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25TH HISTON BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL - VENI VIDI BIBI

Welcome one and all to the 25th Histon Beer Festival. The Committee have something of a challenge this year in matching the success of the 2024 Festival. Have we mentioned that we raised (almost) £25,000 for local good causes? Our challenge in 2025 is to see if you can beat that by drinking even more of our lovely beer and cider. If you are wondering where all this money goes, have a look at page 4 where you will see who received all the proceeds and what they did with it. After 24 festivals, the cumulative figure raised stands at around £130,000 and we know that all these organisations are very grateful for the support that we, and you, are able to offer. Where else can you have a great time knowing that the merrier things become, the more money is being raised to support your local community?



2025 committee – Colin Myles, Rob Kane, Keiran Harvey, Don Kelly (Chair), Tim Sparks, Matt Hemmins & Andy Hurst
Absent for the photo: Jo Roach, Lesley Kelly, Michael Watson, 'Cider Gary' Hibbett

We are extremely proud and thankful for the generosity of all our valued Sponsors. For full details please flick through this programme. For the first time, the Committee have taken on the challenge of selecting the drinks so we can't blame the pub if you don't like what is on offer ... but we're confident that won't happen. There is a good range of strengths, colours and types, and from local and distant brewers and cider makers, so there should be something for everyone – we even seek to provide ales that lager drinkers might like.



As ever, the Festival is underpinned by a dedicated committee who work tirelessly throughout the year and continually throughout the week to ensure that everything is served to perfection. People who serve behind the bar and on the door (over 70 of them) VOLUNTEER their services to ensure that ALL proceeds from the Festival are donated to local good causes.

Within just one week, the Festival will play host to 13 local bands/musicians, making it the largest music venue of the year in this village and probably one of the largest anywhere in the local area! See page 7 for details.

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without the help of the Red Lion. They let us have the garden, electricity and water free of charge. They organise the food, sit in at every committee meeting and help us throughout the festival including the never-ending glass washing! The parent company, Youngs, are hugely supportive, including generous sponsoring of the glasses.

Please enjoy the festival and drink irresponsibly for charity! If you have any questions or issues, please find a committee member wearing the official red t-shirt. For the first time, we are offering t-shirts for sale so you can join in – but you can't have a red one or people will start asking you difficult questions!

See you back here on Monday 7th September 2026!!!

DON KELLY, CHAIR, HISTON BEER FESTIVAL

WHO BENEFITTED FROM LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL?

Last summer's festival was more than a celebration — it was an investment in local dreams. With £25,000 raised and given away, 14 community groups have turned those funds into climbing adventures, forest classrooms, new playgrounds and spaces where neighbours can share a meal and a laugh.

HI Friends Lunch Club opened the doors of Kay Hitch Way Community Centre to serve up more than just a hot meal. Guests get pudding, quizzes, singalongs and plenty of tea — but most importantly, they get company. For many, the minibus ride to lunch is the start of the day's adventure, a rare chance to connect and share stories.

The 1st Histon Scouts also put their funding to good use, buying brand-new climbing harnesses and helmets. From indoor walls to the rugged heights of the Peak District, Beavers to Leaders are learning to trust ropes, teammates and themselves. It's not just about scaling walls but building courage, teamwork, and resilience.



At Camtrust, a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities, the money went into upgrading computers. These are gateways to independence, offering digital skills that open up opportunities in work and life.

Rowan Humberstone launched Rowan Rangers, a forest school for adults with learning disabilities, tucked away in a private Histon woodland. One Friday might be spent crafting with green wood; another storytelling around a fire or spotting wildlife. Two new sheds now keep tools and materials safe for the adventures ahead.

Other grants sparked just as much local energy: mobile nets for Histon Cricket Club, a new van engine for the Connections Bus Project, outdoor gym equipment at The Cavendish School, a mud kitchen for Histon Early Years Centre and more. From darts tournaments to playground markings, therapeutic education to all-weather pitches.

And at the centre of it all are the volunteers: the quiet, steadfast heroes making sure every cup of tea is poured, every rope is secure and every child, player or participant feels they belong. They're the real legacy of the festival.

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Up until 5pm Monday to Friday, just go to the bar and we'll serve you in a plain glass.

After 5pm and all-day Saturday, you need a 2025 Festival glass to get served. Entry is £6 which includes a (refundable) festival glass kindly sponsored by Thomson, Webb & Corfield. The glass is your entry ticket, bring it along for free entry for a session later in the week. However, if you leave your glass at home, you will need to pay another entry fee to get another glass. When you have visited for the last time, you have a choice:



- keep the glass and add it to your collection
- return the glass to the front door and get £3 back
- return the glass donating the £3 to festival funds supporting local worthy causes

GET YOUR HISTON BEER FESTIVAL 2025 TSHIRT - £12!

Every year without fail we get asked the question "Where can I get a Beer Festival t-shirt"? Well, our answer this year is right here!

Hayward Moon Property Lawyers have sponsored our very fashionable 25th anniversary t-shirts, this means we could try something new and we were able to produce a limited-edition t-shirt without the worry of eating into festival funds.

Grey ones are on sale at the front desk, get them quickly as we are limited on numbers. **Red shirts are for staff so we can be seen in an emergency and answer any questions you may have.**



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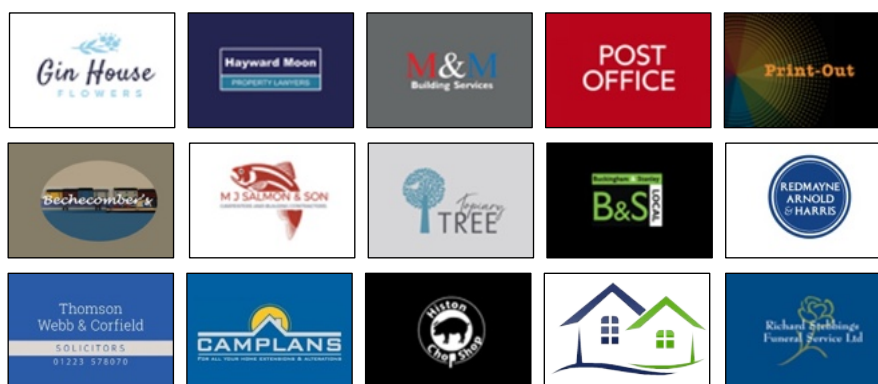
Yes, it is back. Not quite as impressive a prize as the Euro Millions but then again they don't give away ale as far as we know – mmmmm ... beer!! For just £3 you'll be allocated a barrel number with the chance to win a £50 Red Lion tab as first prize, 4 Festival pints as second prize and 2 Festival pints as third prize. Ask behind the bar but be quick as we sell out fast!!!!

2024 winners were: Matt #49 Jaipur, Gemma #52 Citra Sabro, James #33 Mary Jane



SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

We have some amazing sponsors, who are also beer lovers, that are involved in the event. The money raised from them helps provide the funds for the infrastructure for the event, programme, glasses and this year's t-shirts. You will find their adverts throughout the programme - look out for the sponsored beers in the middle of the bar. We wanted to give a shout out this year to Hayward Moon (t-shirt sponsor), Thomson Webb & Corfield (glass sponsors) and AT Consultants and Builders (guide sponsors). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the event next year, email histonbeerfest@gmail.com.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

It takes a lot of people to help put together a festival. As well as the sponsors and volunteers, several local businesses give their time to help with the general infrastructure to run the event FREE OF CHARGE.

Thanks to Chris Gooch of Open Design Agency for all the graphic design work (see article on page 17), Edd Stonham of Resolute AV who provide the credit card readers, internet access, web hosting (histonbeerfestival.co.uk) and the security. Steve Gill Fencing provides the vehicles for us to get everything to and from storage during setup and teardown. FDS Cambridge Ltd donated the skip for the event. You'll find their details below if you want to show your support.

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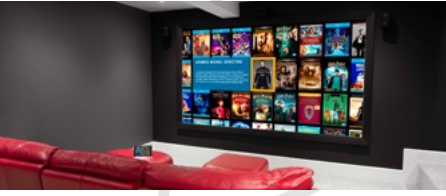
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LIVE MUSIC SHAKEUP – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We don't just do great beer but amazing music too. This year we've refreshed the lineup to welcome new talent while keeping some festival favourites.

For the first time, two local bands – Peg Leg Pub Band and CB Soul – will kick off our mid-week double header on Wednesday. Carla Gray takes the Friday night slot, with Nearly New Romantics and Nothing But Nineties returning. Saturday brings a packed day of fantastic live music.

Monday: Manor Mill Morris 6:45pm; Waterbeach Brass 8pm
Tuesday: Buck and the Lowlanders 8pm
Wednesday: Peg Leg Pub Band 6pm, CB Soul 8pm
Thursday: Nearly New Romantics 8pm
Friday: Carla Gray 8pm
Saturday: DWC noon, Flukes 1:30pm; Panic Community Steel Band 3pm; The Lightwaves 4:30pm; Three Phase 6pm; Nothing But Nineties 8pm

If you are interested in performing at the 2026 festival, please email us histonbeerfest@gmail.com.



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ALES					
GUIDE COLOURS:		PALE/GOLDEN	BROWN	DARK	SPECIAL
BARSHAM. WEST BARSHAM, NORFOLK					
1	PILGRIM'S PALE ALE 4.0% [VG,GF] Classic English pale ale				
BUNTINGFORD. ROYSTON, HERTS					
2	OATMEAL STOUT 4.4% A rich, satisfying stout brewed with oats that invites you to take one quaff after another.				
3	SUNSTAR 4.1% Easy going Oatmeal IPA coming in at 4.1%, brewed using a combination of British and American hops, apricot, lime and papaya notes and aromas				
4	'TIS BUT A SCRATCH 6.5% Best beer at the Cambridge Beer Festival in May. 'nuff said?				
5	TWITCHELL 3.8% An easy drinking golden fruity bitter with a floral aroma and superbly balanced aftertaste.				
BURTON BRIDGE. BURTON UPON TRENT, STAFFS					
6	BREWERS GOLD 4.0% Originally developed in 1919 in Kent, Brewer's Gold imparts spicy hedgerow notes of blackcurrant and aromas of lemon balm. Perfect for the sun.				
7	CHARRINGTON IPA 4.5% (SUBSTITUTION FROM PRINTED GUIDE) A recreation of the classic Charrington IPA. An old English-style IPA. Pale Ochre display with an aroma that suggests porridge oats. Fresh pine nuts from the English hops and a touch of horlicks with a floral and surprising marmalade finish.				
8	SOVEREIGN GOLD 4.0% Light and thirst-quenching. The clean hoppy palate works with most foods but ideal with a curry. Hops used are Cascade and Northdown.				
9	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 5.0% Our best selling brew, Stairway to Heaven is a golden hoppy beer with a smooth flavour, brewed with English Fuggles and Golding hops.				
BURWELL. BURWELL, CAMBS					
10	BURWELL SUNSHINE 4.0% [VG,GF] Golden colour. Initial citrus notes and a light malt with gentle bitterness. Great for quaffing on a hot summers day.				
11	MOULIN D'ETIENNE 5.0% [VG,GF] Straw coloured, slightly cloudy. Fruity aromas with hints of orange. Fruity in the mouth with classic wheat flavours. Peppery finish with a slight orange note. Great cold on a hot summer day.				
12	REDHOUSE MILK STOUT 7.0% [GF] Intense chocolate aroma and initial sweetness from the lactose. Full bodied, rich and warming but slips down without the bitter aftertaste you might expect from a stout				
13	SLIGHTLY BEER FUGGLED 3.5% [VG,GF] Gold colour. Grassy aroma from fuggles hops. Gentle malt, light in body and medium bitter finish. Very easy drinking. Ideal for summer.				
COLCHESTER. WAKES COLNE, ESSEX					
14	BRAZILIAN 4.6% Our multiple award-winning coffee and vanilla porter. Not at all shy on flavour.				
15	COLCHESTER NO.1 4.1% A classic English best bitter, copper in colour. Whole Boadicea hops for flavour and the definitive aroma of Golding				
16	ROMANI ITE DOMUM 4.3% Hoppy, golden beer with grapefruit flavours. The Latin name is a bit of a mouthful so it is often just known as "Romans".				

ALES

GUIDE COLOURS:

PALE/GOLDEN

BROWN

DARK

SPECIAL

FAT CAT. NORWICH, NORFOLK

17

TOM CAT 4.1% [GF]

This beer is all about the Mosaic hops - refreshing and zingy from start to finish.

LORD CONRAD'S. DRY DRAYTON, CAMBS

18

BEARD OIL 4.5% [VG]

Earthy medley of Norse hops and ancient grains

19

SUMMER BLONDE 4.0% [VG]

Summer session brewed with sunshine hops

IVO. SOMERSHAM, CAMBS

20

12 YEARS UNAIDED 6.0% [VG]

Chocolate & Coconut Porter. Based on our Porter recipe but infusing it with toasted coconut and cacao nibs for all those Bounty lovers

21

CAR PARK CUDDLE 3.8% [VG] - Sponsored by Buckingham & Stanley

A Pale Ale with plenty of extra hoppy goodness. We use an English malt base and cram in as much American hop as we can without making it overbalanced. An easy drinker and a perfect thirst quencher



22

EVENING BROWN 5.0% [VG]

This Brown Ale has plenty of character, loaded with biscuit and chocolate malts but balanced with a mix of English and American hops

23

SHE KEEPS IT NICE 4.5% [VG] - Sponsored by The Post Office

A fruit bomb with lashings of hops added throughout the boil and lots more thrown into the fermenter to give an amazing aroma and tropical taste. There is plenty of malt too, giving this beer enough depth to compensate for the hop overload - can be slightly hazy.



MOONSHINE. FULBOURN, CAMBS

24

SHELFORD CRIER 3.9%

A light bodied amber coloured beer; citrus fruit bouquet and taste that continues through to a refreshing clean and dry finish.

25

HEAVENLY MATTER 4.1% - Sponsored by Stebbings

A crisp, clean, straw coloured light bodied beer. Citra hops are prominent throughout, with a huge hoppy citrus, tropical fruit aroma and taste which leads to a generous bitterness in the finish.



PAPWORTH. EARITH, CAMBS

26

BULWARK 3.8% [VG]

A classic English Ale featuring Jester, Cascade and Admiral hops

27

HI PA 4.9% [VG] - Sponsored by Thomson Webb & Corfield

A golden English IPA skilfully brewed by the Histon BF team! Showcasing Maris Otter malt. Expect well rounded bitterness from British hop superstars, Harlequin and Jester.



28

KOURA, 5.7%

Golden, cloudy wheat beer with a delicate banana aroma. Well balanced bitterness with a zesty citrus finish.

29

WHITFIELD CITRABOLT 3.8% [VG] - Sponsored by Camplans

Refreshing lemon and grapefruit aromas and flavours dominate initially giving way to a lasting dry, bitter aftertaste



REDEMPTION. LONDON

30

TRINITY 3.0%

An award-winning Light Ale brewed with three malts and three hops. Generous late hopping provides Seville orange aromas and the initial malt sweetness is dominated by citrus flavours which explode on the palate. Brewed with plenty of malt to provide decent body, so it has some backbone for a low ABV beer.

ALES

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PURPLE MOOSE. PORTHMADOG, GWYNEDD

31

ELDERFLOWER ALE 4.0% - Sponsored by Topiary Tree

A refreshing pale ale brewed using Cascade hops with the added indulgence of elderflowers.



32

DARK SIDE OF THE MOOSE 4.6%

A delicious dark ale with a deep malt flavour from roasted barley and a fruity bitterness from Bramling Cross hops.

33

SNOWDONIA ALE 3.6% - Sponsored by Print-Out

A delightfully refreshing pale ale brewed with Pale and Crystal malt with a delicate combination of Pioneer, Styrian Goldings and Lubelski hops.



34

YMLACIO 3.9% - Sponsored by The Gin House

An easy drinking pale ale brewed with lager and Vienna malts, bursting with lemon, lime and tropical fruit flavours.



ABBEYDALE. SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKS

35

MOONSHINE 4.3% [GF] - Sponsored by Hayward Moon

Hopped with Willamette, Delta, Citra, Chinook & Centennial - this is a beautifully well balanced pale perfect for any occasion



BATEMANS. WAINFLEET, Lincs

36

DARK M 3.4% - Sponsored by M&M

Dark, full bodied, rich and creamy, brimming with fruit and nut character



DARK STAR (FULLERS). LONDON

37

HOPHEAD 3.4% - Sponsored by Salmon & Son

Hoppy Golden Ale



ROCKET ALES. GREAT STAUGHTON, CAMBS

38

ARIANE 4.5%

Keller Bier is lager sold unpressurised, unfiltered and unpasteurised in a cask, which is the way it is often sold in tap rooms at small craft breweries in Europe. Ariane is a 4.5% craft lager, made with Saaz hops in the style of a Czech pilsner

39

BLOODHOUND 4.2% - Sponsored by Redmayne Arnold & Harris

Best Bitter. This copper coloured beer has a balance of malt flavours from Maris Otter malt and hop bitterness with slight orange marmalade notes from the English Admiral hops used



40

BLACK KNIGHT 3.7%

Dark mild. Made with multiple types of darker malt for layers of flavour. The dark colour of this beer comes from chocolate malt, avoiding the sometimes burnt wood astringent taste that can come from black malt

41

SIDEWINDER 3.9% - Sponsored by Chop Shop

Pale Ale with the American Citra hop, giving its distinctive flavour with citrus notes.



ROOSTER'S. HARROGATE, NORTH YORKS

42

YORKSHIRE'S BEST 3.8% [VG,GF]

A modern, classic best bitter. Amber in colour and smooth on the finish, Yorkshire's Best is brewed with a blend of British hops; Challenger, First Gold and Ernest, to provide fruity, new world characteristics that balance out a moreish level of bitterness.

ALES

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SPECIAL

ST AUSTELL. ST AUSTELL, CORNWALL

43

CORNISH BEST 3.4%

Despite its low ABV, Cornish Best delivers a beautiful bitter that's full-bodied and well-balanced. Toffee and biscuit notes complement the hint of bitterness and result in an easy-drinking and comforting traditional Best Bitter.

THIRSTY MOOSE. BLAYDON, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

44

BELTA BLONDE 3.4% [VG]

"Belta" means exceptional in Geordie slang. Belta Blonde is a session ale with a harmonious and subtle blend of sweet citrus, tantalising passion fruit, hints of honey and a light malt character. This refreshing brew offers a flavourful escape with its zesty notes, tropical allure and a crisp bitter backdrop.

45

CANNY CANUCK 4.3% [VG]

An exciting combination of a Canadian staple and the North East's most beloved beer style. This modern take on a North East classic has deep malty flavours of biscuit, nuts, caramel and hints of chocolate and fermented maple syrup which creates a smoky woodland aroma.

46

HAZY HINNY 5.2% [VG]

"Hinny" is a Northern term of endearment for a woman or child. Our hazy pale is blonde with juicy tropical and citrus flavour and hints of pine and black tea. Its well balanced bitterness and sweetness, along with a soft mouthfeel and full body, make for a satisfying drinking experience.

47

OOT N' ABOUT 5.6% [VG]

A saying both Geordies & Canadians are familiar with, "oot n' about" is our IPA. This brew boasts robust North American hops, yielding vibrant notes of citrus, mango, pineapple and stone fruits, complemented by a gentle malt character with a striking blonde colour and a touch of haze. Its bitterness delights the palate.

THORNBRIDGE. BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE

48

JAIPUR 5.9%

Full-bodied pale gold with a backbone of malt on which sits an abundance of hops, citrus and tropical fruit flavours

THREE BLIND MICE. LITTLE DOWNHAM, CAMBS

49

DANGEROUS BRIAN 4.6% [VG]

A New England pale ale hopped with Loral & Citra. Big floral and citrus aromas backed up with a smooth malty base.

50

VIC SECRET & ELLA 4.5% [VG]

A New England pale ale hopped with Vic Secret & Ella delivering a big punch of dank pineapple and refreshing herbaceous notes

TINY REBEL. NEWPORT, GWENT

51

CWTCH 4.6%

Welsh Red Ale. With tones of citrus and tropical fruit dominating the taste it is highlighted with caramel malts to balance the bitterness.

WANTSUM. ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT

52

1381 3.8%

Session-able IPA full of fruit and citrus hop aroma and flavour provided by the Mosaic and Centennial American hops.

53

BLACK PRINCE 3.9%

A full-bodied Kent mild, very smooth on the palate with subtle hop notes. The perfect dark session-able mild.

54

HURRICANE 4.5%

A refreshing IPA with a citrus punch. Oats in the mash give a smooth mouthfeel and plenty of body

WHEATSHEAF. HUNTINGDON, CAMBS

55

ORACLE 4.8% [VG]

Initial sweet biscuity flavours from a complex blend of malts, leading into delicate fruity notes and finishing with a gentle bitterness.

ALES				
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WYLDE SKY. LINTON, CAMBS				
56	BEST 4.5% [VG] Perfectly balanced with a full-bodied malty presence. Together with an English yeast strain, we have a delicate nuttiness and delightful amber colour. Awarded BRONZE in SIBA Regional 2024 Cask Competition in the Cask British Best Bitter category			
57	GOLD 4.0% [VG] Single hop, thirst-quenching golden ale. Brewed with Cascade hops, with a delicate fruity aroma, refreshing citrus flavour and a crisp finish			
58	IPA 3.8% [VG] Thirst quenching, balanced bitter-sweetness with notes of caramel, fruit and a lush hoppiness.			
XTREME. PETERBOROUGH, CAMBS				
59	STRAWBERRY XTREME 4.5% Award winning rich chocolate fruit stout with sweet strawberry and cream.			
60	XANADU 4.0% An easy drinking golden session ale, bittered with Chinook and has a light summer aroma from Willamette and Columbus.			

MEET THE BREWERS

There are so many local breweries around the area, we often spend time talking to these folks at their premises and events around Cambridgeshire. They have such amazing stories to tell that we invite them over to spend time with you all too. Last year we had the chaos of Charlie from Buntingford Brewery launching a new beer at the festival, “Heavy Lies The Crown”. The challenge was to sell their first barrel as quickly as possible; the time was an impressive 32 minutes and 24 seconds raising £200 for good causes in the process.

Come and see this year’s brewers between 5PM – 7PM on the days listed below:

Monday - Papworth Brewery; Tuesday - Burwell Brewery and Cromwell Cider; Thursday - Buntingford Brewery and Blue Barrel Cider

CIDERS

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C1	Medium Dry 6.5% - Medium Dry Ampleforth Abbey Traditional Cider is medium dry, unique and has an unusual blend without cider apples.
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BLUE BARREL. OAKINGTON, CAMBS

C2	Cuckoo Returns 5.5% - Medium Sweet A medium sweet Eastern Counties style cider using local dessert fruit from Oakington & Coton’s wildlife orchards. A blend of Worcester pearmain, Spartan & Bramley to create a fresh zingy cider
C3	Smokin Barrels 6.5% - Medium Dry Our single malt whiskey casks really influence this charismatic blend giving it a distinct lingering caramel, vanilla oak flavour
C4	Trees are Good 6.5% - Dry A late season orchard blend with 100% Oakington orchard apples to create a dry, fruity cider with a soft tannic finish

BROADOAK. SOMERSET

C5	Perry 7.5% - Dry Sweet but incredibly refreshing with a glorious fresh tasting pear flavour and a wonderful pear aroma.
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CIDERS

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BROADOAK. SOMERSET

C6

Pheasant Plucker 4.5% - Dry

A traditional cloudy Somerset dry cider with a full bodied flavour obtained from handpicked bitter sweet west country apples.

CROMWELL. HEMINGFORD GREY, CAMBS

C7

Oliver's First Season Scrumpy 5.0% - Dry

Brewed from the first season apple crop of our locally grown cider apple trees, producing a very palatable refreshing cider with a distinct appley nose and slight tannin dryness

C8

Oliver's Session 4.5% - Medium Dry

An excellent thirst quencher for those hot summer days and becoming one of our best sellers which provides a cool and crisp sparkle to the cider

C9

Oliver's Sweetheart 6.5% - Medium

English style cider. Sweet, full bodied and rich fruit aroma.

FOXHAY. RAMPTON, CAMBS

C10

Bushel Box Cambridgeshire Dry Cider 6.8% - Dry

A powerful pure Cambridgeshire blend dry cider including Estivale, Robyn and Bloody Ploughman

C11

English Cider 2023 Late Harvest 5.2% - Medium Dry

Light and refreshing medium/dry cider, made with a blend of apple varieties, including Lord Lambourn, Russets, Bramleys, Thoday's Quarrenden and traditional base notes from Yarlington Mill and Tremlett's Bitter.

GWYNT Y DDRAIG. SOUTH WALES

C12

Black Dragon 7.2% - Medium Dry

rich in colour, body and flavour with a fresh, fruity aroma

C13

Two Trees Perry 4.5% - Medium

A pale, fruity perry with an aroma of fruit and a hint of honey on the palate.

PULP CIDER. WORCESTER

C14

Pornstar Martini 3.4%

This passion fruit punch is packed with all the favourites of the legendary cocktail. The hit of lime smashes through the sweetness of the purple fruit, leaving the light linger of vanilla. Chin, chin, darlings!

SEA CIDER. WEST SUSSEX

C15

Strawberry 4.0%

Made with pure strawberry juice, you cant go wrong with this delicious cider!

SIMON'S CIDER. GODMANCHESTER, CAMBS

C16

Browns 4.7% - Medium Dry

Medium dry, tannic & sharp. Made with Browns cider apples

C17

Little Miss Terry 6.0% - Medium Sweet

Eastern counties dessert apple cider

SNAIL'S BANK. HEREFORD

C18

Rhubarb 4.0%

A real apple cider infused with tart Rhubarb and blended with vanilla for a smooth session cider

SPINNEY ABBEY. WICKEN, CAMBS

C19

Dirty Habit 4.0% - Sweet

Sweet session cider

C20

Monk and Disorderly 6.1% - Medium Sweet

Medium sweet

CHILDREN AT THE FESTIVAL

We're always happy to see families enjoying the festival and children are very welcome during the day when accompanied and **SUPERVISED** by a responsible adult. We are a busy festival in a (relatively) small space so we cannot have people running around like headless chickens (unless you count the committee during busy times!!).

As the evening goes on, the site gets much busier and noisier-especially after 7pm when the bands are playing. For their safety and comfort, we ask that children leave the main tent by this time. To help keep everyone safe, please follow these guidelines:

- No under-16s after 7pm
- **Children must be supervised at all times**
- No running on the festival site
- The stage is for performers only!
- Behind-the-scenes areas (bars, welcome desk, storage, etc.) are strictly off-limits

If we feel a child's safety, or the safety of others, is at risk we may ask their adult to take them home. Thanks for helping us create a safe and enjoyable festival for everyone!



DID YOU KNOW...

Beer is one of the oldest beverages in the world. It dates back to at least the 5th millennium BC in Iran, where evidence of beer production has been found. It's the third most-consumed drink in the world after water and tea.

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WE'VE BREWED OUR OWN BEER, HI PA!!!

With 46 days to go until the Festival, Don, Tim, Sue Watson and I visited Papworth Brewery to brew our own beer. After Tim kindly drove us there, we arrived at 9am. En route, Sue brought a 0.0% beer from Bero Brewery (Edge Hill Hazy IPA) to help inspire our brew – surprisingly good!

After discussions with Chris and Becs at the brewery, we settled on a 4.9% ABV pale English ale named 'HI PA'. For the grain boil, we used Maris Otter, Vienna and a touch of Roasted Barley for a hint of colour. Brewing salts were added to the Hot Liquor Tank and we mashed it for an hour to convert starches to sugars.



Following this, we recirculated and transferred the wort to the pilot kettle. While it boiled (about an hour), we visited the Green Man in Colne and enjoyed Papworth's Half Nelson.

Back at the brewery, we chose Jester, Harlequin and Willamette hops, adding them in stages. After boiling, we added finings, then pumped the beer into the fermenter. Once it foamed, we pitched the top-fermenting Pomona yeast.

We kept things clean throughout (though I may have gotten carried away with the hose - sorry, Don!). Finally, we hooked up temperature control, cleaned up, then celebrated with drinks and pizza at the Crystal Ship. Huge thanks to Chris, Becs and Papworth Brewery—we can't wait to taste HI PA at the Festival!

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CHEERS – NEW EDITION!

Last year, Geoffrey and Eleanor from the Histon & Impington Village Society were collecting stories for a new edition of “CHEERS”. Well, we are pleased to say the new book is out!

The latest release sees the relaunch of a book originally published ten years ago. This new edition is fully up to date with 50 brand new pages covering the changes and stories of our village hostelrys over the past decade. Each pub has its own additional chapter, updating its unique story over the last ten years.

This is a fully illustrated history of the pubs and people of Histon and Impington from 1686. Our pubs have been central to many village community activities for centuries, developing against different historical backgrounds and giving us tales of mighty feats of strength, ghosts and lively characters. Originally by the late John Allen and members of the H&IVS History Group, it was revised in 2013 and updated in 2018. In 2014 it was awarded the Cambridge Association for Local History book prize.



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HISTON BEER FESTIVAL IN NUMB3R5

Again, our amazing graphic design guru Chris Gooch from Open Design Agency has put together this amazing infographic detailing the history of the festival as well as some statistics.



A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS GOOCH, OUR GRAPHICS GURU

For the past six years, Open Design Agency has been proud to be part of the branding and advertising journey for the Histon Beer Festival at the Red Lion.

We've especially enjoyed evolving the iconic lion identity year after year, giving it fresh energy while honouring its roots.

We collaborate with the beer festival committee team exploring topical themes for that year to incorporate into the logo and branding. It's then great to see everything come to life, through merchandising and marketing such as the beer mats and posters, but in particular seeing visitors and staff wear the t-shirts and drink from the famous collectible festival beer glasses.

Above all, our greatest satisfaction comes from seeing people come together to enjoy the event and, most importantly, raise thousands of pounds for local good causes. It's a joy to see our creative work contribute to such a meaningful cause. We're grateful to be involved and wish the festival continued growth, success, and community impact.

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RESEARCH FOR THE 2025 EVENT (YES, REALLY!!)

To put on a Festival, we need to know about beer - this year especially as you will have read that the committee has hand-picked every ale. That dedication to the cause will hopefully shine through once you start tasting our marvellous ales and ciders. You may be asking yourselves "Where do they find out all this wonderful information?", well read on to answer that very question.

The fact-finding trips normally start at the end of each meeting with lists of which festivals are coming up and twisting everyone's arms to visit - it doesn't take much to be honest! We do have a lot of fun and often bring others along with us. After Haddenham this year we were joined for post-festival drinks by our taxi driver (soft drink only), who loved bringing back a bunch of rowdy beer drinkers.



Some of the field trips we have been on this time round

This year's trips have included (amongst many others!!); Cambridge, Crystal Ship (Earith), Duke of Wellington (Willingham), Haddenham, Hare & Hounds (Harlton), Peterborough, Rose & Crown (Histon) & St Ives.

We extensively researched, and have now acquired, the Cambridge Beer Festival winning beer, "Tis but a Scratch" from Buntingford Brewery - come and see Charlie from the brewery on Thursday night to ask about it.



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BEERS BY ABV – HOW BRAVE ARE YOU FEELING?

We saw this style of list at one of our (many) trips to the Crystal Ship in Earith (well worth a visit). Those seasoned professionals amongst you may appreciate turning up the volume gradually over the week. There will no doubt also be some amongst you who are silly enough to dive in feet first at turn the volume to 11, well 7 in this case, and work your way back from oblivion! Either way, a nice challenge for the week.

START HERE ↓	
30	TRINITY - 3.0%
36	DARK M - 3.4%
37	HOPHEAD - 3.4%
43	CORNISH BEST - 3.4%
44	BELTA BLONDE - 3.4%
13	SLIGHTLY BEER FUGGLED - 3.5%
33	SNOWDONIA ALE - 3.6%
40	BLACK KNIGHT - 3.7%
5	TWITCHELL - 3.8%
21	CAR PARK CUDDLE - 3.8%
26	BULWARK - 3.8%
29	WHITFIELD CITRABOLT - 3.8%
42	YORKSHIRE'S BEST - 3.8%
52	1381 - 3.8%
58	IPA - 3.8%
24	SHELFORD CRIER - 3.9%
34	YMLACIO - 3.9%
41	SIDEWINDER - 3.9%
53	BLACK PRINCE - 3.9%
1	PILGRIM'S PALE ALE - 4.0%
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19	SUMMER BLONDE - 4.0%
31	ELDERFLOWER ALE - 4.0%
57	GOLD - 4.0%
60	XANADU - 4.0%
3	SUNSTAR - 4.1%
15	COLCHESTER NO.1 - 4.1%
17	TOM CAT - 4.1%
WELL DONE, ½ WAY ↗	

READY FOR PART 2? ↓	
25	HEAVENLY MATTER - 4.1%
39	BLOODHOUND - 4.2%
16	ROMANI ITE DOMUM - 4.3%
35	MOONSHINE - 4.3%
45	CANNY CANUCK - 4.3%
2	OATMEAL STOUT - 4.4%
18	BEARD OIL - 4.5%
23	SHE KEEPS IT NICE - 4.5%
38	ARIANE - 4.5%
50	VIC SECRET & ELLA - 4.5%
54	HURRICANE - 4.5%
56	BEST - 4.5%
59	STRAWBERRY XTREME - 4.5%
7	CHARRINGTON ALE - 4.5%
14	BRAZILIAN - 4.6%
32	DARK SIDE OF THE MOOSE - 4.6%
49	DANGEROUS BRIAN - 4.6%
51	CWTCH - 4.6%
55	ORACLE - 4.8%
27	HI PA - 4.9%
9	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN - 5.0%
11	MOULIN D'ETIENNE - 5.0%
22	EVENING BROWN - 5.0%
46	HAZY HINNY - 5.2%
28	KOURA - 5.7%
47	OOT N' ABOOT - 5.6%
48	JAIPUR - 5.9%
20	12 YEARS UNAIDED - 6.0%
4	'TIS BUT A SCRATCH - 6.5%
12	REDHOUSE MILK STOUT - 7.0%
WELL DONE ★	

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Get ready for our new menu landing on 1st October- delicious fresh, seasonal dishes- ready for those cosy drawn in evenings..

Did you know we have four cosy rooms just across the garden, away from the hustle and bustle of the pub in our quiet courtyard. Perfect for when the extended family is staying and the pull out sofa just doesn't cut it anymore.



Exciting news- we're not just open for drinks this Christmas Day- let Stuart and his team do the hard work and enjoy a home from home Christmas Day dinner with us.

