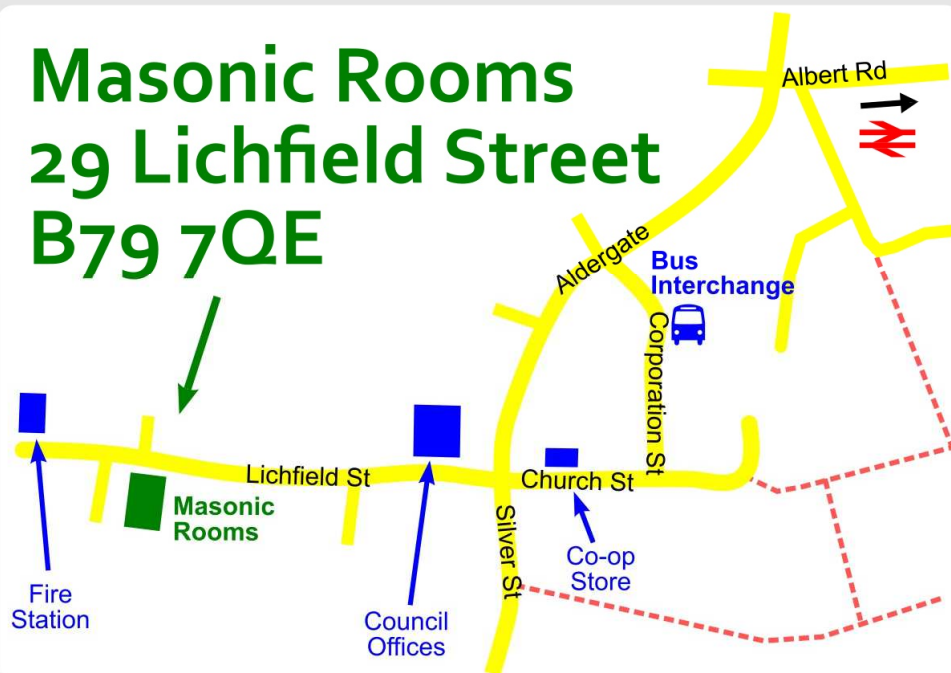


the Tamworth Beer Festival

Thu 7th - Sat 9th
September 2017

11am-11pm
each day

Masonic Rooms
29 Lichfield Street
B79 7QE



The Beer List Tamworth 2017



Square tick boxes are 9 gallon firkins; round tick boxes are 4½ gallon pins. The pins – unconventional beers flavoured with exotic ingredients – usually sell out first!

The beers are racked up in programme order, with the exception of the pins, which are in the corner formed by the two bays of stillage

ALECHEMY, Livingston, West Lothian

- Bad Day at the Office 4.5%** If so, then here's the cure. Light golden ale, strong fruit and citrus aromas, good hop bitterness.

ARBOR, Bristol, Gloucestershire

- Shangri-la 4.2%** Liberally hopped session IPA from an ever-reliable brewery. Citra, Equinox, Columbus & Mosaic hops.

BAA BREWING, Chepstow, Monmouthshire

- Baa BQ Blonde 3.7%** Don't be sheepish, try this light summer ale with a refreshing hint of fruity sweetness.
- Baa Hopping 4.2%** Y'know Bah Humbug? Well like that, but with hops.

BANG-ON, Bridgend, Glamorgan

- Trev 4.8%** Ruby IPA. Brewed for Trevor one imagines.
- Amelie 6.3%** Unfined Saison with a natural haze, loaded with summer fruit flavours. Who's Amelie?

BEOWULF, Brownhills, Staffordshire

- Double Decade 4.3%** We're delighted to showcase the beer celebrating Phil's 20th year brewing! A golden hoppy bitter.
- Folded Cross 4.6%** Full-bodied and well-balanced amber brew. Notes of caramel throughout, pleasantly bitter finish.
- Finns Hall Porter 4.7%** We never tire of this star performer, a lovely velvety prize-winning porter.

BLYTHE, Hamstall Ridware, Staffordshire

- Ridware Pale 4.3%** Outstanding pale ale - crisp, sharp, lingeringly bitter.
- Cat & Mouse Mild 4.7%** Unusual offering from brewers Alex & Kevin, a traditional mild.
- Johnson's Gone Bananas! 5.5%** Classic dark porter complemented by a judicious dose of banana liqueur.

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BOOT, Repton, Derbyshire

- Tuffer's Old 4.6%** Light coloured porter with notes of dark fruit, hazelnut and coffee with cocoa in the finish.
- Reboot 5.2%** Balanced American Pale Ale featuring American 'C' hops. Orangey floral aroma, juicy fruit and a hint of pine.

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN, Lichfield, Staffordshire

- Oktoberfest 5.5%** Märzen-style lager, malty, dry and refreshing. Prost!

CHURCH END, Ridge Lane, Warwickshire

- Once Upon A Time 3.5%** ... there were some beer festival organisers who thought a honey & mustard beer was a good idea.
- Seeking Salvation 3.8%** Classic mild dosed with *Salvia Officinalis*, or sage to you and me. Wise move?
- Unmutual 3.8%** A variant of last year's unexpected hit - a beer with added fresh coriander leaf and mango.
- Gooseberry Göse 3.8%** East German oddity - coriander, gooseberries and salt, should have a nice tart and refreshing edge.
- Be C-ing You 4.0%** Dry hopped American pale ale.
- Waldorf Salad 4.4%** It's lettuce and tomato? No Fawly! It's celery! Apples! Walnuts! Grapes!
- Coconut Milk 4.5%** Smooth porter with plenty of coconut thrown in.
- Black IPA 5.0%** First-ever black IPA to roll out of Church End. And yes, we know black pale ale sounds silly.
- Hammer Into Anvil 5.5%** Strong bitter made with an experimental variant of the Fuggle hop, under test by hop merchant Charles Faram.

COCKSURE, Oldbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire

- Red 4.1%** American-style red ale with citrus and mango aromas with a gentle spice and peppery finish from the rye.
- Session IPA 4.8%** Well-balanced golden brew with punchy American hops, including Mosaic and El Dorado.

CROWN BREWHOUSE, Elford, Staffordshire

- Bangon Beer 4.2%** Full-flavoured session bitter from the fledgling brewery at the Crown. Goldings and Savinjski Golding hops.

FALLEN, Kippen, Stirlingshire

- New World Odyssey 4.1%** A return of last year's beer of the fest! Lager-style beer with a fruity aroma and spicy, citrusy flavour.

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- Platform C 6.3%** New World IPA bursting with hops. Juicy malt backbone allowing Magnum, Citra, Cascade, Columbus and Mosaic hops to shine.

FARMAGEDDON, Comber, County Down, Northern Ireland

- IPA 5.5%** IPA from one of NI's highly rated brewing co-ops.

FIXED WHEEL, Blackheath, West Midlands

- Through & Off 3.8%** Ever-changing session IPA, different hops in each batch. This one promises mango, grapefruit and passion fruit flavours on a solid malt base.
- Summer Smiles 4.8%** Hoppy wheat beer fermented with a clean US yeast. Silky body, Amarillo, Citra, Magnum and Mosaic hops.

FREESTYLE, Shustoke, Warwickshire

- Fudged Mild 3.8%** Fudge works fabulously well with porter so we thought we'd try it with a dry roasty mild!
- Not A Number 4.4%** No, it's a lager. Brewer Oliver's first go at the real thing, bottom-fermented with Cascade as the aroma hop.

GREEN DUCK, Stourbridge, West Midlands

- Close Action 4.5%** Should zing with Mosaic hops - expect mango, pine and papaya flavours.

HAIRY BREWERS, Holbrook, Derbyshire

- Belper Beast 4.8%** Cherry porter.
- Devils Whiskers 5.2%** Premium bitter-cum-IPA, ruby coloured.

HAMMERTON, Barnsbury, London

- Blanche 5.3%** Belgian White style with coriander, orange zest and ginger; gives a fruity sweetness and spiciness.
- Pentonville Oyster Stout 5.3%** Classic stout made with wild Maldon oysters (and presumably other stuff like malt and hops).

KETTLESMITH, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire

- Fogline 4.7%** Belgian-style ale, with hints of clove and honey and a subtle tart finish.
- Coastline 4.9%** New lager with a refreshing bitterness. Honey-like malt sweetness, plus flavours of tangerine and lemon zest.

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KINVER, Kinver, Staffordshire

- Ale-amentary 4.0%** ... my dear Holmes. Wats-On the bar? A pale brew with mainly Nugget hops.
- Saxon 4.2%** Named after Kinver Dave's hair do. Columbus hops.

LINES, Caerphilly, Glamorgan

- Session IPA 3.2%** Latest high tech, low ABV beer from this artisanal brewery. Expect quenching, dry and hoppy.

LITTLE LONDON, Little London, Hampshire

- Type II 2.0%** Last year's Silver winner makes a welcome return! Low ABV but a superbly hoppy flavour using English hops.
- Night Porter 4.7%** New brew, nice and roasty

MERRY MINER, Grendon, Warwickshire

- Black 'Ops 4.0%** First-ever black pale ale from Merry Miner! Cascade and Chinook hops. This is a charity brew for CANCER RESEARCH UK - we will donate 50p per pint sold.

OAKHAM, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

- Velvet Claws 4.2%** German & US hops, citrus and blackcurrant aromas.
- Blue Skies IPA 6.0%** One of the Vintage range, aged for six months, hopped with the elegant trinity of Simcoe, Mosaic and Chinook.
- Attila 7.5%** Elderflower, berry and citrus aromas. Smooth fruity finish.

REDEMPTION, Tottenham, London

- Urban Dusk 4.6%** Full-bodied brown best bitter; chocolate, fudge and citrus flavours, lingering dry bitter finish.

SALOPIAN, Hadnall, Shropshire

- Sienna 4.2%** Golden brown brew promising flavours of orange blossom, mandarin and lime. Opulent and refreshing.
- Kashmir 5.5%** Star of the 'black' range: citrus, pines and tropical fruit. Dry body with an extremely long lingering finish.

SIGNATURE, Leyton, London

- Session 4.0%** Refreshing bitter; spicy hop nose and palate, balancing malty sweetness, lingering bitterness.

SIREN, Finchampstead, Berkshire

- Yu Lu 3.6%** An Earl Grey beer - bergamot orange and lemon plus lemon zest. Delicate hop high notes.

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SPERRIN, Ansley, Warwickshire

- Harmony 3.5%** A mild with real plums, inspired by the superb Cracker Barrel plum porter. How does it compare?
- Drake's Drop 3.8%** Brand new stout-cum-mild, aiming to catch the full flavours of Thick as Thieves but at a lower gravity.
- Checkmate 3.8%** We hope that this golden brew with ginger & lime will make a Prisoner of you.
- Craig's Coast to Coast 4.2%** A beer in tribute to Craig Sperrin, keen coast-to-coast walker. Lovely Mosaic hoppiness. This is a charity brew for WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE - we will donate 50p per pint sold.
- Free For All 4.3%** ... though you still have to pay for it. Coffee & toffee special.
- Absolutely Minted 4.8%** Ruby brew with the experimental addition of fresh mint.
- Coconut Surprise 4.8%** Beer for the beach! Golden with tropical coconut and hints of chocolate orange.
- A. B. and C. 4.8%** You want information? A=beer, B=Orange, C=Amoretto.
- Full Mortice 8.0%** Affectionately known as The Girl Who Was Death. Stunning full-bodied hoppy IPA.

TAMWORTH, Tamworth, Staffordshire

- Ethelfleda 4.7%** Superior pale malts combined with Cascade for a sweet and uncomplicated hop infusion.
- Big Game 5.0%** Refreshing, light ale with extra bitterness and a juicy, hoppy finish.

TRUE NORTH, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

- Stout 5.0%** Full-bodied traditional stout brewed with 9 different malts. Slovenian Bobek hops.
- IPA 5.4%** Well-hopped (Mosaic, Simcoe, Citra & Chinook) with a caramel colour & aftertaste.

TURNING POINT, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire

- Avalon 3.8%** Easy-drinking pale with Cascade & Simcoe hops giving a fruity finish.
- Electric Eye 4.0%** Amber-red brew with a touch of rye spice and a big orange aroma from Amarillo dry hops.
- Disco King 5.1%** Juicy American pale ale, Mosaic and Chinook hops.

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UNITY BREWHOUSE, Suckley, Worcestershire

- Sebright Golden Ale 3.8%** Pale quenching beer with fruity hop aromas. Endeavour and First Gold hops.
- Silkie Amber Ale 4.2%** Medium-bodied ale with a pleasant bitterness and gentle, citrus hop aroma.

VINE INN, Rugeley, Staffordshire

- Grapefruit IPA 4.8%** Grapefruit zest and grapefruity New Zealand hops give this lovely quaffer a subtle taste of ... erm ... grapefruit.
- Gingerbread Oatmeal Stout 6.2%** Stout with ... well, you can work out the rest.

WHITACRE BREWING, Nether Whitacre, Warwickshire

- Couldn't Give A Shih Tzu 5.0%** Full-bodied best bitter from Warwickshire's newest brewery. Normally brewed to 4.5%.

WISHBONE, Keighley, West Yorkshire

- Lunar Zenith 3.7%** Light, sessionable IPA, fruity hops. Unfined, natural haze.

Given that sweetness or dryness statements for ciders and perries can be very variable across producers, please see the box labels for our independent assessment.

PERRIES

Barbourne, Worcestershire

Painted Lady 5.0%

Farmer Jim's, Devon

Farmyard Perry 4.5%

CIDERS

Bottle Kicking, Leicestershire

Raspberry & Pomegranate 4.0%

Rhubarb & Strawberry 4.0%

Summer Fruits 4.0%

Celtic Marches, Herefordshire

Abrahalls Dry 6.5%

Circle Cider, Wiltshire

Butcher's Boy 5.5%

Cornwall Cider, Cornwall

Apple Slayer 5.7%

Gwatkin, Herefordshire

No Bull 4.5%

Mr Whiteheads, Hampshire

Single Variety Katy 5.0%

Snails Bank, Herefordshire

Elderflower G&T 4.0%

Thatchers, Somerset

Traditional 7.5%

Thirsty Farmer, Nottinghamshire

Mango 4.0%

Thistly Cross, East Lothian

Whisky Cask 6.9%

The Bottled Beer List Tamworth 2017

Beers marked * are bottle conditioned

Belgium

- Petrus *Petrus Aged Red* – 8.5%
- Brussels Beer Project *Dark Sister* – 6.66%
- Dupont *Triomf* – 6.0%
- Dupont *Cuvée Dry Hopping 2015* * – 6.5%
- Huyghe *Floris Passion* – 3.6%
- De Ranke *Noir de Dottignies* * – 8.5%
- St Feuillien *Belgian Coast IPA* – 5.5%
- De La Senne *Bruxellensis* * – 6.5%
- De La Senne *Schieven IPA* * – 6.8%

Britain

- Bristol Beer Factory *Southville Hop* – 6.5%
- Bude *Black Rock Porter* – 5.1%
- Conway *Riptide* – 4.3%
- Conway *Surfin' IPA* – 4.5%
- Hobson *Green Hop Challenger 2015* – 4.2%
- Samuel Smith *Organic Cherry Beer* – 5.1%
- Samuel Smith *Organic Chocolate Stout* – 5.0%
- Samuel Smith *Organic Strawberry Beer* – 5.1%
- Williams Bros *Profanity Stout* – 7.0%

Germany

- Ayinger *Kellerbier* – 4.9%
- Heller Trum *Lagerbier* – 4.3%

Netherlands

- Kees *Mosaic Hop Explosion* – 5.5%

United States

- Church Street *Brimstone IPA* – 6.4%
- Fordham & Dominion *Oak Barrel Stout* – 6.1%

barrel-aged dark sour cherry ale
black IPA, hints of raisin and toffee
organic whisky-malt ale, peaty, smoky
crisp and dry, limited-release classic
passion fruit wheat beer
strong dark ale
collaboration with Green Flash of San Diego
sour Brussels ale that isn't lambic
American-style IPA

IPA, tropical fruit and citrus
full-flavoured porter
silky session black IPA
zesty, citrusy IPA
earthy green hop beer
beautifully fresh cherry flavour
gorgeously chocolatey and moreish
light, aromatic, delicious
****ing distinctive strong stout

classic Bavarian style, low carbonation
genuinely smoky pale lager

tropical fruit, dry bitter finish

well-crafted IPA
uses oak chips and vanilla beans