

REAL ALES AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

Dark Star Hophead 3.8% ABV Fuller's Brewery, London. Est. 1845

This pale golden ale has a strong floral aroma, with elderflower notes from its Cascade hops, leading to a clean-drinking and full-flavoured (yet extremely drinkable) character.
Hops: Cascade, Liberty
☺ (barley)



Oakham JHB 3.8% ABV Oakham Ales, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1993

This golden beer is light and refreshing in character, with characteristic citrus fruit notes and a crisp flavour, leading to a dry, hoppy finish.
Hops: Challenger, Mount Hood
☺ (barley, wheat)



Eagle Bombardier 4.1% ABV Eagle Brewery, Bedfordshire. Est. 1876

This distinctive classic English bitter is amber in colour, with a fruity aroma and a perfect balance of rich malt, tangy hops and sultana fruit, culminating in a soft, spicy finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles
☺ (barley)



Marston's Wainwright 4.1% ABV Banks's Brewery, West Midlands. Est. 1890

This pale straw-coloured beer has a subtle sweetness, with delicate citrus fruit overtones, complemented by sweet honey notes to deliver a refreshing character.
Hops: Hersbrücker, Magnum, Styrian, Tradition
☺ (barley)



Brains SA 4.2% ABV Brains Brewery, Cardiff. Est. 1882

This copper-coloured beer has hints of spirit in the inviting aroma, leading to a fine balance of nutty richness from the malt and a satisfying dryness imparted by the blend of hops.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings
☺ (barley)



Shepherd Neame Spitfire 4.2% ABV
Shepherd Neame Brewery, Kent. Est. 1698
This deep amber-coloured beer is brewed with the finest Kentish hops, resulting in a floral aroma, leading to hints of marmalade, pepper and fruit, balanced by a mellow malt character.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Goldings, Target
☺ (barley)



Wychwood Hobgoblin Gold 4.2% ABV
Banks's Brewery, West Midlands. Est. 1890
This golden beer contains generous hop notes and a mouth-watering flavour from the malt and wheat combining to deliver a well-balanced character and a citrus hop kick in the finish.
Hops: Admiral, Cascade, Citra, Hallertau Blanc, Nelson Sauvin, Summit
☺ (barley, wheat)



Adnams Ghost Ship 4.5% ABV
Adnams Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1872
This golden pale ale has a fresh citrus aroma, leading to a good assertive bitterness in the flavour, supported by a malty backbone and resulting in a refreshing citrus finish.
Hops: Cascade, Chinook, Citra, Columbus
☺ (barley, rye)



Brains The Rev James Original 4.5% ABV
Brains Brewery, Cardiff. Est. 1882
This mahogany-coloured beer is rich and well balanced, with a mellow, malty flavour which unexpectedly gives way to a clean, refreshing finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles
☺ (barley)



Exmoor Gold 4.5% ABV
Exmoor Ales, Somerset. Est. 1980
This classic golden ale has a juicy malt aroma, with hints of citrus hops and vanilla, while the subtle malt sweetness in its flavour leads to a refreshing, bittersweet finish of citrus, toffee and vanilla.
Hops: Celeia, Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings
☺ (barley)



Morland Old Speckled Hen 4.5% ABV
Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
This amber-coloured beer has a superb fruity aroma, with its warming malt and toffee character balanced by fruity notes and a subtle bitterness, leading to a refreshing, dry finish.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Goldings
☺ (barley)



Wychwood Hobgoblin Ruby 4.5% ABV
Wychwood Brewery, Oxfordshire. Est. 1983
This full-bodied, ruby-coloured beer delivers a delicious chocolate and toffee malt flavour, balanced by a moderate bitterness and an overall fruity, mischievous character.
Hops: Bobek, Fuggles, Goldings, Herkules
☺ (barley)



Fire Island Buffalo 4.6% ABV
Evan Evans Brewery, Carmarthenshire. Est. 2004
This dark amber beer is gluten free. The full and lasting dry spice aroma is complemented by a rich, full-bodied malt flavour and balanced by hedgerow fruit notes.
Hops: Ariana, Magnum, Mandarina Bavaria



Hook Norton Old Hooky 4.6% ABV
Hook Norton Brewery, Oxfordshire. Est. 1849
This popular tawny-red bitter has a strong, fruity, malty aroma and palate, with a balance of subtle hoppiness and hints of crystal malt, creating a well-rounded, slightly sweet character.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings
☺ (barley)



Adnams Broadside 4.7% ABV
Adnams Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1872
This classic beer is a deep ruby colour, rich in fruit cake aromas, with hints of almond and fruit in the smooth, malty flavour, leading to a balanced, lasting finish.
Hops: First Gold
☺ (barley)



Ringwood Fortyniner 4.9% ABV
Ringwood Brewery, Hampshire. Est. 1978
This golden-brown beer has a light, fresh, floral aroma, with a rounded malt flavour, balanced by a moderate bitterness which leads to pleasing bittersweet notes in the finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Progress, Sovereign
☺ (barley, wheat)



Shepherd Neame Bishops Finger 5.0% ABV
Shepherd Neame Brewery, Kent. Est. 1698
This chestnut-brown-coloured ale has a complex, fruity, toffee aroma, leading to a firm malt base in the flavour, complemented by notes of dark fruit, pepper and cinnamon.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Goldings, Target
☺ (barley)



Ringwood Old Thumper 5.1% ABV
Ringwood Brewery, Hampshire. Est. 1978
This deep amber-coloured beer has a peppery, spicy aroma, with an excellent balance of malt and hops in the flavour, delivering a warming character and fruity, bittersweet finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Progress, Sovereign
☺ (barley)



Kelham Island Pale Rider 5.2% ABV
Kelham Island Brewery, South Yorkshire. Est. 1990
This golden-coloured, award-winning beer is brewed using a blend of the finest malts and American hops, resulting in a fresh citrus nose, ample hints of fruit and a smooth, refreshing juicy malt character.
Hops: Cascade, Citra, Columbus, Willamette
☺ (barley, wheat)



Theakston Old Peculier 5.6% ABV
Theakston Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1827
This dark ruby beer is one of the world's classic beers. It has a rich, full-bodied flavour, with subtle cherry and rich fruit overtones, plus a smooth, lasting finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Target
☺ (barley, wheat)



Marston's Old Empire IPA 5.7% ABV
Marston's Brewery, Staffordshire. Est. 1834
This golden beer is brewed in the style of a traditional IPA, with plenty of crisp citrus hop aromas, a subtle malt character and generous hop flavours emerging in the bittersweet finish.
Hops: Cascade, Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Herkules, Progress, Sovereign
☺ (barley)



Thornbridge Jaipur 5.9% ABV
Thornbridge Brewery, Derbyshire. Est. 2005
This golden, American-style IPA has a complex hop experience, with a building hoppiness in the mouth which bursts with powerful citrus fruit flavours, culminating in a surprisingly smooth finish.
Hops: Ahtanum, Cascade, Centennial, Chinook, Columbus, Simcoe
☺ (barley, wheat)



Greene King Abbot Reserve 6.5% ABV
Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
This occasionally brewed deep copper-coloured beer has a fruit cake aroma, leading to a rich, full-bodied flavour, bursting with malt, biscuit, toffee and fruit notes, all balanced by an emerging bitterness.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Fuggles
☺ (barley)



REAL-ALE TYPES



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SEP - NOV 2021

These tasting notes detail our 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 which you would like us to stock, please suggest it to the manager.

All ales are served through a sparkler. If you prefer your beer served without this used, please ask at the bar.



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SEASONAL GUEST ALES AVAILABLE DURING SEP-NOV

Milestone Lion's Pride 3.8% ABV
Milestone Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2005
This copper-coloured session bitter has a spicy bitter lemon aroma, leading to a traditional, easy-drinking flavour, with biscuit malt notes and a crisp, bitter finish.
Hops: Brewer's Gold, Northdown, Perle
☺ (barley, wheat)



Woodforde's Wherry 3.8% ABV
Woodforde's Brewery, Norfolk. Est. 1981
This amber-coloured ale has a sweet malt background, wonderfully balanced by a fresh and zesty character from the crisp, floral flavours, resulting in a hoppy, bitter finish.
Hops: Challenger, Goldings, Styrian Goldings
☺ (barley)



Frome Funky Monkey 4.0% ABV
Frome Brewery, Somerset. Est. 1999
This copper-coloured ale has a mango and grapefruit aroma, leading to more citrus and tropical fruit notes on the palate, balanced by a subtle bitterness and a lasting dryness in the finish.
Hops: Citra, Idaho 7, Mosaic
☺ (barley)



Oakham Inferno 4.0% ABV
Oakham Ales, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1993
This golden ale has a full hop aroma, leading to a complex flavour bursting with citrus and fruity hop notes, resulting in a dry, refreshing, lasting bitter finish.
Hops: Amarillo, Cascade, Centennial, Chinook, Sterling
☺ (barley, wheat)



Otter Amber 4.0% ABV
Otter Brewery, Devon. Est. 1990
This amber-coloured beer has an aroma of citrus fruit and spice, leading to a full-bodied fruity flavour, with a balance of malt and tropical fruit notes, plus a ginger spice finish.
Hops: Celeia, Pilgrim, Willamette
☺ (barley, wheat)



Rooster's Capability Brown 4.0% ABV
Rooster's Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1993
This traditional best bitter is deep amber in colour, displaying classic English hedgerow hop characteristics which combine with the malt notes to provide a fine bittersweet balance.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, WGV
☺ (barley, oats, wheat)



Skinner's Betty Stogs 4.0% ABV
Skinner's Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1997
This award-winning amber best bitter has a light, malty aroma, leading to a full, balanced flavour of malt and fruit, with a sharp grapefruit tang to add a refreshing note.
Hops: Aurora, Celeia, Northdown
☺ (barley, wheat)



Daleside Old Legover 4.1% ABV
Daleside Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This well-balanced bronze ale has fruity and floral aromas, leading to a nutty, predominantly malty flavour and a lingering finish of hops and bitterness.
Hops: Bobek, Northern Brewer
☺ (barley, wheat)



Inveralmond Ossian 4.1% ABV
Inveralmond Brewery, Perthshire. Est. 1997
Winner of many awards, this golden-coloured beer has a hoppy, zesty, citrus aroma, complemented by a malty backbone and a refreshing, hoppy finish.
Hops: Cascade, First Gold, Fuggles
☺ (barley, wheat)



Old Dairy Copper Top 4.1% ABV
Old Dairy Brewery, Kent. Est. 2009
This copper-coloured beer has a fruity and slightly spicy aroma, followed by a sweet caramel and toffee flavour, with chocolate undertones, resulting in a gentle bitterness and a fruity finish.
Hops: Bramling Cross, Challenger
☺ (barley)



Hanlons Devon Darkness 4.2% ABV
Hanlons Brewery, Devon. Est. 1996
This ruby-black stout has an inviting malty aroma, leading to a blend of coffee and chocolate flavours, combining with a subtle bitterness to deliver a smooth, creamy character.
Hops: Bobek, Phoenix
☺ (barley)



Brains SA Gold 4.3% ABV
Brains Brewery, Cardiff. Est. 1882
This full-flavoured golden ale delivers vibrant citrus aromas and complex hop flavours, resulting in a full-flavoured, hoppy, refreshing character.
Hops: Cascade, Styrian Goldings
☺ (barley)



Butcombe Gold 4.4% ABV
Butcombe Brewery, Somerset. Est. 1978
Golden, fresh and full of vitality, this beer is mellow in character, with hoppy, citrus flavours and aromas throughout, balanced by a subtle maltiness and leading to a fine, rounded, bittersweet finish.
Hops: Fuggles
☺ (barley, wheat)



Moorhouse's Blonde Witch 4.4% ABV
Moorhouse's Brewery, Lancashire. Est. 1865
This moreish blond ale has a fruity, zesty aroma, leading to a full-bodied, smooth and fruity flavour, with balancing sweet malt notes and a crisp, citrus hop finish.
Hops: Centennial, Progress, Willamette
☺ (barley, wheat)



Cotleigh Barn Owl 4.5% ABV
Cotleigh Brewery, Somerset. Est. 1979
This popular copper-coloured premium bitter has a full, distinctive flavour, with hints of toffee, nuts and vanilla leading to a smooth, malty, bittersweet finish.
Hops: Bobek, Goldings, Northern Brewer, Progress
☺ (barley, wheat)



Exe Valley Autumn Glory 4.5% ABV
Exe Valley Brewery, Devon. Est. 1984
This rich, chestnut-brown seasonal beer has a full malty character, providing a pleasing sweetness, balanced by notes of fruit and chocolate to deliver a full, lasting flavour.
Hops: Challenger
☺ (barley, wheat)



Pheasantry Excitra 4.5% ABV
Pheasantry Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2012
This bright golden beer superbly highlights all of the outstanding characteristics of the Citra hop variety, with a welcoming aroma of citrus and fruit notes followed by bold, pungent hop flavours.
Hops: Citra, First Gold
☺ (barley, wheat)



Purity Pure UBU 4.5% ABV
Purity Brewery, Warwickshire. Est. 2005
This distinctive amber beer has an inviting hop aroma, leading to a good balance of malt and hops in its full flavour, resulting in a very pleasurable, easy-drinking character.
Hops: Cascade, Pilgrim
☺ (barley, wheat)



Bowman Black Drop 4.6% ABV
Bowman Ales, Hampshire. Est. 2006
This occasionally brewed black stout has a rich, satisfying flavour, with the addition of oats providing sweet overtones to balance the rounded bitterness.
Hops: Pilgrim
☺ (barley, oats, wheat)



Orkney Dark Island 4.6% ABV
Orkney Brewery, Orkney. Est. 1988
This iconic, award-winning dark ale has a ripe, fruity, chocolaty nose, with flavours of dark chocolate, dried fruit, dates and nuts - from its combination of roasted malts and hops.
Hops: East Kent Goldings, First Gold
☺ (barley, wheat)



East London Cowcatcher 4.8% ABV
East London Brewery, Leyton. Est. 2011
This generously hopped American-style pale ale is pale golden in colour with a floral aroma, leading to a fruity, hoppy flavour and crisp, refreshing finish.
Hops: Cascade, Chinook, Citra, Polaris
☺ (barley)



Lancaster Red 4.8% ABV
Lancaster Brewery, Lancashire. Est. 2005
This premium-strength ruby beer has a spicy (yet slightly sweet) aroma and a robust and malt-dominated flavour, with hints of fruit, leading to a smooth, dry finish.
Hops: First Gold, Goldings
☺ (barley, oats)



Vale Gravitas 4.8% ABV
Vale Brewery, Buckinghamshire. Est. 1995
This award-winning pale golden ale has a pronounced hop aroma throughout. Packed with hop and citrus flavours, it is then rounded off by a dry, malty, biscuit finish.
Hops: Cascade, Perle
☺ (barley, wheat)



Burton Bridge Stairway To Heaven 5.0% ABV
Burton Bridge Brewery, Staffordshire. Est. 1982
This full-flavoured golden beer makes full use of its hops, creating a pleasing, light, hoppy aroma and a clean, refreshing taste, with impressive bittersweet notes.
Hops: Fuggles, Goldings
☺ (barley)



Nelson Vengeance 5.0% ABV
Nelson Brewery, Kent. Est. 1995
This copper-coloured premium ale offers a smooth balance of malt and hop notes in both the aroma and flavour, with an emerging predominant hop character delivering a lasting finish.
Hops: Bullion, Chinook, Toyomidori
☺ (barley, wheat)



Rudgate York Chocolate Stout 5.0% ABV
Rudgate Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This black premium stout has a balanced and complex blend of flavours, with a subtle bitterness complementing the rich malt flavour, culminating in a smooth chocolaty finish.
Hops: Challenger
☺ (barley, oats, wheat)



Stonehenge Danish Dynamite 5.0% ABV
Stonehenge Brewery, Wiltshire. Est. 1984
This light golden IPA has a fruity, hoppy aroma, leading to a well-balanced flavour of spicy, fruity and hoppy notes, with underlying malt notes and a smooth, refreshing finish.
Hops: Cascade, First Gold
☺ (barley, wheat)



Wadworth Bishop's Tipple 5.0% ABV
Wadworth Brewery, Wiltshire. Est. 1875
This light amber-coloured ale delivers toasted malt and spicy hops in its aroma, followed by a strong flavour, with a zingy hop bitterness and a lingering clean finish.
Hops: Galaxy, Goldings, Saaz, Styrian Goldings, Target
☺ (barley)



Elgood's Greyhound 5.2% ABV
Elgood's Brewery, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1795
This chestnut-coloured ale has malty and hoppy aromas, leading to a strong flavour, with a rich raisin character and a long, balanced finish of full malt and hop notes.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles
☺ (barley, wheat)



Nottingham Supreme Bitter 5.2% ABV
Nottingham Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2000
This refreshing golden ale has a zingy, zesty character, with its inviting hop aroma leading to plenty of hop notes in the flavour, resulting in an easy-drinking beer for its strength.
Hops: Bobek, Challenger, Goldings
☺ (barley, wheat)



Mauldons Black Adder 5.3% ABV
Mauldons Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1982
This strong, dark, bitter stout has roast and nut aromas, a fruity balance of hops and dark malt, plus an excellent, lingering finish. It was a previous winner of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain award.
Hops: Fuggles
☺ (barley, wheat)



Conwy San Francisco 5.5% ABV
Conwy Brewery, Conwy. Est. 2003
This golden beer is brewed in the style of an American IPA, with citrus and tropical fruit aromas leading to robust biscuit malt and hop flavours on the palate, plus a long, satisfying bitter finish.
Hops: Cascade, Citra, Columbus, Ekuant
☺ (barley, wheat)



Black Sheep Riggwelter 5.9% ABV
Black Sheep Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This deep ruby-coloured ale has rich espresso and pineapple aromas, leading to a strong, deep flavour, with notes of cherry, liquorice, roasted malt and chocolate.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Progress
☺ (barley, wheat)



Peerless Full Whack 6.0% ABV
Peerless Brewery, Merseyside. Est. 2009
This amber-coloured ale has an inviting toffee aroma, leading to a rich caramel malt flavour, balanced by a dry finish, with fruity undertones from its hop combination.
Hops: Admiral, Cascade, First Gold
☺ (barley, wheat)



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SEE REVERSE FOR LIST OF REAL ALES AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

REGULAR REAL ALES

All of our pubs will have at least two of the below beers available at all times.

Greene King IPA 3.6% ABV
Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
This easy-drinking amber ale has a fresh hop aroma and a refreshing, dry, moreish finish.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Pilgrim
☺ (barley)



Ruddles 3.7% ABV
Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
This beer's rare Bramling Cross hops add berry flavours, with its bitterness balanced by slight toffee/caramel from the crystal malt, through to the crisp, dry finish.
Hops: Bramling Cross, Challenger, Goldings, Target
☺ (barley)



Deuchars IPA 3.8% ABV (Scotland only)
Caledonian Brewery, Edinburgh. Est. 1869
Solid gold in colour, with hints of fresh citrus, this ale's distinctive light malt and fresh floral flavours combine with zesty hops.
Hops: Aurora, Fuggles, Savinjski, Willamette
☺ (barley)



Sharp's Doom Bar 4.0% ABV
Sharp's Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1994
An enticing aroma of resinous hops and sweet roasted malts, creating a balanced amber ale, with hints of dried fruit and a subtle bitterness.
Hops: Aurora, Perle
☺ (barley)



Abbot Ale 5.0% ABV
Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
Masses of fruit character, with a malty richness and superb hop balance.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Fuggles, Pilgrim
☺ (barley)

