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In the Sticks

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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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November already - Christmas soon! Whatever, here's the latest newsletter - enjoy. Ed
Beer and Pub News

Allestree's 2nd micropub the 189 on Blenheim Drive close to the shopping precinct opened its doors on Friday 19th October, this modern looking well laid out micro hopes to cater for all types of drinkers who call in. There are five wickets on the bar which will be serving a selection of rotating guest beers, on the opening evening the ales available were, Green Jack Golden Best 3.8%, Purple Moose Dark Side of the Moose 4.6 & Snowdonia Ale 3.6%, Dancing Duck Nice Weather 4 Ducks 4.1% and Blue Monkey Infinity 4.6%. Prices are reasonable at £1.65 a half and £3.30 a pint, not so much the key keg Beavertown Neck Oil 4.3% at £5.00 a pint. Vadett Blonde 5.2% £4.40 And Paolozzi Helledon Lager 5.2% £4.80 are also available along with a number of craft canned and bottled beers, bottled cider, wine, fizz and snacks. Opening times are 5pm to 11pm Thurs, Fri & Sat. **Sooty**

Hollie & Russ welcome you to

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Quiz & free supper. Thursday-
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See web site for special
occasions.

www.thebellsmalley.co.uk

Annie's Burger Shack, on Friary Street in Derby is due to open soon - could be a useful stop to soak up a drop of ale on a crawl!

The Angels

29 Market Place,
Belper DE56 1FZ

Now open serving a
selection of real ales
from the barrel and a
selection of ciders

Opening hours: Thursday
to Sunday 12 - 10 (Also
bank holidays)

A new microbar called the Pick & Davy has opened at Hill Top, Eastwood. **Bald Eagle**

Cold Cheese reports new micro to open near Dolphin in Derby in former Anglia Windows Shop.

Here's a suggestion from Tram Inspector: Given the rate at which micropubs are opening, do you think that, between us all, we could put together a full list of Derbyshire's micropubs? Any thoughts? I'd include it in future issues of In the Sticks, there might not be room for the whole list in one. Ed

A closed down Mexican themed bar in broad street Nottingham is being turned into a traditional pub called the Hockley Rebel with real ales and ciders from Welsh breweries Tiny rebel and Purple moose with the odd few local ales. It's going to be a proper pub with a dartboard and pub games and will offer simple pub food and snacks and its looking to open next month, sounds very promising. **The Didler**

On a more serious note, Philidor Ken writes: There is a new planning application to convert the Yew Tree, Holloway, into a dwelling. There is no new evidence and no new circumstances since the same proposal was refused on appeal about 5 years ago. The justification is simply that more time has passed and the owners (former landlords) refuse to move (they live mainly upstairs), so they claim it obviously is not going to become a pub. (As if they would live forever) Hopefully, this plan will not succeed. We are losing too many pubs these days, we have a fight on our hands to preserve what we have.

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

Nov 22nd final Branch Meeting of 2018 at the Crossings Club, Ironville, 8pm

Charisma writes the Railway Tavern, Langley Mill is going to be accommodation upstairs and a microbar downstairs, so no pub loss there.

Dan & Natalie are leaving the New Zealand Arms, Derby, while Alan from the Brunswick is set to take over from Bill and Sue at the Dead Poets, Holbrook in November.

Heanor will soon have another brewery, to be called Alter Ego.

The Out of Town Inn, on Butterley Hill, Ripley is said to be permanently closed now. There was certainly no sign of life there when I passed by just over a week ago. Ed

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The Three Branches Winter Ale Trail is currently being organized, the branches involved being Amber Valley, Derby and Mansfield and Ashfield, with a few welcome guests from elsewhere - more about that in the Jan/Feb Derby Drinker. There will be the usual incentive to go on the Trail - beer prizes at the Derby Winter Beer Festival. The Trail runs from Friday January 4th until Sunday February 17th, and the number of pubs taking part may well exceed the 69 that entered the 2018 event. Even so, I'm sure that some will be up for the challenge of visiting them all! Ed

Supporting local Beer Festivals

Having had a rough day at work, I headed for the Friday session at the **Amber Valley CAMRA Beer Festival**, and mainly concentrated on the stronger stuff, while the better half worked her way through the darker beers. I had 7 thirds, finishing off with the 7% Yakima Valley from Arbor, washing all my work troubles away and enjoying a very sound night's sleep later on!

On the 10th of October I had an excellent night at the Wetherspoons Beer Festival at the **Standing Order** which, to my delight, had all the beers together on a separate stillage. I enjoyed several beers here, finishing off with Big Job from St Austell - an extremely satisfying evening. I made a brief visit to the opening night of the **Poets Corner Beer Festival** at Ashover, where the beer list consisted of 40 ales, including 14 from

Ashover Brewery. Unfortunately some of the **beers I wanted to try weren't available**, so I settled for Ashover 200, Rooster Parts & Labour and Little Critters White Wolf

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Magic, Beaver, Siren and Wild etc.**

**F/B - Talbot Taphouse, Tweet
@beeratthetalbot**

The **George & Dragon**, Belper had 20 ales to offer, mainly consisting of local beers from Thornbridge, Dancing Duck, Blue Monkey with some from further afield. I enjoyed beers from Little Eaton and Yeovil. All in all, another very enjoyable beer festival. **Charisma**

Got a lift to Wirksworth for their Beer Festival held at the Maltings, formerly known as Parish Rooms and located near the church. It is just a one day festival and had 20 ales available from 9 mainly local breweries. The ales I had were of excellent quality and came from Aldwark, Ashover, Landlocked, Gaol Ales, Hilltop & Hemlock. It was noted that 9 of the ales were unfinned. This was also the last date for drinking Gaol Ales as they are no longer operating. As for the local pubs, there were probably only two or three worth visiting,

As of September 23rd, the proposed new micro pub in Bakewell looks a long way from being ready for opening. **ChrisPDuck**

**April and the team welcome you to the
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Hebden Bridge visit

Arriving just after mid day to find a busy and friendly beer festival in the town hall with around 60 ales, beers sampled Vocation-new england small beer 2.5-Eagles crag-eagles feather 3.8 - Bingley-tight head 3.6 -Anthology-pale 3.6 - Downlands-easy ne ipa 4.3-Pictish--ruach 4.3 -Idle valley-python ipa 6.0 all beers well-kept and enjoyed. Before leaving I had a chin wag with the famous Brian (ticker) Moore from Sheffied. I then made the short walk to **Callans** a small micro pub In a courtyard off the shopping area, and had half Doghouse-bitter 4.2 £1.60p, then made my way to **Fox & Goose**, a community-owned pub with 3 small rooms with flagstone floors and serving 5 good ales, my choice being half Crooked-the lash (because I was on)4.4 - superb and best today. Making my way back towards centre I called into **Drink**, a small micro pub and bottle shop with basic decor and 2 handpumps with a very friendly owner who certainly knows his stuff. I had half Top rope-american pale ale3.9 excellent, then just across the road to **Old gate**, a busy bar and restaurant with 10 handpumps, where I had half Brewsmith-magic number 3.0 and top ale here.

Just down from here Crown fisheries chippy just opening at 4pm so brilliant fish & chips to eat walking down to my final stop - **Vocation & co** the brewery's first micro type pub - busy and basic but with 15 keg ales and 4 cask ones. I had half of Northern monk-internal 4.1 served from a tap to the back wall of the pub. Good beer but all vocation ales were on keg which for me was a great pity. A short walk from here to the Railway Station and the train home, where another little incident occurred, which certainly sobered me up - occurred when I went to press the toilet door to open, and a very surprised and embarrassed young lady who had not locked the door and was caught out showing all her glory not only to me but a carriageful of passengers, this certainly quite a sight! **The Didler**

View from the Chair

Firstly thanks to the Lord Mayor (LOMOC) for making me aware of the secret BF at St Wulfrum's Church Grantham, taking place this

weekend. It appears it did not receive much advance publicity and as such had largely fallen under the radar outside of the region, although I note after the event it was in the Rurad list...Doh

Anyway it was the 13th yesterday and although not a Friday there were to be implications. I won't bore you with the minor ones.... On arrival at Grantham I noticed a number of folk lurking on the platforms with tri-pods...that usually means a special train is due and sure enough it was 60103 Flying Scotsman running from Kings X - York....as an aside we railway photographers get pretty cheesed off by enquiring Joe Public asking if we are waiting for the Flying Flying Scotsman running from Kings X - York....as an aside we railway photographers get pretty cheesed off by enquiring Joe Public asking if we are waiting for the Flying Scotsman when they see us at the lineside..... as it never isnot so on this occasion! I had planned on a breakfast roll in Spoons before making my way to St Wulfrum's Church...but seeing the steam loco now took precedent. From the app on my phone I could see the train was in a loop at Stoke Bank...it then pulled out on to the main line, but then became static, thus holding up following services. Time passed and just under 30 mins later, and at long last, it started to move. The announcements on the station were sort of keeping us up to date, the last one telling us it would be put inside at Grantham, as it was not in good health....to the contrary it approached at speed and was soon just a trail of smoke in the distance.

The fest had opened at 11-00, and with time now approaching 12-00 I made my way across town to the Church. Camra have cooperated with the church authorities to run their Festival here, for the last couple of years. I had not seen a list and although on arrival I found this list to be not wildly exciting, there were a few brews of interest, from the likes of Boss, Windsor & Eton, Ferry Ales, Beer Mats, Charnwood etc

BEEHIVE

151 Peashill, Ripley

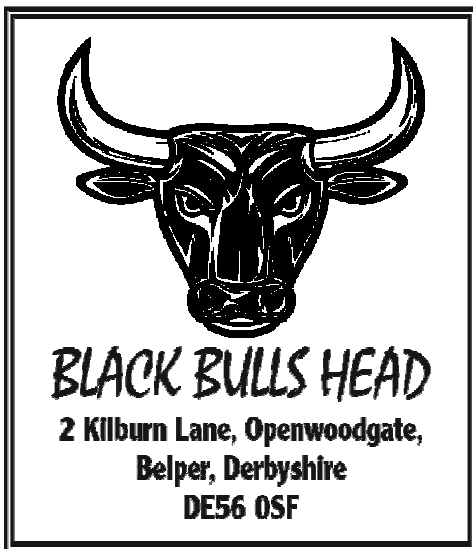
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card bingo.**

Everyone welcome.



A very pleasant couple of hours were spent here on an initially empty table, but later joined by 3 more senior chaps from a local village who liked their ale traditional...both in dispense and style. Whilst the fest was quiet on arrival, by the time I left at 14-00 it was starting to get busy, and just before leaving I came across fellow Ruradian...Crispy Duck, who also pens the odd tome for the Rurad rag...In the sticks, we waffled briefly.

A mini spin was now on the agenda, starting at the **Nobody Inn** just round the corner. This pub tends to be an outlet for local Brewery Newby Wyke, and I was intrigued by the name of a recent brew...Lusty...as their beers are normally named after naval vessels. Closer inspection revealed it was a pet name of HMS *Illustrious*, fortunately the brewers head had not been turned by more carnal thoughts! A short distance away is **BearHeadz**, always a must visit when in town, a good selection was available across their five wickets, my choice being a brew by Kirkstall I have not seen before, Break Even at 4.6...it turned out to be a very tasty unfiltered Pale which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Next I had a bit of a leggit out to the **Lord Harrowby**, which is on the opposite side of town to St Wulfrum's Church and where John had an offer of five brews available. I sampled the Fernandes: Yorkshire Tyke 3.6 which I found a tad disappointing, but my other choice Dorking: Washington Gold was much better and again enjoyed. It appears John had got his feet up...no doubt enjoying a well-deserved rest....lol.

The overall plan was for a return to Nottingham on the 15-57 ex Grantham arrival at 16-35...so just time for one final call, this being at the **Tollemarke Arms** (Spoons) who usually have a good selection available. My choice from the half dozen guests was Inveralmond: Fortingale Chocotale & Caramel Autumn Ale 4.0 which was a very pleasant easy drinking beer, and a return to the station achieved, with the train approaching as I arrived on the platform.

We set off in grand style our first stop being at Bingham some 15 mins later. Unfortunately a few yards beyond the platform we stopped again ...out of course stops are never a good sign.

We were advised of a technical problem and later, that we may be here for some time...consequently the train reversed back to Bingham station so that folks could stretch their legs. Later we learned a fresh driver was being sent from Nottingham. And after we had been there well in excess of an hour, and with the driver having arrived another service on the adjacent platform had lingered and now required a replacement guard, the one from our train fulfilling that role. So we were then advised we would have to catch the following service and our train disappeared into the distance..... empty. Sadly this loss of time meant my plans for Nottingham were abandoned and after a quick connection there for the Birmingham train I was Burton bound and Toni's Taxi for the onward journey to home...the 13th strikes again!

Rurad Trip to St Helens 22 Sept

I met up in Derby with other Ruradians to join a bus arriving from the Nottingham area with yet more people. So about 2 dozen of us set off for St Helens which only took about 2 hours despite motorway speed limits and a services stop. Our bus stopped outside Connoisseur Brewery where Kev the brewer was waiting for us and served 3 of his ales at their **GBG Tasting Room** which were Lucem, Lantern House & Ruby Ruby Ruby, all at £2-60 a pint. He also took 2 groups around the brewery giving an informative and amusing dialogue. Thanks to HH for organising this visit. Various loose groups then set off on foot to the west side of the town where most of the best pubs appear to be located. HH & I got hopelessly lost almost immediately and wasted about half an hour in a shopping complex before arriving at the **George**, which had been recommended by a brewery visitor. Although there were 6 handpull sticks, only one was in use so we had no alternative except Wigan Brewhouse California. With 20p Camra discount this was only £2-20 a pint, quality was ok and we found out that the brewery used to be Allgates and also run this pub.

After a few more wrong turns and I forgot to visit the **GBG Phoenix**, we eventually arrived at the **GBG Cricketers Arms** with most of the Rurad team in attendance as it was due to receive a Camra award. We had no idea what it was because the pub was so loud we could not hear any of the speeches. No problem with the beer range or quality as you would expect; my Big Hand Bastion was particularly good. A few also tried the Rat Hot Chili Peppers which was not too hot. The other 11 ales came from Rat (2), Castle Rock (Mint Choc Chip), Lancaster, Ossett, Wigan Brewhouse, Roosters, Small World, Mallinsons, Fernandes and Listers. After a bit more meandering we came across the **GBG News Room** with a choice of Rock The Boat Liverpool Light, Salopian Hop Twister and Lemon Dream. The ale was ok but I thought the place lacked character. Almost next door is the **GBG Talbot Ale House**, with a local derby rugby league match on the TVs and the attendant devotees. I had the George Wright Cheeky Pheasant here which was a good drink, the alternatives were both house ales from Merrie City and Westgate.

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On to our final destination here and also the rendezvous for the bus, the **GBG Turk's Head** which was a great back street local with 14 ales. Whilst here I had an excellent **Sadler's Peaky Blinders Black IPA** and Green Duck Megalomania with other ales from Peerless, Dark Star, Salopian (Polygraph 7.4%), Exit 33, Skinners, Ossett and Lancaster. The other 5 ales were fairly predictable national drinks. A top pub, nominated by some as best of the day. Back on the bus to get into Cheshire and to the Brewery Tap at Lymm. . This is the home of Lymm Brewery and featured their Bitter, IPA, Bridgewater Blonde & Dam Strong Ale (7.4%). . Unfortunately time had run out for the bus driver making this our final stop so many thanks to Charisma and Didier for organising the trip. **ChrisPDuck**

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Beer Festival Diary - near and not so near

31st Oct-4th Nov 7th Furnace Dark vs Light Beer Festival, Duke Street, Derby, 12 Dark, 12 Light Ales
1st-4th Nov Barton Arms Autumn Beer Festival, 144 High Street, Aston, Birmingham 18+ Ales
1st-6th Nov Tap & Barrel Beer Festival, Leicester Road, Wigston, Leicestershire 36 Ales, 30 Ciders
2nd-3rd Nov Chesterfield Market Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Market Hall, Chesterfield 50+ Ales, Cider 5th-
11th Nov Merchants Inn Autumn Ale & Cider Festival, 5-7 Little Church Street, Rugby 01788 571119, 100 Ales
8th-10th Nov 38th Stoke Beer Festival, Spode Works, Elenora Street, Stoke-on-Trent 100+ Ales, Cider/Perry
8th-10th Nov West Bridgford Hockey Club Beer Festival, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford 25 Ales 2 Ciders
8th-11th Nov Elephant & Castle Beer & Sausage Festival, Main Street, Thurlaston, Leicestershire
8th-11th Nov Black Country Arms 10th Birthday Beer Festival, High Street, Walsall 40+ Ales, Cider
15th-17th Nov 3rd Fuggle & Nugget Beer Festival, 81 High Street, Burton-on-Trent 12 Ales
15th-18th Nov **Pot Hole's** 1st Birthday Beer Festival, Park Farm Shopping Centre, Allestree, Derby 18 Ales
16th-17th Nov The Lord Nelson Beer & Sausage Festival, Birmingham Road, Ansley, Nuneaton 15 Ales
29th Nov-1st Dec Dudley Winter Ales Festival, Dudley Town Hall, St James Road, Dudley 70+ Ales
Cider/Wine 29th Nov-2nd Dec Old Moseley Arms Beer Festival, 53 Tindal St, Balsall Heath, Birmingham
29th Nov-2nd Dec Shakspears Beer Festival, 146-148 Gibraltar Street, Sheffield 30+ Ales

1st-3rd Nov 10th Wandsworth Common Halloween Beer Fest, Royal Victoria Patriotic Building, Wandsworth 100
Ales 1st-3rd Nov Carlisle Beer Festival, The Venue, Portland Place, Carlisle 60+ Ales + Cider
1st-3rd Nov 14th Redhill Beer Festival, Merstham Village Hall, Station Rd North, Merstham 60+ Ales,
Cider 1st-4th Nov 31st Egham Ale & Cider Fest, United Services Club, 111 Spring Rise, Egham 60+ Ales
2nd-4th Nov 18th Nether Abbey Hotel Beer Festival, 20 Dirleton Avenue, North Berwick 40 Ales, Cider
8th-10th Nov 16th Rainhill Beer Festival, Rainhill Recreation Club, Victoria Terrace, Rainhill, Merseyside 100
Ales 8th-10th Nov 16th Medway Beer Festival, The Stanley Ballroom, Gundulph Road, Chatham, Kent 50 Ales,
Cider 8th-10th Nov 24th Watford Beer Festival, West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford 80+ Ales
Cider/Perry 8th-10th Nov 21st Oxford Beer Festival, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates Street, Oxford 140 Ales
50 Ciders 8th-10th Nov Belfast Beer Festival, Ulster Hall, Bedford Street, Belfast 80+ Ales & Cider
8th-11th Nov Darlington Snooker Club Beer Festival, 1 Corporation Street, Darlington 30 Ales 9th-
10th Nov Bath Beer Festival, Widcombe Social Club, Widcombe Hall, Bath 30 Ales 9th-10th Nov
Bury Beer Festival, The Met, Market Street, Bury
9th-10th Nov Wharfedale Beer Festival, Grassington Town Hall, High Street, Grassington, West York's 50+ Ales
9th-10th Nov 25th Woking Beer Festival, Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Rd, Woking, Surrey 70+ Ales
Cider 9th-11th Nov The Star Inn Beer Festival, Albert Street, Folly Hall, Huddersfield
15th-17th Nov 4th Rochdale Beer Festival, Held at 8 Rochdale Town Centre Venues, Rochdale 100+
Ales 15th-17th Nov 5th Grimsby Beer Festival, Matrix Bar, Bethlehem Street, Grimsby 24 Ales
16th-17th Nov 9th Saltburn Beer Festival, Community & Arts Centre, Albion Terrace, Saltburn 36 Ales Cider/Perry 16th-
18th Nov 24th Cropton Inn Beer Festival, Cropton Lane, Cropton nr Pickering 80+ Ales, Cider, Music
21st-24th Nov 39th Rochford Beer & Cider Fest, Freight House, Rochford 150+ Ales 50+ Cider & Perry
23rd-24th Nov 18th **Otley Beer Festival**, Otley Rugby Club, Cross Green, Otley, West York's, 60 Ales Cider/Perry
24th Nov 20th Annual Cetic Beer Festival, St Austell Brewery, Trevarthian Road, St Austell 100+
Ales 28th Nov-2nd Dec Dove Street Inn Beer Festival, 76 St Helens Street, Ipswich, 60+ Ales

We advise confirmation of dates and times before attending the above festivals, as changes may occur.

Well that's all for this issue folks however if you have any info or news which could be included in a subsequent issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07891 365887 or Exadman at dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

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