

The Cider Bar

AVON
Strong fruity and earthy ciders. Very drinkable.

Cowhill Cider: Dry	6.5%	1.36
Cox Cider: Dry	6.0%	1.44
Crossman Cider: Dry, Sweet	7.0%	1.40
Goverd Perry: Dry	6.5%	1.36
Richards Perry: Medium	6.0%	1.36
Riddle Cider: Dry	7.0%	1.36
Williams Cider: Dry	7.0%	1.24

CUMBRIA
A county not usually noted for its ciders!

Masons Arms Cider: Dry	6.5%	1.50
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DEVON
Crisp ciders with body, an excellent cider county.

Bollhayes Cider: Dry, Medium	7.0%	1.36
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Fine smooth ciders and excellent perry.

Gower Cider: Dry, Medium	6.5%	1.44
Hartlands Perry: Dry	6.0%	1.44
Hartlands Cider: Dry, Sweet	7.0%	1.40
Dewchurch Perry: Dry	6.5%	1.40
Dewchurch Cider: Dry	7.0%	1.50

HEREFORDSHIRE
The small makers do get a look in in cider town!

Franklins Cider: Dry, Medium	7.0%	1.36
Franklins Perry: Dry, Sweet	6.5%	1.36
Franklins Perry: Sage, Lavender	6.5%	1.40
Great Oak Cider: Dry	6.5%	1.24

KENT
Cullinary fruit producing strong clean cider.

Biddenden Cider: Dry, Medium	7.5%	1.70
Theobalds Cider: Medium	7.0%	1.44

SOMERSET
Rich, strong and full-bodied - fantastic ciders.

Lane Cider: Dry, Medium	7.0%	1.44
Rich Cider: Dry, Medium	6.5%	1.36
Torre Cider: Med/Dry	7.0%	1.44
Vickery Cider: Dry	6.5%	1.44
Wilkins Cider: Dry, Sweet	6.5%	1.28

Where am I?

Welcome to the 17th Loughborough Beer Festival. Once again there is a splendid choice of Real Ales from around the country and a fascinating range of beers from Belgium and Germany. In addition, one of the largest selections of Real Cider and Perry ever seen in this area means there is something for every taste.

What is Real Ale?

It is traditional beer made by the same methods for centuries. It's not pasteurised, filtered or gassed; it's just good wholesome beer. Real Ale isn't new, rare or peculiar; 30 years ago all beer was Real Ale. The contrast between Real Ale and Keg beer is clear for all to see (and taste). If you prefer the taste of Real Ales to cold, gassy and characterless keg beers and British lagers, then your tastebuds are in for a delight!

What are A.B.V.'s and O.G.'s?

Just as drinkers were getting used to estimating the strength of a beer from its "O.G." (Original Gravity), all beers now have to have their alcoholic content marked at the point of dispense. The figure used is the A.B.V. (Alcohol By Volume). A good rule of thumb is to drop the decimal point from the A.B.V. to give the last two digits of the O.G. For example, a beer with 4.7% alcohol by volume will have an O.G. close to 1047, and one with an O.G. of 1035 will have an A.B.V. of about 3.5%.

What about CAMRA?

CAMRA is concerned with choice and value. It lobbies the industry and government to get a better deal for drinkers on issues as far apart as the inconsistency of beer duty within the European Market (why do we pay 20p per pint more tax than the French?) and how much beer there should be in a pint....

Do I need new glasses?

For many years arguments have raged over whether or not the head is part of a pint of beer. In response to pressure from CAMRA, legislation was to be introduced to ensure that all beer is served in lined over-size glasses rather than the brim measure glasses used in most pubs at present. However, the Government is wavering due to intense lobbying from some sections of the industry. CAMRA believes that the larger glass is desirable (and inevitable) and we have, therefore, introduced the 22oz lined souvenir glass this year. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to hire Dimple glasses of the size we (and our customers) require. There is, we are told, "no demand". We intend to make alternative arrangements for next year.

The 1993 Loughborough Beer Festival



- PROGRAMME -

Opening Hours

Thursday 28th October: 5pm to 10.30pm
Friday 29th October: 11am to 10.30pm
Saturday 30th October: 11am to 10.30pm

Admission free before 5pm, £1.50 after 5pm
(Free at all times to CAMRA members)

**The Loughborough and North
Leicestershire Branch of the
Campaign for Real Ale**

The Dark Beer Bar

- Bunce's Brewery, Salisbury, Wiltshire**
Listed Brewery on the Wiltshire Avon. Founded in 1984.
- Old Smokey** (1050) 5.0% 1.66
Rich, spicy and complex, with a hint of wood smoke.
- Bushy's Brewery, Braddan, Isle of Man**
Beers brewed in accordance with the Manx Brewers' Act 1874.
- Dark Mild** (1035) 3.6% 1.38
Malty, rich, fruity and creamy, reminiscent of porter.
- Fuller's, Chiswick Brewery, London**
Deservedly popular beers and regular CAMRA award winners.
- Hock** (1032) 3.2% 1.30
A new light mild, pleasantly malty.
- Hanby Ales, Wem, Shropshire**
Founded in 1990 by Wem Brewery's former head brewer.
- Black Magic Mild** (1033) 3.3% 1.28
Malty, nutty and delicious, a characterful dark ale.
- Lloyds Country Beers, Ingleby, Derbyshire**
Began brewing in 1977 at the John Thompson Inn.
- Vixen Velvet Porter** (1045) 4.5% 1.40
Brewed with a dash (or two!) of port wine.
- The Orkney Brewery, Sandwick, Orkney**
Additive-free beers from the Orkneys' first and only brewery.
- Dragonhead Stout** (1040) 4.1% 1.58
A dark stout with great depth of flavour.
- Dark Island** (1045) 4.7% 1.58
Rich, round and refreshing wine-coloured ale.
- Woodforde's Norfolk Ales, Norwich, Norfolk**
Set up in 1980, an oasis in a Wainey-dominated beer desert.
- Mardler's Mild** (1035) 3.4% 1.30
Best mild of 1993. Dark, roasted grain character.

Traditional Bitters

- Bushy's Brewery, Braddan, Isle of Man**
- Best Bitter** (1038) 4.0% 1.42
Fine, refreshing session beer.
- Old Bushy Tail** (1045) 4.6% 1.54
Malty and hoppy with hints of toffee.

Hampshire Brewery, Andover, Hants.
Began brewing in 1992 with a 25-barrel plant.

- King Alfred's Bitter** (1037) 3.8% 1.34
Refreshing, bitter, hoppy ale.
- Pendragon Strong Ale** (1047) 4.8% 1.46
Fruity, smooth and deceptive.
- Hanby Ales, Wem, Shropshire**
- Drawwell Bitter** (1039) 3.9% 1.30
Amber-coloured with superb hoppy character.
- Hoskins & Oldfield, Frog Island, Leicester**
Founded in 1984 following the sale of the old family firm.
- Brigadier Bitter** (1036) 3.6% 1.30
Remember "Nelly's Best"?
- EXS** (1051) 5.1% 1.48
Full-flavoured, hoppy, fruity and spicy.
- The Island Brewery, Newport, Isle of Wight**
Set up in 1991 by the soft drinks firm Hartridges.
- Nipper Bitter** (1038) 3.8% 1.34
Easy-drinking golden beer.
- Burt's VPA** (1045) 4.6% 1.40
Island have just acquired the Burts name.
- Lloyds Country Beers, Ingleby, Derbyshire**
- Country Gold** (1040) 4.0% 1.32
Well-balanced and tasty bitter.
- Mansfield Brewery, Mansfield, Notts**
An old brewery with a new commitment to cask beer.
- Mansfield Bitter** (1038) 3.8% 1.34
Keg only for the last 20 years - welcome back!
- Old Bailly** (1045) 4.7% 1.40
Reminiscent of a Scotch heavy.
- The Orkney Brewery, Sandwick, Orkney**
- Raven Ale** (1038) 3.8% 1.44
Delectable, rounded ale with a slight fruitiness.
- Parish Brewery, Somerby, Leicestershire**
Enterprising and popular small brewery.
- Special Bitter** (1038) 3.6% 1.30
Hoppy, rich and well-balanced.

St. Austell Brewery Company, Cornwall
Popular family business founded in 1851.

- Tinner's Bitter** (1038) 3.8% 1.44
Mellow, easy-drinking bitter.
- Hicks Special (HSD)** (1050) 5.0% 1.66
Aromatic, fruity and hoppy.
- Timothy Taylor, Keighley, West Riding**
Popular award-winning brewery.
- Landlord** (1042) 4.3% 1.46
Superbly complex and characterful beer.

Strong Ales & Special Bitters

- Crouch Vale Brewery, Chelmsford, Essex**
Set up in 1981 by two CAMRA enthusiasts.
- Willie Warmer** (1060) 6.5% 1.76
Powerful, well-balanced, nutty and fruity ale.
- Gibbs Mew, Salisbury, Wiltshire**
Family concern established in 1898.
- The Bishop's Tipple** (1066) 6.5% 1.78
Full-bodied and marvellously malty.
- Hanby Ales, Wem, Shropshire**
- Cherry Bomb** (1080) 8.0% 1.98
Powerful new sipping beer.
- Hoskins & Oldfield, Frog Island, Leicester**
- Old Navigation** (1071) 7.1% 2.10
Sweet and fruity with a stout-like maltiness.
- Wychwood Brewery, Witney, Oxfordshire**
Formerly the Glenry Brewery, established in 1983.
- Hobgoblin** (1058) 6.5% 1.60
Exceptionally dry strong ale.

Barley Wines

- Hoskins & Oldfield, Frog Island, Leicester**
- Christmas Noggin** (1100) 11.0% 0.98
Spicy, fruity and sherry-like.
- Parish Brewery, Somerby, Leicestershire**
- Baz's Bounce Blower** (1110) 12.0% 1.05
Rich, black and awesome.

Outlook fine

As well as a huge selection of fine Real Ales we also offer you the cider bar. 40 Ciders from 22 farms in 7 counties. A huge variety of both ciders and perrys to suit all tastes. The biggest selection ever in the East Midlands.

Cloudy, with clear spells

All the cider on sale at the festival is Real farmhouse cider, made with whole apples pressed on the farm, rather than with imported apple juice concentrate. Real cider is being pushed near to extinction by the 'big 3', producing massively hyped bottled 'designer' ciders and serving cider under gas pressure through a hand-pump to make people think it's real - don't be fooled.

Perry

Perry is virtually extinct. We have EVERY perry available today (although there are other farms making it who have run out). A Somerset farmer explained "Perry is just like cider but every apple is a pear"! It's a marvellous drink, slightly smoother than cider, with greater body and depth of taste. Drink some now - it may be the last chance you get.

Mostly Dry

More than half of the cider on sale at the festival is dry. Why is this? Dry cider is the true art of the cider-maker, sweet ciders are just the dry ones with sugar or artificial sweetener added. We find that most people who think that they like sweet ciders actually prefer a medium.

Different blends of apples ferment out leaving more or less sugar in the cider, some dry ciders are VERY dry, some almost medium. To help you choose a cider ideal for you we have (stolen) the idea of a sweetness scale. 1 for the very driest ciders and 9 for the sweetest. We can't put the sweetness on the program because each cask can be different. So when the cider arrives someone has the onerous task of trying every cider and putting a sweetness mark on it. The numbers have the following meanings.

1. Incredibly Dry.
2. Very Dry.
3. Dry.
4. Quite Dry.
5. Medium Dry.
6. Medium.
7. Medium Sweet.
8. Sweet.
9. Very Sweet.

Remember we can always blend dry and sweet ciders to get exactly the sweetness you want. Every farm that has supplied a sweeter cider has also provided a dry so we can blend to your favourite number!

Collector's Corner

For collectors, Christmas presents or drinking here, we offer a fine selection of bottle-conditioned beers. The original Real Ale take-out!

Bass (Sheffield), Hope Brewery, Sheffield
Bass's specialist bottled beer brewery, now due for closure.

Worthington White Shield (1051) 5.6% 1.25
The classic, original India Pale Ale, formerly brewed at Burton. Now a controversial beer, but still a fine, under-promoted drink. Production will eventually move to Mitchell & Butlers, Birmingham.

Courage Northern, Tadcaster, North Riding
Founded in 1758, becoming part of the Courage empire in 1970.

Imperial Russian Stout (1104) 10.0% 1.50
First brewed by Barclay Perkins for Catherine the Great, Empress of all the Russias. Now only brewed every few years, matured in oak casks and sold in nip bottles. Dry, bitter and rich. Continues to improve for up to 20 years.

Eldridge Pope, Dorchester, Dorset
Brewers of the strongest naturally-conditioned bottled beer.

Thomas Hardy's Ale (1125) 12.0% 1.80
Each individually numbered bottle will keep for up to 25 years. For a full description see Thomas Hardy's *The Trumpet Major*.

Thomas Hardy Country Bitter (1041) 4.2% 1.85
Fully-flavoured, balanced and thirst-quenching with a mellow fruitiness. Newly available in bottle-conditioned form.

George Gale and Co., Horndean, Portsmouth
Popular brewery, founded in 1847.

Prize Old Ale (1094) 9.0% 1.80
Complex, superb, deep red barley wine in corked bottles. Very occasionally on draught in a few selected outlets at Christmas time.

Arthur Guinness Son & Co., Dublin
World famous brewing company with breweries in many countries.

Foreign Extra Stout (1073) 8.0% 2.10
The strong export version of this superb beer. Rare in the UK. Slight souring during conditioning balances the heaviness.

Marston, Thompson & Evershed, Burton-on-Trent
Now the only brewers using the Burton Union system of brewing.

Pedigree Bitter (1043) 4.5% 1.80
Again a newcomer to bottle-conditioning, the draught version is a well-known luscious, highly drinkable brew. The oak Unions also propagate the yeast for other Marston's beers.

Scottish Brewers, Edinburgh, Scotland
A subsidiary of the Scottish & Newcastle empire.

Gordons Scotch Ale (1085) 8.6% 2.15
Brewed only for export to Belgium! Although not bottle-conditioned, it is still a fine example of the Scottish style even if the locals are not allowed to drink it!

Shepherd Neame, Faversham, Kent
Fine old brewery, brewing continuously since 1698.

Spitfire Ale (1045) 4.7% 1.75
Long available on draught, but now also bottle-conditioned. A fine, well-balanced premium ale which will keep for many months.