



Summer Festival of Beer + Cider



23 - 25th July 2026 at Wolverhampton Arts Centre
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Welcome to the 49th Wolverhampton Summer Festival of Beer and Cider!

It's our 49th festival in our 50th year! Those in the know will be aware that it would be our 50th festival too had it not been for the enforced break a few short years ago – the good news is we get to celebrate next year too!

We've got cask ale, cider, perry, gin a festival full of live music across two days and (we say this every year) the weather!? Possibly.

Look out for the beers brewed especially for our festival – we have BEERWOLF Gold from Newbridge, Golden Years from Kinver and the very first brews to roll out of the brand new brewery at Springbanks!

This year, our good cause is the **ARC, the Ashmore Rescue for Cats**. ARC does valuable work rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abandoned and stray cats and kittens across the UK.

Support them by having a go at the tombola or buying a raffle ticket.

While every effort has been made to ensure the beers and ciders listed are correct, changes are possible should the organising committee deem them necessary. Please scan the QR code for our live beer and cider list.

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CASK ALE

Live list? Download Real Ale Finder, page 9

BREWERY	BEER	ABV	TASTING NOTES
AJs LocAle	Route 66	6.6	Six hops: Summit, Green Bullet, Helga, Citra, Cascade, Fuggles Six Malts: Roasted Barley, Black, Chocolate, Amber, Crystal, Maris Otter
ALL NATIONS LocAle	BPA	4.2	A light pale ale using Celia hops to give it a smooth bitterness.
BEOWULF LocAle	Black Raven	4.5	Brewed using pale, black and crystal malts and hopped with Fuggles. It has a BIG smoked malt aroma with liquorice, espresso coffee, dark chocolate and burnt fruit. Bitter hops break through on the palate and finish with creamy coffee, dark fruit and roasted grain. Over the years it has won numerous awards and is a favourite of many – here to stay, forever!
BEWDLEY LocAle	2857	5	Pale straw colour. First Gold, Celeia, and Worcestershire Fuggles hops. Very refreshing stronger beer with a hint of citrus.
BEWDLEY LocAle	Red Hill	4.4	Amber in colour, the sweetness from the select quality malts lead to a beautiful balance of hops that give a rich and moreish flavour with pine, fruit, berry and smooth spice aroma.
BEWDLEY LocAle	Sunshine	3.8	A very pale beer with sweetness, fresh, fruity, & citrus of the single hop Citra
BEWDLEY LocAle	William Mucklow's Dark Mild	6	A dark, sweetish, strong ale with smooth fruity flavour & slight Liquorice after taste.
BRISTOL BEER FACTORY	Independence	4.6	Champion Beer of Britain Gold Winner The infamous BBF pale ale, the best of American hops built on a solid malt platform. Double dry-hopped to max out those US hops in every sip. Stand independent
BURTON BRIDGE LocAle	Cherry Orchard	5	Rich stout with fruit flavours through the addition of Cherries, creating a rounded, smooth bitterness with that hint of sweetness

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BURTON BRIDGE 	Masterpiece IPA	5.6	Aromatic hops, toasted cereal notes and hints of smoke and spice enhanced by fragrant fruity character and a top note of fresh bread. recreation of the classic White Shield.
BYATT'S 	Mahana IPA	6	Brewed with New Zealand hops, enticing aroma and copious amounts of bright citrus flavour, sunshine in a glass. Mahana is Mauri for Sunshine.
CASTLE ROCK X LOCH LOMOND   	Pub Tropicana	3.8	Intense aromas of peach and creamy coconut from Dolcita are balanced by Citra's grapefruit zest. A clean, low bitterness ensures a refreshing tropical experience.
CHURCH END 	Irish Coffee	4.6	Stout infused with vanilla pods and a bottle of Jamieson's Whisky, which replicates the flavour of the famous post prandial drink.
CHURCH END 	Pheasant Plucker	3.7	A pale, low gravity bitter with a refreshingly sharp hop bite
CHURCH END 	Sunshine	4.6	Fruity pale ale, made with Chinook, Cascade and Centennial. Very summery drink, with a very delicate hop balance.
CHURCH END 	Vanilla Jack	3.8	Mild infused with Vanilla and Jack Daniel's
ENVILLE 	Old Porter	4.5	A traditional porter style ale, dark and creamy in appearance and offering a complex mix of roast malts, English hops and a wonderful caramel finish.
FIXED WHEEL 	No Brakes IPA	5.9	Inspired by the fixed wheel couriers of the west coast, this American inspired IPA is full of American hops delivering upfront fruity citrus flavours, English malts add some balance to the hops with a touch of sweetness.
GLASTONBURY	Hedge Monkey	4.6	Malty, rich, and very very hoppy. Brewed in honour of Glastonbury's many free-spirited cosmic visitors (Hippies in other words!) Our flagship traditional hoppy bitter ale
GOWER	Gower Power	5.5	Brewed using traditionally floor malted barley. To balance the powerful alcohol content, this beer is endowed with a good dollop of quality whole hops. The result is a warming, malty, fruity strong Welsh ale

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GREEN DUCK LocAle	Bostin Mild 	3.2	Our nod to our local brewing heritage. A deep malty flavour with notes of caramel and subtle chocolate with aromas of vanilla and hazelnut.
GREEN DUCK LocAle	Copper Line 	4.5	Classic American red.
GREEN DUCK LocAle	Hysteria 	4.2	A citrus blast of lemon & lime from Cashmere paired with Idaho 7's refreshing tropical flavour.
GREEN DUCK LocAle	Light Speed 	4.5	Big tropical flavors from pairing Dolcita & Krush, expect hints of coconut, pineapple & guava.
HARVISTOUN	Haggis Hunter	4.3	A spicy, fruity amber ale. The perfect drop to share wi' the chieftain o' the puddin'-race!
HOBSONS LocAle	Shropshire Sun	4.2	Fresh honey and lemon aromas with delicate floral notes and a bright orange zest finish.
HOLDENS LocAle	Black Country Mild	3.7	A bold chestnut-red mild with nutty biscuit notes with a delicious hint of chocolate. Brewed using amber malt, caramalt, black malt and choicest fuggles it is an easy drinking traditional Black Country Mild.
HOLDENS LocAle	Black Country Special	5.1	Dark amber with robust malty overtones and a bitter sweet full bodied taste. Brewed using the Finest English Maris Otter Malt and Goldings hops.
HOLDENS LocAle	Summer Buzz	4.2	Straw coloured ale finished with locally sourced honey to create that perfect summer taste.
HOLDENS LocAle	Sunburst American Pale Ale	4.5	As pale as straw and sessionable. Featuring a medium body with a soft, juicy mouthfeel. Citrus aromas on the nose are followed by delicate tropical fruit notes and flavours, rounded off with a biscuity malt base and a hint of sweetness.

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ICKLE LocAle	Eric	4.7	Eric started life a few years ago as a 7.2% Dark Weizenbock. Now brewed as a sessionable Ale with Bramling Cross hops. Toasty bread crust, raisin bran.
KELTEK	Miner's Gold	5.1	Copper coloured premium bitter with an aroma of malt and fruit esters. Biscuit malt is balanced by earthy hops and tropical and citrus fruit. Smooth creaminess with an underlying bitterness throughout and a short bitter finish.
KINVER LocAle	GoLden Years	5	Golden premium Ale to celebrate 50 years of Wolverhampton CAMRA Hoppy with a good balance. One L of a Beer!
MORTON LocAle	Essington Blonde	4	Morton Brewery's first ale, produced using American Summit hops, a light, refreshing brew with a citrus, hoppy aroma.
NEWBRIDGE LocAle	Beerwolf Gold	5	A four hopped golden ale, specially brewed to celebrate Wolverhampton CAMRA's 50th Anniversary.
PEAKSTONES LocAle	Wayman's Milk Stout	5.4	This full bodied milk stout made with a careful blend of 3 different malts has dark chocolate and caramel aroma with a sweet taste. Contains Lactose (Milk)
SALOPIAN LocAle	Land of Confusion	4.1	A new world golden ale.
SALOPIAN LocAle	Two Cathedrals	5.6	A sumptuous 5.6% American IPA that is an escape into a tropical storm of Mango, Guava and Passionfruit, complemented by a balanced piney bitterness and solid malt backbone. The freshness engages and edges you towards a second term.
SAMBROOKS	Lavender Hill	4.5	Since its launch in 2013, Lavender Hi I has become our most anticipated seasonal release. It's brewed with lavender blossom honey in a nod to south west Londons lavender growing past, its also our way of helping to keep the nations bees buzzing. This honeyed ale is pale, hoppy and thoroughly sessionable
SARAH HUGHES LocAle	Ruby Mild	6	Dark Ruby Mild combines a balance of intense colour and flavour, making it an award winning festival favourite.

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SPRINGBANKS 	Springbanks Brewery IPA	4.5	All English Pale amber IPA, with a clean crisp bitterness. Rich in tangy marmalade and tropical stone fruit, rounded out by a smooth, earthy finish.
SPRINGBANKS 	Springbanks Brewery Mild	3.6	Preserving 150 years of brewing heritage, a traditional mild ale, pale chestnut in colour incredibly smooth, creamy and lightly fruity malt-focused profile. Beautifully balanced by earthy, woody, and gently floral English hops.
ST AUSTELL	1851	5.1	Brewed to mark our 175 year anniversary, 1851 is named after the year Walter Hicks founded the brewery. This special ale pays tribute to a legacy that began in the heart of Cornwall and continues to this day
STARDUST	Just Stout	4.2	Dry Irish stout with rich roast and caramel notes, jet-black in colour and smooth, creamy on the palate. Balanced, approachable and built for session drinking
TAMWORTH 	Castle Black	4.9	Black IPA., chocolate undertones, chinook hops
TAMWORTH 	Tamworth Whopper	6.5	Strong IPA-style golden ale with an assertive resiny hoppiness and a dry bitter finish
THREE ACRE	Best Bitter	4	Expertly brewed to deliver a well balanced, bright and floral ale. We only use high quality traditional English hops & malts, providing drinkers with a reliable & satisfying pub favourite
TILEY'S	Tiley's IPA	6.5	A modern India Pale Ale hopped with a gorgeous blend of Centennial, Citra and Simcoe to give citrus and pine notes over a strong malt backbone
TILEY'S	Tiley's Pale	4.1	Crisp, light and refreshing single hop pale ale. Brewed with Citra to give citrus and tropical flavour and aroma with a lingering bitter finish
TITANIC	Cherry Porter 	4.9	Brewed as a sister beer to our fabulous Plum Porter this lightly hopped, dark red, fruity beer has a rich aroma and a well-rounded character. Sweet Rainier cherry is carefully balanced against generous hop notes and subtle roast flavours.
TITANIC	Long Haul	3.4	A laid-back, sunshine-ready pale ale packed with hop character. Easy-drinking, refreshing and full of southern hemisphere charm — no worries, just great beer.

CIDER & PERRY



PRODUCER	CIDER / PERRY	ABV	TASTING NOTES
Hecks	Dry	6.5	Traditional, oak-aged Somerset farmhouse cider. It is unpasteurised, unfiltered, and made using wild yeasts.
Hecks	Perry (Med Sweet)	6.0	Mellow and fruity perry.
Hecks	Sweet	6.5	Traditional, full-bodied Somerset cider, bold and sweet up front, backed by low acidity and a smooth mouthfeel.
Hurst View	Jibber Jabber	7.0	Medium / medium dry – rich Dabinett bittersweet apple profile.
Hurst View	Penkside Passion	4.0	Passion fruit and mango flavoured, medium sweet.
Hurst View	Puckered Pear Perry	5.0	Medium / medium sweet – naturally mellow and light on the palate.
Newton Court	Gasping Goose	5.8	Organic, medium, well-balanced blend of bittersweet apples (like Yarlington Mill, Dabinett, and Harry Masters)
Newton Court	Panting Partridge Perry	5.3	Organic, medium, made entirely from traditional perry pear varieties grown in Herefordshire orchards.
Pulp	Mango & Lime	4.0	Flavoured, sweet, smooth, juicy sweetness of the mango is followed by a sharp, zingy burst of lime.
Pulp	Rhubarb & Strawberry	3.4	Flavoured, sweet, cider twist on a classic crumble with real rhubarb juice.
Sheppy's	Farmhouse Draught	6.0	Medium sweet, traditional blend of cider apple varieties.
Three Cats	Browns Apple	6.5	Medium, vintage-grade single-variety cider made with the sharp Browns apple.
Three Cats	Dry	6.7	Multi-variety farmhouse blend.
Three Cats	Kingston Black	6.5	Medium, single variety, light, crisp, and highly aromatic.
Three Cats	Perry	6.3	Medium, soft, intensely juicy pear aroma. Elegantly sweet and mouth-coating.

All our ciders/perries are gluten-free, vegan friendly and made from fruit juice, not concentrate.

No allergens except trace of sulphites as a preservative (none added to Three Cats or Hurst View products)

Three Cats	Sweet	6.7	Smooth, pale cider with a long, fruity and sweet finish that cleverly masks its strong farmhouse backbone.
West Croft	Janet's Jungle Juice	6.0	Medium – Medium Dry, award-winning farmhouse cider.

SPARKLING BOTTLED CIDERS

Hobsons	Oldfield's Medium Dry Artisan Cider	4.8	100% freshly pressed juice. Oldfield's contain no artificial concentrates, are entirely gluten-free, and are suitable for vegans.
Hobsons	Oldfield's Original Artisan Cider	4.8	As above
Hobsons	Oldfield's Medium Sweet Artisan Cider	4.8	As above
Hobsons	Oldfield's Berry Artisan Cider	4.0	As above

INFORMATION & KEY

KEY: Note that ale colours are approximate; some will fall between. If unsure, ask for a small sample.

Strengths are also listed and apply to the Cider & Perry as well as the Cask Ales.



Gluten Free



Vegan



LocAle beers are locally brewed real ales, typically within 30 miles of the venue. Look for the logo to find those beers.

COLOUR

PALE
GOLDEN
RED / COPPER
BROWN (MILD +)
DARK

STRENGTH

UP TO 4.0%
4.1% TO 4.5%
4.6% TO 5.0%
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Wolverhampton Beer Festival

Entertainment line up

Friday

Dooley Rose 5pm

Rhythm Thieves 6pm

Russ Handy 7pm

The Toads 8pm

Saturday

Dr D 1pm

Ukulele Band 1.45pm

Karl 2.30pm

Barley Beats 3pm

The Bald & The Beard 4pm

The Nice Blokes 4.30pm

Draw 4 5.30pm

James 6.30pm

Bansal Electrics 7.15pm



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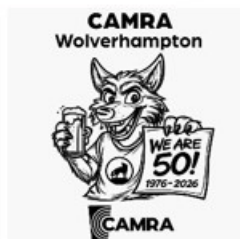


Rhythm Thieves

Enjoy the exuberant and eclectic sounds of the Rhythm Thieves – a four piece band in the midlands & welsh borders



Russ Handy aka Acoustics R Uss, a "Born Again Guitarist" Initially playing in bands in late 70's Now reborn, as a Solo Acoustic Artist.



The Toads



**A wolverhampton
four piece party
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energy and
surprise**

James **Loops & Tunes**
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Dr D is Mike — bassist for 30+ years, most recently playing Pink Floyd for Wolves-based tribute Darkside since 2013. Got bored of being the serious one, so now he's doing solo bass songs, bluesy covers, originals, and a few songs that are 90% jokes. It's proof that bassists can sing, tell bad jokes, and still avoid eye contact with the audience.



Introducing The Koswecans Ukulele Band, this splendid ensemble of musicians will be bringing you a strumming symphony extravaganza



Karl is a singer songwriter who plays a mix of classic songs and his own music. He has played with many local bands over the years and is looking forward to playing at the camra beer festival.



SATURDAY



Regulars at the Barley Mow Acoustic Sessions, **The Barley Beats** now play their lively brand of rock n roll, folk and Americana at venues across the Midlands. Featuring a wide selection of acoustic instruments, their set includes classic 'good time' songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's.'

ROCK & POP COVERS



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The Bald & the Beard
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100 Bottles of Beer Auction – A Piece of Brewing History

One of the highlights of this year's **Wolverhampton Summer Festival of Beer & Cider** will be our **100 Bottles of Beer Auction**, taking place at **5pm on Thursday 23rd July** in aid of **Parkinson's UK**. The auction forms part of Wolverhampton CAMRA's annual three-day festival at the Wolverhampton Arts Centre.



The collection brings together **100 rare, commemorative and collectible bottles**, many dating back to the 1970s, 80s and 90s. From brewery anniversary ales and royal celebration brews to long-forgotten limited editions, there's something for beer enthusiasts, collectors and brewing history lovers alike.

We're incredibly grateful to our three generous donors:

- **48 bottles** donated by **Mark Rickard**, a former CAMRA member from Wombourne.
- **31 bottles** donated by the **family of the late John Hughes** of the legendary **Sarah Hughes Brewery**.
- **20 bottles** donated by **Robin Shields**, formerly of **Black Country Ales Brewery**.

Among the standout lots are bottles such as:

- **Thomas Hardy's Ale** (including the sought-after 1989 edition)
- **Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild** collector's bottles, including the famous **50th Mash (Jarratt's Jubilee)** editions
- **Courage Royal Wedding Ale (1973)**
- **George Gale CAMRA 25th Anniversary Ale**
- **Banks's 1977 Special Jubilee Ale**
- **Bass 200 Strong Pale Ale**, brewed to celebrate 200 years since William Bass first brewed in Burton upon Trent
- **Drake Ale**, brewed to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation of the globe
- A host of Royal Wedding, Silver Jubilee, Centenary and brewery anniversary bottles from breweries across Britain and beyond.



Whether you're hoping to add something special to your collection, buy a unique gift, or simply enjoy watching some fascinating pieces of brewing history go under the hammer, it's an auction not to be missed.

The full auction catalogue will be available at the festival on the day, and can also be viewed in advance at wolverhampton.camra.org.uk and via the **Wolverhampton CAMRA Facebook page**.

Every bid helps raise money for **Parkinson's UK**, so come along, enjoy the festival, and perhaps take home a genuine piece of brewing history.

THANK YOU.

This festival is organised and staffed by CAMRA members who give their time on a voluntary basis and without them this event would not happen. Thank you to all volunteers.

Special thanks to Richard Atwal and team of **Springbanks Brewery** for their valued support with our promotional beer mats, glasses stock and social media promotion. Thank you also to **Holden's Brewery** for their valued support. Also, Kenny and Jenny Brunton at **Real Ale Finder**.

The organising committee would also like to thank the following organisations and individuals for their greatly valued help and support:

- The management and staff of **Wolverhampton Arts Centre**.
- Tom Silcock + team at the **Lych Gate Tavern** who have hosted our planning meetings.
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James McCann of **Newbridge Brewery**, Dave & Carol Kelly of **Kinver Brewery**. All our advertisers and sponsors, all who donated tombola prizes and all those too numerous to mention who gave freely of their time and energy to ensure the festival happened.

And finally, a big thank you to all our customers for coming and making this festival a success!

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