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**Booze on the Ouse Beer and Cider Festival
Comrades Club, Godmanchester
Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th September**



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Booze on the Ouse



The Autumn Booze on the Ouse Beer and Cider Festival is coming back in 2025! With a pause of 5 years the Autumn Booze on the Ouse is coming to Godmanchester, Huntingdon. The new venue will be the Comrades Club, and the festival will be open from midday to 10:30pm each day on Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th September.

Regulars of Booze on the Ouse will notice many similarities with past festivals and some things new. Centre stage will be the 63 beers and ciders, which will be sourced from both local breweries and producers, as well as some from around the UK.

Something new (at least over recent years) we hope to have some live music at some of the sessions, provided by some local artists. The details of this will be publicised when we confirm details, and this will appear on our website and social media.

The Hunts CAMRA Booze on the Ouse festival has a long and rich history of entertaining and satisfying beer and cider fans. We have been highlighting and promoting real ale and cider since 1975, and wish to continue this important and satisfying work in our new location. You will find the

usual crowd of volunteers, and hopefully a few new ones, who will be giving up their time to serve you our range of beer and cider, as well as offer you advice and information on the beers and ciders we have on offer. In our range of beers, we will also have a small number of craft KeyKeg beers, and our team will be happy to talk about the differences and similarities of these beers alongside our cask conditioned beers.

Some familiar stuff, the festival will be card payment only, and the entry package will cover the cost of entrance and a souvenir festival glass. Bring and use your own marked glass and there will be a discount on the entrance package, and CAMRA members will also get a discount. In fact, CAMRA members bringing their own glass will get in for free! For non-members, there will also be opportunities to become a CAMRA member at the festival and start taking advantage of your membership immediately.

A team of volunteers are currently working to deliver this exciting new festival, so there will be news and updates to come over the next few months. Please sign up to our social media feeds and check out the branch website regularly for updates.

Christopher Bee
Festival Organiser



Hunts CAMRA Pub Awards

In the Spring edition of Opening Times we announced the Huntingdonshire CAMRA Pub Awards. Since then our Awards Coordinator Phil Harris has been making a series of presentations.

Branch Pub of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and Rural Pub of the Year - Crystal Ship, Earith

We held our branch meeting on Tuesday May 13 and took the opportunity to make the presentation of these three awards.



From left to right are Dan Wilderspin, Phil Harris, and Chris Jones. Chris is one of the Papworth brewers and original founder of the brewery and Dan is one of the Crystal Ship owners (as is Chris).

Mild/Dark Pub of the Year - Falcon, Huntingdon

Phil Harris visited the Falcon to make this presentation.



From left to right are Jordan, Trish, Nic and Phil Harris

Community Pub of the Year - King of the Belgians, Hartford

The King of the Belgians beer festival was the ideal opportunity to make this presentation.



From left to right are licensee Matt Spicer and Phil Harris

Urban Pub of the Year - Ale Taster, St Neots



On the left licensee Paul Greenwood and Phil Harris

Locale Pub of the Year - Pig n Falcon, St Neots



On the right licensee Colin Warlow and Phil Harris

GREEN MAN, COLNE



The Green Man is regularly having St. Austell Proper Job, and also a LocAle either from the nearby Papworth Brewery or

Milton Brewery. The guest beer recently was Brains Rev. James Gold. All cask beers very well-kept.

OLD SUN, EATON SOCON



The Old Sun, Eaton Socon will soon be closing for a major refurbishment, including improvements to external

decoration, signage, the garden area complete with a patio, TV, lighting, furniture and planting. The pub will reopen as a Nest franchise (a type of managed pub) rather than as a tenancy.

BARLEY MOW, HARTFORD



The licensee of the Barley Mow has announced on social media that he is giving up his tenancy citing challenging trading

conditions. The pub's owner Wells & Co are expected to be seeking a new tenant.

GODMANCHESTER



Good news from the **Comrades Club** where new manager Ruby is settling in following a few months of

uncertainty. She confirmed that cask beer remains a priority and CAMRA members are welcome at any time and can enter free on production of a valid/current membership card. The club plans to continue with a wide range of community based activities and events as before. They are all looking forward to hosting us for our beer festival in the Autumn.



The **Black Bull** continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Jez and Lou. Cask beer is a top priority with a rotating beer

from a diverse range of breweries sitting alongside the very popular and well-kept Greene King Abbot. At this increasingly community focused pub you will find activities going on most nights, including Tuesday Quiz night, Thursday Bingo, Karaoke, live music and Summer events in the large beer garden. High standard pub food is served and the Sunday roasts are highly regarded. Our Branch AGM is being held in the pub function room on Saturday 7th June (2pm), so why not come along and see for yourself.



The **Exhibition** remains a bustling community local and bistro with typically a Yorkshire or Lancashire

based bitter as their cask beer. The Exhibition annual fun run/walk raising money for Macmillan starts at 12:00 noon on Sunday 29 June. To register, just turn up 10 – 15 minutes before the start.

The **White Hart** has a high reputation for its food. It does serve cask beer with often Timothy Taylors Landlord featuring.

The **Royal Oak** has cask beer occasionally but does serve "craft beer" Hopical Storm from Timothy Taylor.

COCK, HEMINGFORD GREY



As Summer is coming about, there are plenty of events coming up at the Cock.

Thursday 5th
June 6.30pm
they have a

'Nose-to-tail' 6 course tasting menu (£65pp) with a wine pairing to go with it (£45pp). The last Friday of June/July and August they have Gigs in the Garden events, with live music and a BBQ from 6pm. They also have their famous beer festival happening with 20 cask, 4 keg and some ciders to add! That is happening on August 15th-17th. Their beer garden is now in full swing and open for lunch/dinner every day – and they are also now open all day Mondays.

SNUG, ST IVES



The Snug has five beers on draught, served from membrane kegs (e.g. KeyKegs) that they change every week, all from independent

breweries from across the UK. They use people like Three Blind Mice, Secret Project Brewing and many more. They offer beer tasting flights and have four beer festivals a year. They were awarded the title of hospitality business of the year in 2024 and are currently the highest rated pub on Google in St Ives. They have indoor and outside space and are dog friendly. See snugstives.com.

SHUME, ST NEOTS

Shume Bottle Emporium is now operating spring/summer hours. Opening daily from 10:00 am until 18:00 with late nights until 20:00 on a Thursday & 21:00 on a Friday & Saturday. A changing range of bottled, canned and keg beers



are available. Many of these from local and independent breweries. A widening range of low and alcohol free beers are available to drink in or takeaway. Wine and spirits are also served. Cheese



boards are available to order when enjoying a beer along with the recent addition of handmade scotch eggs which are delivered on a Thursday. These have proved very popular and often sell out by Friday evening. A loyalty scheme is also available to customers. Please ask for details when you visit.

STUKELEY COUNTRY HOTEL, GREAT STUKELEY



The Stukeley Country Hotel has reopened, and is being operated by the licensee of the Crown, Earith. The initial service is

drinks only, with food planned to come in a few weeks.

BOWLER'S BREWERY

Here at Bowlers (based in The Deepings just outside Peterborough), we have been brewing our quality ales since 2020. Alongside this we acquired the Hopshackle brand in 2023. We supply to the trade and festivals in cask and pin, and to local bottle shops and garden centres, as well as having an online shop. All of our beers and associated merchandise etc... can be found at www.bowlers.beer.

It's hard to believe we are moving towards the end of the first half of 2025. For us, it has been an interesting time of ups and downs.

On the plus side, we celebrated winning a SIBA Regional Gold Award for our Rye IPA The Ryddler, by attending BeerX 2025 in Liverpool – always an interesting and informative event. We have also been busy with festival season, and it is great to see so many festivals thriving and growing across the country. The love for good quality craft ale is clearly still alive and well in the UK. The sale of our bottled beer remains buoyant and working on collaborations with organisations who 'white label' our beers is progressive.

On the downside however, we have become very aware of the struggles and challenges free houses are facing across the country currently. As mentioned above, we do not believe it is due to the quality or range of beers available to the customer, but more around the financial challenges of running these establishments. Alongside this, and as mentioned in recent SIBA articles, the increasing presence of pubs owned by global beer corporations put untold pressure on local outlets. More needs to be done to help the sector, or there is a risk these valuable, community based outlets may well disappear from our towns and villages.

We continue to look at new brew ideas so watch this space. There may well be some interesting developments coming from the Bowlers / Hopshackle brands in the next few months!

Dave Gowler

Bowler's Brewery Limited

ELGOODS



Elgoods have reopened three pubs in the last couple of months. All are stocking cask beer and, so far, are all proving to be a success: The Bell, Front Road, Murrow - 3 cask beers; The Pub, Main St, Clenchwarton - 3 cask beers; The Reindeer, Dereham Road, Norwich - 5 cask beers. Their seasonal beers forthcoming are: June - Summer Solstice 4.6% (Golden summer ale); July - Down Under 4% (Pale ale with all NZ and Australian hops); August – Indian Summer 4.8% (deep gold). Their quarterly beers are: Golden Newt 4.6% until end June; Route 4.4 APA 4.4% July – September.

The brewery tap and gardens are now open every Thursday from 12.00 – 8pm; free entry with meet the brewers and beer tastings first Thursday of every month. Pizza truck will be there from around 5pm.

They will very soon be launching a Strawberry Wheat beer 4% in 440ml cans alongside Apple Wheat 2.4% also in 440ml cans; these will be on sale from mid-June.

A Manx Odyssey May 2025

The Isle of Man, sitting in the middle of the Irish Sea twixt Lancashire and Ireland, is more famous for motorbike racing and its unique heritage transport system than its pubs and beers.

However, as I discovered during a recent three week trip, pubs are thriving and the variety and quality of cask beer on this small island of 80,000 inhabitants has improved considerably over the past few years.

Most people arrive in the capital, Douglas, by ferry from Liverpool or Heysham (you can also fly from most UK major airports) and, as you would expect with a city focused on government, international banking, insurance and tourism, there are many diverse pubs and a few which are absolutely worth a visit.

The Rovers Return a bustling local in a side street is a long standing *Good Beer Guide* entry selling mainly Bushy's (one of the island's big three breweries) beers. Star of India IPA (5%), Old Bushy Tail (4.5% best bitter) and Red (4.7%) were all excellent. Bushy's brews in accordance with the German Reinheitsgebot which is stricter than the generically similar Manx Pure Beer Law.

A short walk away is The Thirsty Pigeon, Odin's flagship pub in Douglas, where I tried 5 of their beers, all enjoyable and in good condition. They were Manx Mild (3.4%), Laksaa Pale (3.8%), Rhumsaa Bitter (3.7%), Asgard Best Bitter (4.2%) and Oyster Stout (4.8%) – which was outstanding. Odin's is the third largest of the Island's breweries formed as recently as 2019 and rapidly building a good reputation for serving consistently good beers.

Close by is an Okell's (the island's oldest and largest brewer) *Good Beer Guide* entry, The Prospect. Situated close to Government and business district it gets busy at the end of the working day. I found the ubiquitous Okell's Bitter (3.7%) and Manx Pale Ale – close to a light mild (3.6%) basic but refreshing but the Smoked Porter (5.1%) was at a much higher level.

The British, Albert and Market Tavern were also enjoyable to visit but the standout and IOM CAMRA pub of the year, The Woodbourne, served an amazing pint of Okell's 1907 a strong



Okell's Smoked Porter at Woodbourne Hotel, Douglas

pale ale commemorating the year the TT motorcycle races began. They also had all the usual Okell's suspects and guest beers from Lancaster Brewery. I tried the single hopped Mosaic which was first class.

Castletown, the historical capital located in the south of the Island, is a 35 minute journey by steam train from Douglas and on arrival, within yards of the station platform, is one of the jewels of the island pub scene, The Sidings.



The Sidings Inn, Castletown

Serving Bushy's, Castle Rock (Nottingham) and Brains beers (12 in all) one is spoilt for choice. I opted for Castletown Bitter (3.5%) brewed by Bushy's and Castle Rock Screech Owl IPA (5.5%), both in their own way excellent.

The Castle Arms (Glue Pot) picturesquely located between the medieval castle and harbour is probably the oldest pub on the Island. The beers are Okell's staples and unremarkable but the pub is a multi-roomed gem.

Just around the corner opposite the Castle is the appropriately named Garrison, recently refurbished by Odin's and thriving. I tried the

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Cascade Pale (4.6%) which was flawless and extremely hoppy.



The Castle Arms (Glue Pot) Castletown

A ten-minute bus ride away from Castletown Square is the Shore Hotel located on the beautiful Gansey Bay. A fabulous place for food they typically have two cask beers from Bushy's and a guest.

I tried the Bowland Gold (3.8%) which was perfect refreshment for the 45-minute coastal walk to The Albert in Port St Mary, a GBG regular and former IOM pub of the year. I thoroughly enjoyed a delicious Pale Ale with a totally unpronounceable Manx Gaelic name from Kaneen's (an island microbrewery). Regular beers from Bushy's and Okell's were also available and being drunk in substantial quantities by the locals.

A further 20-minute walk took me to The Station Hotel where I just managed to drink a pint of Bushy's 40th Anniversary Ruby (4.7%) before rushing onto the platform for the steam train to Port Erin.

Port Erin, the southernmost town on the Island, has three excellent pubs, The Bay Hotel (Bushy's flag ship) next to the beach, The Falcon's Nest (Bushy's plus guests) and my favourite, The Station Hotel (Okell's), across the road from the station where I would join the steam train for the one-hour ten-minute journey back to Douglas. The Smoked Porter (5%) I tried was fresh on and stunningly good. Next door is what some say is the finest fish and chip shop on the island,

incidentally.

Later on the trip I journeyed to the north of the island on the 130 year old Manx Electric Railway (MER) which for 15 miles runs through stupendous cliff-top and rural scenery. Three out of the four pubs in Laxey, an old mining town and an intermediate stop on the journey, are worth a visit.



Queens Hotel, Laxey

The best of them on my visit was The Queen's which had just about a full set of Odin's beers plus another gem from Kaneen's, Dhoo, which was an absolutely delicious strong dark mild. In complete contrast the appropriately located Laksaa Pale was just as refreshing (Laksaa is Manx for Laxey).



The Mines, Laxey MER Station

The iconic Mines Tavern located at the MER station (where you can also get a tram which ascends Snaefell, the only mountain on the island) served very drinkable Okell's bitter and

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then it was down (and back up) a very long steep hill for a visit to the Shore Hotel (yes, another one!) which serves an extremely bitter and pleasant brown beer called Spot On (4.5%), especially brewed for them by Bushy's.

Continuing north on the MER to Ramsey (the island's second largest town), a few miles north of Laxey there is a fabulous "phoenix pub" The Glen Mona Hotel, closed for many years and recently reopened. The locals speak highly of it but it was sadly not open on the occasion of my visit.

A short walk from Ramsey station is the famous Trafalgar a timeless busy local located on the Quayside and past IOM pub of the year. It's run by Odin's and offers most of their range plus a few guests. I thoroughly enjoyed the dark mild and a pint of Timothy Taylors Ram Tam (Landlord Dark these days). I found the Okell's Jough Ale (4.2%) – a dark malty brew at the Mitre. It was the standout beer but everything else I tried was also up to scratch. Ramsey is dominated by Okell's pubs with The Wheatsheaf, probably the best of the rest.

To the west of the Island is Peel, the third largest town, which has some of the best and certainly most interesting pubs on the island.



White House, Ramsey

The leader is The White House, a multi roomed GBG regular which actually served the best beer I experienced on this trip. Aside from the rare and delicious Odin's Manx Mild (3.4%), they had guests from Osset (White Rodent) and Hopback



White House, Ramsey

(Summer Lightning) both excellent in every respect.

The quirky Royal Hotel (visit and you will soon find out why) has mainly beers from Lancashire and Yorkshire and I found the Swan Blonde from Bowland top notch.

The Miller's T'ale is the only micro pub on the island serving cask beer and delightfully eccentric. On my visit I truthfully cannot recall the IPA I had except it was excellent and a fitting end to a terrific trip.

There are many more pubs worth visiting on this welcoming and charming island, many in rural locations and almost all accessible by a comprehensive and reliable bus network which goes to most places from early to late 7 days a week

I can't wait to return, and I hope you can make the trip sometime and enjoy the pubs and beers on this truly welcoming and beautiful island.

John Anderson

Pub Companies

Pub Companies – Who They Are and What They Do

2. The Current Pub Company Scene

A pub company is simply a company that owns pubs and there are literally hundreds of them, many with only a handful or even just one pub. We'll concentrate here, though, on the bigger companies who, between them, own over half the country's pubs.

Stonegate

Founded in 2010 with the purchase of 333 pubs from Mitchells & Butlers, Stonegate grew quite slowly over the next ten years, making a series of acquisitions including brands like Slug & Lettuce, Walkabout and Be At One, until its pub numbers totalled 765. All the pubs were managed houses. A seismic change came in 2020 when Ei Group was bought for £1.27bn, making Stonegate the largest pub company in the UK with 1,270 managed pubs and, as a result of the Ei purchase, 3,200 leased and tenanted businesses.

Ei itself had been founded, as Enterprise Inns, in 1991, initially with 333 pubs from Bass. The company built up its estate, gaining 2,200 pubs in batches by buying them from other companies or taking them over. In 2002, 1,864 pubs were bought from Whitbread and in 2004, 4,054 from Unique. By this time, it owned nearly 10,000 pubs and was in the FTSE 100 list of top companies. However, it was loaded with debt and the 2008 financial crash required a good deal of retrenchment. Ei also started building up its managed estate, including pubs on retail agreements under the Craft Union brand (we'll look at this operating model in the next article). By the time of the sale, it was down to fewer than 4,000 pubs.

Punch Taverns

The first article included a brief history of Punch to illustrate the volatility around pubco development. In summary, it grew quickly to around 8,000 pubs, suffered under the crash, sold a lot of pubs including its managed division and was taken over in 2016. 1,900 pubs went to

Heineken and 1,300 to Patron Capital, who retain the Punch brand. At takeover time, all pubs were leased or tenanted but it's also now pushing retail agreements (which it calls Management Partnerships). Some pubs were sold but in June 2021 it announced the purchase of Youngs' tenanted division, bringing the current total to 1,282.

Admiral Taverns

Admiral was founded in 2003 by two families and grew quickly to 2,300 pubs by 2007. Many of these were 'bottom end' houses disposed of by other pub companies. The financial crash had the usual consequences for over-extended businesses and numbers were down to 1,700 by 2011 and continued to fall. By 2017 it was in the hands of Cerberus Capital Management who sold up to a joint venture by Magners cider-makers C&C Group and estate investor Proprium Capital Partners, by which time there were 845 pubs. The acquisition trail was hit in 2019 with 137 pubs coming from Marstons and 150 from Heineken. The big one arrived in July 2021 when Admiral bought 674 Hawthorn pubs from property firm New River taking the estate to over 1,500.

Admiral's pubs are all tenanted or leased and tend to be wet-led community operations. It has a relatively good reputation in the trade though there's certainly no aversion to flogging off pubs as 'development opportunities'.

Star Pubs & Bars

In 1995, Scottish & Newcastle, one of the original 'Big Six' breweries, bought another of them, Courage, making the combined group Britain's biggest brewer. By 2011, the pub arm, then known as S&N Pub Co, had 1,500 tenanted pubs and 600 in management. Come 2008, Scottish Courage was gobbled up by international brewer Heineken and the pub business rebranded as Star Pubs & Bars. Many pubs were sold but then, in 2017, as previously mentioned, 1,900 were snapped up from Punch. Again there were disposals and the estate currently stands at 2,500.

Star vigorously promote their retail agreement

Pub Companies

scheme, Just Add Talent. In 2020, it was fined £2m for breaches of the Pubs Code (which we'll cover in a later article)

Greene King

In 1995, Greene King was a long-established family brewer with 900 pubs, nearly all in East Anglia and the South-East. It then embarked on a ferocious acquisition trail, swallowing up many breweries (the likes of Morlands, Belhaven, Morrells and Hardy & Hanson) and other pub companies. GK itself is now owned by a billionaire Hong Kong property developer. It has some 3,100 pubs, restaurants and hotels, of which 1,200 are tenanted or leased. Its strategy seems to be to move in the managed direction and the 'Pub Ready' retail agreements are pushed hard. GK was once renowned for not letting other people's beers in its pubs but now have a more enlightened attitude.

Marston's

The company was known as Wolverhampton & Dudley until 2007 when it rebranded as Marston's, one of the many breweries it had taken over in recent years. At that time, 2,500 pubs were owned but the total is now down to

1,400. The tenanted estate, in particular, has been reduced through sales such as 200 to New River in 2013 and 137 to Admiral in 2019. In late 2020, the company took on the running of 156 Brains pubs in Wales. Also that year, Marston's merged its brewing operations with Carlsberg but this does not directly affect the pub business.

Mitchells and Butlers

Formed originally out of the old Bass estate, M&B have 1,650 pubs and restaurants. The multitudinous brands include Ember Inns, Toby Carveries, Nicholsons and All Bar One – as can be seen, the emphasis is on food. Pubs are mostly managed though around 50 are on a lease arrangement.

J D Wetherspoon

Since opening its first pub in 1979, 'Spoons has expanded to 925 pubs and 50 hotels, all managed. Plans for 18 new pubs are in the pipeline,

Wellington

Owned by the billionaire Reuben Brothers, the company leases all its 850 pubs on a free of tie basis.



Is your local pub under threat?

CAMRA has the tools to help you save it

camra.org.uk/saveyourlocal



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Ever seen a Ginger Panther?

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Events, Socials & Pub Beer Festivals

June

Thu 5 - Sat 7 CAMRA Hitchin Beer and Cider Festival

More info: hitchinbeerciderfestival.org.uk

Sat 7 Hunts CAMRA Branch AGM, Black Bull, Godmanchester, Starting 2pm, followed by a pub tour.

Thu 19 - Sat 21 Booze in Fenstanton Pews, St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton



The 3rd Booze in Fenstanton Pews beer festival. There will be 20 beers & 10 ciders, wine and gin, soft drinks, and a BBQ open on all sessions. Opening hours: Thursday 5pm till late. Friday 5pm till late with pub pianist Phil Lorman! Saturday Midday till late. It's getting bigger each year and you'll be helping preserve the lovely church St Peters and St Paul's Fenstanton whilst enjoying great beer and company! More info: facebook.com/boozeinfenstantonpews

Fri 20 - Sat 21 Wilburton Beer Festival, The Recreation Ground, Wilburton. This is our 25th Beer Festival and to celebrate we are hoping to have Festival Specials from IVO and Papworth Breweries (along with our very special Best Bitter - Wilburton Wobbler from Milton Brewery) This year we will have more beers and more ciders than in previous years, all produced within 25 miles radius of our festival. Particularly of relevance to Huntingdon, new to our festival, we will have beers from Wheatshaf Brewery. We have some great bands lined up to accompany the great beers and great ciders. All will be welcome. Updates should be more regular on our Facebook page for those interested in attending.

Fri 20 - Sat 21 Bluntisham Beer Festival, Further details <https://www.bluntbeerfest.info/>

Fri 27 June- Sun 6 July Wetherspoons Summer Cider Festival. All local Wetherspoons (Huntingdon, St Ives, St Neots) will be having their Summer Cider Festivals with five different ciders available.

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Haddenham Beer Festival, Haddenham Recreation Ground. More info: <https://we.drink.haddenham.beer/>

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Alconbury Weald Beer Festival, Pavilion and Watch Office Green, <https://www.alconbury-weald.co.uk/whats-on/alconbury-wealds-beer-festival-2025>

July

Fri 4 - Sat 5 Grafham Beer Festival, Fri 4th 6pm-11pm, Sat 5th noon-11pm Over 15 local real ales and ciders, fresh food and live music both evenings.



Sat 5 - Sun 6 NFEST -

Needingworth's annual free-to-enter Community Music and Real Ale Festival! Situated on the parish playing fields, our signature marquee makes for a brilliant environment for performers and audience alike rain or shine, and the two-stage set up allows for continuous live music well into the evening. Within and around the Village Hall you'll find several bars featuring a great selection of real cask ales from local breweries, plus a variety of food stalls catering for all tastes and preferences. More info: <https://nfest.org/>



August

Fri 1 - Sun 3 Royal Oak Warboys August Beer Festival

Tue 19 - Sat 23 CAMRA Peterborough Beer Festival, <https://pborobeerfest.camra.org.uk>

Wed 20 - Mon 25 CAMRA 33rd East Anglian Beer & Cider Festival. Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds. By kind permission of the Dean & Chapter, the 33rd East Anglian Beer & Cider Festival will be held for the fourth year running in the beautiful St. Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds!

<https://burystedmundsbeerfestival.com/>

September

Mon 1 - Sat 6 Histon Beer Festival, Red Lion, Histon, noon-11pm daily. See <https://histonbeerfestival.co.uk/>

An up-to-date listing of pub & local beer & cider festivals can be found at:

hunts.camra.org.uk/pubbeerfest.

An up-to-date listing of Hunts CAMRA events can be found at: hunts.camra.org.uk/diary, or contact the social secretary, Juliet Ferris, on socials@hunts.camra.org.uk, 07590 579283.

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