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Guest ales at Wetherspoon

Wetherspoon supports brewers of all sizes, across the UK and Ireland, so that our customers can enjoy a diverse range of real ales.



Our regular guest ale tasting notes detail year-round and seasonal real ales. Not all of the ales will be available at all times; so, if there is an ale on the list in the pub which you would like us to stock, please suggest it to the manager.

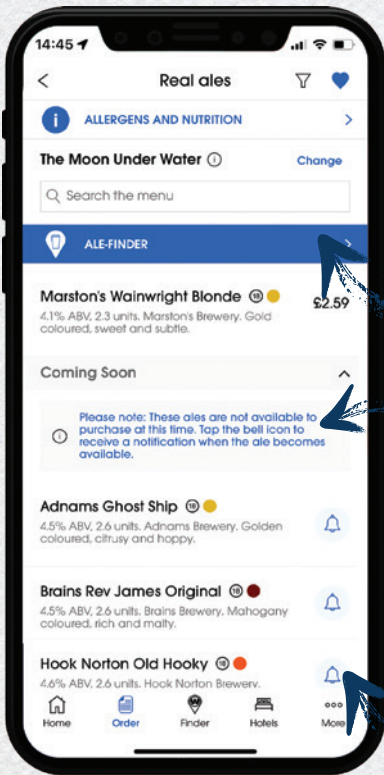


Making the most of real ale on the app



Ales to the table?

Use the Wetherspoon app to order any available ale from your table. Download the Wetherspoon app or scan the QR code on your menu.



Ale-finder



Use the app's ale-finder function to check ales' availability across all Wetherspoon pubs. Ale-finder can be accessed through the home page and the real-ale menu.

Coming soon



Using the app, see which ales are due on next and set an alert to notify you when they are ready.

Ale-finder and coming-soon ale options are not available via the QR code app.

Key to the festival ales

Each festival ale has a symbol next to it, telling you what type of ale it is, whether an ale is brewed especially for this festival, a brand-new ale brewed only since 2022 or an ale brewed with unusual ingredients. The key below explains it all.



Festival ale

Festival ale – brewed for the first time, exclusively for this festival



International brewer

International brewer – non-UK brewer



New ale

New ale – not brewed before 2022



Seasonal ale

Seasonal ale – an ale not brewed permanently



Special ale

Special ale – a rare ale brewed again, especially for this festival



Speciality ale

Speciality ale – brewed with unusual ingredients/an unusual style

REAL-ALE TYPES



Pale; very light; blond; straw



Golden



Amber; mid brown



Dark brown; ruby



Black; deep ruby; very dark



Conwy: Kashmir IPA



The beer

Aroma: Citrus fruits, cardamom, fresh

Taste: Zest, pepper, hoppy

Kashmir is a new ale for Wetherspoon and was launched in August 2022. This beer was inspired by the original IPAs which were shipped to India.

The branding is based on the Kashmir goats gifted by Queen Elizabeth II to Llandudno. These goats became famous during lockdown for roaming the town's streets.

Conwy Kashmir IPA

Conwy Brewery, Conwy. Est. 2003
4.8% ABV

This golden seasonal beer is a traditional IPA, delivering an assertive bitterness and plenty of hop flavour, balanced by a subtle maltiness, and leading to a spicy, peppery finish.

Hops: *Challenger, East Kent Goldings, Fuggles, Pioneer*



Golden



Seasonal ale – an ale not brewed permanently



Conwy

The brewery

Conwy Brewery was established in 2003 by Gwynne and Adele Thomas. They have won many awards over the years, including Telford Porter CAMRA (gold), Golden Gate CAMRA (gold) and Rampart CAMRA (silver).

Gwynne, a chemist by trade with a huge interest in ale-brewing, started experimenting with recipes and brewing in his Llandudno garage and home.

In 2003, he and his wife, Adele, bought the first premises, making Conwy Brewery Ltd only the third brewery in North Wales in over 100 years.

In 2004, the recipe for Honey Fayre was mastered – and Conwy Brewery took the exciting step of its brews becoming sold in supermarkets.

As more recipes were mastered, such as Welsh Pride and Clogwyn Gold, the team and production also expanded, outgrowing the original premises and moving up, in 2009, to Llysfaen.

Conwy currently has 930m² of space, some of which is taken by its taproom 'MASH', boasting amazing views of Rhos-on-Sea beach and the Irish sea.

Conwy Brewery is committed to producing natural beers which minimise its environmental impact.

Initiatives already carried out include:

- solar panels to reduce electricity consumption by 30%
- spent grain reused as cattle feed
- cask and bottled beers naturally conditioned, producing natural yeast liveness and better-tasting beer
- using as few chemicals as possible and limiting filtration to only the Conwy Lager, reducing waste by up to 20% in all beers



Paul Hughes

Meet the brewer

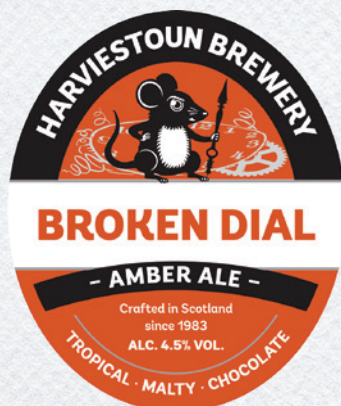
Paul Hughes has been brewing for 15 years. In his younger years, he was always interested in home brewing and loved ale. So, when he saw the job advertised at Conwy, he jumped at the chance, as it was his dream job.

With British beer being the best in the world (in Paul's view), what he loves most about ale is that there are so many flavours and strengths to choose from.

An ongoing highlight throughout Paul's career has been creating new beers which turn out just as he'd envisaged.



Harviestoun: Broken Dial



The beer

Aroma: Tropical fruits, biscuity, citrus

Taste: Fruit, chocolate, biscuit

Broken Dial is a Harviestoun timeless classic, made with what is often considered the finest hops on Earth – Simcoe. There are hints of melon, pineapple and tropical fruits, balanced against a malty, chocolaty biscuit background.

The team wanted to create a balanced amber ale which showcased some of the bold American hops, yet still had a prominent malt character coming through.

Using chocolate wheat in the malt bill, this created a delicious chocolate biscuit character which kept a balanced backbone to the beer, allowing the great taste and aromas to be shown off from the American Citra, Simcoe and Liberty hops.

Harviestoun Broken Dial

Harviestoun Brewery, Clackmannanshire

Est. 1983

4.5% ABV

This amber seasonal ale has a distinctive malty flavour, with chocolate notes, balanced by a complex hop aroma and flavour, leading to a pleasing tropical fruit finish.

Hops: *Celeia, Citra, Liberty, Simcoe*



Amber;
mid brown



Seasonal ale – an ale not brewed permanently



Harviestoun

The brewery

From the very beginning, Harviestoun's focus has always been to produce the best-quality beer it can. Today, it is proud to remain one of the forefathers of the movement towards better beer.

Harviestoun Brewery, celebrating its 40th birthday this year, has been brewing award-winning beers at the foot of the Ochil Hills since 1983. Its beer isn't made of just malt, hops and barley. It's made of Scotland – the raw, untamed environment which surrounds the brewery. It is one of the most-awarded breweries in Scotland, with its most recent award being SIBA Cask Champion UK 2022. Currently, Harviestoun is shortlisted for the 2023 Scottish Beer Awards.

Meet the brewer

Although no stranger to the Harviestoun brewhouse, having worked there for 15 years, master brewer Amy Cockburn took over the reins in 2022, following the retirement of Stuart Cail (after 25 years at Harviestoun).

Amy gained her brewing and distilling degree at Heriot-Watt University. When she graduated, she moved straight to Harviestoun. The highlight of Amy's career has been taking up the reins at Harviestoun, continuing to brew its award-winning beers.



Amy Cockburn



Joe's Garage: Bohemian Pale Ale



The beer

Aroma: Spicy, grapefruit and citrus

Taste: Malty and spicy, with a citrus hint

Brewers from Plzeň, Czech Republic, Josef and Petr Krýsl brew almost all beer styles – such as pale ales, IPAs and NEIPAs – which are popular in their home land.

For a long time, the Czech Hop Institute devoted itself to the cultivation and breeding of hops, typically mainly for lagers.

Recently, it began breeding new varieties. It decided, after being given the challenge, to brew Bohemian Pale Ale, exclusively for Wetherspoon.

The brewers wanted to use Kazbek hops as a single hop in their ale. It was for this very ale that they received an award last year.

Joe's Garage Bohemian Pale Ale

Joe's Garage Brewery, Plzeň, Czech Republic
Est. 2005
5.0% ABV

Josef and Petr Krýsl have travelled to Shepherd Neame Brewery (Kent) to brew this pale amber beer for us. The use of rare Czech hop varieties delivers aromatic citrus and spicy notes, along with a balanced bitterness to its full-bodied, malty flavour.

Hops: Kazbek



Golden



International brewer
– Czech Republic





Josef Krýsl and Petr Krýsl

The brewery

The brewery was founded in 2005, in Plzeň, in their own garage, with a batch volume of 250 litres – hence the brewery’s name. The company still owns the brand – Beer Factory, which produces most of its beer volume.

It was founded by Josef Krýsl. His son Petr, also a brewer, joined his father after completing his brewing experience across various breweries in Prague and Pilsen. Since 2012, he has become a co-owner of the home brewery. Success with beer led to the construction of the Krýsls’ own brewery and restaurant in 2014.

Meet the brewers

Josef Krýsl has been brewing beer since 1975. He started as a technologist after graduating from a secondary brewing school.

He received a scholarship from Pilsner Urquell and graduated, in the field of fermentation chemistry, from the University of Chemical Technology, in Prague. He returned to Pilsner Urquell, where he worked until 2005. He has worked in various breweries around

the world and, today, creates new recipes and brews beer with his son Petr.

Petr Krýsl has been brewing beer since 2002, having graduated from the Secondary Technical School of Brewing, in Prague. He then brewed across various microbreweries. He has been working with his father since 2012. Together, they have helped to build more than 85 microbreweries in the EU and further afield.



Joe's Garage



New Realm: Hoptropolis IPA

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The beer

Aroma: Tropical, stone fruit, pineapple

Taste: Fruity, malty, light bitter

Hoptropolis IPA is brewed in a style popular in southeast USA, with a slightly lower bitterness level and packed with tropical fruit aromas and flavours. It is a rich and balanced IPA, brewed with American Azacca, Citra and Mosaic hops. It has proven to be one of the most popular IPAs brewed at New Realm. This is the first time that this beer has been brewed for Wetherspoon.

New Realm Hoptropolis IPA

New Realm Brewing
Georgia, USA. Est. 2016
6.0% ABV

Mitch Steele has travelled to Hook Norton Brewery (Oxfordshire) to brew this deep golden beer for us. The intensely fruity aroma leads to a medium body and emerging hop character, with plenty of tropical fruit notes and a pleasing bitterness in the finish.

Hops: Azacca, Citra, Mosaic



Golden



International brewer
– USA



The brewery

New Realm is an American craft brewery and distillery started in 2016 by beer industry veterans Carey Falcone, Bob Powers and Mitch Steele. New Realm's mission is to inspire moments of happiness through its beers, food, experiences and community involvement.

The company has a flagship brewery and restaurant in Atlanta (Georgia), a production brewery and restaurant in Virginia Beach (Virginia), a brewpub in Charleston (South Carolina) and a new brewery and taproom on the campus of Auburn University, where it supports the university's brewing science programme.

New Realm is a highly awarded brewery which, over the past few years, has been awarded two gold medals at the Great American Beer Festival and medals in the World Beer Cup, North American Brewers Awards and US Open Beer Championships. In addition, it has brewed beers in partnership with Georgia Tech Athletics, Old Dominion University and the rock band Blackberry Smoke.



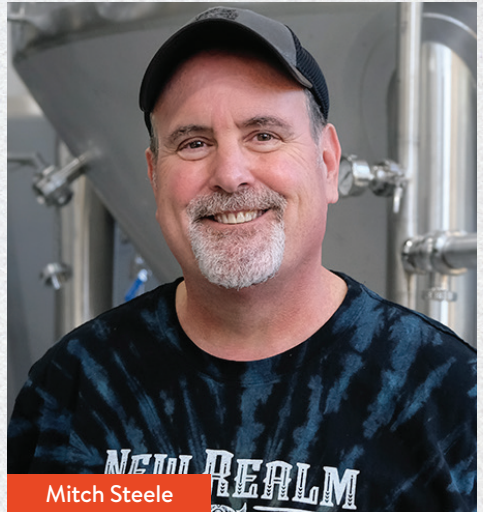
New Realm

Meet the brewer

Mitch Steele is the brewmaster at New Realm Brewing. He has been brewing professionally for over 35 years and, before joining New Realm in 2016, held brewmaster positions at Anheuser-Busch and Stone Brewing. In 2012, Mitch published the book 'IPA: Brewing Techniques, Recipes and the Evolution of India Pale Ale' and was awarded, in 2014, the Brewers Association Russell Scherer award for innovation in craft beer. Mitch has been brewing real ales for Wetherspoon since 2009. He is a huge fan of real ale and laments the fact that there are very few places doing them well in the US.



New Realm



Mitch Steele



Robinsons: Fear Of The Dark



The beer

Aroma: Chocolate, Toffee, Malt

Taste: Coffee, Malt, Cocoa

Fear Of The Dark has been brewed in cask format exclusively for Wetherspoon.

This ale won the gold award in the 2021 international brewing awards (bottle format).

It is the first stout in the Trooper range, inspired by, and taking its name from, Iron Maiden's iconic song and album of the same name.

Robinsons Fear Of The Dark

Robinsons Brewery, Cheshire. Est. 1838
4.5% ABV

This black stout, part of this brewer's popular Iron Maiden Trooper range, has a complex blend of roasted malt, chocolate and coffee flavours, balanced by peppery hop notes.

Hops: *Goldings*



**Black;
deep ruby;
very dark**



Special ale – a rare ale brewed again, especially for this festival

The brewery

Based in the heart of Stockport for over 185 years, owning a collection of around 260 pubs, inns and hotels across the northwest, North Wales and Yorkshire, Robinsons was founded in 1838 by William Robinson. After acquiring the Unicorn Inn in Stockport, William then decided to delve into the world of beer production. Today, the family legacy lives on as the family members enter their sixth generation of ownership.

The brewery, having bagged a collection of 16 awards over the past three years, won three awards recently at the prestigious British Bottlers' Institute awards.

Robinsons is passionate about the environment and has produced a greener retailing policy, in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University's Centre for Enterprise. The policy, a guide showing ways to be greener and cut costs, is intended for any pub to access.



Meet the brewer

The brewing team includes Richard Edwards (brewery manager), Steve Edwards (brewer), Andy Fairs (brewer), Cath Mercer (brewing technician), Andy Oregan (brewery operator) and Nathan Oregan (brewery operator).

Richard's brewing career started 23 years ago, after completing a degree in chemistry, brewing Foster's and Kronenbourg 1664,



Andy Oregan, Richard Edwards, Cath Mercer, Steve Edwards, Nathan Oregan and Andy Fairs (left to right)

in Manchester, with Scottish and Newcastle. He loves the freshness and simplicity of traditional cask beer and takes great pride in the quality of the beer produced at Robinsons.

Steve started brewing in 1979 at Wrexham Lager Beer Company brewing Wrexham Lager, Skol and Skol Special Strength, as well as Long Life. After the closure of Wrexham Lager, he went to Tetley's Brewery.

Having worked a lager brewery, he saw that cask ale has different flavours and aromas. This helped him to broaden his knowledge of beers. Robinsons produces quality and consistent products, made by those proud of this heritage.

Andy started brewing as a homebrewer after watching his father do the same. He then went on to work for Galbraiths Brewing Company in Auckland, New Zealand. It specialised in producing traditional cask ales, sourcing as many ingredients from the UK as possible. He then emigrated to the UK in 2001 and began to work for Robinsons as the cask and keg foreman. He then moved on to the brewing department, learning the trade using the old brewing kit from the 1920s. Andrew has a passion for cask ale, being the beer which reaches the drinker in its most natural form.



Steel & Oak: Easy Stout



The beer

Aroma: Fruity, tropical, malty

Taste: Roasty, tropical, smooth

Easy Stout is a session tropical stout, inspired by those brewed throughout the Caribbean, with a unique twist. It is malt forward, with smooth roasted malt flavours of chocolate, toffee with a hint of sweetness. Hopped with Amarillo and El Dorado, along with a fruity ester, this creates an aroma of tropical and citrus fruits. The lager yeast gives this stout a medium-bodied creamy mouthfeel and a refreshing finish.

This ale is a forthcoming release at Steel & Oak Brewing, continuing its 'Easy' line-up, a series of session beers in the range 3.5–4.0% ABV. Steel & Oak is timing the launch of its Easy Stout in New Westminster, Canada, to coincide with this Wetherspoon autumn real-ale festival.

Steel & Oak Easy Stout

Steel & Oak Brewing, British Columbia, Canada. Est. 2014

4.0% ABV

Robyn Guille has travelled to Batemans Brewery (Lincolnshire) to brew this tropical session stout for us. The aromas of tropical and citrus fruit lead to a smooth roasted malt flavour, with notes of chocolate and toffee, then a full-bodied, creamy and refreshing finish.

Hops: *Amarillo, El Dorado*



Black;
deep ruby;
very dark



International brewer
– Canada





Steel & Oak

The brewery

Steel & Oak Brewing Co was established in 2013 in New Westminster British Columbia, Canada, by Jordan Foss and James Garbutt. Steel & Oak is a Canadian and British Columbia Beer multiaward-winner, with gold and silver trophies for its Dark Lager and Simple Things Pilsner. The brewery has also received multiple awards for its IPA programme, including a silver in the Canada Beer Cup for Frolf Hazy IPA and a silver at the Canadian Brewing Awards for Beep Small IPA.

The brewery prides itself in being a community-first brewery with a safe and inclusive taproom welcoming all folks. Through its Good Things charity initiative, it gives back to charity with every glass of beer sold.



Steel & Oak



Robyn Guille and Aaron Deane

Meet the brewer

Robyn Guille is a recent addition to the Steel & Oak brewing team, joining in November 2022. Robyn has been brewing for nearly a decade in the British Columbian craft beer scene, with silver and gold medal recipes at the British Columbia Brewing Awards and Canadian Brewing Awards.

Starting as a passionate homebrewer, he pursued brewing school while taking on the role as head brewer at Moody Ales Brewing Co. While not common in Vancouver, Canada, Robyn helped to grow and maintain a real-ale cask programme, in which he gained an appreciation for real ales.

Robyn enjoys the collaborative nature of the craft beer industry and designing beers in tandem with other breweries, businesses and communities.



Yazoo: Dos Perros



The beer

Aroma: Bready, cocoa, clean

Taste: Chocolate, toasty, clean

Dos Perros is brewed with German Munich and English pale and chocolate malts, along with Perle and Saaz hops. To lighten the body, as many Mexican brewers do, a portion of flaked maize (corn) is added.

The beer is brewed at the request of the brewer's sister, who asked for a dark beer for her fiancé for their midsummer outdoor wedding in Mississippi, in the US. Yazoo came up with Dos Perros – dark enough to satisfy, but light enough to keep the wedding reception going past one pint.

Yazoo Dos Perros

Yazoo Brewing, Tennessee, USA. Est. 2003

4.8% ABV

Linus Hall has travelled to Adnams Brewery (Suffolk) to brew this deep amber beer for us. The bready malt aroma leads to a malty body, with a clean, refreshing character and a subtle hop finish.

Hops: Bobek, Perle



Amber;
mid brown



International brewer
– USA





Yazoo

The brewery

Yazoo was started by Linus and Lila Hall in 2003, in Nashville, Tennessee, with a small 10bbl brewhouse and draught only, distributed in an old pick-up truck. Since then, Yazoo has outgrown its home several times, becoming one of the largest breweries in the area. Its home is now 10 miles north of Nashville.



Yazoo



Linus Hall

Meet the brewer

Linus Hall has been brewing beer for over 20 years. He was an avid homebrewer who quit a corporate job to chase a dream of owning his own brewery. After a degree from the American Brewers Guild and an internship with at Brooklyn Brewery, he started Yazoo Brewing in 2003 in Nashville, USA.

There have been many highlights in his career – but this year is special. For Yazoo’s 20th anniversary, its brewers have been teaming up with other breweries in the US and around the world on a series of collaborations, including this brew for Wetherspoon at Adnams Brewery, in Southwold.



Yazoo



Zululand: Zulu Blonde



The beer

Aroma: Citrus

Taste: Crisp, malty, fruity

Coming from Eshowe, which is rich in Zulu history and culture, these brewers wanted to make a beer to put their little Zululand Eshowe town on the map.

This golden amber beer has a predominantly malty character, balanced by fruit flavours and hints of citrus, leading to a light, crisp finish.

Zulu Blonde launched internationally in April 2010, when brewmaster Richards Chennells brewed Zulu Blonde Export Ale at Marston's Brewery, in Burton-upon-Trent – to supply 800 pubs for the Wetherspoon real-ale festival.

From the 50 ales on offer, Zulu Blonde was voted number-one and sold out in the first week of the three-week festival. Because of its success, Richard was invited back to the UK to brew another 120,000 pints at Everards Brewery, in Leicester – and Zulu Blonde went back into Wetherspoon's pubs in time for the FIFA 2010 World Cup kick-off.

Zulu Blonde now has contract brewing operations in South Africa (Nottingham Road Brewery) and the UK (Everards) and will shortly have operations in the Czech Republic and Belgium.

Zululand Zulu Blonde

Zululand Brewery, Eshowe, South Africa

Est. 1997

4.5% ABV

Richard Chennells has returned to brew this popular beer for us again, this time at Banks's Brewery (West Midlands). This golden amber beer has a predominantly malty character, balanced by fruit flavours and hints of citrus, leading to a light, crisp finish.

Hops: Fuggles, Goldings, Saaz



Golden



International brewer
– South Africa





Zululand

The brewery

Established in 1997 by Graham, Richard and Mark Chennells, Zululand Brewery is situated at the 120-year-old George Hotel in Eshowe, with beers available on tap at The Pablo Esco Bar.

It uses only natural ingredients, mostly from South Africa – a perfect recipe of barley, wheat and hops, creating the right taste and aroma for its handcrafted beers. The brewery is capable of producing a maximum of 3,000 litres a month, in batches of 300 litres.

Because its brewhouse is so small, it brews up to four times daily, just to fill two 150-litre fermentation tanks!

Having grown and expanded since those early days in a shed, the brewery opened its first franchise pub in 2019, in Umhlanga Rocks, in KwaZulu-Natal, and is getting ready to open two more this year.

Richard and his father Graham have also been involved with the Eshowe Community Action Group which, since 1977, has funded the building of Zululand classrooms. The group has built more than 3,000, over the years, through global funding.



Richard Chennells

Meet the brewer

Richard Chennells started brewing beer in 1997. Zululand was one of the first and smallest microbreweries in Africa. It was started in a garden shed in the gardens of the 120-year-old George Hotel.

Richard is passionate about brewing and loves the variety of flavours and styles which brewing ale brings, as well as their taste.

One of the highlights of Richard's career was being invited to the Wetherspoon real-ale festival in 2010 twice – then again in 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2023.





Real-ale types



FA Festival ale – brewed for the first time, exclusively for this festival

IB International brewer – non-UK brewer

NA New ale – not brewed before 2022

S Seasonal ale – an ale not brewed permanently

SA Special ale – a rare ale brewed again, especially for this festival

SP Speciality ale – brewed with unusual ingredients/an unusual style

1 Purity Bunny Hop 3.4% ABV **SP**

Purity Brewery, Warwickshire. Est. 2005

This hazy, pale golden ale is extra hoppy in character, with a full aroma, pronounced bitterness in the flavour, notes of grapefruit and a long, dry finish.

Hops: Azacca, Centennial, Chinook, Citra, Eureka, Pilgrim



2 Rudgate Vanilla Mild 3.6% ABV **SP SA**

Rudgate Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992

This multiaward-winning dark mild is very lightly hopped and enriched with fresh premium vanilla pods, resulting in a well-balanced, rich and smooth flavour.

Hops: East Kent Goldings



3 Acorn 2 Decades 4.0% ABV **FA**

Acorn Brewery, South Yorkshire. Est. 2003

Brewed with a blend of English hop varieties to celebrate 20 years' brewing, this blond beer has a tropical fruit aroma and a balanced, hoppy flavour.

Hops: Challenger, Goldings, Harlequin



4 Adnams Nut Brown 4.0% ABV **SA**

Adnams Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1872

This chestnut-coloured beer has aromas of gooseberry, pine, toasted malt and caramel, leading to hints of brown sugar on the palate, balanced by a fresh bitterness, with orange and fresh bread notes.

Hops: Ekuanot, Jester



5 Black Sheep Finisher 4.0% ABV **S**

Black Sheep Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992

This seasonal golden pale ale is packed full of hops which deliver ripe apricot, juicy citrus and subtle spicy flavours, balanced by a light sweet maltiness.

Hops: Ernest



6 Brewster's Krafty Kiwi 4.0% ABV **S**

Brewster's Brewery, Lincolnshire. Est. 1998

This occasionally brewed, light golden beer contains hints of crystal malt, enhancing the flavour and balancing the lemon zest notes and hints of pine, with a lasting resinous finish.

Hops: Pacific Gem, Pacific Jade



7 Steel & Oak Easy Stout 4.0% ABV



Steel & Oak Brewing, British Columbia, Canada. Est. 2014

Robyn Guille has travelled to Batemans Brewery (Lincolnshire) to brew this tropical session stout for us. The aromas of tropical and citrus fruit lead to a smooth roasted malt flavour, with notes of chocolate and toffee, then a full-bodied, creamy and refreshing finish.

Hops: *Amarillo, El Dorado*



8 Inveralmond Ossian Oatmeal Stout 4.1% ABV



Inveralmond Brewery, Perthshire. Est. 1997

This new beer is rich in flavour and packed full of coffee, cocoa and roasted malt flavours, complemented by bittersweet notes and balanced by a smooth, creamy finish.

Hops: *Aurora*



9 Hook Norton Autumn Ways 4.2% ABV



Hook Norton Brewery, Oxfordshire. Est. 1849

This ruby-coloured seasonal ale has an inviting floral aroma, while its use of Maris Otter malt, plus a touch of rye and wheat, delivers complexity to the soft dark fruit flavour.

Hops: *Bramling Cross, Celeia, Fuggles, UK Cascade*



10 Evan Evans Challenger 4.3% ABV



Evan Evans Brewery, Carmarthenshire. Est. 2004

This new deep amber autumn beer has a predominantly malty character, balanced by plenty of hop notes, delivering a smooth flavour and a fresh, crisp, spicy finish.

Hops: *Challenger, Ernest, First Gold, Goldings*



11 Maxim Slovenian Pale Ale 4.3% ABV



Maxim Brewery, County Durham. Est. 2007

This light golden seasonal ale is brewed with a blend of pale ale and lager malts to give a European character, while its Slovenian hops deliver a pleasing floral aroma and hints of lemon in the flavour.

Hops: *Dana, Eureka, Styrian Wolf*



12 Batemans Combined Harvest 4.4% ABV



Batemans Brewery, Lincolnshire. Est. 1874

This deep golden seasonal beer contains a unique multigrain blend of malted barley, oats, wheat and rye, creating a refreshing flavour with a dry-sweet character, plus citrus hints.

Hops: *Bobek*



13 Castle Rock Phoenix Tears 4.5% ABV



Castle Rock Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 1998

This new copper-coloured beer, using solely UK ingredients, delivers a beautiful balance of hop notes and malt flavours, resulting in a bittersweet character and a warming, spicy finish.

Hops: *Goldings, Phoenix*



14 Harviestoun Broken Dial 4.5% ABV



Harviestoun Brewery, Clackmannanshire. Est. 1983

This amber seasonal ale has a distinctive malty flavour, with chocolate notes, balanced by a complex hop aroma and flavour, leading to a pleasing tropical fruit finish.

Hops: *Celeia, Citra, Liberty, Simcoe*



15 Robinsons Fear Of The Dark 4.5% ABV

SA

Robinsons Brewery, Cheshire. Est. 1838

This black stout, part of this brewer's popular Iron Maiden Trooper range, has a complex blend of roasted malt, chocolate and coffee flavours, balanced by peppery hop notes.

Hops: *Goldings*



16 St Austell Average Joe! 4.5% ABV

SA

St Austell Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1851

This amber-coloured occasionally brewed beer has a fruity aroma, leading to generous floral flavours and hints of blackcurrant, balanced by an emerging malty finish.

Hops: *Bramling Cross, Fuggles, Harlequin*



17 Zululand Zulu Blonde 4.5% ABV

IB



Zululand Brewery, Eshowe, South Africa. Est. 1997

Richard Chennells has returned to brew this popular beer for us again, this time at Banks's Brewery (West Midlands). This golden amber beer has a predominantly malty character, balanced by fruit flavours and hints of citrus, leading to a light, crisp finish.

Hops: *Fuggles, Goldings, Saaz*



18 Conwy Kashmir IPA 4.8% ABV

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Conwy Brewery, Conwy. Est. 2003

This golden seasonal beer is a traditional IPA, delivering an assertive bitterness and plenty of hop flavour, balanced by a subtle maltiness, and leading to a spicy, peppery finish.

Hops: *Challenger, East Kent Goldings, Fuggles, Pioneer*



19 Salopian The Murmurings of a Lost Leviathan 4.8% ABV

SA

Salopian Brewery, Shropshire. Est. 1995

This golden IPA sparkles with mesmerising tangerine and papaya sorbet notes, delivering a hoppy and full (yet not overpowering) flavour which melds beautifully across a brazen sea of passion fruit and lemon zest.

Hops: *Centennial, Challenger, Mosaic, Nelson Sauvin*



20 Shepherd Neame Cracklewick 4.8% ABV

SA

Shepherd Neame Brewery, Kent. Est. 1698

This occasionally brewed mahogany ale has floral, citrus and spicy aromas, which complement the chocolate and roasted malt hints in its flavour, resulting in a satisfying, smooth and velvety character.

Hops: *Centennial, East Kent Goldings, First Gold*



21 Yazoo Dos Perros 4.8% ABV

IB



Yazoo Brewing, Tennessee, USA. Est. 2003

Linus Hall has travelled to Adnams Brewery (Suffolk) to brew this deep amber beer for us. The bready malt aroma leads to a malty body, with a clean, refreshing character and a subtle hop finish.

Hops: *Perle, Saaz*



22 Titanic Cherry Porter 4.9% ABV

SP

Titanic Brewery, Staffordshire. Est. 1985

This dark red speciality porter has a rich aroma and a well-rounded fruity character, with its sweet cherry flavour balanced by generous hop notes.

Hops: *Celeia, Goldings, Herkules, Pilgrim*



23 Fyne Ales Quiet Shadows 5.0% ABV 

Fyne Ales, Argyll. Est. 2001

This new hazy straw-coloured pale ale has a ripe fruit and resinous aroma, leading to delicate strawberry and raspberry flavours, complemented by vibrant citrus notes, before resulting in a soft, silky finish.

Hops: Barbe Rouge T90, Belma T90, Chinook T90, Simcoe



24 Hogs Back Ratfink & Ripsnorter 5.0% ABV 

Hogs Back Brewery, Surrey. Est. 1992

This ruby beer has an enticing malty aroma, with gentle spice notes leading to a powerful malty flavour with hints of plum, balanced by generous refreshing hoppy notes.

Hops: Fuggles, Goldings



25 Joe's Garage Bohemian Pale Ale 5.0% ABV 

Joe's Garage Brewery, Plzeň, Czech Republic. Est. 2005

Josef and Petr Krýsl have travelled to Shepherd Neame Brewery (Kent) to brew this pale amber beer for us. The use of rare Czech hop varieties delivers aromatic citrus and spicy notes, along with a balanced bitterness to its full-bodied, malty flavour.

Hops: Kazbek




26 Lancaster Harlequin 5.0% ABV 

Lancaster Brewery, Lancashire. Est. 2005

This new blond ale is brewed with a fine blend of UK hop varieties, delivering generous fruity notes in both the aroma and flavour and leading to a refreshing finish with mango hints.

Hops: First Gold, Godiva, Jester, Keyworth




27 Thornbridge Hubble 5.2% ABV 

Thornbridge Brewery, Derbyshire. Est. 2005

This golden American pale ale is packed with a mouth-watering blend of US hops, delivering big punchy notes of mango, lemon and orange from the aroma all the way through to its refreshing finish.

Hops: Amarillo, Mosaic, Simcoe



28 Elgood's Warrior 5.5% ABV 

Elgood's Brewery, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1795

This chestnut-coloured seasonal beer has a predominantly malty aroma, leading to a strong, well-balanced character with a rich malt flavour and subtle hop notes.

Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Sovereign



29 New Realm Hoptropolis IPA 6.0% ABV 

New Realm Brewing, Georgia, USA. Est. 2016

Mitch Steele has travelled to Hook Norton Brewery (Oxfordshire) to brew this deep golden beer for us. The intensely fruity aroma leads to a medium body and emerging hop character, with plenty of tropical fruit notes and a pleasing bitterness in the finish.

Hops: Azacca, Citra, Mosaic



30 Wychwood King Goblin 6.6% ABV 

Wychwood Brewery, Oxfordshire. Est. 1983

This rarely seen, deep ruby strong ale is brewed with roasted chocolate and crystal malts which, combined with a blend of hop varieties, produce a rich and full-bodied beer, with fruity notes and a pleasingly smooth character.

Hops: Cascade, Fuggles, Sovereign, Styrian



Festival ale checklist

Real-ale types



FA Festival ale – brewed for the first time, exclusively for this festival



IB International brewer – non-UK brewer



NA New ale – not brewed before 2022



S Seasonal ale – an ale not brewed permanently



SA Special ale – a rare ale brewed again, especially for this festival



SP Speciality ale – brewed with unusual ingredients/an unusual style

Notes

Score out of 10

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| 1 | Purity Bunny Hop 3.4% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 2 | Rudgate Vanilla Mild 3.6% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 | Acorn 2 Decades 4.0% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 | Adnams Nut Brown 4.0% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 5 | Black Sheep Finisher 4.0% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 6 | Brewster's Krafty Kiwi 4.0% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 7 | Steel & Oak Easy Stout 4.0% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 8 | Inveralmond Ossian Oatmeal Stout 4.1% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 9 | Hook Norton Autumn Ways 4.2% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 10 | Evan Evans Challenger 4.3% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 11 | Maxim Slovenian Pale Ale 4.3% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 12 | Batemans Combined Harvest 4.4% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |
| 13 | Castle Rock Phoenix Tears 4.5% ABV | | <input type="text"/> |

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| 14 | Harviestoun Broken Dial 4.5% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | Robinsons Fear Of The Dark 4.5% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 | St Austell Average Joe! 4.5% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 | Zululand Zulu Blonde 4.5% ABV |    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 | Conwy Kashmir IPA 4.8% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 | Salopian The Murmurings of a Lost Leviathan 4.8% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | Shepherd Neame Cracklewick 4.8% ABV |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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