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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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Here's the August In the Sticks, enjoy!

Beer and Pub News

Bald Eagle reports: Have had a lovely e mail from Simon at Abstract Jungle for the article in In the Sticks about brewery. He was well chuffed. He's invited RURAD members to the brewery when it can be arranged.



**53 Market St,
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Thursday to Sunday
11 til 11**



While at the Old Oak one night Bald Eagle bumped into the Aurora brewer from Ilkeston, and an impromptu interview took place. The brewer formerly worked for Hardy and Hanson's for several years. Their brewery tap is the Ilson Tap micro bar in Ilkeston opposite Tesco just off the island. It stocks a range of their beers including guests. Top seller is a light coloured citrus pale beer called Solar Storm @ 4.5%. Among other beers is Dark Sky a 5.3% porter-style beer. Newest beer is Gemini 4% with an assortment of hops. Beers have recently been on at Cowshed beer fest Bakewell and appear regularly at Angry Bee Heanor and Gamekeepers and at other Free Houses in the area and beyond.

The Angels

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(Also bank holidays)**

Next Meet the Brewer at Red Lion Ripley is Heritage on Monday 6th August. September is Thornbridge. October is Nottingham. Wetherspoon's Derbyshire Real ale Festival is taking place from August 22nd-31st in 9 pubs with 9 Breweries featured.

The Travellers Rest at Kilburn has a banner saying under new ownership, and there is a shop on Church Street, Ripley with some interesting bottled beers on sale.

Shawn and Cheryl have moved on from the Thorn Tree, Ripley, with Shawn taking over at the Organ Grinder, Nottingham. Meanwhile Jolene is the new tenant at the Thorn.

Charisma reports: The Pattenmakers, Duffield is closed due to the death of the landlord, condolences to his family.

The Battle of the Breweries at the Holly Bush, Makeney Beer Festival Thornbridge v Pentrich v Totally Brewed v Black Iris, with Oakham having a Tap takeover in the main bar.

The White Hart in Stanley Village is due to reopen at the end of July after being closed for some time.

I was pleased to hear that the Hairy Brewers have started brewing again after a catalogue of problems. Their beers were available at the Holbrook Carnival, where I sampled Holbrook IPA, The Ventura and Blonde Bombshell. Let's hope that we see their beers at more outlets soon.

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

6 Aug 8pm, B F mtg, Spotted Cow, Holbrook
17 Aug 7.30pm, survey trip
30 Aug 8pm, Brch mtg, Poet & Castle, Codnor
3 Sept 8pm, B F mtg Strutt Club, Belper

The Angel on Crossley Street closed for refurbishment recently, and is expected to re-open in the next couple of weeks.

Blue Monkey will be holding its' 10th birthday celebrations from Saturday 25th August until Sunday 2nd September. All four Organ Grinder pubs will be taking part, with a Beer Festivals from 25th - 28th August. There will be live music and birthday cake, so keep an eye on Facebook for details of what promises to be an interesting week of celebrations!

Facebook page

I currently receive far more material than I can fit in these 4 pages, so after sounding a few people out and receiving a favorable response I have set up a Facebook page for RURAD. The address is @ITSEExtra, and I will be adding articles I can't fit in here over the forthcoming weeks.. Needless to say, I thank everyone who contributes. Ed

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I met up with Eastwood Johnny at Derby train station for my first ever visit to Bromsgrove CAMRA beer festival at the rugby club a 20 min walk from the station to find a very impressive range of 144 ales in lovely marquee setting and met up with familiar tickers and company. Beers sampled were Lakehouse-citrus pale 4.0-Dig brew-marianne 4.0-Croft ales-the beast 4.2-Brotherhood-american red 4.5-Sociable-bun fight 4.2-Drop the anchor-tucktonia pale 4.7-Bathams-best bitter 4.3-Ambridge-tims pale 4.5-Weatheroak hill-juno 5.0-Woodcote manor-triple sss blonde 3.8-Blind monkey-albion pale 4.1-Hop shed-pekin pale 4.0. All ales in wonderful condition and brilliant - a very friendly festival. On the way back to the stn had time to visit the gbg Ladybird for half Bathams best bitter 4.3 £1-85p absolutely beautiful, then train back to brum and derby and bus to heanor with time to visit Redemption's 2nd anniversary beer festival beers sampled Abbey-heritage ale 3.8-Stancil-barnsley bitter 3.8-Electic bear-weerd 4.2-Tapstone-wild woods 4.8-Moor-italia hop 4.1-Twisted oak-everet 4.6 -Arbor-shangri la 4.2-Electric bear-5.4 met up with many locals and not so local CAMRA folks, great atmosphere with lovely hosts in Beni and Pete and all the team for another great beer festival here and a stonking day out. **The Didler.**

Grantham Visit 10th July

A place I had travelled through many times but never visited properly so I met Pickled Egg at the station for the Nottingham train. We changed on to the Skegness train but due to a mechanical fault it could not depart, so we went to **Beerhead Z** for a quick half.

. This is a tiny building by the station entrance with a decent ale selection with beers from Saltaire, Hop Studio, Chapter 11 and Ashover of decent quality. We boarded the next train, to arrive about an hour late in **Grantham**. I had done a bit of research but the **Blue Pig** was not one of my successes with 5 national beers which to be fair were ok. From the outside it was an attractive half-timbered old pub and similar inside except the old walls were covered in tacky adverts for cheap keg ales we did not want to drink. Not too far to walk to the **GBG Nobody Inn** with a very enthusiastic landlady preparing for the following day's World Cup invasion as the St George's flag draped over the church tower nearby. Newby Wyke ales were prominent with Summer Session Bitter, Mighty Mo & England Expects and Landlord & Atlantic as alternatives. The former were very good and this appears to be a great locals pub.

Olive, Sally, Jean & Steve
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Next call was **GBG BeerheadZ Grantham My Partners Best Bitter** was probably my best of the day with others being North Riding US IPA, Bone Machine Malt Tooth Grin (good but weird) and Bad Seed Session IPA & Rakau Pale Ale. We also chatted with locals and consumed some jaw breaking scratchings in lieu of a meal. Reluctantly departing we next found the **GBG Chequers** which was pleasant enough on a pedestrianised street and was reasonably welcoming with a choice of Brewsters Hophead or Oldershaw Heavenly Blonde at the bar. Now in need of some food we headed to the JDW **Tollemache** for a meal deal. Apart from the usual JDW suspects they also offered Newby Wyke Kingston Topaz & Bear Island, Cotleigh Old Buzzard and Beermats Ultimate. I had the latter which was decent in this predictable

Spoons outlet. Next and last call was to the **GBG Harrowby Arms** with a very friendly barmaid (Trudy?) who regularly set herself up as the butt for some Carry On style humour from the locals, so it would have been rude not to join in. She was actually very good at her job and offered advice on the ale selection of Crafty Brewing Five Hop, Oldershaws Heavenly Blonde, Empire Blonde, Poachers Rock Ale and Wadworths Horizon. Excellent beer and more good chat with locals here who advised that it was about a 10-12 minute walk to the station. On leaving it took us 20 minutes and we almost missed the train back but at least no more trains broke down. We had found a decent range of ales not regular in our area and the 3 best pubs would be worthy of a prolonged visit at some point in the future.

Bridgnorth & Ludlow 14th July

The Old Fruit & I took a coach trip which arrived in Bridgnorth at 1015 so the only place open was JDW **Jewel Of The Severn** where I had Green Jack Jester at only £1-65 with my 50p voucher. A reasonable ale selection comprised Sadler's Peaky Blinder & Mellow Yellow, Roosters Yankee plus the usual others. I had a usable town map so we walked through the pleasant market town and over a footbridge to the Severn Valley Railway. The **GBG Railwayman's Arms** is situated on Platform 1 and is an iconic venue with historic trains passing by the windows and railway memorabilia everywhere and I picked up an ale trail leaflet which proved useful later. The ale range was equally impressive with 2 from Bewdley, 3 from Hobsons, Bathams Best, Three Tuns XXX and Deuchars IPA.

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Meanwhile the Old Fruit appropriately had a Woodhalls Strawberry & Lime Cider. With time limited we split up and I went back up the hill to the **GBG Old Castle** which sported a magnificent array of hanging baskets at the front and a similar display in the rear beer garden. Turning a corner in this historic pub I was briefly alarmed by a suit of armour in the corner. Ales were Hobsons Town Crier, Wye Valley Butty Bach & HPA plus Doombur.

The Tip Inn

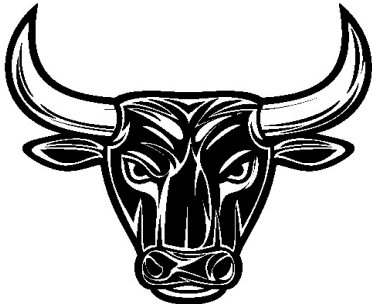
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Very close by is the **GBG White Lion** with its own Hop & Stagger Brewery on site. I tried 3 of the 5 these in a 3rd pint rack and they were reasonable. Given more time I would have stayed longer for the Salopian Lemon Dream and Green Duck Blonde but moved nearer to the bus stop off and into the **Golden Lion**. This is a recent Camra pub of the season owned by Holdens and I had a very quick half of their Special with 3 other Holdens ales available before racing on to the historic timbered **GBG Kings Head**. This featured different ales, Salopian Nebula, Kelham Island Golden Axe, 2 from Hobsons and 1 from Wye Valley. Behind this in a courtyard is the **Stable Bar**, which appears to have an onsite brewery. What pub calls it Craddocks. The 2 pump clips I saw were Bridgnorth River Steam and Kings Escape, but the one I had was nothing special. I also noted Enville Ale and two more previously encountered. I then made haste back to the bus for the onward trip to **Ludlow**. It was still scorching hot here and I took the Old Fruit to the **GBG Railway Shed** which is at Ludlow Brewery.

They have their own shop here, do brewery tours and had 6 of their ales on the bar of which I had 2 of these whilst attempting to rationalize my walking plan with no map and probably too much to drink so far. The Old Fruit had gone ahead of me and I joined her at the **GBG Queen's** but did not have a drink as they had ales already partaken. I tried **Artisan** micropub and shop which looks a bit of a shambles outside and inside, the owner had found it necessary to bring the 2 casks downstairs because of the heat. I sampled the Ludlow Best with Gold also available and chatted with the owner who had once lived at Horsley Woodhouse. He thought that Bridgnorth was better for range of ales than Ludlow and I tended to agree, although an even quicker visit to the latter may not give a fair opinion. He said I must try the **Blood Bay** nearby, which is another micropub so I duly did. Here there were 2 ales brewed specially using old recipes; an IPA by Ludlow and a stout brewed by Swan. The former was ok and I managed a quick chat with the barman and the one local present before getting back to the bus. It appeared really excellent for ales in **Bridgnorth**, not to mention the railway and river attractions. A further visit is a must, especially as I had no chance to visit 2 **GBG** pubs or any others in the lower town or the recently re-opened Shakespeare (Joules), plus several more on the ale trail leaflet. **Ludlow** may well be worthy of another visit as I only had about 2 hours here and I would try some different pubs next time. **Chris P. Duck**



BLACK BULLS HEAD
 2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate,
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followed by Dawlish Pale 5% from Isca Ales, then Live Wire 5.4% from Electric Bear and finishing off on the Ambrose IPA 5.5% from Ossett

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On Thursday 5th July I was at **The Spanish Bar** beer festival where there was a selection of 15 ales and 27 ciders on the outside bar. My selection of ales included Ultimate 4.9% from Beer mats, Fixed Wheel's Pimp My Ride at 4.4% and Groovy Mover 4.6% from Hopback. The 6th saw me at **The White Hart**, Bargate where there were 12 ales on the outside bar plus 6 ciders and a choice of keg beers. I tried the Lakeland Gold 4.4% from Hawkshead, Tiny Rebel's Don't Believe The Hype 5%, and Summer Pale 5.1% which was a collaboration beer from J.W. Lees and Northern Monk. On to the **Cross Keys** Belper, sampling. I sampled the Blonde from Mordue and Rat Attack from Rat, both of which were in good nick! On the 12th I attended the On the afternoon of Thursday 12th I attended the joint festival between **The Brunswick and The Alexandra**. I started at The Alex with Manchester's Your Mother Was a Hamster 4% and then Yacht Casual 4.1%, both from the stillage which housed 12 beers in total. Then it was on to The Brunswick where I found a selection of 13 beers from Cornwall and Kent on stillage. I decided to try the Double Hop Pale Ale 4.9% from Four Candles and then the Me Too NZ Hop Pale Ale 4% from Brew Buddies. In the evening I went to the **Dolphin** beer festival, trying Leezie Lundie 3.8% from Ayr, followed by Super Tidy IPA 4% from Big Hand. Then I tried Tequila Blonde 3.8% from Bridge House before finishing on the Knops IPA at 5%. **Charisma**

Beer Festival Diary - near and not so near

- 2nd-4th Aug Dukeries Tap Beer Festival, 18 Newcastle Avenue, Worksop 20 Ales
11th-12th Aug 5th Nottingham Food Festival, Wollaton Park Nottingham, Real Ale Marque, Ales, Cider & Perry
11th-12th Aug Thorne Real Ale & Food Festival
16th-18th Aug Brood Beer Festival on New Walk, Leicester, 28+ Beers from Rare Micro's
16th-19th Aug Fat Cat 27th Anniversary Beer Festival, Alma Street, Sheffield
17th-19th Aug Peakender, Bakewell Showground Bakewell, Thornbridge Beers + Guests, Free Entry
17th-19th Aug Draycott Cider & Sausage Festival, Draycott Tap House, 29 Victoria Road, Draycott, Derby's
17th-20th Aug Black Horse Summer Beer of Love Festival, 65 Narrow Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, 30 Ales 20 Cider
24th-26th Aug Holly Bush Inn Makney, Battle of the Brewers, Thornbridge vs Pentrich vs Totally Brewed vs Black Iris
24th-26th August Littleover Social Club Beer Festival, 61 Blagreaves Lane, Littleover, Derby 10 Ales, Live Music
24th-27th Aug The Furnace Inn August Bank Beer Festival, Duke Street, Derby 20+ Ales, 10+ Kegs, 4 Ciders
24th-27th Aug Hope Valley Beer Festival, Old Hall Hotel, Hope, Derbyshire 50 Ales 20 Ciders
26th August Marlpool Ale House, Marlpool
26th Aug Rescue Rooms Beer Festival, Masonic Place, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham
- 2nd-5th Aug 30th Egham Ale & Cider Fest, United Services Club, 111 Spring Rise, Egham 60+ Ales
7th-11th Aug G.B.B.F. Olympia, London 900 Ales, Cider, Perry & International Beers
9th-11th Black Country Beer Festival, Lye Cricket Club, Stourbridge Road, Stourbridge, 130 Ales, Cider/Perry
9th-11th Aug 19th Worcester Beer Festival, Worcester Racecourse, Worcester 170+ Ales, 100 Ciders/Perry
10th-11th Aug 5th North Cotswold Ale & Steam Weekend, Winchcombe Station, Gloucestershire
16th-19th Aug Lord Nelson Inn Beer Festival, Anstley, Nuneaton 20 Ale 4 Ciders
17th-26th Aug Leeds Beer Week www.leedsbeerweek.co.uk
21st-28th Aug 41st Peterborough Beer Festival, Embankment, Bishops Road, Peterborough 400+ Ales + Cider
22nd-25th Aug Clacton-on-Sea Beer Festival, St James Hall, Tower Road, Clacton, Essex 70+ Ales Cider, Perry, Wine
23rd-25th Aug Swansea Bay Beer Festival, Brangwyn Hall, Swansea 100+ Ales, 50 Ciders
23rd-26th Aug Bewdley Beer Festival, St Georges Hall, Bewdley 40 Ales
23rd-26th Aug The Woolpack Beer Festival, 23 Mildmay Road, Chelmsford, Essex 50 Ales Cider
23rd-27th Aug 19th Rutland Beer Festival, Grainstore Brewery, Station Approach, Oakham 80+ Ales
24th-27th Aug The Nook Summer Beer Festival, Victoria Square, Holmfirth 50+ Ales Cider/Perry & Fruit Wines
25th-27th Aug The Flowerpot Beer Festival, 65 Calder Road, Mirfield, W York's 26 Ales 6 Cider
29th Aug-1st Sept 38th Durham Beer Festival, City Rugby Club, Green Lane, Durham 30+ Beers, Cider
29th Aug-2nd Sept Dove Street Inn Beer Festival, 76 St Helens Street, Ipswich 60+ Ales
30th Aug-1st Sept Ulverston Charter Beer Festival, Coronation Hall, County Square, Ulverston 80 Ales 20 Ciders
31st Aug-2nd Sept Berwick Food & Beer Festival, The Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland
1st Sept East Malling Beer & Cider Festival, E Malling Research, New Road, E Malling, Kent 75+ Ales
1st-2nd September Faversham Hop Festival, Camra Bar www.favershamhopfestival.org

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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BEEHIVE

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