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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 July In the Sticks, and I can hardly believe it's number 3 for me! I welcome any comments on my efforts so far, and suggestions for future issues would be most welcome.

Exadman



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Beer and Pub News

Cider King and I visited the new Micropub in Alfreton, the Prospect Street Micro Pub, on May 26th, the day after it had opened. We found a couple of Aurora beers, Solar Storm and Light Show on the bar, along with Marlpool Pigs Ear and Burton Bridge Top Dog Stout. The pub opens Friday-Sunday, plus Bank Holidays Ed The Didler has been on his travels of late, here's his news: 4 more micropubs due to open - one at the rear of the bathroom showroom on Dovecote Rd. Eastwood and the other in the closed Polish shop opposite the Redemption Ale House on Ray Street in Heanor. In Stapleford the Millipede Ale House at 8 Alexandra Street and the Dog House, on the corner of West Street and South Street Hucknall, the latter run by the Big Dogs Brewing Company, will soon be opening. The Byron's Nest micropub, also in Hucknall, has a Beer Festival from the 5th-8th July featuring 20 Real Ales an

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5th - 8th July with 20 Real Ales and 10 Ciders available, along with food and entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening. The Greasley Castle, Hilltop, Eastwood is up for sale. It is currently being run by Pub People, and in addition to Greene King IPA and Abbot there have been some great guest beer on the bar from Oakham, Purity and others.

I found a good range of 40 odd beers in the rear marquee at the Poet & Castle Cheers for Beers Festival on 15th & 16th June. Beers sampled Scarborough-trident 3.8 - Manchester-lincoln sq 4.6 -Lincoln green blackshale upsink 4.0 -Backyard-may the 4th be with you 4.0 -Backyard -blonde 4.1 - Welbeck abbey-jess 4.5 -Lincoln green blackshale -back ripper 5.9 -North yorkshire-nypa 4.6-North yorkshire-temptation 3.8-Naylor's -summer ale 4.0-Old sawley-plummeth the hour 4.5 a very good Codnor festival plus bbq all ales in top condition, very well done to all involved.

A couple of items of not-so-good news - Tram Inspector has been in touch with Mark at Gaol Ales, who confirms that he is no longer brewing, which is a shame as he has brewed some excellent ale in the past. Escapist reports that the White Hart, Stanley Village is closed and tinned up rather than boarded up, which used to be the way. Trigger informs me that Dave Parrott, the man behind the Lockkeeper's Rest in Sawley will be closing the micropub for a short time from the 9th to the 19th of July.

Bald Eagle reports that he is very impressed by the advertising the Alexandra Hotel and the Brunswick are doing in preparation for their joint Beer Festival from 12th to 14th, July, including double sided beer mats and posters up in both pubs.

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Abstract Jungle is a micro brewery in Langley Mill producing over 3000 pints of beer a week. They mainly concentrate on their core beer range of all types with occasional specials when time allows. Recently taken over Bunny Hop Langley Mill which serves as brewery tap which dispenses up to 3 cask and 1 keg Abstract beers and 3 guests. Local pubs that stock their beers are Great Northern Langley Mill, Redemption Heanor, Mellors News Eastwood, Old Oak Horsley Woodhouse and Dewdrop Ilkeston. Beers served on rotation at Caught and Bowled Tap n Growler, Gamekeeper all in Eastwood, Cricketers Rest and Miners Return Kimberley and other outlets in Notts and Derbys. 2 new beers to look out for are Peanut Butter Chocolate Stout and Sturdy IPA a massively pale ale.

The Little Critters meet the brewer evening at the Red Lion Ripley was well attended by RURADians including the Tweedles Fly South Charisma Bypass and Bald Eagle. There were 6 Little Critters beers on the pumps Inc Blonde Bear 4.2% Shore Horse Best Bitter 4.5% Malty Python IPA 4.8% Chameleon Single Hopped Pale 5.5% and Nutty Ambassador Hazelnut Milk Stout 6.0%. This was a very good event, with lively conversations and free beer samples helping things along. The next two meet the brewers are Heritage of Burton first Monday of July and Imperial of Mexborough first Monday in August. Congratulations are due for the White Hart, Bargate for their victory in the South Derbyshire Pub of the Year Final. Good luck in the next round.

Derby events

As I am sure that you constant readers are aware there will be no Derby CAMRA Summer beer festival this year but that is still not an excuse not to visit Derby as there is plenty going on in July. Firstly from 5th-8th it is the 7 Stars beer festival 20+ Ales then 11th-15th Ye Old Dolphin Beer & Music Festival 50+ Ales, followed by 12th-14th The Alex & The Brunswick joint beer festival 50+ Ales. 13th-15th there is a rum & ale festival at The Flowerpot. Finally at the end of July it is Derby CAMRA's pub of the year The Smithfield's Beer Festival 26th-29th featuring 40+ new and interesting beers, cider's & live music. Sooty



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Charisma's Beer & Pub News

The new micro bar on Bridge Street, Belper is to be called 'Pump it Up' and plans to open on July 26th/27th, while just down the road on Bridge Street, the Devonshire is due to be opened by Martin Roper (of The Silk Mill and The Exeter in Derby) in late July.

The Temple Hotel Bar in Matlock Bath reopened on Saturday 16th June having been shut for quite a while.

Little Eaton carnival on the 7th July sees The Queens Head having a beer festival on the days running up to the carnival - usually starting on the Thursday. Also the Shiny Bar will be having an array of groups playing a variety of music - with an outside bar being planned to complement the beers on offer there.

Paul and Jude have taken over at The Coach and Horses, Horsley, having spent 10 years at the Conservative Club and Arkwrights Bar in Belper. The pub has been purchased by two locals who were fed up with the pub being run down. There are already signs that the fortunes of the pub are getting brighter with Two guest beers are available which were Misfit from Brass Castle and Fluffer from Leadmill when I visited. Sales of Pedigree increasing significantly. Future beers will include those from Abbeydale, Siren, Littleover, Dancing Duck and Windermere Pale. There are 5 hand pumps - two for guest beers and three for the Marstons range range which the pub is tied to for the next 2.5 years. The pub is well worth a visit and in my view will get even better in the future.

On the day of the Beauvale Priory beer festival myself and bald eagle called into three of the many micro bars in Eastwood. Firstly we called at The Gamekeepers where I tried the Explorer 5.5% from Lenton Lane. Just around the corner was Mellors Mews where the Nymph from Grasshopper was in excellent form and it was nice to see several beers from local breweries. A brisk walk into Eastwood found us in The Dog & Parrot where I was surprised to see a Pennine beer called Hair of the Dog, which was very nice.

Rail Ale festival at Barrow Hill - on Thursday 17th May I travelled to Chesterfield by train and then caught the free bus to the festival, where I met Didler. We found that there were 3 main bars - a cider one, a continental bar and a craft keg bar. There were also several brewery bars including Ashover, Derby Brewing Company, Deventio and Peak Ales. But the most pleasant surprise was that being as this was the trade session there were 60 free beers on offer and over 200 ales to choose from overall, in this most impressive venue. I started with Supwiyu 4.3% from Collyfobble, followed by Mosaic from Downloads, and next on my list was Brakemans Best Bitter from Headstocks. Then it was Ribblehead from Don Valley, which was very nice, and Hollow Legs from Littleover brewery. I finished off with Beast from Boot Beer at 6.7% and Green Devil from Oakham at 6%. Had a most enjoyable day - made even better by the venue! Beauvale Priory - I've heard good things about this festival so myself (Charisma) and Bald Eagle decided to pay a visit. We caught the Amberline bus to Hilltop near Eastwood and then walked the 2.5 miles to Beauvale Priory. The setting was very rustic, in a farmyard with chickens and a peacock roaming around. There was a choice of 102 ales and 22 ciders to choose from - my choice of beers included Trident 3.8% from Scarborough, Animate 3.6% and Soulmate 4.2% both from Beer mats, Wolfcatcher 4.8% and Dirty Habit 5.8% from Prior's Well.

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These were followed by Hop Monster 4.5% and Citra Smash 6.5% from Exit 33, Strong 5% from Caveman and finally Russian Imperial from James & Kirkman at an impressive 9.2% - these were all thirds and not halves may I add! It was a lovely location and a very enjoyable beer festival - we plan to return to the next one in August.

Steady Steve at the **Royal Oak in Ockbrook** has had some interesting beers from new-ish Derbyshire breweries on recently. S'up Wi'Yo and Bob On from Colly Fobble (Barlow) and Aldwark Pale from Aldwark Artizan Ales (Matlock) all went down well, as well as Grasshopper Irish Stout (Langley Mill) - **Rodders** Rodders has been north of the Border recently - here's his account of what he got up to:

Six Fife taxis

On Saturday June 2nd I was at Derby train station bright and early for the 7.44 to Edinburgh, with Honest Haydn joining at Chestfield. We arrived at about 12.10 and had about 10-minute to wait for our connection to Dalmeny - little did we know at the time that this would be the last train we caught that day. HH had arranged for a taxi to meet us off the train and take us to **Ferry Brewery Tap & Shop at South Queensferry**, a compact and bijou set up with 4 hand pumps dispensing Ferry Orange Stout, Witches Brew, Grapefruit & FNIPA with all bar the latter being sampled and in good order. HH was a bit miffed he couldn't get a look at the brewery but it was probably more than the young lad's job was worth. Another taxi took us to the **Hawes Inn**, in the shadow of the Forth Bridge - an impressive sight indeed - where we favoured Stewart Jack Back and Williams Birds & Bees over Doom Bar. Then it was a short walk to the **Bridges Bistro**, not really our kind of place but there was a pump dispensing Ferry Ferry Fair so we partook, table service included in the price. Finally it was on to the **Ferry Tap** (no connection to the brewery) where Edinbrew Friendly Fire, Serious Business, Super Stout and Commred were alongside Deuchars. A swift half was quaffed getting a taxi back to the train station only to find all the trains were cancelled so HH was back on the phone and it was a taxi to Dunfermline. We were dropped virtually

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outside the **GBG East Port Bar**, which was a tad disappointing with Stewart 80/- & Edinburgh Gold alongside Landlord and OSH so we swiftly moved on to the **GBG Commercial Inn**, which was even worse with 5 pedestrian English ales. The local 'spoons, the **Guildhall and Linen Exchange**, at least had a couple of notable beers in Wimbledon Quatermaine IPA and Woods Hopping Mad, whilst he Canmore, home of de bRus Brewery has been closed since February - which was a major disappointment - so it was another taxi to **Cowdenbeath** and the **Woodside Hotel**, which had Beath Brewery We Are Happy Here, which was dreadful and not worth the expense. . The next taxi took us to **Kirkcaldy**, which was our base for the evening, and we got dropped at the **GBG Harbour Bar** (which reminds me of the beginning of the song Blue Moon) where we had a choice from Fyne Jarl, Orkney Dark Island, Loch Leven Shining Knight, Flying Monk Elmer, Brakspear Double Dropped and Mallinson Citra. From there it was a short walk to the NI **Feuars Arms**, a superb Grade A listed pub with a tiled interior and bar front....and a glass sided cistern in the gents. Only LP on hand pump but well worth a visit. Our final taxi of the day took us to our digs where it waited whilst we got checked in and paid up then dropped us at the **GBG Betty Nichols** where Fyne Jarl & Maverick were on hand pump. With our bellies rumbling we called in the JDW **Robert Nairn** where the beers of note were Redcastle Dark Knight, Nobleman & Red Lady, which accompanied our nosh superbly. Our final port of call was the Exchequer but there were 2 empty pumps so we returned to the Harbour Bar to go through the rest of the beers and finish the day.

After a hearty breakfast, we got the train - the signal failure on the Forth Bridge having been rectified - back to Auld Reekie where we dove straight in the Guildford Arms....conveniently. After a swift half we caught the bus to Leith, Calling first at the **GBG Teuchters Landing**,

which had Tryst Carronade, Fyne Jarl, Summer Stout, Belhaven Elephant Session Ale, , Inveralmond Osidian and Landlord before moving on to the **GBG Malt and Hops** where we had a choice from Squawk Crex, Brew York Jarsa Fyne Morning Light & Hurricane Jack, Knops Musselburgh Smoke, Ferry Ferry Fair, Hadrian and Border Tyneside Blonde and Swannay Scapa Special. Two cracking pubs with a great selection of ales. We had a short walk to the NI Central Bar but before that we popped in the JDW **Foot of the Walk**, just so HH could get his fix. The beers of note were Broughton Hippopotamus & Old Jock, Orkney Nimbus, Loch Lomond Bonnie and Blonde & West Highland Way and Stewart Pentland IPA, I've not had Old Jock for ages and it was probably my best drink of the weekend. . Next it was on to the **Central Bar**, which was originally a bar for Leith Central Station - closed in 1972. It is NRA but again the interior tile work makes it a must visit. We got the bus back toward the train station and called in the NI **Barony Bar**, which had Stewart Radical Road Reverse, Broughton Hippopotamus, Knops California Common and Top Out Altbier and two of the biggest mirrors I have ever seen. Just down the road we called in the **GBG Cask & Barrel** where there were 8 ales on hand pump but our visit was so brief I didn't get chance to make a note of them. Our final port of call was the **GBG Halfway House** where I finished off on an Orkney Dark Island, unfortunately we didn't have time to indulge the Cullen Skink Soup before heading for our train

View from the Chair

This weekend 16th-19th June The Marlpool Ale House, Marlpool, Heanor had a new Brewery Birch Cottage (Sawley) brew available. As Andy does not open till 2pm on Friday there was time to call at a couple of pubs in Derby first.

Mr Mollatt joined me for the day and we commenced at the Brunswick. Amongst the guests on offer was an IPA from Peak Ales, however it had come adrift in the cellar and had been taken off. Also on was a white stout from Everards at a respectable 4.6.

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but it did not pass muster imo. On the other hand the Paleadino from Littleover was very good. We lingered in the Brunswick till Ralph opened the Alexandra next door at noon. Here there was a very nice 10 Grain Stout at 6.0 from Heavy Industry and we paired this with a Big up (Dr Rudi) from Electric Bear (Bath). Both beers very much enjoyed.

It was then time to catch the Y1/H1 to Heanor from market St. The journey takes around 25 mins. We alighted in Heanor Market Sq and the undertook the eight min walk to Marlpool and the Alehouse. Andy was on duty and the full list of beers appears below. The first two halves sampled were Andy's own Blind Boris Mild, and the 5 Kingdoms (Isle of Whithorn): AUF Weiderstein Pet Blonde, both very enjoyable. These were followed by the Birch Cottage Stout 4.5 which proved to be a very tasty brew and Isle of Skye: Skye Red another very good beer.

Had a natter with Andy and some of the locals, whilst enjoying the Beer and some free snacks created and supplied by Jules, thanks to her. After a while we continued our day by calling next door at the Queens Head (Pub People). Here we had a taster tray of three beers accompanied by a free bag of Nobby's nuts, the Beers sampled being Falstaff: Da Vinci mild, Navigation: Rebel and Richard Creightons well acclaimed Leadmill: B52 at 5.2. This latter beer is impressive. We then walked back to Heanor and a call in the Angry Bee micro pub, Jonno on Duty and Mick awol...again lol. Here we availed ourselves of Whim: Dougal (Black IPA) 5.8 and another Leadmill brew London Lady 5.0 both very good. Soon it was time for another bus ride, this time on the Trent Barton Amberline to Horsley Woodhouse and the East Midlands POTY The Old Oak. There is always a good selection on the bar and in the Rurad Bar at the back. From the Bar we elected for the Howard Town: Milandra mild 4.8 and from the Rurad Bar Leadmill: Mellow Blonde, again both beers were good. We had to time our departure to catch the hour later bus and at 17-55 last Amberline back to Derby.

Beer Festival Diary

4th-8th July Star Inn Beer Festival, Albert Street, Folly Hall, Huddersfield

4th-8th July Swan Inn Beer Festival, 18 Stafford Street, Stone, Staffordshire
5th-7th July 1st Crafty Banker Beer Festival, 11a Bank Street Rugby 18-20 Ales 3-4 Ciders
5th-7th July Scottish Real Ale Festival, Edinburgh Corn Exchange, 11 New Market Rd, Edinburgh 160+ Scottish Ales
5th-7th July Waterloo Beer Festival, Old Christ Church, Waterloo, Liverpool 150 Ales and Ciders
5th-7th July 2nd SPDW Wood Fest, The Exchange, Howard Street, North Shields www.woodfest2018.com
5th-7th July Hastings Beer & Music Festival, The Oval, Falaise Road, Hastings 100 Ales, Cider
5th-8th July Byrons Rest Beer Festival, Baker Street, Hucknall, Notts 20 Ales 10 Ciders
5th-8th July 3rd Cleveleys Beer Festival, The Venue, North Promenade, Cleveleys, Lancashire
5th-8th July 7 Stars Beer Festival King Street, Derby 20+ Ales, Cider, Food & Entertainment
5th-8th July 1st Inaugural Beer Festival, Byrons Rest, Baker Street Hucknall, Notts 20 Ales, 10 Cider's
5th-8th July Spanish Bar Beer Festival, 74-76 South Street, Ilkeston, Derby's, 20 Ales 5 Ciders
6th-7th July 22nd Bishops Castle Beer Festival, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, 6 Pubs, 100 Ales + Cider
6th-7th July SIBA South East Beer Festival, Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club, The Slade, Tonbridge 150+ Ales, Cider
13th-29th July Vicfest 2018, Victoria Hotel, 85 Dovecote Lane, Beeston, Notts
13th-15th July The Flowerpot Rum & Ale Festival 30+ Rums, Real Ales & Music King Street, Derby
13th-15th July Langton Brerwery Beer Festival, Grange Farm, Welham Road, Thorpe Langton, Mkt Harborough
18th-20th July 28th Shrewsbury Beer Festival, Wakeman Hall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury 110 Ales + Cider/Perry
19th-21st July 44th Kent Beer Festival, Canterbury RFU, Merton Lane North, Canterbury 200 Ales + Cider
19th-21st July Hawkshead Brewery Summer Beer Fest, The Beer Hall, Mill Yard, Staveley, Cumbria 60+ Ales
19th-22nd July 12th Plough Inn Beer Festival, Old Melton Rd, Normanton on the Wolds, Nottinghamshire 25 Ales, Cider
19th-22nd July White Lion Beer Festival, 352 Tamworth Street, Sawley, Nott's 40 Ales 16 Ciders
20th-29th July Birmingham Beer Week www.birminghambeerweek.co.uk
20th-22nd July 42nd Cotswold Beer Festival, Postlip Hall, Tithe Barn, (off B4632 nr Winchcombe) Gloucester 60 Ales

6th-7th July 12th Stratford-upon-Avon Beer Festival, Stratford Racecourse, Luddington Road 70 Ales 30 Ciders
6th-8th July Churnet Valley Rail Ale Trail, 4 Pubs, 3 Stations, 2 Trains, 100 Ales 30 Ciders
6th-8th July Beer on the Wye, Hereford Rowing Club Greyfriars Avenue, Hereford 135+ Ales 130 Cider's & Perries
6th-8th July Sunfest 2018, The Rising Sun, 471 Fulwood Road, Sheffield 100+ Ales & Cider
7th July 19th Devizes Beer Festival, Wharf, Devizes, Wiltshire 100 Ales Cider/Perry
7th July 12th Warslow Beer & Food Festival, Warslow Village Hall, Warslow 24 Ales + Cider
7th July Hawaiian Shirt Day, The Arkwright Arms, Chesterfield Road, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton
7th-8th July Monkey Club Beer Festival, Armitage Bridge Club, Dean Brook Rd Armitage Brook, Huddersfield 60 Ales
10th-14th July Chelmsford Beer Festival, Admirals Park, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford 350 Ales 120 Ciders
11th-14th July 29th Ealing Beer Fest, Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing, Gtr London 500 Ales, Cider/Perry & Foreign
11th-15th July Ye Old Dolphin Beer Festival, Queen Street, Derby 50+ Ales, Cider, Live Music
12th-14th July 14th Chorlton Beer & Cider Fest, St Clements Church, Edge Lane, Chorlton, Manchester 200 Ales, Cider
12th-14th July The Alex & Brunswick Summer Beer Festival, Railway Terrace Derby 50+ Ales, Cider, Gin Bar, BBQ

20th-22nd July Duke Inn Annual Beer Festival, 12 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield
20th-22nd July 6th Epping Ongar Beer Fest, N-Weald Station, Station Rd, North Weald Bassett, Epping 75 Ales, Cider
21st July Hook Norton Festival of Beer, Rural Fayre Field, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire
23rd-28th July Cambridge Blue Beer Festival, Gwydir Street, Cambridge 100+ Ales Cider/Perry
26th-28th July Samaritans Beer, Cheese & Cider Festival, Arts School, Church Lane Aysestone, Leicester
26th-28th July Maidenhead Beer Festival, Desborough College Shoppenhangers Road, 100+ Ales 20+ Ciders
26th-28th July 11th Stafford Beer Fest, Blessed William Howard School, Rowley Avenue, Stafford 65 Ales Cider/Perry
26th-29th July Smithfest Beer Festival, Meadow Road, Derby 40+ Ales 10+ Ciders, Derby Camra Pub of the Year 2018
27th-29th July Market Bosworth Beer Festival, Mk Bosworth Station Goods Shed and on the Trains, 80 Ales, 30 Ciders
27th-29th July Heckington Summer Beer Fest, 8 Sail Brewery, Heckington Windmill, Hale Rd, Heckington, Lincs

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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