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"In the Sticks"

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In the Sticks

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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As regular readers are no doubt all too aware, our precious pubs have been closed since the beginning of November and there is little sign that they will re-open any time soon. There are various forecasts in the media as to when the government will open up the hospitality sector again which range from late March to the May Bank Holiday week-end (1st-3rd May). The phrase that is regularly mentioned in the press is "when the government deem it safe to do so". So not February then! In the meantime we can only hope that the infection rate falls and the number of people vaccinated rises.

The mail sorting room at RuRAD Towers was overwhelmed by the positive response to last month's issue and especially the look back at early editions of "In the Sticks". And so, due to popular demand, there will be a Part II later in the newsletter. But rather amazingly, there are some new stories to pass on plus some interesting finds in the national press.

The "In the Sticks" editorial team make use of the Untappd web-site as a source of information about breweries and the ales they brew. It is a sign of the times that most

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entries these days take the form of:

Lee D. is drinking a [Rum-D.R.C.](#) by [Arbor Ales](#) at [Untappd at Home](#)

Beer & Pub News

The old Rowells shop on High Street, Long Eaton is to be turned into a micro-pub. The shop closed in 2019 and had been trading in haberdashery, curtains and clothing for more than a hundred years. The property will be gutted as much work is needed to bring it up to date but they want to keep two old long counters, one as a bar and one as seating as they date back to 1879. They are looking to open in June if all goes to plan. [The Didler](#).

The future of the [Kings Arms](#) in Crich has finally been confirmed as it is up for sale through Everard Cole for an asking price in the region of £800k. The same agent also has the [Wheel](#) in Holbrook on its books but the asking price for that is a more manageable £365k. However, The Kings Arms site, which includes a large car park, measures 0.433 acres and looks to be significantly larger than the Wheel. Since the building itself is not listed nor is it in a Conservation Area (which the Wheel is) it is suggested that it could be converted to residential housing although the purchaser would have to make their own enquiries with Amber Valley Borough Council. The Tram Inspector, himself a Crich resident, reported that "£800k is a lot of money but it does appear to include a lot of scope for development as well as the pub. Despite the downbeat description of trade opportunities, I believe that there is ample scope for a pub in this part of Crich."

Angels Micro Pub

29 Market Place
Belper DE56 1FZ

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real ales from the barrel and a
selection of ciders

Amber Valley CAMRA Mild Trail
Winner 2019

The Bespoke Inns new restaurant / bar in Mickleover is scheduled to open in September 2021. The [Boot](#) brewery tap in Repton is at present on hold. The [Unicorn](#) in Newton

Free Copy

Solney did briefly re-open just before we went into the current lockdown and is expected to re-open on the other side. [Steve Copestake](#) (Boot brewery).

The [Belper House](#) micro-pub (Church Street, Belper) now has its name etched into the front windows. A central bar has been installed but there is still much decorating work to be done. So progress is being made.

Tracy and all the staff welcome you to the

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RuRAD Bar Open Fri, Sat & Sun

It has come to the notice of the RuRAD Management Team that the [Old Oak Inn](#), Horsley Woodhouse is not included in the CAMRA GBG for 2021. This is the same Old Oak Inn which was East Midlands POTY in 2016 and was therefore entered into the National POTY competition as one of the best 16 pubs in the country the following year. This is the Old Oak Inn which hasn't had a change of licensee or a change of policy and continues to offer up to a dozen real ales and a choice of ciders every week of the year. Yes, of course the RuRAD Organisation has a special fondness for this pub but it's up to the local CAMRA branch to ensure that omissions like this don't happen merely because insufficient CAMRA members have voted for its inclusion. Otherwise it's not the CAMRA Good Beer Guide but the CAMRA Members Current Favourite Pub Guide.

The following pubs are offering a (local) delivery service for beer and food or a take-away service (food only). Please check Facebook for details and updates. Oh yes, and support them if you can.

[Brunswick](#), Derby: free deliveries to DE1, DE3, DE21, DE22, DE23 & DE24 Monday to Saturday. Call if you live further afield.

[Burnt Pig](#), Ilkeston: a wide range of ales, ciders & other drinks plus cheeses, pies, black puddings etc.

[Holly Bush Inn](#), Makeney: beer delivery,

Thurs, Fri & Sat. Plus food to take-away, Fri, Sat & Sun, hot food, hot drinks, soft drinks, pork pies, freshly made bar snacks & crisps.

Leadmill Brewery, Kilburn: call Richard or text to 07971 189915 to organise delivery or collection from the Old Oak Inn. Also the Anoki Indian Restaurant is offering a take-away service (chilled ready meals) from the car park, every Saturday between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. Check Facebook to confirm!

Smithfield, Derby: local beer deliveries but check Facebook for the current area as it changes from day to day. You can then also read Emily's philosophical postings (and sometimes Ben's when he's allowed!).

Talbot Taphouse, Ripley: bag in a box, mini-kegs & cans for delivery, it seems to be Saturdays only.

Tom Said, Ripley: cask ales plus a wide range of cans. Check Facebook for delivery options.

Having mentioned Tom Said, the man himself posted the following message on the pub Facebook page on January 23rd which may be of interest:

"Are you a fan of **Bad Seed Brewery**? Then this is something for you! Chris from Bad Seed will be joining us via Zoom for a virtual tap takeover and meet the brewer on the evening of the 12th February. This is only available for a limited number as we all know what happens when you get too many people in a Zoom call. It will cost £30 for which you will get 6 cans, one of which will be being launched that evening. You'll get some snacks to accompany your beers and you'll be sent a link to join a Zoom call with Chris from Bad Seed to discuss the beers. If this is something you'd like to be part of message us to book a slot."

It is noted that Derventio Holdings look increasingly likely to buy Derby County Football Club. I don't recall seeing the name of Abu Dhabi-based Sheikh Khaled bin Saquer Zayed Al Nayhan on the list of the directors of the recently closed brewery of the same name. Must be a different Derventio perhaps.

Contributors: Bald Eagle, Charisma Bypass, Steve Copestake, The Didler, Tram Inspector

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From The Papers

Rob Lindsey at the **Talbot Taphouse**, Ripley found himself in the news again (Derbyshire Live) as a result of having to pour gallons of

unsold beer down the drain due to lockdown. Rob said that he should have been rushed off his feet during the festive period but the lockdown rules were making running his business a challenge. There were lots of pictures attached to the article of Rob cleaning up around the pub and looking glum.

Pete and Tracey welcome you to
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It has been widely reported in the local and national press that Greene King intend to change the names of four pubs with names "linked with racism", including the **Black's Head** in Wirksworth. Although the company admits that the origin of the pub names is obscure, its consultation concluded that people found them offensive. [Hmm! Ed]. Local communities will be able to vote in an on-line poll to select a new name for the pub from a prescribed list. [The Woke Arms? Ed].

It has been claimed that the origin of the "Black Boy" pub name or in this case the "Black's Head" is connected to a name given to Charles II by his mother Henrietta Maria of France due to his sable hair and dark complexion. However, it has to be said that the pub sign in Wirksworth (is it still there?) bears little resemblance to the painting dating from about 1638 of the then Prince of Wales by the celebrated American comedian and actor Dick Van Dyke.

It was reported in Lincolnshire Live that the Grosvenor House Hotel, Skegness has had its alcohol licence revoked after pictures, taken in mid-November, showing a group of around 15 people drinking and posing for photos, were posted on Facebook. I mean, really!

The **Tipsy Toad** on Bakewell Road in Matlock was flooded for a second time in two years on 21st January following the recent heavy rain across Derbyshire. The licensee, Benjamin Bowler who also owns the **Toad Tales and Ales** in Matlock Bath, reported to the Derbyshire Times that due to the £10,000 excess on his insurance, the money for repairs will likely have to come from his own pocket. Derbyshire County Council have made £100k available to help residents and businesses affected by the flooding of which Mr Bowler can claim £500. It would be fair to say that Mr Bowler was less than impressed. More details can be found in the Derbyshire Times of 22nd January (www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk).

As promised in the introduction, here presented are highlights from copies of "In the Sticks" for 2006. The intention was to cover more years but there was too much in the 2006 issues that your editor thought would be of interest.

"In the Sticks": The Early Years II

January 2006

In the early days of the newsletter, Billy One Mate would report how many pubs, breweries & beer festivals were mentioned in the current edition.

Number Crunching

In this issue we bring you news of 66 pubs in 41 different locations, 7 Breweries and 26 Beer Festivals.

And one of the pubs mentioned was the Travellers Rest in Kilburn...

Travellers Rest, Kilburn is currently offering **Titanic White Star** and **Banks' Mild** on draught in addition to the other 5 Cask ales regularly available. For a friendly welcome, coal fires and Real Ales in Kilburn, visit Wendy and Terry this festive season and New Year. **Beermeister**.

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2019**

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the river

And under the heading of Brewery News...

Derventio Brewery Derby

The brewery, which was originally on Nottingham Road Derby close to the Liversage Arms, is on the move to Trusley Brook Farm near Dalbury Lees. It is hoped the brewery will be up and running by March.

And as we now know, the brewery ceased trading nearly 15 years later.

Here is a report of the RuRAD Christmas gathering from the month before...

On Thursday 22nd of December Charisma, Loco, Two Pints, Sooty, Pedro, 'Er in Doors, Malc the Alc, Tweedle Dumb, Tweedle Dee, Sea Bass, Uncle Albert, Trigger, Cassandra, Del Boy and I all met up at the **Royal Oak** at Ockbrook for the RuRAD Christmas social. Steady Steve laid on some suitably festive beer for us **Ossett Nervous Turkey** 4.3% & **Cottage Santa's Steaming Ale** 5.5% along with **Falstaff To ABV Or Not To ABV** 3.9% & **Bass** 4.4% with some sandwiches to soak up the vast quantities of ale consumed. On an

evening of civilised chat (with a bit of festive background music) a good time was had by all and one or two plans for the forthcoming year was hatched... watch this space! **Rodders.**



February 2006

In May 2004 "Rurad man" the character on the top left of our newsletter was born, however since then he has been without a name, poor thing, so feeling a bit sorry for him Richard Creighton, the head brewer of the **Leadmill Brewery**, suggested that our readers may wish to give him a suitable name with an agricultural theme.

Richard has agreed to choose the most appropriate entry and the lucky winner will be invited to help brew a commemorative beer by the same name. Please send your suggestions by email to billyonemate2004@yahoo.co.uk the closing date for this competition is Wednesday 8th March.

Rather sadly, although entries were submitted, the final name was never chosen and the matter was dropped. For me, I've always thought it was modelled on Old Oak Inn RuRAD Bar regular, Fred Gillet.

Brewery News

Leadmill-Denby

The latest beers from **Leadmill** include **Destitution** 5.3% & **Old Mottled Cock Extra** 4.6%. The **Destitution** proved so popular it sold out twice completely when it made its first appearance at the **Old Stables Bar** in mid Jan. Refurbishment work carried out on the brewery recently includes a repaint, fitting new extractor fans and making the brewing vessels free standing. Richard is currently on the look out for old pub signs for the Stables Bar.

March 2006

This is one of very few mentions in the newsletter of a shadowy organisation called CuRAD which I believe was formed just to irritate Derby CAMRA!

On Saturday 25th Feb Half Pint, Jonathan Kriek and I met up with other specially invited guests at CuRAD HQ (the **Falstaff** on Silverhill Road Derby) as part of one of our

columnist's 55th Birthday celebrations. To commemorate the occasion Jim had brewed a one off special called **Still Very Much Alive at Fifty-Five** a 5.5% a dark rich tasting beer which went down well accompanied by the usual range of **Falstaff** beers, good music and an excellent buffet of hot and cold food.

Included in this issue was an article from a former local who had emigrated to Australia.

Down Under with Me Owd Conker

I took a visit to the "Victorian Microbreweries Beer Festival" at Federation Square in Melbourne yesterday 8th February. 54 beers from 16 microbreweries were available from around the state of Victoria. Not quite at the scale we're used to but nevertheless it's a good start. Entrance was \$20 (about £8.50), which included 20 beer samples (1 sample was 65ml, so 20 x 65ml = 1.3liter, about 2.5 pints).

Brewery News

Bottlebrook-Kilburn

As we go to print we understand that brewing is imminent and Richard hopes to have the first two brews, one a 4.7% the other around 5.3%, both available for the Leicester Beer Festival later this month.

So now we know when Richard established the **Bottlebrook** brewery!

April 2006

It is with deep sorrow that we have to report that the beer at the GBG listed **Abbey** in Darley Abbey has gone up 2p to £1.35 a pint which means unfortunately you can no longer get 3 pints of **Sam Smith Old Brewery Bitter** for less than four quid. **The Professional.**

There followed an interesting news snippet...

Rumour has it that you may soon be able to enjoy a pint of your favourite **Leadmill** beer by catching a train from Derby to the **Old Stables Bar** if an imaginative plan to re-open the currently mothballed Little Eaton Jct to Derby railway line go ahead. A temporary platform called the Old Stables Bar Halt will be erected and will mean less than a five minute walk up Park Hall Road. Extensive work on the former Derby to Ripley line, which last saw a regular passenger service over half a century ago, was due to start on April 1st this year. **Poisson d'Avril.**

The reference to April 1st and Poisson d'Avril should tell readers something about the veracity of this story!

Billy Bows Out

After nearly 2 years as Editor of our newsletter "In the Sticks" I believe the time is now right to make way for another willing individual to take up the mantle and enable me to devote my time to more personal issues.

Who would have thought that back in August 2003 such a simple idea could have become so popular whilst at the same time helping to raise the profile of Real Ale in our "branch"

area and seeing our list of subscribers grow to nearly 200. During my time as Editor I would like to think that we have brought topical items of news, with a touch of humour, and regular features from some of our more colourful characters, to a wide range of like minded people.

It is my intention to step down after the April issue and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to get us where we are today and for the kind words of support and encouragement in the past. And finally I'd like to say a word of thanks to our sponsor without whose support and help this newsletter would not have got off the ground. Until the next time? Cheers **Billy.**

May 2006

Adverts appear in this issue for the first time.

Rodders & BigFoz take the helm

After the shock news that Billy was to step down as editor of "In the Sticks" a mad rush ensued to find a successor. It was decided that no one person could possibly undertake and execute the task, such was the enormity of the job vacated by Billy, so we two brave souls stepped forward to try and fill the breach. Please be patient as we try to steer the good ship RuRAD on its continuing course with as little disruption as possible. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all involved with "In the Sticks", contributors & readers alike, to thank Billy for helping to make this newsletter what it is today. **The Eds.**

April and the team welcome you to the

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July 2006

The latest addition to the local brewery count is the **Amber Valley Brewery**. The brewing plant is now installed and head brewer Pete Hounsell is hoping to be in production before the end of the month with the Nags Head at Ripley being a possible outlet.

The brewery was later renamed as **Amber Ales.**

August 2006

The **Old Stables Bar** at Denby has closed for the foreseeable future due to operational difficulties.

The latest addition to the brewing scene in Nottingham is the **Maggie Brewery**, which is

situated in Ashling Court which almost backs on to Notts County's Meadow Lane ground...hence the name. Bob Douglas, Ken Morrison & Nick Sewter own and run the 6 barrel plant.

There also appeared this month, an Ode for RuRAD by Les Baynton which is printed below.

October 2006

Editors Beer Festival Summary

The 1st RuRAD beer festival eventually got under way, after the odd hiccup or two, at the Moss Cottage Hotel on the 31st of August. The sudden closure of **The Old Stables Bar** could easily have brought an end to the whole venture but Tweedle Dee pulled out all the stops to re-locate to the Moss Cottage Hotel at Ripley and thus save the festival. Though the re-location saved the festival it also had a large bearing on the attendance levels, which were not as high as anticipated, though the evening sessions were reasonably well attended especially Saturday & Sunday when entertainment was provided. Having said that, ours wasn't the only festival to suffer from low attendances this year - Derby Summer Festival and Erewash (with whom our festival clashed) were also hit. **Orkney Dark Island** was the first beer to go and the first festival special to go was **Thornbridge Hall Half-Pint Ale** and the general

census of opinion from those who completed and returned their Feedback slips was very positive praising the beer selection and friendly atmosphere. A big thank you goes to all who took the time to put pen to paper (even a certain Mr. R. Soul who complained about the lack of lager!). A huge thank you must go to the willing RuRAD members who helped to set up (David Brett especially) and staff the festival and provide a relaxing and jovial drinking experience, also our gratitude goes to Steve Crispin and Pip Southall of Derby Camra and Nottingham Drinker, Leicester Drinker and Innspire for their assistance in promoting the festival. Of course the biggest thanks must go to the punters that turned up...THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Lessons have been learnt from this venture and, in the event of it being repeated next year, will go to making it, if not bigger, certainly better. LONG LIVE RuRAD!

November 2006

It is with great regret that we announce the permanent closure of **Leadmill Brewery's Old Stables Bar** at Denby the exact reasons for the decision are still unclear.

December 2006

The December 2006 issue is the start of Rodders' epic tenure as sole editor!

Danelaw-Chellaston

Unfortunately due to occupational developments Steve & Paul at **Danelaw** are suspending brewing for the foreseeable future. There may be a reprieve for the brewery in the long term but arrangements need to be made. One of the partners is hoping to continue brewing in some capacity and has something in the pipeline but it is not a decision to be considered lightly and we will bring you news of any developments as we are informed.

"In the Sticks" was witness to both the birth and death (if that's not too insensitive a term) of the **Danelaw** brewery as the following news item from July 2004 indicates:

Paul and Steve, the two enterprising Rolls-Royce employees who purchased **Leadmill's** redundant plant, have chosen the name **Danelaw** for their new microbrewery. We will bring you more details when we have them.

Another brewery which featured regularly in the newsletter was **Funfair Brewing** which was established by Dave Tizard at the Wheel, Holbrook. This venture started life in March 2004 but then moved to an Ilkeston site when Punch Taverns took over the Wheel in December of the same year. The final mention was in October 2016 by which time the brewery had moved to the Chequers in Elstone, outside Newark when both the pub and brewery were up for sale.

Ode for RuRAD - Les Baynton, Pub Poet

Far away in the Derbyshire hills, In green valleys
and farmyards,
Around the villages and country towns
Now great happiness abounds.....
They've got their very own
Beer drinking club,
To travel round the rural pubs,
They call it RuRAD,

Sounds a bit bad,
Even slightly mad,
To travel miles to try the beer
But there's nothing to fear
When you see strange men
In a country pub
Sniffing, tasting from a jug,
It could be some of the RuRAD Rangers
Drinking for England, facing all dangers.

One day it could be your fate
To encounter Billy One Mate,
Or when emptying your glass,
To suddenly face Charisma Bypass,
Rodders, Big Foz or many strange others,
The happy band of bucolic, beery brothers.
Now it's almost time for their very first Fest
So go along, raise a glass, wish them all the best
Rejoice in RuRAD!

Well that's all for this issue folks. If you have any info or news which could be included in a future issue of "In the Sticks" please contact Charisma Bypass on 07891 365887 or Snug Dave at snugdave@mail.com by the 23rd of the month.

Edited by Snug Dave

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