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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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Beer and Pub News

The latest Ripley micropub has opened. Called **Tom Said**, it's on Well Street in the former Ripley Dry Cleaners shop, and has 4 changing Real ales available, plus ciders. It currently opens from Thursday-Sunday.

Sally, Jean & Steve welcome you to the


 **ROYAL OAK** 

55 Green Lane Ockbrook, Derby. Tel: 01332 662378
Country Pub of the Year 2011/12/13/15/16/17
Bass & 4 Constantly Changing Guest Ales Available.
Lunches Served: Everyday 12.00 – 2.00
Evening Meals: Mon to Sat 6.00 – 8.30

Amber Valley CAMRA Update

Diary dates (all meetings 8pm)
Thur 3rd Oct - branch meeting Hunter Arms, Kilburn DE56 OLU
Thur 31st Oct - committee & branch meeting TBC, see What's Brewing
Nora Harper

Bald Seagull travelled to Ramsgate and visited the following - Conqueror Ale House 3 real ales and some ribald banter. Gadds No5 and Kent Black Gold imbibed here. Churchills next with up to 5 ales had Stamps Ivory Cloud very refreshing. Onto the seafront proper and the Royal Victoria Pavilion the largest Wetherspoons in the world. 2 bars on 2 levels. Pub backs onto Ramsgate beach with an upstairs open air veranda. Pub holds 1500 people. Broadstairs IPA 5.5% brewed for pub. Beers from Brentford Redemption and Beer Studio. Beers changed on a regular basis. Stayed in Comfort Inn 4 real ales including Gadds Summer Ale. Montefiore Arms had 4 Gadds beers. Artillery Arms several guest beers with always one dark which this time was Gadds Black Pearl Milk Stout. The Hovelling Stone micro had up to 5 beers Inc 3 Piers Chocolate Porter my pick. Collyfobble Dunna Whittle which I had to explain what it meant.



BLACK BULLS HEAD
2 Kilburn Lane, Openwoodgate,
Belper, Derbyshire
DE56 0SF

There has been a change of owner at the **Tavern** in Belper recently, and the beer was to my liking when I called there on a recent Survey Trip. The **Wicked Pissah Real Ale and Gin Bar** is the new name for the Prospect Street Micro Pub in Alfreton. It is also under new ownership. **Ed**

Here are some details of the forthcoming Beer Festival at the **Peacock** in Derby, sent by Roger the landlord:
THURS 5TH, FRI 6TH & SAT 7TH SEPTEMBER
OVER 20 BEERS
ENTERTAINMENT & BAR-B-QUE FRI & SAT NIGHT
OPEN ALL DAY 11.00 AM TIL MIDNIGHT
ALL FESTIVAL BEERS 3 QUID A PINT
Sounds good to me!

Charisma writes: The Thorn Tree, Waingroves have a Beer Festival from 13th-15th September The Shiny bar in Little Eaton has extended their opening hours, they are only shut on Monday, and are open 3pm till 9 Tuesday - Thursday, 12 till 10pm on Friday & Saturday, and 12 till 6pm on Sunday.

The Furnace in Derby has got a tap takeover by Vibrant Forest between from the 18th-22nd September

New Editor coming soon!


As I indicated last month, I am standing down as Editor, and I am happy to report that Snug Dave has volunteered to take my place. He takes over in November, and I trust that you will all give him the same support that I have enjoyed during my tenure, and for which I am very grateful.

Exadman



The **Pear Tree** in Ripley will be closing, possibly until the end of November while the building work, which has been taking place for some time now can be completed inside and out.

Congratulations to the **Smithfield** in Derby on winning the East Midlands Pub of the Year award. They now go forward to the Regional final, and we wish them all the very best with that.

Congratulations are also in order to some of our local Breweries, as Dancing Duck won the Gold award for Bitter at the Champion Beer of Britain competition, while Chocolate Guerilla from Blue Monkey won Silver in the Speciality beers category, with Castle Rock took joint Bronze in the Best Bitter category with their Preservation Fine Ale. The overall Champion was Shere Drop, brewed by Surrey Hills.



Erewash Valley CAMRA Pub of the Year 2019
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Ilkeston DE7 5RB
Tel: 07538 723 722
Open
Thursday to Sunday
11 til 11

DAVE and MANDY invite you to

THORN TREE INN

161 Church Street, Waingroves

Monday-Thursday 16.00-00.00

Friday-Sunday 12.00-00.00

**Serving a changing selection of
Real Ales, Ciders, Wines and soft
drinks**

TIP INN

REAL ALE BAR

60 High Street Loscoe

Wednesday-Friday 16.00-22.00

Saturday 16.00-23.00

Sunday 12.00-23.00

The Queens Head on the seafront had a classic frontage with tiles, hanging baskets and 3 beers Application has been put in for a new micro on High Street. Part Two - Broadstairs. Several micros scattered about. The Magnet had 3 beers most interesting was the Iron Pier Summer Ale. The 39 Steps was disappointing with only large brewery beers available. Slightly inland Mind the Gap- great name. 5 ales good choice I had Old Man of the Sea very nice stout. The barman said a new micro had recently opened down the road called the Pub. Xclent micro with 4 ales. Had Iron Pier Porter while chatting to landlord. Has vinyl records which you can play on the deck. Pub dog is a Sharpie called Hughie. (Geddit?) Four Candles unfortunately was a little too far out to visit. Part 3 Margate. First stop Mechanical Elephant a recently refurbished Wetherspoons which had beer from local brewery North Down which is actually in Margate mentioned by Charisma in August Sticks. Two Halves next which had 4 ales on, had a local IPA. Nearly next door was Xylo which had only opened 24 hours before. Brewery is downstairs had their own Tangerine IPA. Lavly. Please note there are other pubs and micros selling real ale making this area Thanet a great place

Altrincham

On the morning of July 27th I met up with HH and Trigger at Derby train station where we got on the 8.15 to Sheffield and from there got the 9.14 slow train to Manchester where we arrived at just after 10.30. We then got the tram out to **Altrincham**, which was delayed due to a technical fault at Deansgate/Castlefield so we didn't arrive until 11.30-ish. Our first port of call was much anticipated (by me at least) as it was the **Con Club** on Greenwood St, home of Federation Brewery. There were 5 beers on hand pump 4 of which being theirs and we all plumped for The Wild Turkeys, which was not only in very poor form but £9 for 3 halves!!! Con Club by name con club by nature! HH's comment "I think we've got away with the weather" prompted the rain, so the day couldn't get any worse! And it didn't as it immediately picked up (but not weather wise) when we called in the **GBG Pi** on Shaws Rd where

there were 3 wickets in use with Weird Beard Hit the Lights being favoured by me and at a reasonable price. Then it was a short walk to Market St and the **GBG Jack in the Box**, which is situated in the Market. 5 ales on offer here with HH & I going for Cromarty Red Rocker and Trigger going for a house beer brewed by Blackjack. Then it was back to the interchange where we got a bus out to the **NI Railway** on Manchester Rd. Just Holts Bitter available on hand pump but the pub is full of character and was well worth a visit. Then back to the interchange and a short walk to the **Malt Shovels** on Stamford St, a Sam Smiths pub so we'd knew what we were getting, a characterful pub and a steady drink and £3 for 3 halves!

RIPLEY'S
LITTLE ALE HOUSE
55 OXFORD ST, RIPLEY,
DERBYSHIRE, DE5 3AH
**6 EVER CHANGING
REAL ALES**
THURSDAY 4 TILL 10.30
FRIDAY & SAT 1 TILL 11
SUN 2 TILL 9
RIPLEY'S ONLY MICRO PUB
COMEDY QUIZ EVERY SUNDAY FROM 4

The **Old Market Tavern** on Old Market Place was next where on entering we were greeted by 4 empty hand pumps but as we ventured in there were 5 that were in use and **Green Mill Old Git** seemed fitting. We the set out to find the **Batch Bottlestore** as Trigger wanted some bottles but after wandering around aimlessly in the rain for a bit I decided to head to the **GBG Cheshire Tap** on Railway St where of the 4 beers on offer **Seven Brothers Session** was sampled and we got directions to the **Batch Bottlestore**, which was just out the back of the pub in a little courtyard. Only one cask ale on offer, **Almasty DDH Ekuanot**, which was OK and Trigger got his bottles. Then it was time for HH's 'Spoons fix, the **Unicorn** on Ashley Rd where of the 8 beers available **Acorn Giant Leap** was favored. Our final port of call was the **GBG Costello's Bar** on Goose Green where there were 7 **Dunham Massey** beers on hand pump and I sampled **Dark and Milk Stout**, which were both top notch. I briefly considered stopping off at **Sale** for the **GBG JP Joule** but decided HH had had enough of a 'Spoons fix so we headed straight back to **Manchester** having to alight at **St Peter's Sq** and calling in the **Circus Tavern** for a swift half of **Tetley** (and a wee) on the way back to the

train station. After changing at Sheffield we arrived back in Derby at 6:50ish where we had a couple of halves in the **Brunswick** and **Alex** before heading our separate way. A good day - **Rodders**

Pembrokeshire July 2019

A short while before the destination we called at the **Trewern Arms** at **NeVERN** which had featured in **GBG**. An attractive village pub with stone flag floors, situated close to the river with staff very enthusiastic about real ale. The 3 ales featured were **Gower Brew One**, **Cold Black Label Sand Storm** and **Salopian Postcard** from **Purgatory**; very interesting selection of good quality so it was a shame about most of what was to follow elsewhere. On arrival in **Goodwick**, we found our accommodation a long way up a steep hill with commanding views over its own garden and the bay across to **Fishguard**. Being hungry we headed down to the **Rose & Crown** as on **Whatpub** it had 3 ales and some food but it was actually a restaurant with no cask ales. So I had to make do with a £3-00 Guinness during Happy Hour (not that I was that happy about it). Next door at the **Hope & Anchor** (closed on **Whatpub**) it was actually open and had been for some while, although **Doombar** was the sole offering with 1 empty stick. This was to become a regular theme with the lack of local **Camra** members leading to incorrect entries on **Whatpub** and I must have sent about 8 updates. Next day we visited **Lower Fishguard** where the only remaining pub is the **Ship** where you risk getting run over on the way out as the door opens on to a very narrow street. This was one of the best pubs of the week with a terrific miscellany of fishing pictures and memorabilia, good chat at the bar with locals and staff plus some decent ale. Whilst I was unlikely to indulge in **Bass** or **Hancocks HB**, the **Felinfoel Double Dragon** was excellent ale and warranted a return visit.

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**Steve would like to invite
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**Selection of 3 real ales at the
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ciders and perrys.**
**Darts, Dominoes and Skittles on
weekly.**
**Quiz night Fridays plus card
bingo.**
Everyone welcome.

April and the team welcome you to the
THORN TREE INN
 21 Chesterfield Road, Belper
 Tel. 07974 470774
 Winners of the Amber Valley
 CAMRA Winter Ale Trail 2019
 Opening times: 4-11 Mon – Fri
 12-11:30 Sat 12 – 10 Sun
 Live Music Quiz Nights
 Family and dog friendly
 Real Ale, Real Cider, Real Fire,
 Real Pub

A visit to **Cardigan** saw very little to offer pub-wise and I found another 'open' pub that was closed and boarded-up. The **Black Lion** marked as closed was open and to my surprise I had another excellent ale, Mantle Cwrw Teifi with Wadworth 6X & American IPA also on as we had a reasonable priced meal. The only **GBG** pub here featured only national ales but did offer good views over the River Teifi. En route home we called in **Newport** which has one of the better selection of pubs and tried the **Castle**. Whilst sitting in the pleasant beer garden I had a good Sharps Sea Fury which is far superior to the ubiquitous Doombar prevalent in many areas. They also held Bluestone Summer Rocks (not to my taste) and WV Butty Bach. After an interesting coastal walk taking in the cathedral at Britain's smallest city, **St David's**, we tried the **GBG Farmers Arms**. They featured 2 ales from St David's Pembrokeshire Brewery (part of Molson Coors according to Untappd) namely The Bitches & Whitesands Pale. The former was much to my taste but I restricted myself as we were calling elsewhere on the way back. This was again the **Farmers Arms**, this time at **Mathry** which is just off the coast road where we called for an excellent meal and a choice of Felinfoel IPA, Bluestone Rocketeer or White Shield. Noted that there is another Bluestone Brewery in Lancashire. Next day I set off to walk around the bay into **Fishguard** but not expecting too much from the pubs there.

First call was the **Old Coach House** which looked like it could have had a glorious past but is now somewhat shabby with just one ale on 2 sticks being a moderate Double Dragon. Close by at the **Bennetts Navy Tavern** there was Double Dragon but again disappointing and another ale which I wrote down as 'Gorau' of unknown origin. Just off the main street is the **Cambrian** where the landlord was reluctantly forced to chat as I was the only person in.

I encountered Gwaun Valley ale for the first time, this being a decent Cascade with Felinfoel IPA also on and both at a miserly £3 a pint. On to the **Royal Oak**, the only **GBG** entry in town, with one ale from St David's and 2 from Bluestone

but I was not impressed as it was a gastro style pub with little atmosphere and zombie-like staff. The **Fishguard Arms** has only one ale, not very interesting to me being Bass, but it's from the barrel and quite decent. More like a locals pub with an alarming Brian Blessed lookalike next to me at the bar. Almost next door is the **Globe** which on my visit had just Hancocks HB but again at least straight from the barrel. There was one other place to visit later as it did not open midweek, the **Bar 5**. One evening I had the Bluestone ale there and whilst it was almost entirely a gastro bar it was also very pleasant to stand on the balcony looking over the beer garden to see the setting sun and the Irish ferry coming in (romantic or what).

A return visit to **Newport** enabled a visit to the **GBG Royal Oak** where the ale selection was poor with only Archers Golden Bitter and Speckled Hen but at least the family of the friendly landlady turned out to have come from Belper and Duffield. Along the street at the **Llwyngwair Arms** the ale selection was worse with Brains Rev James and Sharps Atlantic and the former being very poor.

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)
 Amber Valley CAMRA Mild
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Later that day at **Dinas** we tried the **Ship Aground** for a very friendly welcome and a pleasant beer garden in the sun. The Evan Evans Cwrw was very good with Butty Bach also on. Again frustratingly not open when marked on Whatpub as was the **GBG Freemasons Arms** along the main road. On our next trip out we were fortunate to visit the **GBG Dyffryn Arms** at **Pontfaen** which is near nowhere in the valley of the River Gwaun. It was in the process of repair having suffered a major fire earlier this year and I did not have the pleasure of meeting the 90 year old landlady. Inside the only accessible room the ale is served from the barrel through a hatch servery and the Bass was second to none, although no other ales are ever available. With a quarry tiled floor and décor from many years past it is a thoroughly worthwhile place to visit where you step back to a previous era. We also visited the **Ship at Trefin** which was somewhat disappointing after a drive through narrow lanes with only Gower Gold on offer and hardly anyone in on a Friday evening in

in summer was perhaps testament to the lukewarm welcome. We just had time back in **Goodwick** to try the **Glendower** which we had thought was just a B&B but did have a bar with Double Dragon on so found the best ale here on the last night as usual. The barman could best be described as unorthodox as he fired corny jokes at all and sundry. On the way home I aimed to go past **Gwaun Valley Brewery** near **Pontfaen** and drove down a bumpy farm track to reach the target. They open up a small bar for limited times and it was interesting to talk with the brewer who like me hails from the printing trade. I tried a couple of his brews and bought some bottles to take home. Overall in this area it looks best to visit country pubs in small communities as the larger towns seem to have a selection of mediocre pubs. There are some good ales and breweries around but you need local knowledge or luck to find the best pubs due to incorrect information if you use Whatpub. **ChrisP Duck**

10th Amber Valley Beer Festival
 The 10th Amber Valley Beer Festival, and the 6th to be held at Strutts, will soon be here, and once again there will be a wide selection of Beers and Ciders, over 50 in all, available. Instead of opening on Sunday this year the Festival will run from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th, and will open from 12 noon until 11pm daily. Thursday will be a quiet session, although there will be a quiz, while Friday and Saturday will feature entertainment, and there will be hot and cold food available at all sessions. For more details see the Amber Valley CAMRA website., and don't forget to visit the many splendid pubs in the Belper area, all listed in Whatpub

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Beer Festivals

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 5th-7th Sept 7th Ashbourne Beer Festival, Town Hall, Market Place, Ashbourne, Derbyshire 40 Ales 10 Ciders
 5th-7th Sept Peacock Beer Festival, Old Nottingham Road, Derby, 25+ Ales, Cider
 6th-8th Sept 7th Crewe Rail Ale Beer Festival, Crewe Heritage Centre, Vernon Way, Crewe 60 Ales + Cider
 12th-15th Sept 12th Gt Central Railway Beer Festival, Loughborough Central Station, Loughborough, Leics 70+ Ales



STRUTTS CENTRE BELPER
26TH – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019
OPEN NOON – 11PM EACH DAY
OVER 50 BEERS AND CIDERS
QUIZ (Thursday)
LIVE MUSIC (Friday/Saturday)
HOT and COLD FOOD ALL SESSIONS

Thursday
Noon – 6 Free, 6 – 11 £3, CAMRA free
Friday
Noon – 6 £3 CAMRA free 6 – 11 £6 CAMRA £3
Saturday
Noon - 6 £3 CAMRA free 6 – 11 £4 CAMRA £2
www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk

13th-14th Sept Leicester Lions Beer Festival, The Victory Show Marque, Cosby, Leicester, 50+ Ales, Cider, Wine
 13th-15th Thorn Tree, Waingroves
 18th-22nd Sept Vibrant Forest Tap Takeover @ The Furnace, Duke Street, Derby, Cask & Keg
 19th-21st Sept Cannock Chase Beer & Cider Fest, Prince of Wales Theatre, Church Street, Cannock 60 Ales 20 Ciders
 19th-29th Sept Cask Ale Week see www.caskaleweek.co.uk
 20th-21st Sept Lichfield Arts Autumn Beer Festival, Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield 30+ Ales, Cider
 20th-22nd Sept 17th Melton Mowbray Beer Festival, Banqueting Suite, MM Market, Salford Road 55 Ales, 30 Ciders
 26th-28th Sept 10th Amber Valley Beer & Cider Festival, Strutts, Belper, Derby's 100+ Ales Cider, Perry & Wine

3rd-7th Sept 33rd Chappel Beer Fest E Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel Stn nr Colchester 450 Ales, 100 Cider/Perry
 5th-7th Sept Bridgnorth Beer Festival, Bridgnorth Station, Hollybush Road, Shropshire 60+ Ales, Cider
 5th-7th Sept Ulverston Charter Beer Festival, Coronation Hall, County Square, Ulverston 80 Ales 20 Ciders
 5th-7th Sept Horwich Beer Festival, Horwich RMI, Ramsbottom Road, Horwich, Lancashire 36 Ales, Cider & Lager
 5th-8th Sept 8th Annual Leeds International Beer Festival, Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds

6th-8th Sept 18th Headington Beer Festival, The Masons Arms, Headington, Oxford
 6th-8th Sept 12th Berwick Food & Beer Festival, The Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland
 7th Sept Vale of Glamorgan Real Ale Trail www.realaletrail.co.uk/valeofglamorgan
 13th-14th Sept Saltaire Beer Festival Saltaire Brewery, County Works, Dockfield Road, Shipley 40 Ales, Cider, Craft
 13th-14th Sept Tameside Beer Festival, The Civic Hall, Trinity Street, Stalybridge 26+ Ales, Cider & Wines
 13th-14th Sept 12th North Cotswold Beer Fest, Cricket Club, Batsford Road, Moreton-in-Marsh 45 Ales, 20 Ciders
 13th-15th Sept 5th Cleethorpes Beer Festival, Lakeside Station, Kings Road, Cleethorpes 50+ Ales, 30-40 Ciders
 13th-22nd Sept Cheltenham Beer Week, www.cheltenhambeerweek.co.uk
 14th Sept Newbury Beer Festival, Northcroft Playing Fields, Northcroft Lane Newbury 140+ Ales 50 Ciders
 18th-21st Sept York Beer & Cider Festival, Knavesmire (nr Racecourse) York, 480+ Ales 100+ Ciders & Perry's
 19th-21st Sept 7th Wakefield Festival of Beer, Wakefield Market Hall, Union Street, Wakefield
 19th-21st Sept Elgoods Brewery Beer Festival, North Brink Brewery, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire 150+ Ales
 19th-29th Sept Stockport Beer Week www.ssmcamra.co.uk/BeerWeek.htm
 20th-22nd Sept Newquay Beer Festival, Hendra Holiday Park, Newquay, Cornwall 50 Ales 20 Ciders
 20th-22nd Sept Abbfest Beer & Food Festival, Fermoy's Garden Centre, Totnes Road, Newton Abbot, Devon 120 Ales
 25th-28th Sept St Albans Beer Festival, Alban Arena, Civic Centre, St Albans 350 Ales Cider/Perry, Continental
 26th-28th Sept Calderdale Beer Festival, Viaduct Theatre, Dean Clough, Halifax 50+ Ales, Cider, Perry, Gins
 26th-28th Sept St Georges Hall Beer Festival, Liverpool 200+ Ales, Cider, Gin Bar

Compiled by Sooty

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 Edited by Exadman



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