



Wandsworth Common Beer Festival Halloween 2011 - 27th - 29th Oct.

About The Beers.

There are 90 different beers. Plus a further 20 ciders. As before we are showcasing the entire output of several “featured” breweries. Our glass sponsor **Sambrooks** of Battersea plus **Thornbridge** from Derbyshire and **Dark Star** from Sussex.. And **Sarah Hughes** will be providing **all** their beers not just the universally celebrated Dark Ruby Mild. Do not miss the one-off micro brew from **Shepherd Neame** brewed especially for this Halloween season called **Spooky** at **4.7% abv**

High Gravity Beer Duty

This is the first festival affected by the government’s new high gravity beer duty. A ridiculous tax imposed to deter park bench drinking of nasty lagers such as Carlsberg Special Brew. As usual with poorly thought out legislation the only people to suffer are the connoisseurs of traditional high strength beers. Beers over 7.5% have an additional excise duty slapped on them regardless. Please continue to drink such masterpieces of brewing as Old Tom from Robinsons (8.5%) or the highly drinkable Thomas Sykes (10%) plus all the Imperial Stouts and Barley wines otherwise they will die out (before you do).

Arbor *Kingswood, Bristol*

Oyster Stout 4.8% I came across this beer at the recent Battersea Foodie Festival held in Battersea Park in August. Arbor were the **ONLY** real ale represented at this festival of food and beverages. Which is madness since they came all the way from the West Country while no local brewer from London or the South East was represented. Please support this new and enterprising start up.

Art Brew *North Chideock, Dorset*

Blackcurrant Stout 4.6% Wonderful stout silkiness blended with October blackcurrant juice. A big hit at the recent Egham beer fest.

Double Trouble 12.0% This will be the most controversial beer at the festival. A collaboration between two breweries. Arbor and Art Brew. We are selling at near cost because otherwise it will simply be too expensive. Blockbuster.

Ascot Ales *Ascot, Berks*

Anastasia’s Chambord Exile 5.0% This is Ascots Exile brew infused with raspberry liqueur. A big hit at every festival this year.

Anastasia’s Imperial Stout 8% Limited edition ale which continues to sweep the boards at regional beer festivals. Deep black with a tan head. Dried fruits chocolate roasted coffee aromas. You cannot leave without trying this one.

B & T *Shefford, Bedfordshire.*

Bodysnatcher 4.5% Malty, bittersweet beer with plenty of body and pleasant aftertaste Brewed with Pearl Pale malts.



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Ballards *Nyewood, Hampshire*

Midhurst Mild 3.4% Dark mild, lightly hopped well malted

Wassail 6.0% A true barley wine. Tawny red and full bodied. One of the 3 finest beers at this festival. **Must try**

Wild 4.7% Brewed originally this was merely the two brews above mixed together. But has now proved to be such a success that Carola brews it as a stand alone beer in her portfolio.

Batemans *Wainfleet, Lincolnshire*

Batemans Dark Mild 3.0% At last a genuine dark mild with some real flavour.

Victory Ale 5.9% At this time of year we should not only be celebrating the pagan Halloween festival but also October 21st, Trafalgar Day. Every man should do his duty. A truly superb seasonal ale, which is always eagerly anticipated (because its my birthday). Cheers!

Birds Brewery *Bromsgrove, Worcs.*

Black Widow 4.8% A dark and dangerous satisfying stout.

Black Country Ales *Lower Gornal, Dudley, West Midlands*

Pig on the Wall 4.3% A chestnut coloured beer with a complex flavour of light hops giving way to a bitter sweet blend of roasted malt. Coffee and chocolate undertones.

Black Hole *Burton upon Trent, Staffs*

Black Hole Bitter 3.8% this is the brewery flagship bitter. Well crafted straw coloured beer with Czech origins.

Blue Monkey *Giltbrook, Nottinghamshire*

Guerilla 4.9% A robust full on bitter with bite to savour.

Box Steam Brewery *Rode Hill, Wiltshire*

Ghost Train 4.8% No tasting notes for this one. But comes highly recommended by internet bloggers

Bridestones *Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire*

Dark Mild 4.5% An award winning beer made with 4 English malts. A creamy, velvety mild with strong malty character.

Bristol Beer Factory *Ashton, Bristol*

Milk Stout 4.6% Do you remember Mackeson? It looks Good. It tastes Good. And by golly it does you good. Advertising like that would be banned in today's H & S society. A step back in time. **Must try**



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Burton Bridge *Burton on Trent*

Festival 5.0% A strong beer of barley wine character. Initially sweet but bitter after.

Thomas Sykes 10.0% A full on barley wine. How can you leave the festival without at least a half of this blockbuster. Deceptively, it does not taste as strong as it really is!! So be careful.

By the Horns *Summerstown, SW17*

No tasting notes available for these beers from this brand new local brewery based near Wimbledon Dog Stadium.

Pale Ale 3.9%

Wheat Beer 4.0%

Red Ale 4.9%

Cairngorm *Aviemore, Scotland*

Witches Cauldron 4.9% A dark ruby red ale with a hint of roast malt flavours and a very pleasant sweet finish.

Castle Rock *Queens Bridge, Nottingham*

Screech Owl 5.5% Brewed to export strength this pale/amber ale is well hopped and highly recommended.

Concrete Cow *Milton Keynes, Bucks*

Cloven Hoof Vanilla Stout 4.5% A ruby black stout. Brewed with plenty of roasted barley and dark malts with natural vanilla pods. A must try beer.

Corvedale *Corfton, Shropshire*

Normans Pride 4.3% A golden amber ale with a refreshing slightly hoppy taste and a bitter finish.

Dark Star *Horsham, West Sussex*

American Pale Ale 4.7% Seriously full of hops. Possibly the best of the dark star portfolio.

Festival 5.0% A chestnut bronze coloured bitter. Some will remember this as the old King and Barnes Festive

Original 5.0% A former Champion Beer of Britain. Dark strong and complex

Winter Meltdown 5.0% Brewed with Chocolate and Crystal malts to produce deep bronze coloured subtle malty flavour Bitterness comes from Goldings hops. Finally cask conditioned with Chinese stem ginger and other warming spices.

I.P.A. 6.2% Powerful IPA from these master brewers from Sussex.. Brewed strong as it used to be when these beers were exported to India and needed to survive the journey

Green Hopped IPA 6.5% Made with the very aromatic but rarely used Simcoe hops. But then made even hoppier by the addition of the green Target hop. Rarely available. So drink now while you can.



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Dartmoor Brewery *Dartmoor, Devon*

Jail Ale 4.8% There cannot be a better named beer at this festival situated as we are across the Trinity road from HMP Wandsworth Prison.. This is the drink of choice for all Plymouth University students. (see also Eddystone from South Hams) Absolute top notch session bitter. Highly recommended by Peter and Mark Justin.

Derwent *Siloah, Cumbria*

Deadly Reaper 4.2% Being brewed for the first time this year. So no tasting notes

Devilfish *Hemington, Somerset*

That Good Evil 4.2%

Stingray 5.5% Anything Could Happen in the Next Half Hour!!! Stingray, Stingray! The precursor to Thunderbirds. Another first for Wandsworth. Never before available in London. Drink now. Must try. Do you remember Aqua Marina? Every schoolboys first fantasy. And mine!

Downton Brewery *Downton, Wiltshire*

Nelsons Delight 4.5% Mellow amber with added rum Rich and sweet

Dark Delight.5.5% Dark Old Ale. Highly recommended and a festival favourite.

Chocolate Orange.5.8% Sensational chocolate orange flavour makes this a festival must. Like drinking a Terry's chocolate orange dipped in Cointreau

Pumpkin Ale 4.2% A well hopped bitter. Autumnal special with a nutty sweetness and distinctive orange hue derived from the generous addition of pumpkin flesh

Elland *Elland, West Yorkshire*

Lucifer 4.7% A devilishly dark ale made with 8 different malts blended together to create complexity and character.

Green Jack *Lowestoft, Suffolk*

Baltic Trader Imperial Stout 10.5% An extra strong Imperial stout with smooth rich roasted coffee and vanilla flavours.

Holdens *Woodsetton, Dudley, West Midlands*

Black Country Mild 3.7% A good red/brown mild. Malty and refreshing

Hoggeleys *Litchborough, Northants*

Reservoir Hogs 4.3% Full on flavour from this light copper coloured ale. Deep dryness and strong bitterness. A lively exciting beer.

Pump Fiction 4.5% Assertive bitterness and a strong forceful beer.



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Hog's Back *Tongham, Surrey*

HBB 3.7% A light amber session beer, biscuity with fragrant hops and a subtle citrus maltiness. Hop finish. Long and satisfying aftertaste.

Wobble 7.5% This is a treat. Normally only available over the Christmas period we have an early cask sample of this wonderful ruby barley wine. Simply superb

Autumn Ale 4.8% A golden ale brewed with new season hops. A subtle banana flavour creeps in before bitter finish.

OTT 6.0% An Old Ale of distinction. Strong and black

Isle of Purbeck *Studland, Dorset*

Studland Bay Wrecked 4.5% A deep amber/ruby ale with caramel overtones. Very drinkable and highly recommended

Itchen Valley *Alresford, Hampshire*

Green Jackets 4.5% Copper in colour with fruity hops on the nose and a dry bitter finish

JW Lees *Middleton Junction, Manchester*

Moonraker 7.5% A reddish brown beer with a strong malty aroma. The flavour is rich and sweet with roast malt and a fruity finish

Kniver *Kniver, Staffordshire*

The Edge 4.2% Named after a local beauty spot. Full bodied and hoppy

Limestone *Stone, Staffordshire*

Stone Dead 6.7% A rich dark imperial stout with enough bite to satisfy the most discerning drinker. Coffee & toast aromas and flavours.

Lodden *Dunsden, Oxfordshire*

Bamboozle 4.8% A straw coloured pale ale with a refreshing smack of hops.

Mister Grundy's *Derby, Derbyshire*

1914 Stout 5.0% Award winning beer from a Derbyshire brew pub Available at this festival and in London for the first time

Moorhouse *Burnley, Lancs*

Black Cat 3.4% A dark mild with delicate chocolate and coffee roasts. Crisp & bitter.

Broomstick Bitter 4.0% Pale bittersweet temptress. Hint of citrus

Witchfinder General 4.4% Amber coloured. Strong hoppy finish.

Mordue *North Shields, Tyne & Wear*

All Hallows Ale 4.4% Dark as the night with a chocolatey finish.



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Northumberland *Beddington, Northumberland*

Coffin Dodger 4.3% Only brewed in October and rare to find.

RCH *West Hewish, Somerset*

Hewish Mild 3.6% Dark traditional mild with good body and bittersweet finish

Pitchfork 4.3% Named after rebellion of 1685 last battle to be fought on English soil

East Street Cream 5.0% I am a huge fan of this beer and it comes highly recommended.

Enigmatic and full bodied. Could be a festival favourite. **Must try**

Double Header 5.3% A golden brew made only with pale ale malt and Golding hops

Firebox 6.0% Deep reddish brown. Cherry fruit bittersweet in character. **Must try**

Redemption Brewing Company *Tottenham, London*

Redemption Pale Ale 3.8% Golden amber with floral hops. Long dry finish

Urban Dusk 4.6% Chestnut coloured. Hazelnut and caramel on palate. Citrus finish.

Hopspur 4.5% Come on you SPURS. At last the “boys from Tottenham” have produced a Spurs beer for the fans. Give it up for Greaves, Gilzean, and Gazza. Amber in colour and with a slight sweetness.

Fellowship Porter 5.1% Dark brown with chocolate coffee and dried fruit flavours.

Robinsons *Stockport, Cheshire*

Hatters Dark Mild 3.3% Excellent session beer with added caramel

Old Tom 8.5% One of Britain’s finest beers. Enjoy while you can as production is threatened by the high gravity beer tax. A superior barley wine.

Sadlers *Stourbridge, West Midlands*

Mud City Stout 6.6% This is an interesting one to try. Brewed with cocoa, vanilla pods, flaked oat wheat and a blend of dark malts. Most unusual. Must try.

Sambrooks *Battersea, London*

Powerhouse Porter 4.9% The third beer to come from this 2008 start up is actually my favourite. Dark and sweetish as London porter should be.

Pale Ale Was intended to be their first golden summer ale but has turned out more amber and autumnal in my own opinion.

Wandle 3.8% (Oak Cask Version) Now well established as one of Britains finest ales. Presented here in its oak aged version.

Junction 4.5% (Oak Cask Version) Surprisingly the oak ageing is far more perceptible.



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Sarah Hughes Brewery *Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands*

Snowflake 8.0% A rare chance to sample this ultra rare barley wine normally only ever sold at the Beacon Hotel at Christmas

Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild 6.0% Its no secret that this is my favourite beer of all time. We have arranged for ALL 3 beers to be delivered from this wonderful brewery still using its open topped copper and essentially Victorian brewery.

Sedgley Surprise 5.0% Bitter sweet and medium bodied

Pale Amber 4.0% A well balanced beer initially slightly sweet but getting hoppier all the time.

Shepherd Neame *Faversham, Kent*

Late Red 4.2% Best of the 4 seasonal ales from Shep's. Rich copper coloured. Superb

Spooks 4.7% SPECIAL ONE OFF brew from the micro "brewery within a brewery" at Shepherd Neame. Available only this year and for only one month. . So must try.

Bishop's Finger 5.0% Originally supplied only in bottles in 1958. But for some time now the flagship cask strong ale from this Kentish brewing dynasty. Ruby coloured and mouth filling. Named after a signpost found on the Pilgrims Way. Also known locally, as Ecclesiastical Digit or a Nun's Delight!

South Hams *Kingsbridge, Devon*

Eddystone 4.8% Named after the famous Plymouth landmark lighthouse. This is no ordinary IPA. This golden beer has a distinctly fruity aroma and a very fruity palate. Real flavour with this highly recommended pint

Tirril *Penrith, Cumbria*

Barman's Ghoulies 4.0% A light golden ale. From the tip of NW England

Thornbridge *Bakewell, Derbyshire*

Jaipur IPA 5.9% A flavoursome IPA packed with citrus hoppiness that is actually balanced by the malty sweetness. Robust and full flavoured.

Wild Swan 3.5% Extremely pale. Without doubt the palest ale at the festival . Plenty of lemony citrus. The antidote to most of the beers at this festival. Refreshingly drinkable

Sequoia American Amber Ale 4.5% Named after the giant redwood tree in the grounds of Thornbridge An amber ale with American hops. Smooth and velvety. Hazlenut, toffee and caramel flavours

St. Petersburg 7.7% A good example of imperial stout. Smooth and easy to drink. Raisins, chocolate and coffee.

Brother Rabbit 4.0% American hops Cascade, Chinook and Centennial. Gold in colour. Very refreshing.

Triple fff *Alton, Hampshire*

Moondance 4.2% A golden ale well hopped. Very flavoursome with a long bittersweet finish. Deservedly popular at every festival

Stairway to Heaven 4.6% Another rock album themed beer from the boys at triple fff Was at our first ever festival and was the first to sell out.



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Two Towers *Hockley Birmingham, West Midlands*

Mott Street Mild 3.6% Named after the street where the brewery is located this is a true traditional black country mild little found down South out of it native heartland.

Wadworth *Devizes, Wiltshire*

The Bishops Tipple 5.0% I ordered a firkin of this for my 21st birthday in 1979. Of course it was the 8% version in those days! Still a fine beer, if in somewhat reduced gravity circumstances. A golden brew.

Wolf *Attleborough, Norfolk*

Granny Wouldn't Like It 4.8% A dark rich red and fruity ale. Highly recommended

Cider List

Mr. Whitehead's Hampshire

Strawberry Cider 4.0%

Blackberry Cider 4.0%

Traditional Welsh Farmhouse Cider

Happy Daze 4.5%

Haymaker 6.5%

Black Dragon 7.2%

Dog Dancer 6.5%

Fiery Fox 6.5%

Two Trees 4.5%

Farmhouse Scrumpy 5.3%

Pyder 5.0%

Thatchers Gold 4.8%

Thatchers Heritage 4.7%