

10th Twickenham Beer & Cider Festival 2008 – Cask Ales

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Colour Codes:
Milds
Golden bitters
Brown/amber/copper bitters
Strong bitters (over 4.9%)
Porters & Stouts
Speciality beers

ABBEY, Bath, Somerset

Bellringer (4.2) Hoppy, amber-gold ale, clean-tasting with a dry bitter finish

ASCOT, Camberley, Surrey

Alligator Ale (4.6) Fresh and crisp American-style summer ale that is still being brewed

Anastasia's Exile Stout (5.0) Award-winning stout packed with chocolate and roasted coffee flavours, bittered to balance the sweetish malts, with a silky smooth finish

On the Rails (3.8) A dark ale with a sophisticated blend of malts combined with a distinctive hop character. A balance of caramel and chocolate flavours from the malt and an aroma of pine and citrus from whole hop flowers

BEARTOWN, Congleton, Cheshire

Ginger Bear (4.0) Root ginger is added to the brew for a quenching finish

BELVOIR, Old Dalby, Leics.

Old Dalby (5.1) Rich smooth ruby-red strong ale with a variety of roasted flavours and unusual hop blend giving a complex character

BLACK SHEEP, Masham, N. Yorks.

Best Bitter (3.8) Hoppy and fruity, with strong bitter overtones, and a dry bitter finish

BRAINS, Cardiff

SA (4.2) Mellow full-bodied beer with malt and hop flavours well-balanced

BROWN COW, Barlow, N. Yorks.

Captain Oates' Dark Mild (4.4) Popular mild with coffee and chocolate overtones

BURTON BRIDGE, Burton upon Trent, Staffs.

Burton Porter (4.5) Very dark brown, fruity but with a distinctive bitter aftertaste; winner of numerous Midlands' beer competitions

Thomas Sykes (10.0) Well-balanced 'barley wine' delivering a rich warmth and satisfaction

BUSHY'S, Braddan, Isle of Man

Castletown Bitter (3.5) Recreation of the formerly popular Castletown-brewed bitter, light and golden, conforming to the Manx brewing law

BUTCOMBE, Wrington, Somerset

Gold (4.7) Medium-bodied, well-balanced, with good pale malt and citrusy hop flavours with an abiding dryness

CAIRNGORM, Aviemore, Highlands

Trade Winds (4.3) Intense fruity beer, bitter-sweet from wheat and corn malts, with grapefruit and elderflower overtones, winner of several CAMRA awards

CASTLE ROCK, Notts

Harvest Pale (3.8) Lightly-kilned malt and aromatic American hops give this pale beer exceptional character with a crisp aftertaste. Another CAMRA and SIBA award winner.

COTLEIGH, Wiveliscombe, Somerset

25 (4.0) Originally their 25th Anniversary celebration beer, popular so continued, an explosion of flavours from the American Cascade hops give a fresh aroma and a fruit-filled finish

CROUCH VALE, Essex

Brewers Gold (4) Perfumed golden ale with a citrus fruit taste. Bitterness dominates more in the finish. Champion Beer of Britain 2005 and 2006

DARK STAR, Ansty, W. Sussex

Over the Moon Mild (3.8) Traditional dark mild ale, but well-hopped and very quaffable

Hophead (3.8) Light straw-coloured bitter with a clean bitterness from Cascade hops

ELGOOD'S, Wisbech, Cambs.

Golden Newt (4.1) Unusual malted grain types and final dry-hopping lead to a clean spritzzy bitterness

EXMOOR, Wiveliscombe, Somerset

Beast (6.6) Dark beer brewed with chocolate and crystal malts with characteristics of a strong porter

GRAINSTORE, Oakham, Rutland

Ten Fifty (5.0) Full strength rich mahogany-coloured beer with a bitter-sweet finish

HARVIESTOUN, Alva, Clackmannanshire

Bitter & Twisted (3.8) Sharp blonde beer with fruity overtones – like a 'twist' of lemon; Champion Beer of Britain in 2003

HAWKSHEAD, Staveley, Cumbria

Lakeland Lager (5.0) Pilsener-style beer, normally only bottled, but we have acquired a 'cask'; a crisp fresh premium lager

HOLDEN'S, Woodsetton, W. Midlands

Black Country Mild (3.7) Good red/brown mild, typical of its style with maltiness predominant

HOOK NORTON, Hook Norton, Oxon.

Hook Dark (3.2) Chestnut brown easy-drinking mild, but with unexpected long hoppy finish

HOP BACK, Downton, Wilts.

GFB (Gilbert's First Brew) (3.5) Golden beer with a light clean quality that makes it an ideal refreshing session ale

KELHAM ISLAND, Sheffield, S. Yorks.

Pale Rider (5.2) Well-balanced strong fruity full-drinking pale ale; Champion Beer of Britain in 2004

W.J. KING & Co., Horsham, W. Sussex

Autumn Missed (4.2) Amber-red seasonal beer with finest Maris Otter pale malt and 3 East Kent hop varieties giving character

Old Ale (4.5) A welcome return of this very dark award-winning autumn/winter ale; full, rich and smooth velvety flavour

T.M.B. (Two Malt Brew) (5.2) Dark-amber coloured with a rich full flavour from the Pale Ale and Crystal malts – a few hops as well

MOORHOUSES, Burnley, Lancs

Black Cat (3.4) A dark mild with a distinctive chocolate malt flavour and smooth hoppy finish; Champion Beer of Britain in 2000

NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex

Umbel Magna (5.0) A beer normally known as Old Growler, but treated with coriander; a smooth creamy porter

NEWBY WYKE, Little Bytham, Lincs.

England Expects (4.6) A golden ale specially brewed for Trafalgar Day and major sporting events (when England are involved)

OAKHAM, Peterborough, Cambs.

Bishop's Farewell (4.6) Originally brewed for a retiring Bishop of Peterborough, but popularity has seen it continue; a premium beer with a grainy background and dry finish

JHB (Jeffrey Hudson Bitter) (3.8) Golden beer dominated by hops with soft fruit overtones and a dry hoppy finish. Champion Beer of Britain in 2001

White Dwarf (4.3) English-style wheat beer; piercing bitterness mellows to reveal fruity overtones and a dry-as-a-bone finish

OAKLEAF, Gosport, Hants.

Hole Hearted (4.7) Deep golden-coloured bitter with strong floral hop and citrus flavours; long bitter-sweet finish.

OLD BEAR, Keighley, W. Yorks.

Goldilocks (4.5) Beer that thinks it's a lager, but it's slightly hazy appearance shows that it's a wheat-based beer, with hops in abundance

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ORKNEY, Quoyloo, Orkney

Red MacGregor (4.0) Glorious red-hued beer with a generous hoppy nose and flavour and a smooth malty finish

OSSETT, Ossett, W. Yorks.

Excelsior (5.2) Strong pale ale with a full mellow flavour and fresh citrusy hop characteristics

PICTISH, Rochdale, Gtr. Manchester

Brewers Gold (3.8) Refreshing, thirst-quenching session beer; malty undertones with a powerful hop aroma.

PURITY, Great Alne, Warwicks.

Pure UBU (4.5) Distinctive premium amber coloured beer, apparently named after the brewery owner's dog

PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, Gwynedd

Glaslyn Ale/Cwrw Glaslyn (4.2) Refreshing light and malty amber-coloured ale; plenty of hop aroma and taste.

RAMSBURY, Axford, Wilts.

Bitter (3.6) Amber coloured beer with a smooth, delicate aroma and flavour, one of the finest standard bitters around

Ramsbury Gold (4.5) A rich golden beer with a light hoppy aroma and taste

ROBINSON'S, Stockport, Cheshire

Old Tom (8.5) Full-bodied dark beer with malt, fruit and chocolate on the aroma, and a complex range of darkchocolate, fruit and port-like flavours; Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2004/5

SKINNER'S, Truro, Cornwall

Betty Stogs (4.0) Easy-drinking copper ale with a balance of citrusy hops, malt and bitterness and a hint of sulphur; the bitter finish comes on in the aftertaste; winner of the Best Bitter category at GBBF this year

SURREY HILLS, Shere, Surrey

Gilt Complex (4.6) Huge hop aroma introduces a hint of spice in the fruity flavour; they claim it to be 'King of the Golden Beers'

Ranmore Ale (3.8) Straw-coloured, light session bitter, with lots of flavour for its strength.

Shere Drop (4.2) Well-balanced and hoppy with a pleasant citrus aroma and fruitiness in the taste; dry bitter finish

THORNBRIDGE, Ashford in the Water, Derbys.

Jaipur IPA (5.9) Strong and hoppy – a real IPA; named after the pink city where the brewery's owners were married. Winner of several CAMRA awards inc. winner of the Strong Bitter category at GBBF this year

THWAITES, Blackburn, Lancs.

Wainwright (4.1) Named in honour of AW, famed writer of Lakeland walking guides, a thirst-quenching beer with a bright blonde colour and delicate fruit flavours

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH, Stirling

Glencoe Wild Oat Stout (4.5) Organic sweetish stout, surprisingly not very dark, with plenty of malt and roast flavours and a hint of hops

TRING, Herts

Side Pocket For A Toad (3.6) Citrus notes from American Cascade hops balanced with a floral aroma and a crisp, dry finish in a straw coloured ale

TRIPLE fff, Four Marks, Hants.

Alton's Pride (3.8) CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain 2008; full-bodied for its strength, an initial malty flavour fades as hoppiness takes over, leading to a bitter finish

Pressed Rat & Warthog (3.8) Complex ruby mild, but with some bitterness and roasty, fruit and malt flavours all coming through; quite a dry bitter finish

TWICKENHAM, London

Autumn Blaze (4.4) Russet amber ale with a gentle spicy hop character and pleasant maltiness; voted 'Beer of the Festival' here in 2006

Four Grains (4.5) Brewed with barley, wheat, rye and oats, plus Pioneer hops, giving a spicy, almost herbal aroma, and a lightish easy-drinking body

Grandstand Bitter (3.8) Well-hopped, well-balanced, light amber refreshing session beer

Sundancer (3.7) Crisp and hoppy session bitter; a touch of amber malt gives a pleasant edge to this golden beer, and blended British and American hops give a dry finish. It won 'Silver' in the 'Bitters' category at the GBBF in 2007, and 'Beer of the Festival' here

WAYLAND'S, Addlestone, Surrey

Addled Ale (4.2) A malty, full-flavoured copper-coloured session ale.

Blonde Belle (4.3) Pale golden-coloured ale with full flavour and delicate hop character

Special FX (4.8) Dark ale with chocolate and roasted barley notes, slight fruit and a clean bitter-sweet finish

WENTWORTH, Wentworth, S. Yorks.

Oatmeal Stout (4.8) Black and smooth with roast and chocolate malt and coffee overtones

WHITE HORSE, Stanford in the Vale, Oxon.

Wayland Smithy (4.4) Deep red bitter with loads of aromatic hops

WICKWAR, Wickwar, Glos.

Station Porter (6.1) Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2007/8, and third overall at GBBF this summer; a rich smooth dark ruby-brown ale, initial malt taste developing to a complex bittersweet flavour

WOLF, Besthorpe, Norfolk

Coyote (4.3) Full-bodied straw-coloured ale; complex but well-balanced mix of hops and malt leads to a crisp well-hopped finale. Multi-award winning beer

WOODFORDE'S,

Woodbastwick, Norfolk

Mardler's (3.5) Smooth drinking mild with an underlying fruitiness

Wherry Best Bitter (3.8) Champion Beer of Britain in 1996; hoppy nose with a hint of sulphur, and a bittersweet fruitiness

NB. The above beers have been ordered for the festival; however, we don't always get what we ordered. Only beers deemed fit and ready for drinking will be served on the day/session, so don't be disappointed if a particular beer is not available during your visit - of course it may have been completely consumed the previous session. Enjoy!

Your notes:

My favourite beer during the session was: