

REAL ALES

— AVAILABLE —

ALL YEAR ROUND

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



REGULAR REAL ALES

All 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, dry, hoppy and herbal character, while its addition of crystal malt delivers satisfying toffee and caramel notes, resulting in a clean, dry finish.
Hops: Challenger, First Gold, Pilgrim



Ruddles Best 3.7% ABV
 Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799
 This chestnut-coloured beer's blend of hops delivers tropical and berry fruit flavours, with lemon citrus notes, balanced by a warming toffee and caramel character, leading to a crisp bitterness in the finish.
Hops: Bramling Cross, Challenger, Goldings, Target



Belhaven 80 Shilling 3.9% ABV
 Belhaven Brewery, East Lothian. Est. 1719
 This copper-coloured beer has a malty character and subtle sweetness, with its hop varieties delivering a balancing bitterness and underlying herbal hop notes, with emerging hints of orange peel.
Hops: Challenger, Goldings



Sharp's Doom Bar 4.0% ABV
 Sharp's Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1994
 This amber-coloured ale has an enticing aroma of resinous hops and sweet roasted malt, leading to a balanced flavour of dried fruit and lightly roasted malt, along with a moreish subtle bitterness in the finish.
Hops: Aurora, Perle



Greene King 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



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REAL-ALE TASTING NOTES

MAY-JUL 2022

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 MAY-JUL

Elgood's Cambridge 3.8% ABV
Elgood's Brewery, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1795
This tawny-coloured session bitter has a subtle English hop aroma, leading to a well-balanced flavour of traditional hops and Maris Otter malt, culminating in a pleasing bitter finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles



Vale Wychert 3.9% ABV
Vale Brewery, Buckinghamshire. Est. 1995
This Auburn-coloured bitter has inviting aromas of port and berries, while the predominantly malty flavour is balanced by woody and subtle hop notes, resulting in a lasting malt finish.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles



Blindmans Golden Spring 4.0% ABV
Blindmans Brewery, Somerset. Est. 2002
This straw-coloured beer is brewed using lager malt and a distinctive blend of hop varieties, resulting in a crisp, refreshing character, with lemongrass hints in its lasting finish.
Hops: Aurora, Challenger, Styrian Goldings



Butcombe Original 4.0% ABV
Butcombe Brewery, Somerset. Est. 1978
This classic copper-coloured bitter has a malty, hoppy aroma, with a pronounced bitterness in the flavour, delivering a clean taste and leading to a refreshing, dry and distinctive finish.
Hops: The brewery says that it's a secret blend of English varieties.



Nottingham Legend 4.0% ABV
The Nottingham Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2000
This traditional copper-coloured best bitter has a rounded, well-balanced flavour, with biscuit notes on the palate and a long, pleasing, fruity finish.
Hops: Fuggles, Goldings



Redcastle Red Lady 4.0% ABV
Redcastle Brewery, Angus. Est. 2016
This ruby-red ale has toffee on the nose, leading to a blend of caramel and dried fruits in the malty flavour, balanced by subtle hop notes and a vibrant, fruity, chocolate malt finish.
Hops: Admiral, Goldings



Stonehenge Pigswill 4.0% ABV
Stonehenge Brewery, Wiltshire. Est. 1984
This amber-coloured best bitter has a rich hop aroma, leading to a subtle bitterness in its flavour, with hoppy, nutty and slightly spicy notes providing a full, balanced, smooth character.
Hops: Goldings



Evan Evans WPA 4.1% ABV
Evan Evans Brewery, Carmarthenshire. Est. 2004
This classic Welsh pale ale is golden in colour, with a generous blend of tropical fruit and hop flavours, balanced by subtle malt notes, resulting in a refreshing, smooth finish.
Hops: Celia, Magnum, Nugget



Mauldons Silver Adder 4.2% ABV
Mauldons Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1982
This blond-coloured beer, first brewed in 2007 to celebrate this popular brewery's 25th anniversary, offers fine citrus hop tones, with a balanced flavour which develops into a refreshing, crisp, clean finish.
Hops: Cascade, Willamette



Oakham Citra 4.2% ABV
Oakham Ales, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1993
This refreshing pale golden beer showcases expertly the single-hop variety used, with its pungent aromas of grapefruit, lychee and gooseberry leading to a dry, bitter finish.
Hops: Citra



Purity Mad Goose 4.2% ABV
Purity Brewery, Warwickshire. Est. 2005
This vegan-friendly copper-coloured pale ale has a hoppy, citrus aroma, leading to a zesty, balanced flavour of malt and hop notes, resulting in a smooth, refreshing citrus finish.
Hops: Cascade, Centennial, Chinook, Pilgrim



Skinner's Lushingtons 4.2% ABV
Skinner's Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1997
This straw-coloured session IPA is brewed using a generous blend of hops, delivering bittersweet notes of lime, mango and lychee, complemented by a subtle creaminess and resulting in a juicy, refreshing character.
Hops: Belma, Citra, Willamette



Otter Bright 4.3% ABV
Otter Brewery, Devon. Est. 1990
This straw-coloured beer is brewed using lager malt and the finest English hops, delivering a citrus aroma and refreshing fruity flavour and resulting in a subtle bittersweet finish.
Hops: Fuggles



Black Sheep Special Ale 4.4% ABV
Black Sheep Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This deep-amber-coloured beer has a fruity aroma, leading to a malty flavour, with notes of biscuit, caramel and toffee, balanced by British hop notes to deliver a bittersweet character.
Hops: Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Progress



Rudgate Ruby Mild 4.4% ABV
Rudgate Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This rich, satisfying, ruby ale has a soft, nutty flavour, balanced by a delicate bitterness and a rounded, full-flavoured finish. It has won numerous awards, including being voted CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain, in 2009.
Hops: Challenger



Arundel Sussex IPA 4.5% ABV
Arundel Brewery, West Sussex. Est. 1992
This classic amber-coloured beer delivers an inviting balance of malt and citrus fruit in its aroma, while the complex blend of malt, fruit and hops delivers a dry, bitter and refreshing finish.
Hops: Cascade, Goldings



Bowman Quiver 4.5% ABV
Bowman Ales, Hampshire. Est. 2006
This golden beer has a pleasing aroma of freshly mown grass, with its complex malt flavours and hints of coffee being balanced by a long, lingering bitterness in the finish.
Hops: Challenger



Conwy Rampart 4.5% ABV
Conwy Brewery, Conwy. Est. 2003
This chestnut-coloured beer has an enticing floral hop aroma, leading to a smooth flavour, with spicy and citrus notes, along with a sweet, malty finish, with hints of burnt caramel.
Hops: Sovereign, WGV



Glamorgan Jemima's Pitchfork 4.5% ABV
Glamorgan Brewery, Glamorgan. Est. 2011
This award-winning straw-coloured beer has a generous fruity hop aroma, leading to a crisp, refreshing flavour, with undertones of citrus, pear and melon emerging through to the lasting finish.
Hops: Bramling Cross, Cascade, Chinook, Eldorado



JW Lees Gold 4.5% ABV
JW Lees Brewery, Manchester. Est. 1828
This golden ale, brewed using solely UK-grown hops, has citrus and tropical fruit notes in its aroma, leading to a balance of malt and hop flavours, together with an easy-drinking, refreshing character.
Hops: Admiral, Jester, UK Cascade



Lancaster Black 4.5% ABV
Lancaster Brewery, Lancashire. Est. 2005
This black beer, brewed in the style of a classic, traditional stout, has a full floral aroma of spices and fruit, leading to flavours of liquorice and chocolate, along with a smooth velvet character.
Hops: Cascade, Challenger, Perle



Woodforde's Volt IPA 4.5% ABV
Woodforde's Brewery, Norfolk. Est. 1981
This golden IPA is brewed using an impressive blend of hop varieties which delivers generous notes of tropical fruits, citrus and pine in the aroma and flavour, resulting in a refreshing shock to the system.
Hops: Admiral, Amarillo, Bravo, Cascade, Centennial, Citra, Simcoe



Goffs White Knight 4.7% ABV
Goffs Brewery, Gloucestershire. Est. 1994
This straw-coloured bitter pale ale is deceptively drinkable for its strength, with a delicate hoppy aroma and hints of spice on the palate, leading to a gentle bitterness in the finish.
Hops: East Kent Goldings, Fuggles



Inveralmond Lia Fail 4.7% ABV
Inveralmond Brewery, Perthshire. Est. 1997
This deep amber-coloured beer has a hoppy, spicy aroma, leading to a rich, robust and warming body (packed with nutty and chocolate notes), along with a full, mellow and satisfying finish.
Hops: Cascade, Challenger, Fuggles



Batemans XXXB 4.8% ABV
Batemans Brewery, Lincolnshire. Est. 1874
This classic tawny ale has a pleasing peppery and malt aroma, while its generous blend of malt and hops imparts spicy notes and a good balance of fruit and biscuit in the flavour.
Hops: Challenger, Goldings, Styrian



Exmoor Stag 4.8% ABV
Exmoor Ales, Somerset. Est. 1980
This copper-coloured ale has aromas of hop resin and grainy maltiness, leading to a big malty character and rich fruitiness in the flavour, plus a long, dry finish.
Hops: Bobek, First Gold, Fuggles, Goldings



Old Dairy Blue Top 4.8% ABV
Old Dairy Brewery, Kent. Est. 2009
This deep-golden-coloured beer is brewed in the style of a traditional IPA, with its hoppy flavour and citrus notes balanced by smooth caramel notes, leading to a satisfying bitter finish.
Hops: Challenger, East Kent Goldings, Fuggles



Beartown Bruin's 5.0% ABV
Beartown Brewery, Cheshire. Est. 1994
This vegan-friendly, amber-coloured beer has a robust, nutty aroma, leading to a full, malty character, balanced by plenty of hop flavour and a sweet biscuit finish.
Hops: Admiral, Challenger



Bishop Nick Martyr 5.0% ABV
Bishop Nick Brewery, Essex. Est. 2011
This light amber beer is brewed in the style of an APA, with its blend of hops delivering a brash character and symphony of spicy, floral bitterness, complemented by a sweet, malty backbone.
Hops: Chinook, Comet, Simcoe, Willamette



Burton Bridge Top Dog Stout 5.0% ABV
Burton Bridge Brewery, Staffordshire. Est. 1982
This dark, rich stout has a dominant roast malt flavour, balanced by a subtle bitterness and fruit notes, with underlying flavours of coffee, chocolate and liquorice.
Hops: Challenger



Coach House Post Horn 5.0% ABV
Coach House Brewery, Cheshire. Est. 1991
This pale-straw-coloured ale has hints of pear and pineapple on the nose, leading to a robust, malty palate which is well balanced by its pleasing steely bitterness.
Hops: Pilgrim



Hanlons Stormstay 5.0% ABV
Hanlons Brewery, Devon. Est. 1996
This dark amber beer has an aroma of toffee and floral hops, with hints of tangerine, leading to a flavour which combines citrus, malt, toffee and biscuit, culminating in a dry (yet mellow) finish.
Hops: Amarillo, Bobek, Goldings, Phoenix



Hop Union Moose River 5.0% ABV
Hop Union Brewery, Bristol. Est. 2007
This golden beer has a sweet citrus aroma, leading to a crisp grapefruit flavour, balanced by undertones of caramel, with a zesty, fruity character through to the finish.
Hops: Centennial, East Kent Goldings, Magnum



Limestone Ein Stein 5.0% ABV
Limestone Brewery, Staffordshire. Est. 2008
This blond beer is brewed using a blend of pale Maris Otter malts and German hops, resulting in a gentle biscuit malt flavour, balanced by fresh hoppy notes throughout.
Hops: Brewer's Gold, Hersbrücker



Milestone American Red Ale 5.0% ABV
Milestone Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2005
This full-bodied deep red ale is brewed with generous quantities of US hops, delivering a full, hoppy character, balanced by dark fruit and caramel malt flavours, resulting in a pleasing crisp finish.
Hops: Amarillo, Calypso, Centennial, Mosaic



Pheasantry Dancing Dragonfly 5.0% ABV
Pheasantry Brewery, Nottinghamshire. Est. 2012
This pale golden IPA uses a generous blend of hop varieties to deliver a fruity aroma and a flavour packed full of peach and exotic fruit notes, resulting in a very drinkable, refreshing character.
Hops: Cascade, Galaxy, Raku, Summit



Rooster's Fort Smith 5.0% ABV
Rooster's Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1993
This vegan-friendly golden APA is big and bold in character, brewed using US hops to impart tropical and passion fruit aromas, leading to generous hop and fruity flavours and a lasting, bitter finish.
Hops: Chinook, Citra



Peerless Knee-Buckler IPA 5.2% ABV
Peerless Brewery, Merseyside. Est. 2009
This dry-hopped golden IPA delivers a hoppy aroma, leading to a perfect balance of zesty hop bitterness and biscuit malt notes, resulting in a distinctive, fruity finish.
Hops: Cascade, Citra, Columbus



Daleside Monkey Wrench 5.3% ABV
Daleside Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992
This ruby-coloured strong ale has hints of pear and malt aromas, leading to a rich, malty backbone in the flavour, with some fruit notes, and a hoppy and sweet finish.
Hops: Goldings, Northern Brewer



Redemption Big Chief 5.5% ABV
Redemption Brewery, Tottenham. Est. 2010
This golden IPA has plenty of tropical citrus and floral notes in the aroma, with flavours of marmalade, citrus and lychee, plus hints of honey and nectar, leading to a rounded, bitter finish.
Hops: Cascade, Motueka, Nelson Sauvin



Maxim Maximus 6.0% ABV
Maxim Brewery, County Durham. Est. 2007
This dark-ruby-coloured strong ale has a smooth, creamy character, with a sweet liquorice flavour providing a warming character, balanced by subtle hop notes.
Hops: Goldings



REAL-ALE TYPES



See reverse for a list of real ales available all year round.