few weeks and Marie was present and when I enquired about her own beers she confessed she has not brewed in the last few weeks due to being busy with her new venture. I also discovered that she is currently opening at 12-00 on Sunday at least up till Christmas.

4 beers from a cool room is the offer, my choices being Leatherbritches: Mad Ruby 4.4 and Dancing Duck: Hoppy Christmas 4.2 both good beers. It was then time for my no: 15 Bus to Stapleford, which has an hourly timetable on Sundays. It is around a 15 minute run via Long Eaton Town and I alighted close to the Horse & Jockey on arrival in Stapleford.

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The pub runs 13 wickets with a high bias towards locale, and Ghillie is very particular about its quality. My beer choices were a 4Ts: Mango Pale and a North Riding Amarillo/Chinook APA both enjoyed. During a chat he enquired if I had yet visited the Millpede, which opened a couple of weeks ago. It is Stapleford first micro pub and situated on a snicket just to the side of Wetherspoons Sir John Borlaise Warren, and What Pub has not caught up with it yet. So suddenly I needed to insert another visit into my schedule. It is a normal shop style micro with a bar towards the rear and a cool room alongside. It offers 6-8 Ales on Gravity with a slightly different offer to the Horse & Jockey. Whilst here I enjoyed an Exit 33 best Bitter and Revolutions Oatmeal Brown Ale both were enjoyed.



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I then caught the next bus back towards Long Eaton and once on Derby Road I alighted crossing to the opposite bus stop for the Indigo for Derby it arriving within 1 minute...so a very good connection meaning I was alighting outside the Derby BC tap in Derby just after 5pm. That became my first call and there are normally a couple of guests here and on this occasion one of them was Red Rock: Rushy Meade 4.4, which was an excellent crisp brew, attracting a Score 4 on my ricta scale. I had a quick look in the Exeter, but nowt interested me so on to the Smithfield. Tis always busy on Sunday Afts with a band playing as well as the excellent beer. The Beer list had a Norfolk theme, my choices being Brewshed: Vanilla Porter 4.7, Elmtree: Winter Solstice 4.6 (Dark), and Darkland: Jerva IPA 5.0, all choices were good but the Elmtree had it by a short head .Emily and Ben were keeping things rolling nicely. Then just time to call at the Brunswick before my train back to Tamworth and Taxi onwards. My choice in the Brunswick was Slaughterhouse: Winter Ale 4. a good choice, Honest Hayden was present, and an enjoyable exchange with him rounded the Spin off nicely.

When driving by noticed that the White Hart at Stanley Village has re-opened, after several months, but not tried it yet. **The Escapist**

April and the team welcome you to the

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Trip to Central London

With so many pubs within a small area I had targeted some GBG entries loosely following places from the Monopoly board starting from Haymarket with Piccadilly. My first call was the historic GBG **Red Lion** in the St James region which looked great from outside and even better inside with mirrored walls and stained glass windows around a central island bar. Owned by Fullers and with 5 of their ales on the bar plus Dark Star Hophead; my Oliver's Island was pretty routine but the barman was at least enthusiastic with his welcome. My Monopoly route took in Regent Street, Trafalgar Square and Pall Mall before arriving at the GBG Lord Moon of the Mall in Whitehall for a lunch break. Unfortunately we went hungry because it was too full and I could not bother to stand in the crowd with a drink so went across the road to **Old Shades** which was again foody but very busy. With plenty of standing room at the bar because everyone was eating I had a third pint rack of Sambrooks Wandle, Windsor & Eton Guardsman and Harvey's Bonfire Boy 5.8%. The latter was very good, the others less so and it set me back £4-95. After crossing Northumberland Avenue my detective work found the **Sherlock Holmes**, a GK pub in Charing Cross with guest ales comprising 2 from Sambrooks and another W&E. The Sambrooks Junction was particularly good but I set off again without food as I was finding everywhere too busy with Christmas shoppers. Across the Strand to the GBG **Harp** where my XT13 Pacific Red was my best drink of the day; I also had Twickenham Grandstand which I did not enjoy. Other interesting ales in this traditional pub came from Siren, Gloucester, Gorgeous and 3 from Dark Star. Close by was the GBG **Lemon Tree**, less historic features than most so far and a choice of mainly regular ales from Harvey's, Skinners, St Austell and Adnams. I had a Truman's Zephyr which I found good but not much atmosphere here. Next was a stretch along the Thames Embankment after which I unusually chose the correct route to reach the GBG **Temple Brew House** which is home to Essex Street Brewery.

The rustic bar is downstairs below the brewery and was very popular with the younger crowd, probably because of the 16 key keg offerings. Five of the handpulls were occupied by Essex Street ales with the 6th unused; I had their Tempale Best Bitter which was ok and a third pint glass of nuts as a makeshift meal. Off into Covent Garden next, adding Bow Street, Leicester Square and Coventry Street to the Monopoly list on the way. At the GBG **Cross Keys** there was a limited ale selection but I got to taste a Brodie's ale for the first time - this being London Fields. The only other ale apart from Brodie's Stout was strangely GK Olde Trip. I eventually found my way through very crowded streets to the Soho area and first call was the GBG **Lyric**. Here I had Wimbledon Copper Leaf and W & E Canberra, both of which were very pleasant. There was an ale called 'Ray of Sunshine' where I could not read the brewers name on the pump clip with others from Beatnikz Republic, Kent, Big Smoke which would have been worth trying given more time plus Harvey's and Oakham.

BEEHIVE

151 Peashill, Ripley

Tel: 07510431414

Steve 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.

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Quiz night Fridays plus card bingo.

Everyone welcome.

My last call was close by at the GBG **Queen's Head** with Tiny Rebel Cwtch and Wild Beer Bible the best options of 5 casks. Overall I was disappointed with the pubs visited with only the Harp and the Lyric really worthwhile from an ale perspective but the masses of people around probably spoiled the day from an aesthetic aspect. Some good features noted in several pubs but bar staff were generally mediocre at best and prices expensive with £3-90 the cheapest pint and no Camra discounts noted. I doubt if this trip will be repeated but at least I did not manage to visit 'Go To Jail' despite requests from fellow travellers. **ChrisPDuck**
Rugby Trip
I met up with Pothole Ady, Mainline Mick and John Boy at Derby Station for a lunchtime train via Tamworth to **Rugby**. With Ady in charge of directions we were soon on the wrong road but found our way to the GBG **Seven Stars** where I kicked off with a half each of Fallen Acorn Hole Hearted and Froth Blowers Cloudburst Porter. The most interesting of the 5 others were from Harviestoun, Dow Bridge and Grafton. This was a most excellent pub with a very agreeable landlord.

We then contrived to get lost again although the GBG **Alexandra Arms** was only a short distance away. This is the home of Atomic Brewery so we all drank their Atomic Half Life which we deemed pretty good; the other 4 cask ales were regular regionals. Close by was the GBG **Squirrel** with 4 cask ales, the most unusual being Parkway Talking Parrot and Gun Dog Lord Barker Stout. Another very quirky pub with a sloping floor, low beamed ceiling, small windows, an informative landlord and conversational locals. The Parkway is a very new brewery for which the landlord asked for our feedback; the verdict odd taste but ok. We discovered that there was a major beer festival at our next venue, the GBG **Merchants Inn**, which had a well decorated exterior of commemorative poppies and plenty more inside plus a stone floor along with extensive pub and brewery memorabilia. There were about a dozen rotating ales on a temporary bar served by the cellarman and around 10 more on the main bar. We all had 2 drinks and were very impressed with everything there, then we moved on to the GBG **Rugby Tap** micropub. We were disappointed with 3 beers from the same brewery, Church End, although these were ok. The other options were Byatts Double Shot Espresso Porter or a predictable Oakham Citra. Next to the GBG **Raglan Arms** which featured 7 cask ales from T Taylor, Abbeydale and GK. Next was the GBG **Victoria**, a classic drinkers pub, not surprisingly from the Victorian era, where we were able to sample a different Atomic ale. I also had Stockport South Island Pale with 2 from Hook Norton and one each from Shardlow and Lincoln Green. Our last call was the **Crafty Banker**, a recent micropub run by an experienced landlord. He held an eclectic mix of ales, although he would not divulge the source of his house ale. Good drinks were sampled with 4Ts WSB, Isca Anson, Bristol Beer Factory Sub Tropical, Animal Hop Kitty and Good Chemistry Boundless Sky. **ChrisPDuck**

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F/B - Talbot Taphouse, Tweet

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As this is the first issue of 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers, either email subscribers or those that pick the printed copy of In the Sticks up in their local pub a happy and prosperous New Year. I would also like to thank all those who have contributed articles during 2018, whether it be regularly or occasionally. I couldn't do this job without you, and I look forward to reading more of your adventures in 2019. Exadman

BEER FESTIVALS NEAR AND FAR

- 18th-19th Jan Lichfield Winter Beer & Wine Fest, Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield 30+ Ales, Cider
24th-27th Jan Beermuda Beer Fest Newark, Fox & Crown, The Vaults & Just Beer, 50 Ales
1st-2nd Feb 21st Chesterfield Beer Festival, Winding Wheel, Chesterfield 100+ Ales Ciders/Perry, Wine, World Beers
- 8th-19th Jan 30th Exeter Festival Of Winter Ales, Exeter Football Club, St James Park, Stadium Way 76 Ales 12 Ciders
18th-20th Jan 40th Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival, Whittlesea, Peterborough, Various Pubs Holding Beer Festivals
23rd-26th Jan Manchester Beer & Cider Festival, Manchester Central, Windmill Street, Manchester 700+ Ales Cider
24th-26th Jan 10th Elysian Beer Festival, The Maltings, Ship Lane, Ely, Cambridgeshire 75 Ales, 20 Ciders
25th-26th Jan 7th Beamish Winter Fest, Best Western Country House Hotel Beamish Stanley, County Durham 40+ Ales
25th-26th Jan Salisbury Beer Festival, British Legion Club, Endless Street, Salisbury 24 Ales 2 Ciders
30th Jan-2nd Feb 12th Colchester Winter Ale Fest, Colchester Arts Centre, Church St, Colchester 130+ Ales 30+ Ciders
31st Jan-2nd Feb St Georges Hall Winter Beer Festival, Lime Street, Liverpool 200 Ales, Cider & Gin
31st Jan-2nd Feb 15th Pendle Beer Festival, Colne Municipal Hall, Lancashire 100+ Ales Cider/Perry Bottled Beers
31st Jan-2nd Feb 24th Tewkesbury Winter Ales Fest, George Watson Hall, Barton St, Tewkesbury 80 Winter Ales/Cider
31st Jan-2nd Feb 30th Bent & Bongs Beer Bash, Formby Hall, Atherton, Manchester 70 Ales, Trad Cider, Foreign
1st-2nd Feb White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ale, Town Hall, Dover 100+ Winter & Strong Ales
1st-2nd Feb 31st Dorchester Beerex, Corn Exchange, High St West, Dorchester 80 Ales
7th-9th Feb 37th Fleetwood Beer & Cider Festival, Marine Hall, Esplanade, Fleetwood 100+ Ales, Cider/Perry
8th-9th Feb 12th Ilkley Beer Festival, Ilkley Kings Hall, Station Road, Ilkley 150 Ales Cider/Perry Foreign Beers

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 Exadman at dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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