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## DOMUM REVENIT

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# 26<sup>TH</sup> HISTON BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL – DOMUM REVENIT

The football may not be coming home but the Histon Beer Festival is back here again!! Welcome one and all to the 26th Histon Beer Festival, 30 years since the first one was held in 1996. Last year we, with thanks to your drinking ability, were astonished to raise £29,600. We challenge you all to beat that again this year and raise even more for local good causes - surely at some point you can't keep emptying even more barrels? We, as your committee, have done our bit to organise and set up the festival but now it's over to you to drink us dry again!



Committee: Andy Hurst, Rob Kane, Colin Myles, Michael Watson, André Chollet, Don Kelly (Chair), Keiran Harvey, Jo Roach, Lesley Kelly, Tim Sparks, 'Cider' Gary Hibbett (AI added)

From the 25 festivals held so far over £160,000 has been raised. Thank you to all you drinkers on behalf of all the organisations that have received funds to help their activities. For details see '**where your money goes**' on page 8.

Between us all, we have created a very special village beer festival that really brings the community together, as well as welcoming those from further afield. Perhaps it is the back-to-school thing or the catching up after holidays effect, but the atmosphere is truly wonderful and, judging by the number of times the committee have to meet late at night during the festival week to order more beer, I guess you thirsty lot agree!

We also like to keep on our toes and try to improve things each time. This year we have trialled being the UK's only 7-day beer festival, we were already the longest...with 66 hours over 6 days, but by adding preview night we are now officially a 7-day event - shall we do it again next year?



In another change, you will see that we have re-arranged the layout. This was due to feedback and considerations of usage of space, we hope you like it. Youngs are commissioning their outdoor bar during the event for the non-ale drinkers. You can leave feedback for us in the box on the entrance bar.

As always, we have tried to be creative in selecting beers and ciders from both near and far, you will find a good range of strengths, colours and types so there should be something for everyone. Why not try something different this year?

It takes a full 12 months to organise the festival and, as well as doing that, we as your committee will be here continually throughout the week to ensure that everything is served to perfection (look out for us in the red t-shirts). Thanks also to all the people who serve behind the bar and on the door (over 70 of them) who VOLUNTEER their services to ensure that ALL proceeds from the festival are donated to local good causes.

During this one week, the festival will play host to 11 entertainment acts, 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 8 for music.

We are extremely grateful to all our valued sponsors and thank them for their generosity. For full details please flick through the guide. As always, we are indebted to the Red Lion for allowing us to host this event. They let us have the garden, electricity and water free of charge. They sit in at every committee meeting and help us throughout the festival including the never-ending glass-washing! They have organised 'beer festival' food while also allowing us to welcome back Sam's Thai and Histon Chop Shop, which we know you will be pleased about. The parent company, Youngs, are also hugely supportive, including generously sponsoring the glasses.

**Please enjoy the festival, drink irresponsibly for charity and see you back here again on Monday 6th Sept 2027!**  
**The Festival Committee.**

# HOW ENTRY WORKS

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 2026 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 and ask us to donate your £3 to our charities.
- return the glass to the front door and get your £3 back.



## FIRST EMPTY BARREL SWEEPSTAKE - £3 PER ENTRY

Forget the Grand National – the race to the bottom of the barrel is the only one that matters! For £3 you'll be randomly allocated a beer. If yours is one of the first to run out, you win: 1<sup>st</sup> - £50 Red Lion bar tab, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4 Festival pints & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 Festival pints.

Once purchased, it's all down to the drinking public to decide, so good luck. Ask at the door or find a red shirt but don't hang around as the sweepstake usually sells out long before the beer does. 2025 winners were Jaipur (*no surprises there*), HI PA (*our own beer*) and 'Tis but a Scratch! (*CAMRA Cambridge 'Beer of the Festival' 2025*).



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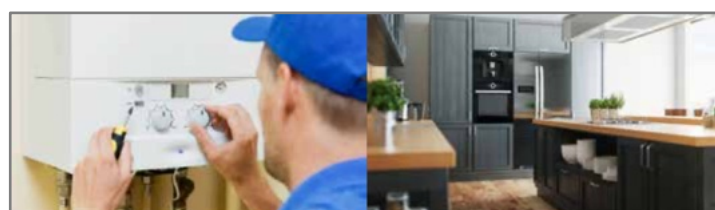
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## TRY OUR BEER & CIDER 'APP'

This year, as well as a new tent layout and the best-ever food choices we have one more treat for you – the Histon Beer Festival 'app'. We did a bit of Vibe coding with AI giving a nice description of what we were looking for, we road-tested it at Haddenham Beer Festival to much success. We will endeavour to keep this live throughout the festival.

Drinks can be filtered based on style and dietary needs, if you click the beer glass symbol this will give you a random choice based on the filters you gave it. You can even rate the beer with your own star rating which helps us know how popular different beers are. Press the '?' icon to see how it works.

Scan the QR code to get our up-to-the-minute real time beer and cider list. On an iPhone, to make the app appear on your desktop in Safari click  then "Add to Home Screen". [histonbeerfestival.base44.app](https://histonbeerfestival.base44.app)



## SHOUT OUT TO OUR SPONSORS

We have some amazing sponsors, who are also beer lovers, that are involved in the event. The money raised from them helps fund the infrastructure for the event, programme, glasses and 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 an extra shout out to Hayward Moon (t-shirt sponsor), Thomson Webb & Corfield (glass sponsors), AT Consultants and Builders (guide sponsors) and Resolute AV (tills, AV, website, internet). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the event next year, email [histonbeerfest@gmail.com](mailto:histonbeerfest@gmail.com).



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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 the AMAZING Chris Gooch of Open Design Agency for all the graphic design work, Steve Gill Fencing provides the vehicles for us to get everything to and from storage during setup and takedown. You'll find their details below if you want to show your support. Thank you also to Highfield Event Group who offer us the marquee for the event at a special rate.



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# WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Over the years we have given away around £160,000. As the event is run entirely by volunteers, they give their time for free meaning that **every penny raised after costs (beer, marquee, toilets ...)** goes directly to local good causes within the village. To apply for funding in 2026/2027 see our website [histonbeerfestival.co.uk/charity](https://histonbeerfestival.co.uk/charity)

Here are the beneficiaries of the 2025 festival:

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**Camtrust** provides training in life and work skills for adults with learning disabilities. We are extremely grateful to be able to purchase essential items on our wish list including **chairs**, a **wheelchair** and **2 digital cameras**.

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We are so grateful for the generous donation towards the refurbishment of our **forest school treehouse**. This project will transform it into an accessible-for-all wildlife watching area at **Rowan's Forest School**, providing local adults with learning disabilities the opportunity to enjoy and connect with nature in an inclusive, safe and creative environment.

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With funding support from the Histon Beer Festival, **HI Sustainability**, 45 volunteers and 12 organisations pulled together to make H&I's first **Imaginarium** happen in February. Over 300 residents were transported by our Time Machine to the year 2036 and shared their dreams and ideas for the future of our community.

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We're incredibly grateful for helping us enhance our **therapeutic education programme** in Histon. The funding will allow **The Cambridge Acorn Project** to purchase practical learning resources that will improve the experience for children and young people who are unable to access mainstream education because of mental health challenges.

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**The Connections Bus Project** have arranged visits to **Etheldred House Care Home in Histon**. Young people from our Generation Game Project will chat with residents, play games and enjoy crafts together. These strengthen intergenerational friendships, reduce isolation and provide meaningful experiences for everyone.

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**Girlguiding Histon District** have set up a **Hardship Fund** to help young members, whose families would otherwise not be able to afford it, to access our more adventurous activities and residential trips. Thank you for supporting this.

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Thanks to HBF, **HI Friends** installed a **new charger for their new EV Community minibus**. The minibus was funded by past support from the Beer Festival, an SCDC Villages Net Zero grant as well as charity fundraising.

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**1st Histon Scouts** were grateful to receive funding for replacement **kayaks**. We buy decent second-hand kayaks to aim for sustainability. We appreciate the support helping us continue activities with the young people in our group.

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**H&I Green Spaces** would like to thank HBF supporting all **BioBlitz** activities including a mini-BioBlitz plus funding equipment to monitor the wildlife around us in future years. We have activities to come like "Bat Week"

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I am very pleased to report that our signwriters have especially prepared a wagon in recognition of the Beer Festival generous grant for the **Model Railway Group**.

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We're delighted for funding from HBF to support **girls' football at Histon Hornets** to provide **female athlete wellbeing kit bags** for every girls' team, helping to make conversations around periods, puberty and changing bodies a completely normal part of football.

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Funds to **HI Archaeology Group** allow us to complete **specialist reporting** of finds which will soon result in publication of years of community work that tell the story of the villages when written documentation is scanty or non-existent.

The grant that **HI Trees** received from HBF will fund a one-day **Community Tree Care event** in April 2027 to enable us to look after as many of the 1000+ trees as possible.

There was a **large hole in the roof** of the **Histon Bowls Club Pavilion**! Thanks to the HBF, we repaired and re-felted the roof, so players have somewhere warm, dry and secure to prepare for their matches for many years to come.



Thank you for contributing towards our **WI commemorative bench** for the Green. This will be a place of rest and an opportunity for people to meet and chat. Our bench will encourage people to enjoy our village all through the year and to know that the WI is a movement for good here.

Thank you for the generous donation to **Brook Primary** towards creating **permanent outdoor play equipment for our playground**, alongside funds from our PTFA and other local organisations. The new trim-trail style equipment will offer a safe, engaging space that encourages exercise, balance, agility and collaborative play for all year groups.

Many thanks from the **Histon Litter Pickers** for your support. We are grateful to the Beer Festival Committee for rewarding our litter-pickers of all ages with refreshments after **Big Tidy Up** and the **replacement equipment**.



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# LIVE MUSIC– SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We don't just do great beer but amazing local music too. This year, the line-up has some familiar names but also a few incredible new ones. Those of you who follow our Facebook pages may remember the stories from our Mill Road Christmas Fair 'research' to find new bands – there was of course some sampling of beers from the eclectic range of Mill Road pubs too!



For the first time, we feature ska from Knackers who have moved their own festival to be here. Some of them play with Madness. Saturday headliners are local band The Archive who we know will raise the roof. Wednesday night is a little quieter if you don't like it too loud, The Lightwaves move to the evening slot after impressing us with their Saturday afternoon set in 2025.

Monday: Manor Mill Morris 6:45pm, Waterbeach Brass 8pm  
Tuesday: CB Soul 8pm  
Wednesday: The Lightwaves 8pm  
Thursday: Carla Gray 8pm  
Friday: Knackers 8pm  
Saturday: DWC 12.30pm, Flukes 2pm, Alice O'Brien 3.30pm, Peg Leg Pub Band 5pm & The Archive 8pm

If you are interested in performing at the 2027 festival, please email us [histonbeerfest@gmail.com](mailto:histonbeerfest@gmail.com).

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# ALES

## GUIDE COLOURS:

## PALE/GOLDEN

## BROWN

## DARK/MILD

## SPECIAL

### BRAGDY LLEU, PENYGROES, GWYNEDD

1

#### **BLODEUWEDD 3.6%**

Often shortened to Blod, this popular golden ale is named after the beautiful maiden Blodeuwedd from the legends of the Mabinogi. She was created from a variety of meadow flowers by a wizard and those wonderful subtle, floral notes are conveyed in this glorious golden ale.

### BUNTINGFORD, ROYSTON, HERTS

2

#### **RIWAKA STATION 4.8% [VG]**

A strong Kiwi super pale ale with a creamy taste and fresh flavour. Naturally hazy and unfiltered.

3

#### **T<sup>5</sup> 5.5% [VG]**

Our festival special brewed in memory of volunteer Tim Aitken who passed away last December. Pale golden New England Style IPA generously hopped with Nelson Sauvin and Citra hops delivering a big citrus punch.

4

#### **WEATHERMAKER'S DRAGON 4.0% [VG]**

Heavily hopped with aromatic Slovenian Dragon hops, giving the beer a highly refreshing, fruity and floral character.

### BURTON BRIDGE, BURTON UPON TRENT, STAFFS

5

#### **MUMFORD MILD 4.2%**

Traditional Burton mild. Smooth, dark and gently malty with subtle fruity notes - a classic, easy drinking ale brewed the Burton Bridge way.

6

#### **OFFILERS' GOLDEN BITTER 4.2%**

A great golden ale with a smooth taste and bitter finish. This is the first brew of this historic beer since the Derby-based brewery closed in 1965.

### BURWELL, BURWELL, CAMBS

7

#### **BEER FUGGLED 4.0% [VG,GF]**

Rich gold colour. Grassy aroma from Fuggles hops. Gentle malt, medium bodied and medium bitter finish. East of England cask bitter silver medal 2025.

8

#### **REDHOUSE MILK STOUT 7.0% [GF]**

Intense chocolate smell and initial sweetness from the lactose with a hint of vanilla. It is full-bodied, rich and warming but slips down without the bitter aftertaste you might expect from a stout. Fortified with bourbon.

9

#### **STEFANS' MÜHLE 4.0% [VG,GF]**

Straw coloured, slightly cloudy. Fruity aromas from the Hallertau hops with classic wheat and fruit flavours in the mouth. Gentle bitter finish. Great cold on a hot summer day.

### CAMERONS, HARTLEPOOL, TEESIDE

10

#### **BEST BITTER 3.9%**

A classic best bitter with gentle aromas of toasted malt, biscuit and light caramel.

### CASTLE ROCK, NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS

11

#### **ELSIE MO 4.7%**

A single malt ale with a lovely golden hue. A blend of First Gold, Challenger, Aurora and Bobek hops gives Elsie Mo its delicate citrus aroma and floral taste.

### COLCHESTER, MARKS TEY, ESSEX

12

#### **HYPERBOLE 4.4%**

Brewed to showcase the wonderful Willamette hop, with a smidge of Columbus and Chinook for good measure. Instead of the usual "choicest hops" and "finest malt" stuff, we've left it to the beer to do the talking. Continues our (unintended) theme of giving beers names that are often mispronounced.

13

#### **JESTER 4.5%**

Fruity amber ale hopped with Jester, a relatively new English hop that's received wide acclaim for its tropical fruit flavours and aroma.

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#### **RAVEN 4.3%**

A deep, dark and smooth porter.

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## DARK STAR (FULLERS), CHISWICK, LONDON

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### HOPHEAD 3.4%

A session golden ale bursting with fresh citrus hop aroma. A light, crisp and endlessly drinkable British craft classic.

## DRENCHFOOT, THETFORD, NORFOLK

16

### BIGGUS DICKUS 4.6% [VG]

American Pale Ale. Made with plenty of Mosaic hops to make a very fruity ale with orangey notes.

17

### RED FOKKER 5.2% [VG]

Dry Hopped Red Ale. Crystal malts give this beer it's full bodied flavour and colour, balanced with traditional East Kent Goldings.

## FOX, HEACHAM, NORFOLK

18

### HEACHAM GOLD 3.9%

A bright, pale-yellow ale with a malty nose. Its taste is slightly sweet with a crisp, citrusy and malty finish.

19

### NELSON'S BLOOD 5.1%

A popular strong bitter brewed with a blend of rum and spices. Reviewers note it as a "lovely" warming pint.

## FYNE, CAIRNDOW, ARGYLL

20

### JARL 3.8%

A showcase for Citra, waves of fruity citrus flavours and a clean finish.

## GEORGE'S, GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX

21

### PIER CITY PALE 4.1% [VG,GF] Sponsored by Print-Out

Crisp light refreshing golden ale, delicately hopped giving a well balanced, light, fruity and floral flavour and aroma.



22

### WALLASEA WENCH 3.6% [VG,GF]

Chestnut colour smooth, easy drinking session bitter. Malt, roasted grains & fruity, floral bitterness.

## GREEN JACK, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK

23

### TRAWLER BOYS 4.6%. Sponsored by M J Salmon & Son

Full-bodied premium bitter brewed with English whole cone hops, rich and malty with fruity hop flavours.



## HARVEY'S, LEWES, SUSSEX

24

### SUSSEX BEST 4.0%

A superbly balanced bitter with prominent hop character.

## IVO, ST IVES, CAMBS

25

### HEAVY ON THE CHIPS 6.0% [VG] Sponsored by Histon Post Office

A traditional Porter full of roasted malty goodness, this is a robust and warming beer with big chocolate and coffee aromas, a silky smooth pleasure.

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### I'VE HAD WORSE 3.49% [VG]

A Pale Ale similar to Car Park Cuddle but lighter in colour and made with all New Zealand hops to give it a fruity, lighter and less bitter taste.

27

### SHE KEEPS IT NICE 4.5% [VG] Sponsored by Thomson Webb & Corfield

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 due to the dry hopping

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## LEES, MANCHESTER

28

### BITTER 4.0%

An all-malt amber ale made using crystal malt and Golding hops. Deep amber with a floral aroma, its clean, dry taste is balanced with rich malt flavours and smooth bitterness. Its subtle citrus aftertaste makes it exceptionally drinkable.

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## MAD SQUIRREL, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS

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### EVOLVE 4.1% Sponsored by Buckingham & Stanley

A modern bitter, expertly hopped with Chinook, Harlequin and Olicana. Its mahogany hue introduces an enticing blend of pine and malty aroma. Each sip unfolds a harmonious blend of robust caramel, floral and nutty notes. Embodying the evolution of craft beer.



30

### TRIDENT 3.4%

Plunge into the depths of flavour with Trident. This pale ale hopped with Talus, Mosaic and Crypop unveils a sea of citrus and tropical waves. Immerse yourself in the extraordinary depths of taste with each sip - a true liquid treasure from the depths.

## MAULDONS, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

31

### MOLE TRAP 3.8% Sponsored by Hayward Moon

A well-balanced session beer. Crisp hoppy bitterness with late malty flavour.



32

### SILVER ADDER 4.2%

A super pale ale. Powerful hops give a citrus burst followed by a crisp finish.

## OSSETT, OSSETT, WEST YORKSHIRE

33

### BUTTERLEY 3.4% Sponsored by Camplans

Made from all-English ingredients, with waves of malt and honey.



## PAPWORTH, EARITH, CAMBS

35

### CRYSTAL SHIP 4.2% [VG]. Sponsored by M&M

A crisp Pilsen body, with bitter pine notes lead to a strong citrus finish.



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### DRAGON'S TABLE BFU 2.8% [VG] Sponsored by Resolute AV

A table beer designed to drink 'bigger' than its ABV. Very traditional, balancing Vienna, Munich and Crystal malts with subtle earthy, herbal character from British Challenger, Admiral and Goldings hops.



39

### KOURA 5.7% [VG] Sponsored by Redmayne Arnold & Harris

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



## PORTOBELLO, LONDON

40

### MARKET PORTER 4.5%

Dark, velvety and packed with depth, Market Porter takes a classic London style and turns up the depth. Coffee, cocoa and dark fruit meet roasted caramel and hazlenut, with enough bitterness to keep every mouthful clean and compelling.

## PURPLE MOOSE, PORTHMADOG, GWYNEDD

41

### DARK SIDE OF THE MOOSE 4.6% [GF] Sponsored by Chop Shop

A delicious dark ale. Crafted using a delicate blend of crystal malt, roasted barley and Bramling Cross hops, the 'Dark Side' exhibits a rich malty flavour balanced with a fruity bitterness.



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### GLASLYN 4.2% [GF]

A fine golden premium bitter brewed from Welsh mountain water and natural ingredients.

43

### ELDERFLOWER 4.0% [GF] Sponsored by The Gin House

A delightfully refreshing pale ale brewed using Cascade hops with the added indulgence of elderflower. The beer exhibits a superb floral bouquet and a delectable sweet citrus finish. A real taste of summer.



## REDEMPTION, TOTTENHAM, LONDON

44

### 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

## GUIDE COLOURS:

## PALE/GOLDEN

## BROWN

## DARK/MILD

## SPECIAL

### ROOSTER'S, HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

45

#### EASY GOING ASSASSIN 4.3% [VG,GF] Sponsored by Stebbings

A scaled down version of our flagship IPA, "Baby-faced Assassin", full of juicy orange, tangy grapefruit and tropical fruit flavours (most notably apricot) and is designed to offer up all that's great about B-FA, only without the headache the following day!



### ROUGHACRE, CLARE, SUFFOLK

46

#### BUNNY HOP 3.4% [VG]

Mandarina Pale Ale. A refreshing and thirst-quenching session pale ale brewed with Aussie Summer and Bavarian Mandarina hops for a wonderful orange citrus hit and a distinct aroma of tangerine and lime.

47

#### L'ABBAYE BLONDE 5.2% [VG]

Belgian Pale Ale. A light and fruity Trappist-style ale with a satisfying malty finish. Lubelska hops are balanced with crisp lager malts and fermented with aromatic Belgian abbey yeast.

### SALOPIAN, SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE

48

#### SHROPSHIRE GOLD 3.8%

Balanced and quaffable. Golden, with notes of toffee and a dried fruit aroma that is followed by a classic, crisp, bitter finish.

### SIDBIE'S, ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND

49

#### ORBITAL 4.8%

A modern take on a classic IPA—bright citrus, floral spice and a smooth caramel backbone, brewed for balance and drinkability.

### STONEHOUSE, OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE

50

#### FLIPSIDE 4.2%

Light gold coloured and bright fresh hopping from Mosaic, Centennial & British First Gold hops

51

#### STATION BITTER 3.9%

Amber coloured session ale with a bang-on balance of malt & hops.

### TATTON, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE

52

#### PARACHUTE 4.5% [VG,GF]

A bright, refreshing hit of citrus & tropical fruit. Brewed to honour the thousands of Allied parachute training drops at Tatton Park during WWII.

53

#### PENNINE DARK MILD 3.9% [VG,GF]

A smooth, rich and malty dark mild.

### THIRSTY MOOSE, BLAYDON, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

54

#### CANNY CANNUCK 4.5% [VG]

Our flagship ales infused with Canada's greatest export. Hits with malty notes of maple syrup; creating a smoky woodland aroma.

55

#### NORTH BY NORTH EAST 4.1% [VG]

Our easy-drinking session pale with piercing clarity. A delightful blend of Cashmere, Nectarone and Citra hops. Biscuity malt sweetness is rounded off by grapefruit, pineapple and passion fruit notes.

56

#### NOWT BUT STOUT 4.2% [VG]

A velvet-smooth well-bodied triumph of a stout. Featuring subtle chocolate, roasted coffee and charcoal undertones. This delivers a sweet essence; artfully balanced with a satisfying, roasty bitterness.

### THORNBRIDGE, BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE

57

#### JAIPUR 5.9%

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

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# ALES

GUIDE COLOURS:

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SPECIAL

## THREE BLIND MICE, LITTLE DOWNHAM, CAMBS

58

### COLADAS ARE ON ME 4.3% [VG]

Hazy. New England pina colada inspired pale ale. Hopped with Vic Secret (pineapple), Sabro (coconut) and a dash of Ekuanot to add a splash of lime zest.

59

### YOU CAN'T HATE A PENGUIN 4.8% [VG]

Hazy. New England pale ale hopped with Citra, Loral & Ekuanot. These hops deliver lots of juicy stone fruit and a kiss of lime zest. Backed up with a soft malt base.

## WANTSUM, ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT

60

### 1381 3.8% [VG,GF]

Fruity & citrus-led session IPA with Mosaic & Centennial hops.

61

### IMPERIUM 4.0% [VG,GF]

Dark amber Best Bitter with biscuity malt and Kent hops.

## WYLDE SKY, LINTON, CAMBS

62

### DARK MILD 3.7% [VG]

Dark and delicious, our Dark Mild is a traditional British ale with a deep brown-to-black colour and a modest 3.7% ABV. Malt-forward and exceptionally smooth, it offers notes of chocolate and a dry, toasty finish. With very low hop bitterness, this sessionable ale is easy-drinking and full of classic character.

63

### RUBY 4.4% [VG]

Deep red ale with a rich, inviting hue that promises warmth & complexity. The malt bill delivers notes of dried vine fruits, balanced by hops that bring fruity aromas. Smooth & rounded ale offering malty depth, subtle hop character & a gentle bitterness.

## XTREME, PETERBOROUGH

64

### BLAX FOREST 4.5%

An unfinned rich creamy stout with a delightful black cherry and vanilla sweet flavour.

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| CIDERS                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|------------|-----|
| PERRY                                         | SWEET                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MEDIUM/SWEET | MEDIUM | MEDIUM/DRY | DRY |
| SPONSORED BY BECHECOMBERS HAIR SALON, HISTON. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| BLUE BARREL, OAKINGTON, CAMBS                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C1                                            | DISCO FERMENTO 5.5%<br>A delicious single variety cider made the early dessert apple "Discovery" packed with strawberry notes to create a wonderfully fruity refreshing cider.                                                                              |              |        |            |     |
| C2                                            | PARADISE 6.5%<br>Wild pears with a smattering of perry pears, whole juice and wild fermented to produce a sweet zesty perry with hints of tropical fruits and grapefruit.                                                                                   |              |        |            |     |
| C3                                            | TREES ARE GOOD 6.5%<br>A late season orchard blend with 100% Oakington orchard apples to create a dry, fruity cider with a soft tannic finish.                                                                                                              |              |        |            |     |
| CROMWELL, HEMINGFORD GREY, CAMBS              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C4                                            | OLIVER'S SESSION 4.5%<br>A medium dry cider with lower alcohol level. An excellent thirst quencher for those hot summer days.                                                                                                                               |              |        |            |     |
| C5                                            | REAL MCCOY 7.3%<br>A 2025 vintage cider made from predominantly Spartan apples with a small percentage of Scrumptious. It contains no flavouring or sweeteners and is made from >98% apple juice. You can't get a more pure traditional East Anglian cider. |              |        |            |     |
| C6                                            | RHUBARB 4.5%<br>Sweet session cider with a suggestion of rhubarb flavour.                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |        |            |     |
| FARMER JIM, DEVON                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C7                                            | FARMYARD PERRY 4.5%<br>A light fruity perry made from proper perry pears.                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |        |            |     |
| FOXHAY, RAMPTON, CAMBS                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C8                                            | ENGLISH CIDER 2025 5.6%<br>Easy drinking, new season medium/dry cider with bittersweets including Dabinett, Harry Masters and Michelin.                                                                                                                     |              |        |            |     |
| C9                                            | SECRET ORCHARD 2025 7.0%<br>A late season special from our old Rampton orchard, medium cider including Chivers Delight, Russett and crab apple.                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| GWYNT Y DDRAIG, SOUTH WALES                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C10                                           | BLACK DRAGON 7.2%<br>Rich in colour, body and flavour with a fresh, fruity aroma.                                                                                                                                                                           |              |        |            |     |
| HESKETH CIDER, GUILDEN MORDEN                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C11                                           | ANNIE VALLEY 7.3%<br>Blend of Annie Elizabeth, Harry Masters Jersey, Dabinett, White Jersey and Bramley, sharp but accessible West Country style - wild ferment.                                                                                            |              |        |            |     |
| C12                                           | HERITAGE 6.8%<br>Smooth tannins, full bodied, blend of West Country varieties and Eastern dessert fruit - wild ferment.                                                                                                                                     |              |        |            |     |
| PULP CIDER, WORCESTER                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C13                                           | MANGO DAIQUIRI 3.4%<br>A tropical twist on a firm favourite, it's packed with the juicy fruit, a cheeky rum twist and a kick of lime.                                                                                                                       |              |        |            |     |
| C14                                           | PORNSTAR MARTINI 3.4%<br>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!                |              |        |            |     |
| PURBECK, DORSET                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |
| C15                                           | JOE'S FARMHOUSE DRY 5.6%<br>An authentic dry cider with a spiced apple aroma, it packs a bold, rounded flavour with subtle hints of lemon zest.                                                                                                             |              |        |            |     |

## CIDERS

PERRY

SWEET

MEDIUM/SWEET

MEDIUM

MEDIUM/DRY

DRY

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SAXBY'S, NORTHANTS

**C16**

**TRADITIONAL 5.8%**

Refined & elegant cider, harking back to the finest traditions of a barrel-aged Normandy cider in style. It is a finely balanced cider that is sweet, sour yet still sharp. The tannins from the oak give hints of the vanilla present in the nose and also on the palate.

SPINNEY ABBEY, WICKEN, CAMBS

**C17**

**DIRTY HABIT 4.0%**

Sweet session cider.

**C18**

**VIRGIN ON THE RIDICULOUS 6.1%**

Medium dry, very apple cider.

'UDDERS ORCHARD CIDER, HUDDERSFIELD

**C19**

**COPPIN MECHANISM 6.0%**

Golden cider, low in tannin and acidity. Notes of orange zest.

**C20**

**KATKIN 2.8%**

Ciderkin, a second pressing Katy apple pommice with a bit of extra juice. Refreshing and light.

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# WE BREWED (ANOTHER) FESTIVAL BEER – T<sup>5</sup>

After the success last year of 'HI PA' we decided to brew another festival beer. This time the HBF teamed up with our "Thirsty Thursday" helpers. Thirsty Thursday is a group of mates who meet for a beer every Thursday. They have been doing this for over 18 years; they even continued over Zoom during COVID. After all that time they haven't run out of things to say to each other, it's mainly normally nonsense about life, BBQs and beer. They have been involved in the festival for around 10 years with 2 of them, Colin and Rob, being HBF committee members.



In December 2025 Tim Aitken, one of their group, sadly passed away. The committee decided this year's beer would be a collaboration with TT in memory of Tim, so we all went along to Buntingford Brewery to do just that.

We met at 8:30am for breakfast at Ada's Kitchen before taking the HI Friends minibus to the brewery. The name was cemented during the minibus trip to the brewery – T<sup>5</sup> AKA "Thirsty Thursdays Tribute to Tim". We are expecting a golden citrusy beer based on the hops chosen - Jester, Citra & Nelson Sauvin. According to our expert brewers it should be around 5.5%

For some hard-working folk the beer 'research' started at 10am after the tour of the farmland by Charlie our guide. Frank and John, our brewers for the day, are new to the brewery. They come with a vast knowledge of beer brewing which should hopefully mean whatever we have made is palatable.



During brewing, there is a lot of waiting around, this meant we would continue 'researching' Buntingford's beer so we didn't mind too much. The final step was adding the yeast at which point we raised a toast Tim.

By the time you read this, we will know how successful it has been, we are all crossing our fingers it works. Please join the TT guys on Thursday around 7:30pm when they will be raising a glass at the start of their shift.

*Buntingford Brewery, just outside of Royston, offer brewery tours throughout the year. These are an amazing day out and a great gift. You can also buy their beer online. Find out more at [buntingfordbrewery.com](http://buntingfordbrewery.com).*

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"Where can I get a Beer Festival t-shirt?" we hear you shout. Well, our answer is right here!

Hayward Moon Property Lawyers have sponsored our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts. This year's t-shirt has a football related theme - which, in hindsight, some might have considered brave, or foolish, or, for supporters of other nations, overly optimistic. We may not be celebrating a long-awaited win but it was the highest finish by the men's team since '66 so buy a T shirt and be proud of what the team achieved! On sale at the front desk.

**In case you are wondering about the red ones, these are worn by committee members to identify us easily throughout the festival to help with any questions you might have.**



# THE BEER FESTIVAL IN NUMBERS



## CHILDREN AT THE FESTIVAL

We love to see families enjoying the festival and children are welcome during the day when accompanied and **supervised** by a responsible adult. After 7pm the site gets busier and noisier and so 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
- Behind-the-scenes and stage area are strictly off-limits

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# RESEARCH FOR THE 2026 EVENT (YES, REALLY!!)

We all really love beer, that's why we all work hard to bring you this unique event so you can enjoy a great variety of delicious beer and cider. A lot of time and effort goes into the festival including working out what works, how we can make things better, how we can make life easier and, most importantly, which ales, ciders and bands to select. We find the best way to do this is to endure several field trips to pubs and other festivals.

Here are a few pics from the past years 'research' road trips to help bring you a fantastic festival.



Field trips included CAMRA festivals, Haddenham, Mill Road Winter Fair, Crystal Ship and The Rose and Crown amongst others!



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# BEERS BY ABV – HOW BRAVE ARE YOU FEELING?

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 brave enough to dive in feet first at turn the volume to 11, well 7 in this case, and work your way back from oblivion!

| START HERE |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>37</b>  | DRAGON'S TABLE BFU [VG] 2.8%   |
| <b>44</b>  | TRINITY 3%                     |
| <b>15</b>  | HOPHEAD 3.4%                   |
| <b>30</b>  | TRIDENT 3.4%                   |
| <b>33</b>  | BUTTERLEY 3.4%                 |
| <b>46</b>  | BUNNY HOP [VG] 3.4%            |
| <b>26</b>  | I'VE HAD WORSE [VG] 3.49%      |
| <b>1</b>   | BLODEUWEDD 3.6%                |
| <b>22</b>  | WALLASEA WENCH [VG,GF] 3.6%    |
| <b>62</b>  | DARK MILD [VG] 3.7%            |
| <b>20</b>  | JARL 3.8%                      |
| <b>31</b>  | MOLE TRAP 3.8%                 |
| <b>48</b>  | SHROPSHIRE GOLD 3.8%           |
| <b>60</b>  | 1381 [VG,GF] 3.8%              |
| <b>10</b>  | BEST BITTER 3.9%               |
| <b>18</b>  | HEACHAM GOLD 3.9%              |
| <b>51</b>  | STATION BITTER 3.9%            |
| <b>53</b>  | PENNINE DARK MILD [VG,GF] 3.9% |
| <b>4</b>   | WEATHERMAKER'S DRAGON [VG] 4%  |
| <b>7</b>   | BEER FUGGLED [VG,GF] 4%        |
| <b>9</b>   | STEFANS' MÜHLE [VG,GF] 4%      |
| <b>24</b>  | SUSSEX BEST 4%                 |
| <b>28</b>  | BITTER 4%                      |
| <b>43</b>  | ELDERFLOWER [GF] 4%            |
| <b>61</b>  | IMPERIUM [VG,GF] 4%            |
| <b>21</b>  | PIER CITY PALE [VG,GF] 4.1%    |
| <b>29</b>  | EVOLVE 4.1%                    |
| <b>55</b>  | NORTH BY NORTH EAST [VG] 4.1%  |
| <b>5</b>   | MUMFORD MILD 4.2%              |
| <b>6</b>   | OFFILERS' GOLDEN BITTER 4.2%   |
| <b>32</b>  | SILVER ADDER 4.2%              |

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>35</b>    | CRYSTAL SHIP [VG] 4.2%             |
| <b>42</b>    | GLASLYN [GF] 4.2%                  |
| <b>50</b>    | FLIPSIDE 4.2%                      |
| <b>56</b>    | NOWT BUT STOUT [VG] 4.2%           |
| <b>14</b>    | RAVEN 4.3%                         |
| <b>45</b>    | EASY GOING ASSASSIN [VG,GF] 4.3%   |
| <b>58</b>    | COLADAS ARE ON ME [VG] 4.3%        |
| <b>12</b>    | HYPERBOLE 4.4%                     |
| <b>63</b>    | RUBY [VG] 4.4%                     |
| <b>13</b>    | JESTER 4.5%                        |
| <b>27</b>    | SHE KEEPS IT NICE [VG] 4.5%        |
| <b>40</b>    | MARKET PORTER 4.5%                 |
| <b>52</b>    | PARACHUTE [VG,GF] 4.5%             |
| <b>54</b>    | CANNY CANNUCK [VG] 4.5%            |
| <b>64</b>    | BLAX FOREST 4.5%                   |
| <b>16</b>    | BIGGUS DICKUS [VG] 4.6%            |
| <b>23</b>    | TRAWLER BOYS 4.6%                  |
| <b>41</b>    | DARK SIDE OF THE MOOSE [GF] 4.6%   |
| <b>11</b>    | ELSIE MO 4.7%                      |
| <b>2</b>     | RIWAKA STATION [VG] 4.8%           |
| <b>49</b>    | ORBITAL 4.8%                       |
| <b>59</b>    | YOU CAN'T HATE A PENGUIN [VG] 4.8% |
| <b>19</b>    | NELSON'S BLOOD 5.1%                |
| <b>47</b>    | L'ABBAYE BLONDE [VG] 5.2%          |
| <b>17</b>    | RED FOKKER [VG] 5.2%               |
| <b>3</b>     | T5 [VG] 5.5%                       |
| <b>39</b>    | KOURA [VG] 5.7%                    |
| <b>57</b>    | JAIPUR 5.9%                        |
| <b>25</b>    | HEAVY ON THE CHIPS [VG] 6%         |
| <b>8</b>     | REDHOUSE MILK STOUT [GF] 7%        |
| FINISH LINE! |                                    |

## REMINDER: YOU CAN FILTER THEN SORT VIA THE APP!!

Just a quick reminder if you missed it (it would be hard to) you can also filter and sort the beer (and cider) your own way via our app, scan the QR code around the festival.

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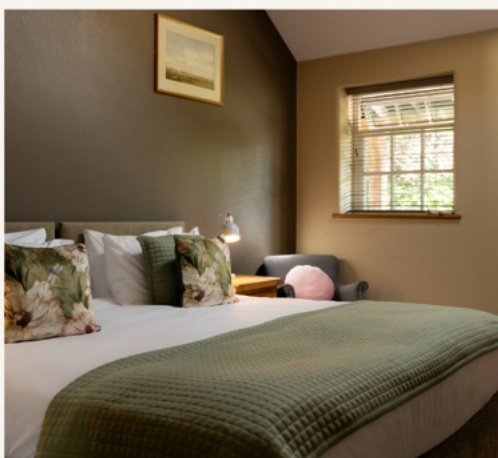


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Brunch from 8am, every day. Easy mornings, good coffee, and plates that make the start of your day feel a little brighter.

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## FESTIVE SEASON

Christmas is already taking shape — if you're planning something festive, we're here to make it lovely.