

Beer list

What is real ale? It is beer which has not been filtered or pasteurised, so that it still contains living yeast, whose continued fermentation give it its sparkle. Real ale should be clear (with exceptions such as some wheat beers), cool and full of flavour and life. It takes time to settle and to develop its flavour. When it is ready to sell, it will be available -

we don't hold beers back. In the list below, ABV is the percentage of alcohol in each beer and cider. A typical ordinary strength bitter might be around 3.8% so take care when sampling the stronger brews. We have added brief tasting notes, mostly taken from the current Good Beer Guide which is on sale at the CAMRA shop.

ALL BEERS AND CIDERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND THE BEER LIST MAY BE CHANGED AFTER BEING PRINTED.

Kent beers

Brewery	Beer	ABV	Tasting notes
Goachers (Maidstone)	Real Mild Ale	3.4	Full-flavoured, malty with background bitterness
	Fine Light Ale	3.7	Golden bitter with strong floral, hoppy aroma
	Best Dark Ale	4.1	Intensely bitter beer, moderately malty, complex aftertaste
	Silver Star	4.2	New 25th anniversary beer, pale and dry, with Kent Fuggles
	Gold Star Ale	5.1	A golden pale ale with all Kent hops
Hopdaemon (Newnham)	Golden Braid	3.7	Refreshing, hoppy, golden bitter
	Incubus	4.0	Deep bronze aromatic special bitter
	Skrimshander	4.5	Full-flavoured bitter
	Green Daemon	5.0	Bitter and golden, organic and suitable for vegans
Larkins (Chiddingstone)	Traditional Ale	3.4	Tawny, refreshing bitter
	Platinum Blonde	3.6	Quaffable, light and flowery golden ale
	Chiddingstone	4.0	Slightly fruity bitter with a malty finish
	Best Bitter	4.4	Full-bodied, fruity and unusually bitter for its strength
Millis Brewing Co (Gravesend)	Kentish Best	4.0	Copper-coloured bitter with a clean, hoppy, balanced finish
	Ginger Freak	4.1	Golden beer with strong ginger aroma
	Dartford Wobbler	4.3	Complex malt and hop flavours with a slightly roasted finish
	Kentish Red	4.3	Complex malt, hops and fruit notes leading to clean finish
Nelson (Chatham)	Master Mate Mild	3.7	Dark mild with a smooth aftertaste
	Jack Knife	4.1	Distinctive blonde ale with a light, refreshing taste
	Pieces of Eight	3.8	Award-winning bitter with a smooth malt flavour
	Powder Monkey	4.4	Light, refreshing golden summer beer
	Nelson's Blood	6.0	Mellow roast tones, slightly nutty and fruity
Ramsgate (Isle of Thanet)	Gadd's No 7	3.8	Light & refreshing traditional bitter
	Gadd's No 5	4.4	Best bitter brewed with Fuggles and East Kent Golding hops
	Gadd's No 3	5.0	Premium pale ale, nicely balanced, suprisingly refreshing for its strength
	Seasider	4.3	Amber bitter, crisp, light and easy to drink
	She Sells Seashells	4.7	Pale gold bitter with the emphasis on Canterbury-grown hops. Gentle balancing sweetness
Shepherd	Master Brew Bitter	3.7	Well-balanced bitter with nicely aggressive hoppiness
Neame (Faversham)	Kent's Best Bitter	4.1	Well-balanced with malty bitter smokiness in the taste
	Whitstable Bay	4.1	Pale golden ale with refreshing zesty citrus bite
	Spitfire	4.5	Lingering malt and hops flavour with well-balanced aftertaste
	Bishop's Finger	5.0	Generous fruity flavour reminiscent of bananas and pears, with lingering hoppy finish

Kent beers continued

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Swan (West Peckham)	Fuggles Pale	3.6	Traditional hoppy session bitter brewed with Fuggles hops
	Trumpeter	4.0	Typical English ale colour hopped with First Gold and Target
	Bewick	5.3	Heavyweight bitter hopped with Target for bite
Westerham (Westerham)	Finchcock's Original	3.5	Mid-gold session beer, powerfully flavoursome with citrus notes
	Summer Perle Golden Ale	3.8	First brewed for our 30th (pearl) anniversary, this beer is dry-hopped with aromatic Perle hops for a spicy, refreshing finish
	British Bulldog	4.3	Rich, full-bodied traditional Kent bitter with local hops
	Sevenoaks Bitter 7X	4.8	Hopped with Kent Goldings for a smooth traditional aroma and a long hoppy finish
	Special Bitter Ale "1965"	4.8	Kent Northdown and Goldings hops give a clean, refreshing full-bodied flavour typical of Kentish ales
	William Wilberforce Freedom Ale	4.3	Commemorates the Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807. Mellow bitterness and a long hoppy finish
Whitstable (Grafty Green)	Native	3.7	Nutty notes, honest malt flavours, with Fuggles and Goldings hops
	East India Pale Ale	4.1	Clean well-balanced hop flavours with bitter-sweet assertive finish
	Raspberry Wheat Beer	5.2	Bavarian-style wheat beer bursting with raspberries
	Wheat Beer	5.2	Bavarian-style cloudy wheat beer with refreshing lemon finish
	Oyster Stout	4.5	Rich and dry with deep chocolate and mocha flavours

British beers from outside Kent

Many of these beers are recent CAMRA Beers of the Year, finalists in the Champion Beer of Britain competition.

Brewery	Beer	ABV	Tasting notes
Ascot	Posh Pooch	4.2	Well-balanced best bitter. A clean hoppy moreish aftertaste
	Anastasia's Exile Stout	5.0	Burnt coffee aromas lead to a roast malt flavour
B & T (Shefford)	Shefford Dark Mild	3.8	Dark mild with sweetish roast malt aftertaste
	Fruit Bat	4.5	Straw-coloured with a generous taste of raspberries
Bath (Bath)	Gem	4.1	Amber well-balanced bitter, dry and bitter at the end
	Barnstormer	4.5	Dark brown, smooth with malty, dry, bitter finish
Bazens (Salford)	Black Pig Mild	3.6	Roast, chocolate and fruit flavours, slightly smoky aftertaste
	Pacific Bitter	3.8	Gold-coloured bitter. Hops and citrus fruit dominate the taste
	Knoll Street Porter	5.2	Dark with a chocolaty and malt aroma, satisfying complex finish
Brewsters (Grantham)	Marquis	3.8	Refreshing session bitter with maltness and dry hoppy finish
	Daffy's Elixir	4.2	Pale golden with a big hop finish
	Wicked Women (Lydia)	4.8	Named after a 19th century burlesque dancer, Lydia is tawny with intense, zesty, passionfruit hop character
Butcombe (Bristol)	Bitter	4.0	Malty, notably bitter, with subtle citrus notes and a slight sulphur aroma
	Blond	4.3	Easy-drinking, light and fruity, with Czech hops
High House (Newcastle upon Tyne)	Sundancer	3.6	Light golden ale with the flavour of summer berries and a biscuit finish
	Auld Hemp	3.8	Tawny, malty and fruity, with a good bitter finish
	Nel's Best	4.2	Golden and hoppy with a clean, bitter finish
Hobsons (Cleobury Mortimer)	Mild	3.2	Classic mild, with complex layers of taste from the malt
	Best Bitter	3.8	Medium-bodied and bitter with strong hop character
Mortimer)	Town Crier	4.5	Elegant straw-coloured bitter with subtle hop flavours
Holdens (Dudley)	Black Country Mild	3.7	Refreshing blend of roast malt, hops and fruit
	Bitter	3.9	Light, well-balanced golden bitter with subtle hoppy finish
	Golden Glow	4.4	Pale golden beer with subtle hop aroma
Inveralmond (Inveralmond)	Lia Fail	4.7	The "Stone of Destiny" is dark, robust and malty
Jarrow (Jarrow)	Bitter	3.8	Light golden session beer with delicate hop aroma
	Rivet Catcher	4.0	Light, satisfying gold bitter with fruity hops

British beers from outside kent continued

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Kelham Island (Sheffield)	Best Bitter	3.8	Clean, characterful, crisp, pale brown beer
	Easy Rider	4.3	Straw-coloured, sweetish flavour, and hints of citrus
	Pale Rider	5.2	Full-bodied, well-balanced straw pale ale
Lees (Manchester)	Gold Digger	3.8	Fruity and zesty with floral smells from Golding hops
	Bitter	4.0	Copper-coloured with malt and fruit throughout
	Moonraker	7.5	Reddish-brown with a rich, sweet flavour and fruity dry finish
Matthews (Bath)	Brassknocker	3.8	Well-flavoured pale hoppy citrus bitter with underlying sweetness
Nethergate (Pentlow)	IPA	3.5	Bitter-tasting session beer with very dry aftertaste
	Suffolk County Best Bitter	4.0	Dark bitter with biscuity malt and powerful hop notes
	Umbel Magna	5.0	Well-balanced porter flavoured with coriander
Potton (Potton)	Gold	4.1	Refreshing beer with a spicy/citrus late-hop character
	Village Bike	4.3	Classic English amber premium bitter, heavily late-hopped
Purple Moose (Porthmadog)	Madog's Ale	3.7	Malty nose, initial nutty flavour, but bitterness dominates.
	Glaslyn Ale	4.2	Refreshing amber ale. Smooth mouthfeel, slightly chewy finish
	Dark Side of the Moose	4.6	Delicious dark ale with deep malt flavour and fruity bitterness
Rudgate (York)	Battleaxe	4.2	Well-hopped bitter. Complex fruit character gives memorable aftertaste
	Ruby Mild	4.4	Nutty rich ruby ale, stronger than most milds
Twickenham (Twickenham)	Sundancer	3.7	Yellow beer in which lemon hops dominate the aroma and flavour
	Naked Ladies	4.4	Strongly hoppy, bitter gold ale with citrus notes throughout
Valhalla (Shetland)	Simmer Dim	4.0	Well-balanced light golden ale named after the long Shetland twilights
Wentworth (Wentworth)	Auld Rock	4.5	Full-bodied, with a rich malty nose and a long dry finish
	Early Fruits	4.1	Very drinkable reddish-brown beer with a fruity aftertaste
	Bumble Beer	4.3	Pale golden. Local honey gives a distinctive flavour
West Berkshire (Thatcham)	Rampant Gryphon	6.2	Strong, well-balanced golden ale with a hoppy character
	Magg's Magnificent Mild	3.8	Silky, full-bodied dark mild with a creamy head
	Old Father Thames	3.4	Traditional pale ale with a full flavour despite its strength
White (Bexhill on Sea)	1066 Country Bitter	4.0	Light, sweetish, amber-gold beer with a bitter, refreshing finish
Wylam (Heddon on the Wall)	Bitter	3.8	Refreshing and hoppy with a clean, bitter finish
	Gold Tankard	4.0	Fresh clean, full of hops, with a hint of citrus in the finish

Pink Girlie Bar

The idea behind our popular pink girlie bar was to tempt women who did not normally drink bitter to try beers with a wide appeal. Give them a try! Some of the beers are fruity or floral, some are classics, there is a superb coffee beer and a beer containing ginger. There are some hoppy bitter beers to show drinkers of bland lagers just what they are missing. The pink cider was specially created with the Pink Girlie bar in mind. Of course, you don't have to be female to try the beers and cider on this bar.

Brewery	Beer	ABV	Tasting notes
Dark Star (Hayward's Heath)	Hophead	3.8	Golden bitter with a powerful fruity/hoppy aroma
	Espresso	4.2	Highly drinkable dark beer, contains freshly ground coffee
Hopdaemon (Newnham)	Bewitched	3.7	Golden ginger-flavoured summer beer with a hint of raspberries
Little Valley (Hebden Bridge)	Withens IPA	3.9	Refreshingly light, gold, with hints of lemon and grapefruit
	Hebdens Wheat	4.5	Pale yellow, creamy wheat beer with a good balance of bitterness and fruit
Salopian (Shrewsbury)	Lemon Dream	4.5	Addition of fresh lemon gives a fresh, lagery, less bitter beer
Spectrum (Norwich)	Light Fantastic	3.7	Golden brew, lasting hoppy signature with grapefruit and lemon notes
	Old Stoa wobblers	6.0	Black brew with chocolate, raisin, banana and cherry notes
Thornbridge (Bakewell)	Wild Swan	3.5	White gold pale ale, with aromas of bitter lemon and spices
	Jaipur IPA	5.9	Dangerously drinkable with a lovely blend of citrus and fruit flavours
Tipple (Norwich)	Longshore	3.6	Peachy aroma, apricot flavour then long dry bitterness
	Ginger	3.8	Well-balanced yellow-gold brew with quick gingernut finish
	Jack's Revenge	5.8	Deep red with an explosion of chocolate and plum-pudding fruitiness

Pink Girlie Bar continued

Brewery	Beer	ABV	Tasting notes
Yates (Wigton)	Fever Pitch	3.9	Pale beer using lager malt and hops to give a light bitterness and clean finish
	Sun Goddess	4.2	A complex honeyed beer, packed with tropical fruit
Rough Old Wife Cider (Petham)	Blushing Old Wife	7.5	A delightfully pink cider, due to added raspberries

Foreign Beer Bar

BLOND BEERS

	ABV	
EIFELER LANDBIER (D)	5.1	50cl
FRUH KOLSCH (D)	4.8	50cl
JEVER PILS(D)	4.9	50cl
IJ PLZEN (NL)	5	33cl
BOSS LUBUSZ (PL)	4.2	50cl
BOSS LUBUSZKIE NATURALNE (PL)	6.5	50cl
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE (US)	5.6	35cl
OETTINGER PILS(D)	4.7	50cl
ROTHAUS PILS (D)	5.1	50cl
BUDWEISER BUDVAR (CZ)	5	50cl
BLAUGIES SPECIALE NOEL (B)	8	75cl
3 HORNE BERKENBIER (NL)	8.8	33cl

DARK BEERS

BOSS WITNICKI PORTER (PL)	8.5	33cl
FRANKENHEIM ALT (D)	4.8	50cl
KOSTRITSER SCHWARZ (D)	4.8	50cl
GRAIN D'ORGE JOUP (B)	7.5	33cl

FRUIT BEERS (B)

BANANATANA	7	33cl
GIRARDEN FRAMBOZEN Raspberry	5	37.5cl
RASPBERRY GRAND CRU	6.5	33cl
SCHOENLAPPERTJE Blackcurrant	5	33cl
PRINSESSKEN (Strawberry)	6.5	33cl

LAMBIC BEER (B)

GIRARDIN BLACK LABEL GEUZE	5	37.5cl
GIRARDIN WHITE LABEL GEUZE	5	37.5cl

(Aged 5 years)

WHEAT BEERS

FASSLA DUNKEL WEIZEN (D)	5	50cl
MAHRS WEIZEN (D)	5.2	50cl
BECKS WEIZEN (D)	5	50cl
ST GEORGEN WEIZEN (D)	4.6	50cl
PRael HEINTJE (NL)	5.4	50cl
US HEIT DUBBEL TARWE (NL)	6	75cl

DRAUGHT BEERS

CHRISTOFFEL BLOND (NL)	5
FRUH KOLSCH (D)	4.8
ECHTE KRIEK (B)	6.8
BOON KRIEK (B)	5



Cider and Perry

(ABVs are approximations)

For the first time in the 35 year history of this festival, all the ciders and perries are from Kent, thanks to a recent increase in cider makers.

BIDDENDEN (Biddenden)

	ABV
Kentish, medium	8.0
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Bushells	6.0

BIG TREE CIDER (Hartley)

Appley Ever After	4.6
Fruity Beauty (strawberry)	5.4
Tilden Oast	4.8

BROOMFIELD ORCHARD (Herne)

Medium	7.0
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CORE FRUITS (Chartham)

Hardcore	5.5
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DOUBLE VISION (Staplehurst)

Bone Dry	7.4
Medium	7.4
Perry	7.4

EAST STOUR CIDER (Mersham)

Medium	6.9
Dry	6.9

JOHNSON'S FARMHOUSE CIDER (Isle of Sheppey)

Gobbledegook	7.1
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KENT CIDER COMPANY (Faversham)

Bittersweet	7.5
Bramley and Gala	8.0

PAWLEY FARM (Painters Forstal)

Dry/Medium	7.5
Medium/Sweet	7.5

ROUGH OLD WIFE (Old Wives Lees)

Dry	7.9
Blushing Old Wife (contains raspberries)	7.5

(on Pink Girlie Bar)