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Festival Programme

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2026 CAMRA Winchester Beer and Cider Festival.

It is that time of year again when we are pleased to adjust the cask saddles, remove the spiles and pour the first few drops from the selection of Real Ales, Ciders and Craft Beers which make the focus of this year's festival.

We have made a few slight changes to the running of the festival, including opening our first Saturday all-day single session in response to customer requests. Perfectly designed to give the time to sip and enjoy the beer you are drinking and allow a proper catch up with friends without the stress of having to rush to get the next train or bus home.

You will notice this year's logo has given 'Alfie' the year off to celebrate another of Winchester's longstanding landmarks, The High Street Clock. Standing since the end of the 19th Century on the old Guildhall (now a bank). The clock has been a meeting place for generations of Winchester Residents, and peering over the high street, witnessed many of the events of the great city unfolding as its hands slowly move around.

Some things we do not want to change, such as serving a range of interesting, high quality beers and ciders. With over 50 Real Ales, 14 Ciders/Perries, and 5 Craft Beers and a fridge stacked with Bottled Beers, we are certain you will find a drink you will love. From juicy

IPAs such as Vibrant Forest's Coppice, to malty Bitters such as Delphic's Level Crossing, full bodied Stouts including North Riding's Chocolate Stout, a Black IPA (Elusive's Metamorph), crisp Pale Ales like Brass Castle's Pacer and Ciders such as Hunts Bull Walloper, sourced from breweries and producers as close as round the corner in St Cross and up the road in Winnall, to across the country including Somerset, North Yorkshire, Liverpool and Manchester.

To help celebrate your favourite beers, you can let the brewery know by voting for your Beer and Cider/Perry of the Festival. We present the top three breweries with certificates to congratulate them, for what is a very sought after award. Alfred's Saxon Bronze has won this accolade the last two festivals; who will be this year's winner?

Providing entertainment for this year's festival we are fortunate to welcome the energetic and very talented, Rhythm City, to our Friday evening session. Taking a break from their busy gig and festival schedule, Rhythm City perform a lively journey from the iconic sounds of the 1960's right up to modern classics of the present day, including hits such as Twist & Shout, Proud Mary, Teenage Kicks, Summer of '69, Uptown Funk and 7 Nation Army.

As requested, we return with the puzzle-based quiz on the Saturday afternoon designed to keep your brain active and Friday afternoon remains our

quiet session. Throughout the festival we have lots of space away from the bustle of the entertainment to have a quiet chat with friends or just to enjoy a peaceful pint.

For this year's festival charity, we are pleased to welcome back Winchester GoLD, who support adults with learning difficulties live life to the full, enabling their service users to live independently, make their own choices and enjoy trips out and lots of social activities; a very worthy cause.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters of the festival, including the pioneering Hop Back brewery, our glass sponsors, The Flower Pots Inn and Brewery who are providing this year's festival T-shirt and Steam Town Brew Co. who are our first ever quiz sponsors, donating the prizes to the winners of Saturday's quiz. We are also grateful for Union Removals for their support with the logistics of the festival, Olaf's Tun and Bottle & Stoa for providing craft beer dispensing equipment, our ticket outlets - The Albion, Hyde Tavern, William Walker (all in Winchester) and the Bottle & Stoa (Southampton), all the festival staff who are volunteers giving up their time and expertise, and you, the customers who enable this festival to happen.

Time for another drink?

Cheers!

Kevin Wooton
Winchester Beer and Cider
Festival Organiser.



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We would like to show our appreciation and thanks to the following festival partners for their ongoing support for this year's festival.



Hop Back Brewery

(Downton)

We would like to thank the Hop Back Brewery for being this year's glass sponsor.

Hop Back Brewery was established in 1986 by John Gilbert in the cellar of the Wyndham Arms in Salisbury. What began as a microbrewery quickly gained attention with the release of Summer Lightning, a bold, hoppy golden ale that became one of the UK's most awarded cask beers. The brewery's success led to its expansion in 1991 to larger premises in Downton, Wiltshire.

Over the years, Hop Back has built a strong reputation for brewing distinctive, high-quality ales, including GFB (Gilbert's First Brew), Crop Circle, Entire Stout, and Taiphoo, each with its own loyal following. The brewery is known for its commitment to traditional methods, use of a unique house yeast, and sourcing of English hops from grower-owned cooperatives.

Today, Hop Back operates ten pubs across England, including The Albion in Winchester, and remains an independent brewery with a passion for real ale. With nearly forty years of brewing behind them, the brewery continues to produce reliable, well-crafted ales appreciated by drinkers across the country.



THE FLOWER POTS BREWERY

Flower Pots Brewery

(Cheriton)

We would like to thank the Flower Pots Brewery for being this year's festival T-shirt sponsors and all their support with the logistics of returning the empty casks back to their breweries.

Southern Hampshire CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2026, the "Pots", are fortunate to welcome customers new and old back again and again on a regular basis. With fresh beer straight from the onsite brewery, local and seasonal food, stunning views and a team of brilliant and familiar staff. As a traditional country Inn, The Flower Pots

are dog, horse and bike friendly and look forward to seeing you soon.

Flower Pots multi-award-winning on-site brewery have been carefully crafting fine cask ales and beers since 1993. As an industry-leading Hampshire brewery, Flower Pots are known for their in-depth knowledge and passion for brewing, and have won numerous CAMRA awards for their beers including Pots Bitter (3.8% Bitter), Goodens Gold (4.8% Golden Ale), Perridge Pale (3.6% Pale Ale), and Cheriton Porter (4.2% Porter).



Steam Town Brew Co

(Eastleigh)

We would like to thank Steam Town Brew Co. for sponsoring this year's festival quiz.

Steam Town are Eastleigh's micro brewery, tap room and restaurant in the heart of Hampshire. They're open 7 days a week serving their own onsite brewed cask

and keg beers, forged by tradition and inspired by the future. Their bars and restaurant areas reflect Eastleigh's rich industrial heritage, including refurbished original clocks and railway booths for an authentic and unique experience.

We would also like to thank the support of:



Bottle and Stoa and Olaf's Tun (Southampton)

For their support with sourcing and borrowing Lindr units to dispense the craft beer.

Olaf's Tun are Woolston's only independent craft beer bar and previous CAMRA Pub of the year winners, twice branch and once regional. They offer an ever-changing selection of high-quality cask and interesting keg beers as well as ciders, spirits, and low-intervention wines. Bottle & Stoa, the sister pub to Olaf's, are a bar & bottle shop in Bedford Place, specialising in craft beer, wine, and cider. Both micro pub's have highly knowledgeable bar staff and are always welcoming to all. Well worth a visit.



Union Removals

(Eastleigh / Chandlers Ford)
A big thank you to Chandler's Ford based Union Removals for their support with the festival logistics.

Union Removals are your premier choice for seamless and stress-free relocation services in Chandlers Ford and throughout Hampshire. With a dedicated team committed to excellence, they specialise in a range of moving solutions, including removals, house clearance, waste clearance, packing/unpacking, storage options, and efficient man and van services.

Whether you're moving locally in Eastleigh, Winchester, or Fair Oak, or require assistance with a larger relocation to Southampton or beyond, their professional expertise ensures a smooth transition every step of the way.

We would also like to thank the following pubs for all their support selling tickets for the festival:

Albion, 2 Stockbridge Road, Winchester, SO23 7BZ

Hyde Tavern, 57 Hyde Street, Winchester, SO23 7DY

William Walker, 34 The Square, Winchester, SO23 9EX

Bottle and Stoa, 45 Bedford Place, Southampton, SO15 2DG

Festival Entertainment

Friday

Quiet Session (Afternoon)

This session is our traditional 'quiet' session. Enjoy your drink while chatting to friends old and new, or sit back and soak up the festival atmosphere.

Rhythm City (Evening)

We are pleased to welcome to this year's festival, Rhythm City.

Rhythm City are a highly energetic, Hampshire based, 5-piece party band, whose number one intention is to get everyone up and dancing. Their live shows will take you on a journey from the sixties right through to the current day, catering for all ages and tastes. Led by two singers, you can expect spectacular vocals, animated performances and will undoubtedly join us on the dance floor to party the night away.

Between the band members, they have been performing for more than 50 years, have appeared on TV and Radio, performed at multiple festivals and have just played their 100th live show.



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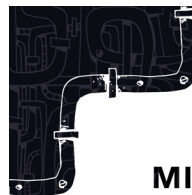
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Saturday

The Festival 'Puzzle-Quiz', sponsored by Steam Town Brew Co. (Afternoon)

Back by popular demand, this session will feature the puzzle style paper-based quiz. This year's quiz has been sponsored by Eastleigh's Steam Town Brew Co., who have provided all the prizes. Put your brains in gear and prepare to compete to see who will be the 2026 Winchester Beer and Cider Festival Quiz Master Mind.



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Food

This year's festival food has been specially sourced and prepared by the Winchester University Catering team, designed to complement the beer and cider. We have the following food on offer.

- Chicken, Bacon and Mushroom Pie
- Cornish Steak and Ale Pie
- Spicy Cauliflower & Spinach Balti Pie

All served with mash or chips

- Beef Burger with cheese
- Vegan Burger with vegan cheese
- Pork Hot Dog with grilled onions
- Vegan Hot Dog with grilled onions

All served in a brioche style bun with chips

- Beef Chilli with rice and tortilla chips

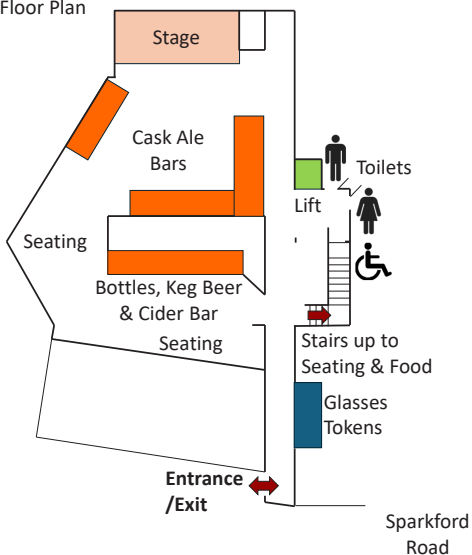
Alongside the main dishes, the catering team will also be serving up a range of lighter dishes including pastries and savoury snacks at the Festival Coffee Bar.

As always, you will also find a selection of crisps, peanuts and pork scratchings behind the main cask bars.

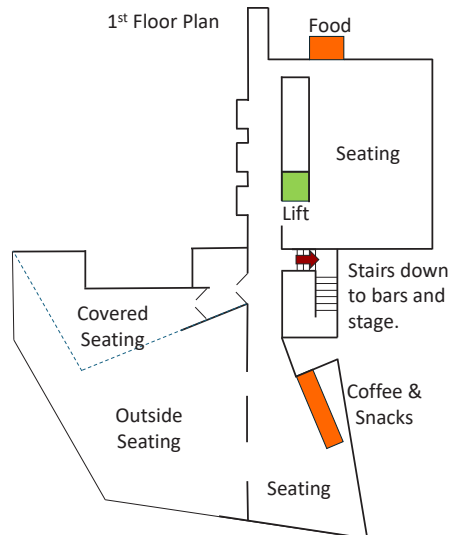
(Please note, food choices are subject to change depending on availability. Please ask the caterers for information on allergens and availability)

Festival Floor Plan

Ground Floor Plan



1st Floor Plan



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Southern Hampshire CAMRA

This festival is organised and run by volunteers of the Southern Hampshire Branch of CAMRA. As a branch we are made up entirely of members within the local area, covering Eastleigh, Southampton, Winchester, Romsey, the New Forest, Fordingbridge, Bishop's Waltham and the area in between.

As a branch we hold a meeting in a changing local pub, 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month, alongside various socials, including pub visits, brewery tours and pub walks across

the year, with most open to both members and non-members.

We also run our annual Woolston Beer Festival at Pear Tree Church Hall each autumn. This year's festival will be held on the 30th/31st October. Look out for more details closer to the date.

Being a CAMRA member you gain access to privileges such as discounts off beers in participating pubs, free entry to all CAMRA beer festivals, the CAMRA

electronic newspaper 'What's Brewing' and bi-annual magazine 'Beer', and a range of other benefits. **If you join CAMRA here today you'll receive £10 of free beer tokens.**


If you would like to find out more, come and chat to our volunteers at the tokens/glasses desk or visit the branches website at <https://shantscamra.org.uk/>.

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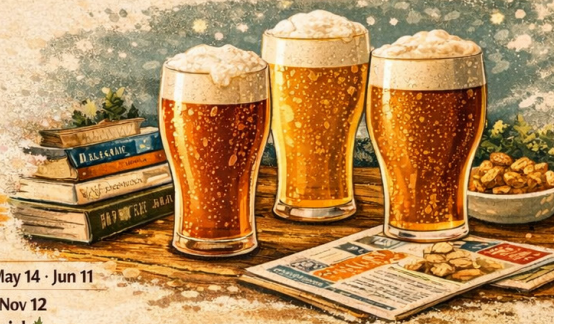
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Real Ales

The following pages list the cask beers we expect to be offering at this year's festival, indexed by brewery, and including alcohol by volume (ABV), style, and tasting notes. Contrary to certain assumptions we haven't tried every beer listed here, so tasting notes are based on information provided by the breweries!

Although we naturally have a strong focus on local Hampshire breweries, we cast our net far and wide with the aim to showcase the creativity and diversity of real ale producers throughout the country. As well as some old favourites, many of the beers are seasonal specials, and we are also featuring quite a few beers this year that are being brewed for the very first time, so little information is available at the time of press.

As with the last two years, this festival is being hosted in the summertime, and as such there is a bias in the freshly brewed beers being towards the pale end of the spectrum. For many breweries, summertime brings summery beers – light, refreshing, and hoppy. But we have done our best to showcase a wider range of styles too – bitters, dark beers and stouts all make an appearance, as well

as some more obscure styles you may not have met before. Furthermore, the lighter beers included also demonstrate a hugely varied range of flavours and styles – rich golden ales, hazy American-style IPAs, crisp fruity pales, and hoppy classic IPAs.

From the many examples of different beer styles presented here you are sure to find a drop to your taste – feel free to ask the volunteer bar staff for advice. We encourage you to be brave and try beers you may not normally drink!

In total, we feature over 50 different cask beers from 29 breweries. We have tried to provide beers from a range of producers, some very well-known and long-established, and others making their first appearance at Winchester. Beers are arranged in alphabetical order based on brewery name.

As with any beer festival, there may be delivery or supply issues that mean we have last minute substitutions or withdrawals. Furthermore, as the festival progresses, some beers will undoubtedly sell out. If the beer you are looking for is unavailable, the bar staff will be happy to suggest suitable alternatives.

If this is your first time at a beer festival, you have a range of approaches to choose from: you may find it helpful to try different beers within a particular style, one that you are comfortable with or one you want to try; or start at the lower end of the ABV/flavour range and work upwards; or just go for pot luck! Do be aware that the stronger, hoppier, or darker beers usually display deeper flavours, and so it is best to start with the more subtle examples, and work upwards, to get the most from them. Tasting beer is a multi-sensory experience: note the colour and clarity of the beer, and the aroma, as well as its flavour. But the most important thing to remember when tasting beer – enjoy!

Alan Ford & Alex MacArthur
Beer List Coordinators 2026

Allergen Advice: Unless otherwise stated (there are planned to be three Gluten Free beers available on cask), all beer at this festival contains gluten from barley and most contain gluten from wheat. Some beers contain gluten from other sources (such as rye or oats). Some beers contain other allergens, which can include lactose. For further allergen advice, please see the cask labels or speak to a member of bar staff.

Real Ales

Brewery Brewery Location

Beer Name Beer Type ABV

Beer description

■ IPA
 ■ Pale
 ■ Golden
 ■ Bitter
■ Stout
 ■ Porter
 ■ Mild
 ■ Special

Alfred's Winchester, Hampshire

Cipher Pale 4.0%

Smooth, fruity, straw coloured pale stacked with flavours of fresh peaches and juicy mango, hints of grapefruit and lime zest and a gentle piney bitter finish.

Hymir Golden 4.6%

Easy drinking golden ale with delicate flavours of candied orange peel, grapefruit zest, juicy peaches and a balanced bittersweet finish.

Bat Country Romsey, Hampshire

The Dirt Bitter 4.2%

Pale amber coloured best bitter. Light biscuity flavour with a subtle fruitiness from the yeast, balanced with Zeus hops adding a touch of spicy savouriness in the finish.

Pickabar IPA 5.7%

Fruity, double dry hopped strong IPA. Unfined.

Bowman Droxford, Hampshire

Elderado Pale 3.5%

Straw-coloured, light-floral brew with a sharp finish, brewed with elderflower.

Hop Hearted Golden 4.8%

Golden ale with 100% Cascade hops.

Brass Castle Malton, North Yorkshire

Pacer Pale 3.4%

Low-ABV pale loaded with Comet, Summit and Amarillo hops to deliver a well-rounded zesty sweet orange character and clean refreshing finish.

Bad Kitty Porter 5.5%

Decadent and moreish chocolate/vanilla porter.

Buxton Buxton, Derbyshire

Deepdale Pale (GF) 4.0%

Refreshing and drinkable pale ale with plenty of modern hops. Gluten Free. Unfined.

Dancing Man Southampton, Hampshire

Big Casino Pale 5.7%

Hazy juice bomb of a hop-forward IPA featuring Citra & Mosaic. Dancing Man's flagship beer, rarely seen in cask. Unfined.

Wild Henry ESB Bitter 5.8%

Lots of beautiful toasty malt depth with biscuit notes that add a nutty caramel sensation to the palate. English hops bring a spicy yet earthy note which opens up a shimmer of honey sweetness that is rounded out by a pleasant bitter finish. Unfined.

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Delphic

Newbury, Berkshire

Knee-High to a Grasshopper Pale 3.6%

Brand new brew! Session pale with wheat for body and Mosaic hops for a fruity finish.

Level Crossing Bitter 4.2%

Traditional, full-modied English Best Bitter with fruity, grassy and blackcurrant notes from UK grown Cascade hops.

Downlands

Henfield, West Sussex

Best Bitter 4.1%

Rich, fruity, russet brown best bitter, with caramel and toffee notes.

1984 Stout 5.5%

Malty and sweet stout with chocolate notes.

Downton

Downton, Wiltshire

Apple Blossom Pale 4.3%

Crisp, zingy, refreshing pale ale with light malt character and floral apple nose.

Lion's Tale Golden 4.5%

Brand new brew! Hoppy summer ale.

Electric Bear

Bath, Somerset

GF DOOM! Pale (GF) 4.5%

Smooth, complex, and quietly heavy-hitting. A full-on fruit bomb in your mouth, layering juicy peach, ripe mango and candied orange. Built on a stacked hop bill of Luminosa, Superdelic and Krush, it delivers all the flavours while being Gluten Free.

Dark Side of the Spoon Stout 5.0%

Caramel Stout balances roasty, midnight-dark chocolate with whispers of soft caramel, creating a beer as layered as the cosmos. Bold chocolate hits and sneaky caramel mingle with a darkness that's all that you touch and see. Roasty, rich, and just outright delish.

Real Ales

Elusive Finchampstead, Berkshire

Metamorph Black IPA 5.6%

Brand new brew! A strong, rich, and hoppy black IPA.

Oregon Trail IPA 5.8%

Classic take on the West Coast IPA style. Strong bitterness with lots of Simcoe, Chinook and Columbus hops, balancing out the malt body.

Flower Pots Cheriton, Hampshire

Irish Red Red Ale 4.4%

Traditional smooth dark Irish Red Ale, packed full of roasted barley and oats with a subtle Willamette hopping.

Ōtautahi Pale 4.8%

Blend of pale malted barley and flaked oats with several additions of Nectaron hops from New Zealand. Light and deliberately hazy, this very refreshing single-hop cask ale is bursting with orange and peach flavours, with minimal bitterness.

Wildfire Pale 5.7%

Strong American Pale Ale brewed with a blend of Amarillo, Citra and Simcoe hops. Full of west coast juicy citrusy aroma, complementing the Lager and Carared malt base. Deep golden in colour with a short bittering and resinous floral aftertaste.

Gilbert White's Selborne, Hampshire

1765 Mild 5.4%

Subtly smokey mild ale, based on the original recipe from 1765.

Zig Zag Ale Old Ale 6.2%

Strong traditional English ale; golden amber in colour with hints of caramel, light fruits, and roasted malts.

Hop Back Downton, Hampshire

Calypso Pale 3.4%

Hoppy session pale. American Calypso hops give this beer its name, as well as giving it a deep, fruity complexity. Expect to taste notes of apple and pear alongside stone fruits.

Golden Goal Golden 4.0%

Brand new beer! Crisp, bright and drinkable, this golden ale is brewed with all English hops.

Taiphoon Pale 4.2%

A variety of English and continental hops are combined with coriander and lemongrass to give an exotic and refreshing pale ale.

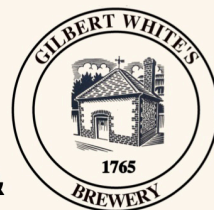
Kent West Malling, Kent

Lemondrop Pale 4.5%

American Pale Ale single-hopped with Lemondrop hops. Lemon flavours combine with melon and herbal hints and a subtle bitterness.



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**Open Thurs, Fri and Saturday evenings
Selborne**

The Jubilee Taproom, in the historic village of Selborne, serves Gilbert Whites Brewery real ales, plus quality wines and spirits.

The brewery, housed in the original Gilbert White brewhouse, produces 12+ traditional ales which are available for parties and other events.

Visits can be arranged on request by emailing brewery@gilbertwhiteshouse.org or taproom@gilbertwhiteshouse.org



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Real Ales

Longdog Basingstoke, Hampshire

Golden Poacher Golden 3.9%

Strong hoppy flavours and aromas from the Gallena and Green Bullet hops combine to create a refreshing golden ale.

Lamplight Porter Porter 5.0%

Classic London porter. Chocolate and coffee flavours from the malts come through together with a robust bitterness from English hops.

Mysterious Tadley, Hampshire

Aurum Golden 3.6%

Low-ABV, easy drinking golden ale, featuring classic British hops and honey with light caramel notes from the malt..

Citra Triangle Pale 5.0%

Rich pale ale loaded with lots of Citra hops, giving a fruity and juicy flavour, combined with a smooth easy drinking malt base.

Neptune Bootle, Merseyside

Ezili Pale 4.0%

American-style pale ale. Refreshing and bright citrus flavours with gentle peach and a hint of white grape.

Newtown Gosport, Hampshire

Gosport Royal Bitter 4.6%

Classic English bitter from the South East Hampshire region. A recipe for this beer has been handed down from brewery to brewery for decades.

North Riding Scarborough, N Yorkshire

Chocolate Stout Stout 5.5%

Full-bodied stout brewed with chocolate malt, and more chocolate throughout the fermentation.

Pomona Island Salford, G Manchester

Lyrical Lover Golden 4.0%

Fresh, bright Golden Ale, hoppy and fruity.

The Chickens I Don't Like Stout 5.0%

Sweet and smooth milk stout.

Queen Inn Winchester, Hampshire

Discarded by Red Kite Cold IPA 4.6%

An extremely clean beer that blends the intense hop aroma of a west coast IPA with a light bodied lager finish.

Accidental Porter Porter 4.8%

Originally by accident, now brewed with intent. This London Porter delivers layered notes of chocolate with gentle aromas of freshly brewed coffee, a hint of cacao and a touch of dark fruit.

Steam Town Eastleigh, Hampshire

Shiny Pale 3.4%

Sessionable hazy oat pale, made with Mosaic, Citra and Strata hops.

Bishop's APA Pale 4.8%

Well bittered light gold American Pale Ale. It's hopped with US Mosaic and Amarillo for a Citrus and stone fruit aroma, flavour and a refreshing, lingering marmalade bitterness to finish.

Ralph Dutton ESB Bitter 5.8%

Rich and smooth ESB with a mellow citrus bitterness. This beer celebrates the best UK Maris Otter, blended with crystal, chocolate and wheat malts. Hopped with the classic, earthy Goldings, together with the modern, fruit-filled UK Jester variety.

Sureshot Manchester

I'm in a Bubble Pale 4.0%

Bright pale ale dry hopped with Mosaic & Citra. A classically crisp and clear pale with modern tropical fruitiness.

Ten Tun Brewhouse Alton, Hampshire

Keira Fortnightly IPA 4.8%

Brand new beer! A West Coast IPA is all we know at the time of going to print.

Track Manchester

Sonoma Pale 3.8%

Refreshing, sessionable, hazy pale ale. A simple malt base & hopped generously with Mosaic, Centennial & Citra it bursts forth with resinous notes of sticky mandarin and grapefruit. It finishes crisp & clean with a soft, pithy bitterness.

Real Ales

Triple fff Four Marks, Hampshire

Apache Rose Peacock Golden 4.2%

Refreshing pale ale with American Cluster hops. Initial summer fruit flavours recede to hints of blackcurrant with a bitter finish.

Black Velvet Stout 4.2%

Surprisingly low ABV oatmeal stout. Chocolatey and rich, it has a coffee mouthfeel with a biscuity finish, combined with Cascade hops on the nose.

Vibrant Forest Hardley, Hampshire

Coppice IPA (GF) 3.4%

Modern hazy IPA at a low strength. Leading with bold fruity and piney hops, Coppice is rounded off with a soft, smooth water profile and stone fruit notes. Unfined.

Dapple Bitter 4.0%

Brand new beer! A traditional English bitter using a base malt of Maris Otter, which brings biscuity notes as well. British grown Bramling Cross hops combined with an English ale yeast strain leaves a pleasantly fruity finish. Unfined.

Vocation Hebden Bridge, W Yorkshire

Bread & Butter Pale 3.9%

Fresh, easy-drinking, dry-hopped pale ale that combines British malts with US hops for a modern take on a classic. Crisp, with mild citrus notes and a smooth, rounded bitterness.

Heart & Soul IPA 4.4%

Full-bodied fruity beer with all the hoppy goodness of an IPA, but at a lower ABV. Expect a fruit salad flavour with bold notes of passionfruit, grapefruit, gooseberry, pineapple and mango.

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Keg Beers

As times change, so too does beer. Keg beer was rightly viewed with suspicion when CAMRA was founded but brewing science and skill have evolved considerably to improve the method. On our keg bar we have a small selection of beers dispensed from kegs.

Where cask is brilliant for showing off milds, bitters and the more delicate pale ales, keg beer is typically served colder and is great for showing off drier beers like hazy pales, and bolder beers like IPAs. For most of the keg beers, the system we use means that no extra gas touches the beer as it's poured, so the carbonation in the beer is the result of the brewery's process. This year we also feature an Alcohol-Free beer on keg for the first time!

Electric Bear Bath, Somerset

Unruly AF AF Pale 0.5%

Hoppy, alcohol-free pale! Brewed with Citra, Mosaic, and Idaho 7. Expect all the fresh hoppy flavours with notes of citrusy peach ice tea, just without the alcohol.

Elusive Finchampstead, Berkshire

Tasman IPA 6.0%

Modern take on an American pale ale, collaborating with Two Flints and Hop, Burns & Black. Superdelic, Nectaron, Simcoe and Columbus hops combine to bring a blend of tropical fruits.

Ten Tun Brewhouse Alton, Hampshire

Sad Ken Pale 4.3%

New England IPA with Vista, Strata & Idaho 7 hops.

My Dunkel Has A Speedboat Dunkel 5.2%

Rich and dark beer in the Munich Dunkel tradition.

Vibrant Forest Hardley, Hampshire

Evoke Pale 4.2%

Soft, floral and piney session pale. Idaho 7 and Cascade bring grapefruit and pine notes, whilst Loral provides a long, floral finish.



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Bottled Beers

To be found next to the keg bar, we have a selection of bottled beers from continental Europe. Belgian beers are known for their strong, rich flavours, and this year we have both strong Trappist beers and other interesting Belgian beers, including several Alcohol-Free options. The bottles bar also includes lagers, plus Gluten Free beers from Mongozo.

European Lager

Augustiner	Germany
Lagerbier Hell	500ml 5.2%

Classic German pale lager from Munich.

Budweiser	Czech Republic
Budvar	500ml 5.0%

Czech Pilsner from České Budějovice.

Alcohol-Free Beers

Kasteel	Belgium
Tropical AF	330ml 0.0%

Vibrant alcohol-free Belgian fruit ale, bursting with passion fruit, mango, peach, and pineapple.

Rouge AF	330ml 0.0%
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Alcohol-free Belgian cherry beer, with sweet fruit character and smooth malt body.

Rothaus	Germany
AF Pils	330ml 0.4%

Alcohol-free version of a classic German pilsner from the Black Forest.

Belgian Beers

Duvel Moortgat	Belgium
Duvel	330ml 8.5%

Strong Belgian golden ale, rich with subtle hop character. The name translates to "devil"

Kasteel	Belgium
Rubus Framboise	330ml 7.0%

Rich, full-bodied Belgian fruit beer flavoured with raspberries.

Mongozo	Belgium
Mango	330ml 3.6%

Light, sweet and refreshing Belgian fruit beer, flavoured with mango.

Westmalle	Belgium
Dubbel	330ml 7.0%

Rich, dark Belgian Trappist beer with a full flavour, slightly sweet malt notes and a hint of caramel.

Ciders, Perries and Pyders

In this festival we are also showcasing a selection of real ciders (produced solely with apples), perries (produced solely with pears) and pyders (a mixture of apples and pears) from a wide variety of producers. The range of ciders and perries here come from around the country to show the variety of flavours that can be created, and to meet a range of tastes.

Unlike mass-market fizzy cider, the ciders, perries and pyders available here are not

sterilised or pasteurised. This allows the fermentation process to continue and enhance the natural flavours of the apples. Any carbonation is purely natural and the result of the fermentation process.

Many of these drinks are fairly strong, 6% or more, but the ABV varies from batch to batch and so the values listed in the programme are only an approximation – please check the signage or with the bar staff during the festival for more accurate figures. The ciders

listed here are categorised by sweetness – our volunteer bar staff will be happy to help you find something to meet your tastes. Many cider producers are very small operations, often based in farmhouses, which makes availability highly susceptible to change and there may be unavoidable changes between this list going to print and the festival itself.

Allergen Advice: All ciders, perries and pyders can naturally contain sulphites and are not suitable for those with a sulphite sensitivity.

Bearded Brewery Cornwall

Storm Damage Sweet 6.2%

Super smooth sweet triple apple cider made with a traditional cider yeast

Big Nose & Beardy Sussex

This Little Piggy Medium 7.0%

Medium sweet blend of Cox, Worcester, Bramley, Howgate Wonder.

Blackmoor Hampshire

Flash Pond Medium Perry 5.0%

Dessert pears bring a natural sweetness, with a hint of Bramley Apples for a balancing acidity.

Ridges Green Medium 5.0%

Zingy Bramley apples give a bright, fruit-forward flavour balanced with the right touch of sweetness.

Buck Cider Derbyshire

Big Buck Medium 6.0%

Light gold and rounded with aromas of honey, peach and lychee.

Glyders Somerset

Medium Dry Medium Dry 6.5%

Medium dry cider blended from Kingston Black, Dabinett and Porter Perfection to name a few.

Gwatkin Herefordshire

Yarlington Mill Medium 6.0%

Medium sweet cider with a smooth and rich red colour. CAMRA Award winner!

Squeal Pig Medium Perry 4.5%

Clean-tasting, refreshing perry with a very pale straw colour and sweet citrus notes in the aroma.

Hunts Devon

Bull Walloper Sweet 7.2%

Rich, medium-sweet cider made by an 8th generation cider maker, using a press installed in 1952.

Mr Whiteheads Hampshire

Rum Cask Medium Sweet 7.0%

Strong medium cider with a kick. Made with a mixture of apples including Cox & Russet.

New Forest Cider Hampshire

Sweet Sweet 6.0%

Sweet traditional blended farmhouse cider filtered, still and clear in appearance and full flavoured.

Purbeck Dorset

Muddy Scamp Dry 6.9%

Medium dry cloudy balanced traditional farmhouse cider.

Katy Perry Medium Sweet Pyder 5.5%

Clean crisp taste of Katy apples married with the citrus tones and floral aroma of Perry pears.

Sam's Devon

Cloudy Crush Sweet 4.5%

A fresh, invigorating and palate-pleasing naturally cloudy cider.

Festival Charity



For this year's festival, we are pleased to be supporting the good work provided by Winchester GoLD.

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Finally, we would like to thank all our customers for support of the festival, and we hope to see you again at next year's Winchester Beer and Cider Festival.

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