

WINTER SEASONAL ALES

Come rain, come hail, come snow. This winter, come in for a pint.

The days are drawing in and the nights are getting longer. Winter's well and truly upon us. But when it's cold outside, there's nothing better than the warm welcome of a classic, cosy pub. We've got all sorts of ales for you to enjoy this season, more than enough to warm the cockles all winter. And come snow or shine, they'll be pouring all winter.

Ryedale Winter's Tale

'A sad tale's best for winter: I have one of sprites and goblins'. So Shakespeare wrote in his play 'A Winter's Tale' from which this beer takes its name. Well, many a tale's sure to have been told over a pint or two of this warming winter ale (though not necessarily about sprites and goblins). With its deep ruby colour, red berry aroma and wonderful smooth finish, Shakespeare may well have been inspired to utter 'parting is such sweet sorrow'.

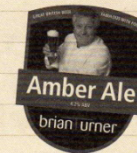


ABV 4.2%

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Brian Turner Amber Ale

Brian Turner is best known as one of the quick fingered chefs creating culinary masterpieces in next to no time at all on TV's Ready Steady Cook. But he's really taken some time to create his own range of beers, all designed to complement some very traditional British recipes. This wonderful amber ale is great with our Steak and Ale Pie. But with its subtle honey and caramel flavours and smooth rye toast finish, it's sure to go down just as well on its own too.



ABV 4.2%

Cropton Britannia Ale

The picturesque village of Cropton has a long history of brewing. In fact, beer's been produced there since 1613, when the earliest brews were illegal and all wrong doers were sent to York Gaol. Thankfully, times have changed a lot since then and Cropton's beer makers are no longer sent down just for brewing up. Lucky for us (and beer drinkers everywhere) because Britannia - with its smooth finish and light citrus aftertaste - has been brewed exclusively for us by Cropton Brewery. These days, you have the right to remain refreshed.



ABV 4.2%

Lancaster Blonde

Come in from the cold, choose a seat by the fire and ask for a pint of Lancaster Blonde. If you're looking for a pale beer that's full of real taste, you've come to the right place. Lovingly crafted by the Lancaster brewers using a winning combination of Maris Otter and Munich malts, this blonde always starts with a hint of bitterness and ends with a long, dry finish. A perfect finish to any chilly winter's day.



ABV 4.1%

Little Valley Cragg Vale Bitter

The Little Valley brewery pride themselves on their organically produced and environmentally sound beers. Which means with their Cragg Vale Bitter you can look forward to a pint that's as pure, natural and fresh as a mid-winter's morning. The brewers proudly say this rich, red-brown beer with its full and rounded body is produced with love and passion. Hardly surprising then, it's drunk that way too.



ABV 4.2%

Thornbridge Kipling

It may well be the height of winter here, but down under it's summer. If you've got a taste for warm sunny days, you're sure to love this wonderful South Pacific ale with its great grassy nose rich with Kiwi fruits. But you'd expect nothing less of the New Zealand born brewers at Thornbridge - their aim has always been to create quality beers using new recipes and fresh ingredients. Something they've done superbly with Kipling.



ABV 5.2%

Cropton Dangleberry Ale

Perched on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, Cropton Brewery has been producing outstanding real ales since 1984. With its fruity nose and strong hoppy flavours, Dangleberry is no exception. Created for the Cropton Winter beer festival and named after one of the bands performing there (The Dangleberries - a Cropton favourite), the sound of pouring Dangleberry has always been music to the ears.



ABV 5.0%

Hydes Berry Good Ale

Berry Good. One sip, we think you'll agree the name says it all. Of course, the first thing you'll notice is its deep ruby red colour, all thanks to the inspired addition of natural berry juice. Next, there's the taste - and it's this wonderful beer's fine, flavoursome balance of fruit and hops that makes it so highly quaffable. Berry berry nice indeed.



ABV 4.5%

Springhead Polar Beer

Great things come from small beginnings. Such is the case with the brewers of this refreshing pale beer. Founded in 1990, Springhead was once the smallest micro brewery in Britain (So small in fact, it earned a place in the Guinness book of records). As it's grown over the years, so has its reputation for producing some of the finest beers around. With its subtle hints of lemon and crisp finish, Polar Beer is yet another fine example. Try it, maybe you could set your own record - person with the biggest smile.



ABV 3.8%

Nethergate Azzaparrot

Traditional ales don't come much more traditional than this. A re-creation of an original amber coloured beer dating way back to 1823, Nethergate's Azzaparrot packs a powerfully floral, spicy punch. Now a modern classic, this beer with its fine red hue and strong rich taste harks back to a time less hurried. So what better reason to take your time over a pint or two?



ABV 4.2%

Ringwood Fortyniner

The golden shades of autumn may have faded, but gold is the colour of this full bodied beer with a fresh hop bouquet. Combining its moderate bitterness with a sweet malt aroma, it's rich in taste too. But you can't mention Ringwood without mentioning another colour. Fortyniner won a silver medal at the Burton-on-Trent International Beer Competition back in 1996. It's been winning the hearts of beer lovers all over the country ever since.



ABV 4.9%

Shepherd Neame Rudolph's Reward

If there's one thing that makes good sense during the silly season, it's got to be enjoying a fine pint of Rudolph's Reward. A light chestnut ale with a fruity aroma, Rudolph's delightfully refreshing taste is sure to make it a festive favourite. But lovers of good beer should note - just like its namesake (that reindeer with the rather brightly coloured nose) Reward is only around during the months of December. After a spell of Christmas shopping, surely you deserve a little reward too?



ABV 3.7%

Thwaites Nutty Black

Once upon a time there was a beer called Dark Mild. Ruby red in colour, it was loved by people from all over the land. Until the day came when, inspired by the delicate nutty flavour, the brewers themselves decided such a wonderful beer deserved a much more memorable name. And so it was that Dark Mild became Nutty Black. But that's just the start of the fairytale.

Nutty Black went on to become one of only four beers to have won CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain award more than once. As you'd expect, that's something Daniel Thwaites of Lancashire are proud to let people know. In fact, they've added CAMRA's exclusive Beer of Britain winner's logo to the clip you'll see in all our pubs serving Nutty Black on tap.



ABV 3.3%

Better still, while the name may have changed, the award-winning taste hasn't. Nutty Black is still as deliciously sweet and wonderfully rounded as ever. 'Well, if it ain't broke', enthusiasts have been heard to say over a nice pint. And they all lived happily ever after.