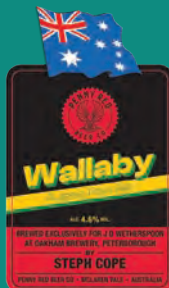


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Up to 30 beers, all new
to Wetherspoon, including
5 international brewers.

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St Patrick's Day guest beer



St Patrick's Day Mon 17 March

Brehon Brewhouse Killanny Red

Brehon Brewhouse, County Monaghan, Ireland. Est. 2014
4.5% ABV

This russet-hued beer has a biscuit caramel and toasted hazelnut flavour, complemented by crisp hop and berry notes.

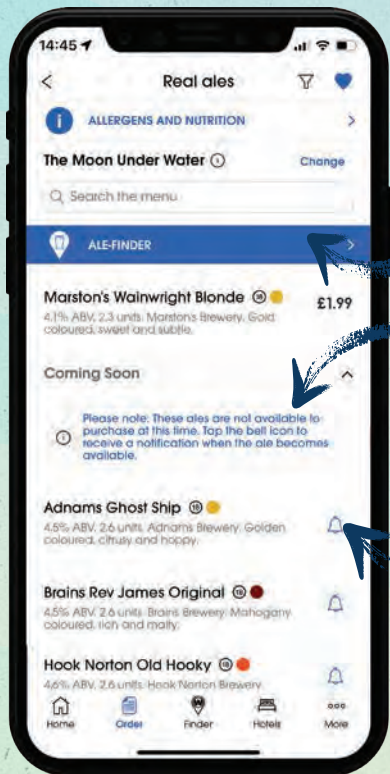
Hops: Fuggles

Making the most of real ale on the Wetherspoon app



More than just ales to the table

As well as ordering ales to your table, you can use the Wetherspoon app to search for a pub, book a hotel and save your favourites. Download the Wetherspoon app or scan the QR code on the menu.



Ale-finder



Search by name or ale type to find the nearest Wetherspoon pub selling your favourite ale.

Coming soon



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

How to request a guest ale



Ask at the bar to nominate a guest ale. Choose from our quarterly guest ale list or make a suggestion – and we will see whether we can get it.

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 2024 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 2024



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



Classic cask ale

Classic cask ale – a traditional British-style cask ale

REAL-ALE TYPES



Pale; very light; blond; straw



Golden



Amber; mid brown



Dark brown; ruby



Black; deep ruby; very dark



Birra Perugia: Chocolate Porter



The beer

Aroma: cocoa, coffee, clean

Taste: roasty, malty, liquorice

Chocolate Porter is a Birra Perugia timeless classic, made with a special ingredient – cocoa beans. The team wanted to create a balanced classic porter which prioritised drinkability, character and balance, without being unbearably aromatic or complex. This is a 'session' beer, in the most joyful and literal sense, one which could be enjoyed every day.

Chocolate Porter is a dark-coloured beer characterised by captivating aromas, delicious hints of cocoa and toasty sensations. It embodies the classical British style, enhanced by the addition of cocoa beans at the end of the fermentation process.



Birra Perugia Chocolate Porter

Fabbrica della Birra Perugia, Torgiano, Italy.

Est. 1875
5.0% ABV

This black beer is based on a classic porter recipe, with the addition of roasted cocoa beans delivering chocolate flavours, complemented by roasted, malty and coffee notes, resulting in a smooth, complex character.

Brewed by Luana Meola at
Batemans Brewery, Lincolnshire.

Hops: East Kent Goldings



Black;
deep ruby;
very dark



International
brewer
Italy



The brewery

Established in 1875 and revived with a modern twist in 2013, Fabbrica Birra Perugia has a rich history. The business venture began with a group of friends who decided to return the brewery to the city.

The craft beers which it produced were a huge success. This young enterprise also received positive reviews from critics, winning several awards and acknowledgements: European Beer Star and Brussel Beer Challenge, along with mentions in the main beer guides and the prestigious Italian contest Birra dell'Anno (Beer of the Year).

In 2019, Fabbrica Birra Perugia moved to a completely new brew house. The taproom then opened – a welcoming room with a view of the brewery, where customers can taste and buy beer directly.

The brewery has also launched several environmental initiatives, including:

- solar panels to reduce electricity consumption by 30%
- naturally conditioned cask and bottled beers
- using as few chemicals as possible and limiting filtration



Birra Perugia brewery

Meet the brewer

With a scientific high-school diploma, a degree in statistics from the University of Naples and a master's degree in Rome, Luana Meola became passionate about beer and decided to move to Perugia to study a master's degree in brewing technologies.

After her studies and first experiences, she and her partners gave life, in 2013, to the refoundation of historical Birra Perugia – the old brand of the city, born in 1875 (Luana has been producing beer for this brand for 11 years).

Luana and Birra Perugia's style is elegant, aimed at balance and drinkability. It is their goal to produce increasingly better and more original beers.



Birra Perugia brewery



Luana Meola, Matteo Natalini, Matteo Natalini

Land & Sea: Estuary Session Ale



LAND & SEA
BREWING CO

The beer

Aroma: malty, citrus, spruce

Taste: biscuit, floral, fresh

With inspiration drawn from the Canadian wilderness, this beer utilises freshly harvested Canadian spruce tips, picked by hand.

These tips are used in combination with bright citrus-forward Centennial and Cascade hops which have gone through a very innovative processing technique to combine them with specialty hops in pellet form.

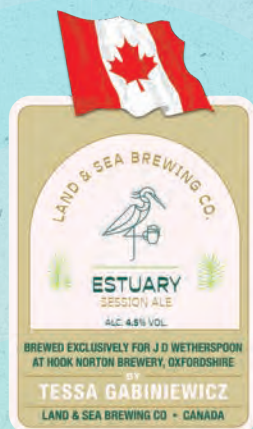
Once the combination pellets were made, they were then shipped from Canada to be used in the brewing process. It is an exclusive beer, unique to Wetherspoon this year.



Golden



International
brewer
Canada



Land & Sea Estuary Session Ale

Land & Sea Brewing, British Columbia,
Canada. Est. 2018

4.5% ABV

This golden beer has aromas of grapefruit, candied ginger and spruce, with floral undertones, leading to a toffee-malt sweetness, complemented by grapefruit and a hop resin bitterness, resulting in a clean, crisp finish.

Brewed by Tessa Gabiniewicz at
Hook Norton Brewery, Oxfordshire.

Hops: Cascade, Centennial, Citra



Tessa Gabiniewicz



Land & Sea brewery

The brewery

Land & Sea Brewing was founded in 2018 by owners Hanna and Jason Walker.

They hired Tessa partly as a consultant to install the equipment and oversee the brewery's plumbing and electrical needs.

The brewery has won a few awards, including gold for its Glacier Cream Ale 2024 and silver for its Portside Pale Ale 2024 at the Canadian Brewing Awards. Last year, it also won awards from the provincial competition, bringing home bronze for three beers, including Glacier Cream Ale, Westward IPA and Helles Lager.

The brewery is a community staple for good food and beer, as well as local wines and ciders. It has even won many awards over the years for 'best brewery experience' provincially and municipally – and is often voted in the local paper for the 'best nachos in town'.

Land & Sea proudly displays its code of conduct on its website and practises it in full as part of its best brewery experience. The brewery is committed to providing a safe space for all, striving to maintain an environment which is inclusive and accepting, where everyone in the community can feel safe.

Meet the brewer

Tessa Gabiniewicz, the head brewer for Land & Sea Brewing for six years, loves the mouthfeel and moreish nature of real ale. She believes that it is also the most rewarding to brew, as it can allow for a lot of creativity or refinement, depending on the style.

With a background in mechanical engineering, she got her start in around 2010 at the Nelson Brewing Company. After 15 years in the Canadian brewing industry, she has won multiple Canadian and provincial brewing awards from working with five breweries and brew teams.

She has also contracted with, and consulted for, two other brewing companies, other than Land & Sea Brewing, to get them started from the ground up.

When asked, the highlight of her career is being asked to come to brew at Hook Norton Brewery, here in England, for us at Wetherspoon.



Tessa Gabiniewicz



Terrapin: Hey Pal



The beer

Aroma: honey, blackcurrant, nutty

Taste: toffee, caramel, chocolate

Hey Pal is a brown ale never before released to the public. Through a collaboration between Banks's Beer and Terrapin Brewing Company.

Conceptualised as a marriage between British brown ale and American brown ale styles, Hey Pal is a russet-coloured ale pairing Banks's classic clean British ale yeast strain with a more assertive American hop profile.

This flavourful malt-forward ale features prominent notes of chocolate and sweet caramel, along with a smooth rich mouthfeel. It is balanced by a solid hop presence provided by its Centennial and Progress hops.

Terrapin Hey Pal

Terrapin Beer, Georgia, USA.

Est. 2002

4.2% ABV

This russet-coloured American brown ale delivers a smooth, easy-drinking mouthfeel, with distinctive, toasty roasted and chocolate notes, balanced and enhanced by a prominent hop bite in the flavour.

Brewed by Jess Hurd at Banks's Brewery, West Midlands.

Hops: Centennial, Progress



Amber;
mid brown



International
brewer
USA



Terrapin brewery

The brewery

Terrapin Beer Company was founded in 2002 by Brian 'Spike' Buckowski and John Cochran.

What started as a dream between two co-workers hoping to strike out on their own has grown into a home for a team of nearly 100 dedicated to brewing innovative, delicious and consistent beers.

Throughout every step of the brewing process, Terrapin is dedicated to minimising its environmental impact – through its Terraprint initiatives. Some of these initiatives include the installation of a solar array on the rooftop, offsetting approximately 30% of Terrapin's energy consumption, and the installation of a wastewater pretreatment facility, which mitigates the impact of the brewery's waste stream and contributes to improved quality of the local watershed.

The brewery also frequently participates in waterway clean-up days, removing trash and recyclables from local rivers and streams.

Meet the brewer

Jess Hurd has been brewing professionally since completing a professional certificate programme in 2014.

She has been with Terrapin Beer Company since 2016, first as a shift brewer, then moving in 2020 into a brewing supervisor position.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee with a history degree and a realisation that her original plan to teach was not the right fit, Jess found real passion in brewing's union of art and science.

One of the highlights of Jess's career was being invited in 2020 to brew with Banks's for Wetherspoon. Although the public never got to try that beer, the experience of working with Banks's at its historic and iconic brewery was unforgettable.



Jess Hurd



Terrapin brewery



Penny Red: Wallaby



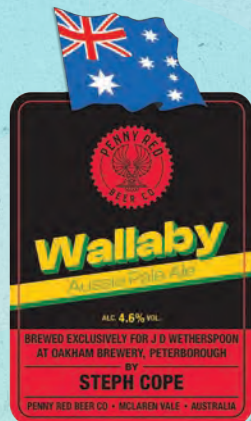
The beer

Aroma: tropical, passion fruit, citrus

Taste: refreshing, balanced, fruity

Wallaby is an Australian-style pale ale, single-hopped with Australian Galaxy hops and brewed with malted barley and wheat. Brewed for the first time in Australia last summer, its second iteration will be brewed at Oakham Ales, in Peterborough, and served from cask for the first time during Wetherspoon's spring beer festival.

Wallaby is a tropical, well-balanced and easy-going beer, inspired by balmy Aussie afternoons spent in the sunshine, grabbing another round with mates.



Penny Red Wallaby

Penny Red Brewery, South Australia.

Est. 2023

4.6% ABV

This golden-yellow pale ale is a little slice of Aussie sunshine in your glass, with plenty of tropical fruit and citrus notes delivering an easy-drinking character and a lingering bitterness in the finish.

Brewed by Steph Cope at Oakham Brewery, Cambridgeshire.

Hops: Galaxy



Pale; very light; blond; straw



International brewer Australia



The brewery

Penny Red Beer Co was established in 2023 by Craig and Jess, a couple from the UK now living in South Australia. It is located on a picturesque vineyard in the renowned wine region.

The brewery is located in a former barrel shed and dairy. Craig (a self-taught brewer) and Jess (with her background in business management) teamed up to create a community-orientated venue.

In just two years, the brewery won the 'best winery, distillery, brewery or venue' category at the local council business awards, in 2023 and 2024, competing against hundreds of venues.

The brewery also prides itself on sustainability, using rainwater to craft its beers, highlighting its commitment to environmental responsibility.



Penny Red brewery

Meet the brewer

Steph Cope started her brewing career 15 years ago, in Perth, Western Australia, after studying brewing science at Edith Cowan University. She has since brewed across the USA and Australia, including opening a brewery in Las Vegas.

She now splits her time among farming cattle and goats, raising a family on her farm in Dingabledinga, South Australia, and brewing at local brewery Penny Red Beer Co. This will be her second time brewing for Wetherspoon – and she is honoured to be invited back.

Her favourite thing about real ale is how it brings people to the pub and helps to foster the heart-warming sense of community for which British pubs are celebrated.



Penny Red brewery



Jess, Steph and Craig



Brew Moon: Antipodean



The beer

Aroma: hoppy, citrus, stone fruit

Taste: fresh, fruity, vibrant

Antipodean pale ale is something Belinda has played around with over the years. The original Antipodean was brewed in 2014 exclusively for Wetherspoon at Hook Norton Brewery. It was a very different beer from this one.

The current iteration is from a beer brewed in 2019. Belinda was having fun with a very new (at that point unnamed) New Zealand hop (#4337), deciding to use it in a pale ale with her favourite Australian hop – Galaxy.

Everyone loved the result and decided, with the Australian connection, that it really was an Antipodean! The hop is now named Nectaron and has become a firm favourite at Brew Moon Brewing.



Brew Moon Antipodean

Brew Moon Brewing, New Zealand.

Est. 2002

5.5% ABV

This golden-coloured pale ale has generous quantities of tropical fruit, citrus and fruity notes in both its aroma and flavour, balanced by a crisp, light, malty base. This delivers a full, refreshing character and a lasting finish.

Brewed by Belinda Gould at Adnams Brewery, Suffolk.

Hops: Galaxy, Nectaron



Golden



International
brewer
New Zealand



Brew Moon brewery



Left to right - Rod Thomson,
Oscar McCauley, Belinda Gould

The brewery

Brew Moon was established in 2002 by Belinda Gould and Kieran McCauley. It was the first independent craft brewery in North Canterbury. At the New Zealand beer awards, Brew Moon regularly wins medals for a range of beers.

Brew Moon Waipara NEIPA was judged in the top 30 packaged beers in New Zealand, in 2024. Brew Moon's taproom won outstanding regional establishment at the Canterbury Hospitality awards, in 2024.

From tiny beginnings in 2002, Brew Moon has grown into a widely recognised brewery business in New Zealand. Moving to a new site in 2015 has enabled that growth to continue, including adding a new modern brew kit.

Belinda was one of the founders of Amberley's local, Hurunui Recycling, so an important part of the brewery's philosophy has always been waste reduction. That led to canning the beer (since 2015) to reduce waste. The aim is constant improvement – in everything!

Meet the brewer

During 2010–22, Belinda Gould was owner and head brewer at Brew Moon Brewing. Her love of craft beer began when she worked in the 1990s as a winemaker in California, at the beginning of the US craft beer revolution. There's a saying in the wine industry that it takes a lot of good beer to make a good wine!

After returning to New Zealand, Belinda and her family established Brew Moon. Belinda was naïve enough to believe that the transition from wine to beer would be simple – since then, she's realised just how steep that learning curve is.

Belinda loves the fruitiness of real ale, saying: "It's such a pleasure to drink a really fresh tasty real ale – lagers just don't tick my boxes."

The highlight of her career is being able to retire and know that the brewery is in great hands and going from strength to strength – "and I can go back and brew occasionally".



Belinda Gould



Brains: Boudicca



The beer

Aroma: sweet caramel, dark chocolate

Taste: roasted malts, dark chocolate, caramel, toffee hints

Crafted by Brains' associate brewer Rochelle Pinto, this rich and spicy beer pays tribute to the legendary warrior queen. With sweet caramel and chocolaty notes, it embodies strength, resilience and depth – qualities which define Boudicca herself. Rochelle created this dark, robust porter to reflect the diverse character of the iconic leader, blending tradition with innovation. Boudicca stands as a testament to Brains Brewery's creativity and craftsmanship, showcasing a powerful beer, inspired by a powerful woman.

Brains Boudicca

Brains Brewery, Cardiff. Est. 1882
5.0% ABV

This new dark ruby porter is brewed to embody the strength and resilience of its namesake. It has a rich, spicy character, with sweet caramel and chocolate notes, resulting in a full-bodied, complex flavour.

Brewed by Rochelle Pinto.

Hops: Boadicea, Challenger, Fuggles



Black;
deep ruby;
very dark



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



Bill Dobson, Ben Gill

The brewery

Brains is more than just a beer – it's an iconic symbol of Welsh pride and a toast to the nation. Since its humble beginnings in 1882, when its founders' family acquired a small brewery tucked behind a Cardiff pub, Brains has remained under their ownership, preserving a remarkable legacy of passion for brewing.

For over a century, Brains has been crafting outstanding beers in the heart of Cardiff, using the finest locally sourced ingredients. Its portfolio features classics like the legendary Brains SA, the best-selling Rev James range and the award-winning Brains Dark, which earned a prestigious silver CAMRA medal in 2024. Alongside these classics, its selection includes an ever-evolving array of seasonal and craft beers to suit every taste. Modern favourites, like Bayside Lager and Barry Island IPA, further enrich the line-up, with even more exciting innovations on the way.

As an independent, family-owned Welsh brewery, Brains celebrates its colourful history and embraces the vibrant journey which continues to shape it towards the future.

Meet the brewer

Bill Dobson, Brains' head brewer, brings over 30 years' expertise to the craft. Starting his career in 1994 at Ind Coope brewery in Burton-on-Trent, Bill mastered the art of cask brewing, producing iconic beers like Draught Bass and Worthington. A master brewer since 2000, he joined SA Brain in 2007, overseeing the creation of celebrated beers like SA, Dark and The Rev James.

Rochelle Pinto is the associate brewer working alongside Bill to push creative boundaries. Together, they crafted Boudicca, a bold porter honouring woman in brewing. Combining Bill's experience and Rochelle's fresh perspective, the duo continues Brains' tradition of excellence, while driving innovation for future beer-loving generations.



Rochelle Pinto



Brains brewery

Harviestoun: Vienna



The beer

Aroma: fruity, citrus, floral

Taste: fruity, biscuit, spice

Vienna lager has been brewed only once before, in early 2024, as a small-batch trial. This will be the first time it's available to Wetherspoon. The recipe was created using British malt, with German hops for bittering. An American hop is added for a little twist in the aroma.

Harviestoun Vienna

Harviestoun Brewery, Clackmannanshire.

Est. 1983

4.1% ABV

This copper-coloured cask lager is this brewery's interpretation of this traditional style, with floral and citrus aromas leading to a malty, slightly sweet flavour with caramel and toffee notes.

Brewed by Amy Cockburn.

Hops: Cascade, Challenger, Magnum, Tettnang



Amber;
mid brown



Speciality ale –
brewed with unusual
ingredients/an
unusual style



Harviestoun brewery

The brewery

Harviestoun Brewery was established in 1983 by Ken Brooker. The brewery's started life in a shed and then found a home on a farm in Dollar. In 2003, the brewery moved to its current site in Alva, still at the foot of the Ochil Hills. After 40 years' brewing, Harviestoun continues to make award-winning premium real ales.

- 2022 SIBA National Independent Beer Awards, overall champion cask, gold – Schiehallion
- 2024 SIBA National Independent Beer Awards, cask British bitter, silver – Bitter and Twisted
- 2024 SIBA Regional Awards Scotland, keg session lager, gold – Ochil Lager
- 2024 SIBA Regional Awards Scotland, keg stout and porter, gold – Nitro Engine



Amy Cockburn

Meet the brewer

Amy has been brewing for 16 years. She completed her honours degree in brewing and distilling at Heriot Watt University, then took up a position as junior brewer with Harviestoun Brewery. Over the last 16 years, she has helped to build and grow the brewery, taking over as master brewer in 2020.

The tradition and heritage behind cask ale make it unique. Brewers can create such complex flavour profiles and ones unique to an individual brewery. I still get excited stepping in a bar to find out what casks it has on, whether it's an old favourite or something new to try! Taking over as master brewer was the highlight of my career.

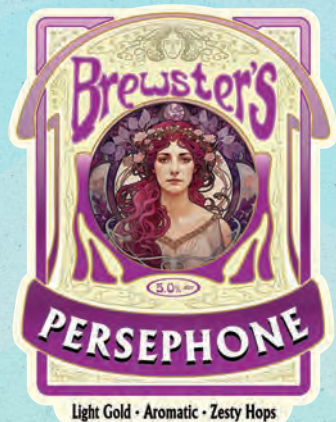


Harviestoun brewery



Brewster's: Persephone

Brewster's Brewery



The beer

Aroma: Citrus, blackcurrant, tropical fruit

Taste: Zesty, marmalade, grapefruit

The extra strength allows the hop character to dominate, supported by the further depth of flavour of the premium ale. The pale malt base allows the hops to shine through – a combination of English Bramling Cross, classic American Cascade and First Gold develops zesty notes, with highlights of tangerine and blackcurrant.

The queen of the underworld in Greek mythology and the goddess of spring, Persephone's name is very fitting for this spring beer festival.

Brewster's Persephone

Brewster's Brewery, Lincolnshire.

Est. 1998

5.0% ABV

This light golden beer is a stronger version of this brewery's multiaward-winning Hophead. Its intense hop aromas of citrus fruits lead to refreshing flavours of zesty marmalade and a lasting, hoppy finish.

Brewing assisted by Melissa Eveleigh.

Hops: Bramling Cross, Cascade, First Gold



Pale; very light; blond; straw



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



The brewery

Brewster's was established in 1997, in Leicestershire, with the first beer released in January 1998. The brewery moved from a rural site, in 2006, to a more central unit in Grantham, in Lincolnshire.

The brewery's name derives from the medieval term for a female brewer, in a time when beer was made in the home, before industrialisation.

Brewster's believes that cask ale is the ultimate craft beer, with the focus on brewing beers with a great balance between malt and hops, showcasing both of these traits in a range of beers from pale golds to dark stouts.

Multiaward-winning beers have been designed and crafted over the years, with accolades from CAMRA, SIBA and the International Brewing Awards.

Brewster's Brewery has grown in the past 28 years as a well-recognised and respected brewery, with a long relationship with J D Wetherspoon.



Brewster's brewery



Sara Barton

Meet the brewer

Sara Barton is the co-owner of Brewster's Brewery. Starting with a master's degree in brewing from Heriot-Watt University in 1988, Sara then took a job as a production brewer at Courage Brewery in Reading (the largest brewery in Europe, at the time). She left Courage to pursue her own brewing journey with Brewster's – a move away from major brands to bespoke crafted ales.



In 2011, Sara started Project Venus, to facilitate networking and support among female brewers (called 'brewsters'). In 2014, Sara, together with beer writer Jane Peyton and fellow brewster Sophie de Ronde, initiated the International Women's Collaboration Brew Day – and it is still going strong, fostering collaboration among women across the brewing world.



Sara Barton



Real-ale types

 Pale; very light; blond; straw  Golden


 Amber; mid brown  Dark brown; ruby

 Black; deep ruby; very dark

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

 **IB** International brewer – non-UK brewer

 **NA** New ale – not brewed before 2024

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

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

 **C** Classic cask ale – a traditional British-style cask ale

1 Liberation St Clem 3.8% ABV

Liberation Brewing, Channel Islands. Est. 1871

This amber-coloured beer has a delicate biscuit malt flavour which combines with the fruity hop notes to deliver a crisp, zesty and easy-drinking character.

Brewed with Leah Bliss. **Hops:** *Admiral, Amarillo, Lemon Drop, Mandarin Bavaria*

**2 Greene King Cherry Nice 4.0% ABV**

Greene King Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1799

This new beer is golden, with a subtle red hue. Its biscuit and caramel notes combine with a burst of tropical fruit from the hops, with the addition of cherries delivering a gentle tartness and subtle sweetness, leading to a crisp, clean finish.

Created by Agnes Hankiewicz. **Hops:** *Centennial, Mosaic*

**3 Redemption Gulpa 4.0% ABV**

Redemption Brewing, London. Est. 2010

This new deep golden ale is brewed with classic English hops to deliver fruity citrus and subtle earthy, spicy notes, beautifully balanced by rich malt flavours.

Created and assisted in brewing by Samantha Rigby. **Hops:** *Bramling Cross, Cascade (UK), First Gold*

**4 Robinsons Dizzy's Twisted Sister 4.0% ABV**

Robinsons Brewery, Cheshire. Est. 1838

This ruby-red ale has a delicate floral aroma, leading to an intense fruity and hoppy character, resulting in a full-bodied flavour and light, fruity finish.

Brewed by Cath Mercer and Natalie Reddy. **Hops:** *Amarillo, Cascade, Nelson Sauvin*

**5 Harviestoun Vienna 4.1% ABV**

Harviestoun Brewery, Clackmannanshire. Est. 1983

This copper-coloured cask lager is this brewery's interpretation of this traditional style, with floral and citrus aromas leading to a malty, slightly sweet flavour with caramel and toffee notes.

Brewed by Amy Cockburn. **Hops:** *Cascade, Challenger, Magnum, Tettnang*

**6 Adnams Blackshore Stout 4.2% ABV**

Adnams Brewery, Suffolk. Est. 1872

This special cask version of this popular stout is black in colour, with dark malt flavours of coffee, chocolate, dark fruits and liquorice, leading to a long finish, with spicy hop notes.

Brewed by Dawn Baldry. **Hops:** *Admiral*

**7 Terrapin Hey Pal 4.2% ABV**

Terrapin Beer, Georgia, USA. Est. 2002

This russet-coloured American brown ale delivers a smooth, easy-drinking mouthfeel with distinctive, toasty roasted and chocolate notes, balanced and enhanced by a prominent hop bite in the flavour.

Brewed by Jess Hurd at Banks's Brewery, West Midlands. **Hops:** *Centennial, Progress*

**8 Vale Chase the Sun 4.2% ABV**

Vale Brewery, Buckinghamshire. Est. 1995

This new light golden ale is easy-drinking and zesty in character, bursting with fresh hop and citrus flavours, making it the ideal beer to welcome spring.

Brewing assisted by Amanda Binnee and Kate Parker. **Hops:** *Cascade (UK), Challenger*

**9 Hook Norton Grand Union 4.3% ABV**

Hook Norton Brewery, Oxfordshire. Est. 1849

This light amber beer delivers citrus and grapefruit aromas, leading to a robust biscuit flavour with a subtle sweetness, perfectly balanced by the bitterness and marmalade notes from its hops.

Brewed by Janet Tailby. **Hops:** *Admiral, Cascade, Citra, Mosaic, Olicana*

**10 St Austell Queen of Hearts 4.3% ABV**

St Austell Brewery, Cornwall. Est. 1851

This new, warming red ale has toffee and raisin notes, imparted by generous quantities of crystal malt, combined with a dark fruit flavour and spicy hop notes.

Brewed by Georgina Young. **Hops:** *Celeia, Fuggles, Harlequin*

**11 Batemans Loopy Loo 4.4% ABV**

Batemans Brewery, Lincolnshire. Est. 1874

This is the first beer created by trainee brewer Eliza-Lili Bateman, named after her nickname from when she was younger. It is light amber in colour, with a fruity aroma, leading to a residual sweetness and a full, fruity flavour.

Brewed by Eliza-Lili Bateman. **Hops:** *Brewer's Gold, Cashmere, Hallertau Blanc, Krush*

**12 Elgood's Mocha Porter 4.5% ABV**

Elgood's Brewery, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1795

This new black beer has subtle mocha notes in both its aroma and flavour, with complex malts balanced by hop and coffee notes, resulting in a rich beer with hints of espresso, liquorice and chocolate.

Brewing assisted by Jenny Everall. **Hops:** *Fuggles*

**13 Land & Sea Estuary Session Ale 4.5% ABV**

Land & Sea Brewing, British Columbia, Canada. Est. 2018

This golden beer has aromas of grapefruit, candied ginger and spruce, with floral undertones, leading to a toffee-malt sweetness, complemented by grapefruit and a hop resin bitterness, resulting in a clean, crisp finish.

Brewed by Tessa Gabiniewicz at Hook Norton Brewery, Oxfordshire. **Hops:** *Cascade, Centennial, Citra*


**14 Sambrook's Kiwiana 4.5% ABV**

Sambrook's Brewery, London. Est. 2008

This light golden pale ale is a celebration of New Zealand hops, with flavours of tropical fruit and figs, together with a juicy hop character, resulting in a refreshing, gentle bitterness.

Brewing assisted by Christina Dickson. **Hops:** *Rakau, Wakatua*



15 Fyne Ales Märzen 4.6% ABV 

Fyne Ales, Argyll. Est. 2001

This new light amber beer is served with a natural haze. Aromas of caramel, tangerine and herbal spice lead to flavours of caramel, orange zest and herbal hop notes, culminating in a smooth, malty finish.

Brewed by Yvonne Wernlein. **Hops:** *Hersbrucker, Mandarina Bavaria, Tettnanger*



16 Penny Red Wallaby 4.6% ABV 

Penny Red Brewery, South Australia. Est. 2023

This golden-yellow pale ale is a little slice of Aussie sunshine in your glass, with plenty of tropical fruit and citrus notes delivering an easy-drinking character and a lingering bitterness in the finish.

Brewed by Steph Cope at Oakham Brewery, Cambridgeshire. **Hops:** *Galaxy*




17 Rooster's Alpha Female 4.7% ABV 

Rooster's Brewing, North Yorkshire. Est. 1993

This new pale golden beer is a bold session IPA, delivering tropical fruit aromas and stone fruit flavours, with a subtle malt balance, leading to a hint of citrus bitterness in the finish.

Created and assisted in brewing by both Kirstin Black and Isobel Cameron. **Hops:** *Ekuant, Mosaic, Vista*



18 Saltaire Lady in Red 4.8% ABV 

Saltaire Brewery, West Yorkshire. Est. 2006

This new deep red beer is brewed in the style of an American red IPA, with a rich malty backbone and bold hop flavours, featuring caramel, citrus and tropical fruit notes, resulting in a balanced, vibrant character.

Brewed by Alex Tennant. **Hops:** *Amarillo, Citra, Magnum*




19 Shepherd Neame In the Nic of Time 4.8% ABV 

Shepherd Neame Brewery, Kent. Est. 1698

This new golden pale ale has a fresh, floral aroma, leading to zesty citrus notes and a refreshing bitterness, perfectly balanced by a background of malt flavours.

Brewed by Nicola Allen. **Hops:** *Cascade, Fuggles, Target*



20 Birra Perugia Chocolate Porter 5.0% ABV 

Fabbrica della Birra Perugia, Torgiano, Italy. Est. 1875

This black beer is based on a classic porter recipe, with the addition of roasted cocoa beans delivering chocolate flavours, complemented by roasted, malty and coffee notes, resulting in a smooth, complex character.

Brewed by Luana Meola at Batemans Brewery, Lincolnshire. **Hops:** *East Kent Goldings*




21 Brains Boudicca 5.0% ABV 

Brains Brewery, Cardiff. Est. 1882

This new dark ruby porter is brewed to embody the strength and resilience of its namesake. It has a rich, spicy character, with sweet caramel and chocolate notes, resulting in a full-bodied, complex flavour.

Brewed by Rochelle Pinto. **Hops:** *Boadicea, Challenger, Fuggles*




22 Brewster's Persephone 5.0% ABV 

Brewster's Brewery, Lincolnshire. Est. 1998

This light golden beer is a stronger version of this brewery's multiaward-winning Hophead. Its intense hop aromas of citrus fruits lead to refreshing flavours of zesty marmalade and a lasting, hoppy finish.

Brewed by Sara Barton. **Hops:** *Bramling Cross, Cascade, First Gold*




23 Butcombe Bitter Melissa 5.0% ABV 

Butcombe Brewing, Somerset. Est. 1978

This new dark amber bitter is a traditional English ale, with malt and hop notes in its aroma leading to a balance of malt and English hop notes in the flavour and a pleasing peppery finish.

Brewing assisted by Melissa Eveleigh. **Hops:** *Challenger, Goldings*




24 Mad Squirrel Beerhart 5.0% ABV 

Mad Squirrel Brewery, Hertfordshire. Est. 2004

This new straw-coloured pale ale is dry-hopped with the new US variety Krush, resulting in tropical stone fruit aromas, hints of citrus in the flavour and a pleasing, balanced bitterness. Brewed by Franzika Horn. **Hops:** *Krush, Summit*



25 Stewart's ESB 5.2% ABV 

Stewart Brewing, Midlothian. Est. 2004

This new copper-coloured beer has an inviting caramel aroma, leading to a rich, complex flavour of toffee and biscuit, along with a subtle nuttiness, resulting in a smooth finish with raisin and dark berry hints. Brewed by Jo Stewart. **Hops:** *Challenger, Olicana*




26 Brew Moon Antipodean 5.5% ABV 

Brew Moon Brewing, New Zealand. Est. 2002

This golden-coloured pale ale has generous quantities of tropical fruit, citrus and fruity notes in both its aroma and flavour, balanced by a crisp, light, malty base. This delivers a full, refreshing character and a lasting finish.

Brewed by Belinda Gould at Adnams Brewery, Suffolk. **Hops:** *Galaxy, Nectaron*




27 Leeds Eva 5.5% ABV 

Kirkstall Brewery, West Yorkshire. Est. 2011

This new straw-coloured beer is brewed in the style of a west coast pale ale, with its blend of US hops delivering a citrus aroma and a well-balanced flavour with plenty of hop character. Brewed by Harriet Newcomb. **Hops:** *Centennial, Chinook, Columbus*



28 Oakham Harmonia 5.5% ABV 

Oakham Ales, Cambridgeshire. Est. 1993

This new amber-coloured IPA is hazy in appearance, with abundant citrus and tropical fruit notes in both its aroma and flavour, with the addition of malted oats providing a balancing, soft, smooth mouthfeel.

Assisted in brewing by Helen Jarvis, Victoria Knott, Jade Lappage, Dot Polter, Jody Richardson and Sarah Sharman. **Hops:** *Amarillo, Citra, Mosaic, Simcoe*



29 Thornbridge Bess 5.5% ABV 

Thornbridge Brewery, Derbyshire. Est. 2005

This new mahogany brown ale offers enticing notes of caramel, chocolate and subtle fruit in its aroma, leading to a well-rounded flavour and soft sweetness, complemented by hints of biscuit and marmalade. Brewed by Alice Murphy. **Hops:** *Ernest, Goldings*



30 Black Sheep Blossom 6.0% ABV  

Black Sheep Brewery, North Yorkshire. Est. 1992

This black stout is infused with sweet cherries, combined with heaps of dark roasted malt and silky oats to provide chocolate and coffee flavours and a fruity sweetness, balanced by spicy hop notes. Created and assisted in brewing by the women of Black Sheep. **Hops:** *Amarillo, Ernest, Goldings*



Festival ale checklist

Real-ale types

Pale; very light; blond; straw Golden

Amber; mid brown Dark brown; ruby

Black; deep ruby; very dark

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

IB International brewer – non-UK brewer

NA New ale – not brewed before 2024

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

C Classic cask ale – a traditional British-style cask ale

Notes

Score out of 10

1	Liberation St Clem 3.8% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Greene King Cherry Nice 3.8% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Redemption Gulpa 4.0% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Robinsons Dizzy's Twisted Sister 4.0% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Harviestoun Vienna 4.1% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Adnams Blackshore Stout 4.2% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Terrapin Hey Pal 4.2% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Vale Chase the Sun 4.2% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Hook Norton Grand Union 4.2% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	St Austell Queen of Hearts 4.3% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Batemans Loopy Loo 4.4% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Elgood's Mocha Porter 4.5% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Land & Sea Estuary Session Ale 4.5% ABV		<input type="checkbox"/>

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