

BLACK PEARL 4.3% £2.80 / £1.40

Milestone Brewery, Newark, Nottinghamshire

Tasting Notes Dark, mysterious & full flavoured. Produced from traditional Irish Stout recipe.

Named after the ship in the second of the Pirates of the Caribbean trilogy, The Curse of the BLACK PEARL. This was also the nick-name of the footballer Pelé, and singer Josephine Baker.

Unfortunately, the Shoemaker from the Frog Island brewery was unavailable on Monday 8th June.

CYCLOPS 5.3% £2.90 / £1.45

Milton Brewery, Cambridge

Tasting Notes Light copper coloured ale, with a rich hoppy aroma, full body, fruit and malt notes develop in the finish. Brewed with three different malts and four different varieties of hops

In Greek mythology and later Roman mythology, a CYCLOPS is a member of a primordial race of giants, each with a single eye in the middle of its forehead.

GOLDEN THREAD 5.0% £2.90 / £1.45

Salopian Brewery, Shrewsbury

Tasting Notes A light copper coloured ale, the complex malt grist gives an unusual blend of body and dryness. The beer is triple hopped using finest British Goldings and Slovenian Styrian Goldings to give plenty of fruity aromas and flavours.

In the Grimm Brothers fairytale, Rumpelstiltskin spun straw into GOLDEN THREAD, in return for the first born child of miller's daughter

WHITE DWARF 4.3% £2.80 / £1.40

Oakham Ales, Rutland

Tasting Notes Piercing bitterness in this "bright" English style wheat beer, mellows to reveal fruit overtones amidst a dry as bone finish.

Snow WHITE and the Seven DWARFs is a 1937 American film based on the fairy tale of the same name by the Brothers Grimm.

BLACK DOG 3.6% £2.70 / £1.35

Elgoods Brewery, Wisbech

Tasting Notes the use of crystal malts and roast barley give a deep underlying characteristic flavour, which is balanced with fuggles hops

A BLACK DOG is the name given to a spectral being found primarily in the folklores of the British Isles, and is essentially a nocturnal spectre, often said to be associated with the Devil.

REMUS 4.1% £2.80 / £1.40

Wolf Brewery, Attleborough, Norfolk.

Tasting Notes n/a

Twin brothers, Romulus and REMUS, are traditionally acknowledged as the founders of the city of Rome. Their mother was the Vestal virgin Rhea Silvia, and their father was Mars, the God of war. Because their mothers vow of celibacy was broken as a vestal virgin, the twins were ordered to be killed, but they were abandoned, only to be raised, and nurtured by a she-wolf.

MONKEY HANGER 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Poachers Brewery, North Hykeham, Lincolnshire

Tasting Notes Ruby red bitter, smooth fruity flavour balanced by the bitterness of Hersbrucker and Styrian Goldings hops.

Folklore in Hartlepool, tells of the only survivor from a French vessel during the Napoleonic Wars, was a monkey in a French uniform. Believing the monkey to be a spy, it was tried and convicted, before being hung from the mast of a fishing boat—Hence the residents are known as MONKEY HANGERS.

DRAGON SLAYER 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Banks & Taylor, Shefford, Bedfordshire

Tasting Notes Straw coloured beer, dry, malty and lightly hopped

This myth was brought back with the Crusades, & describes a dragon making its nest at the spring that provides water for the city of "Silene" in Libya. The citizens have to move the dragon from its nest, to collect water. Each day they offer the dragon a sheep, & if no sheep can be found, then a maiden was offered instead. However, one day, a princess is chosen, & the Princess begs for her life to be spared, but to no avail. She is offered to the dragon, but Saint George appears on his travels. He faces the dragon, protects himself with the sign of the cross becomes a DRAGON SLAYER, rescuing the princess. The grateful citizens abandon their ancestral paganism and convert to Christianity

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MURDERERS ALE 3.6% £2.40 / £1.20

Coors Brewers, For The Murderers

Tasting notes...Amber coloured, with a hint of honey & lemon zest, makes this ale a crisp, citric & moreish!!

The Murderers Pub, named after the Gardeners Arms Pub in Norwich, & the gruesome nickname it acquired after the events of June 1895.

HUMPTY DUMPTY ALE 4.1% £2.70 / £1.35

Humpty Dumpty Brewery, Reedham, Norfolk

Tasting notes- Light hop aroma, taste is of malt and bitter hops, dry bitter finish.

Humpty Dumpty puled his girlfriend off the wall...Why?.....He wanted to see her crack!!

HOBGOBLIN 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Witney, Oxfordshire

Tasting Notes - Ruby red coloured, is full-bodied and has a delicious chocolate toffee malt flavour balanced with a rounded moderate bitterness and an overall fruity character

Hobgoblin is a term typically applied in folktales to describe a friendly but troublesome creatures. They are known to seek help from humans, to warn those who had accidentally offended them, and to return human kindness with favors of their own. Still, a fairy belonging to this court will avenge insults and could be prone to mischief

RIPPER 8.5% £3.00 / £1.50

Green Jack Brewery, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Tasting Notes - Full rich barley wine with a light nip of hops. Gentle. Slips down warm and easy

The **Ripper** is a pseudonym given to an unidentified serial killer active in the largely impoverished White-chapel area and adjacent districts of London, in late 1888. The name originated in a letter sent to the London Central News Agency by someone claiming to be the murderer.

GRANNY WOULDN'T LIKE IT!! 4.8% £2.90 / £1.45

Wolf Brewery, Attleborough, Norfolk

Tasting Notes:- Dark red, rich and fruity. The swirling mix of flavours produce a complex but satisfying experience.

Little Red Riding Hoods Grandmother was eaten by the Wolf, in this classic Fairytale...Bet's are that she didn't like it!!

WOLF ALE 3.9% £2.70 / £1.35

Wolf Brewery, Attleborough, Norfolk.

Tasting Notes - Copper coloured ale with lots of bite! Goldings and challenger hops, combined with locally grown malt makes this a full bodied brew.

A werewolf is a folkloric human, who has the ability to shape shift into wolves. Werewolves are usually granted super-human strength and senses, far beyond those of humans and wolves.

OLD SPECKLED HEN 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Morlands, Brewed by Greene King, Bury-St. Edmonds

Tasting Notes - Full smooth flavour, rich amber colour. Superb fruity aromas, with a delicious blend of malty tastes.

'At the very top of the hay mow, the Speckled Hen had made her nest, and each day for 12 days, she laid in it a pretty white egg....when she came to the 12th egg she named it 'Humpty Dumpty'

SALEM PORTER 4.7% £2.80 / £1.40

Batemans Brewery, Wainfleet

Tasting Notes A porter with a dry roast, nutty palate and rich malty aftertaste.

Legal trials (1692-1693) in SALEM, Massachusetts in which people were accused of witchcraft. In the spring and summer of 1692, 19 people were hanged, and nearly 200 other people were arrested. Today the trials are so widely regarded as miscarriages of justice that they have become synonymous with mass hysteria, panic, and superstition.

MINOTAUR 3.3% £2.40 / £1.20

Milton Brewery, Cambridge

Tasting Notes A rich dark mild with bags of character from the lavish use of chocolate malt

In Greek mythology, the MINOTAUR was a creature that was part man and part bull. It dwelt at the centre of the Labyrinth, which was an elaborate maze-like construction built for King Minos of Crete.

ALCHEMY 5.3% £2.90 / £1.45

Oldershaw Brewery, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Tasting notes - A golden premium beer, easy drinking for its strength, with good hop flavour and aroma from the First Gold Hops

*In mythology, a potion is a concoction used to heal, bewitch or poison people, made by a magician, sorcerer or witch. Creation of potions of different kinds was a common practice of **ALCHEMY**, and was commonly associated with witchcraft.*

GRUMPY BASTARD 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Brandon Brewery, Brandon Suffolk

Tasting Notes n/a

Grumpy (obviously from unknown parentage) **Bastard**, is my particular favourite of the seven Dwarves...but can you name them all?

Sneezy, Bashful, Doc, Grumpy, Dopey, Sleepy and Happy.

RUSTY BUCKET 4.4% £2.80 / £1.40

Brandon Brewery, Brandon Suffolk

Tasting Notes Smooth on the palate, and surprisingly fruity.

Dating back to an original German version in 1700, 'There's a hole in my bucket, Dear Liza, Dear Liza!' is a popular song for children. After so much use, and so many years, the bucket is now officially rusted!!

So, there is little wonder there is a hole in it Liza, so get Henry to fix it!!

BLACK BEAUTY 4.3% £2.80 / £1.40

Vale Brewery, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

Tasting Notes - A wholesome porter, impressive roast malt flavours dominate.

BLACK BEAUTY was the only novel by Anna Sewell, a story where a horse was the narrator of the story. *Granted....not quite in the theme, however, Robinsons Unicorn was out of stock!!*

WIZARDS STAFF 3.8% £2.70 / £1.35

Witney, Oxfordshire

Tasting Notes - A cauldron of pale barley, Cara Malt, and a flash of Styrian golding hops makes a magic potion that's a craft brewing sensation.

*In medieval chivalric romance, the **WIZARD** often appears as a wise old man and acts as a mentor. Other witches and magicians can appear as villains, as hostile to the hero as ogres and other monsters*

HARES BREADTH 4.4% £2.80 / £1.40

Nethergate brewery, Clare, Suffolk

Tasting Notes - This red tinted, copper coloured ale, has an intense mixture of typically English flavours. Wonderful light caramel notes become evident, and the clear, clean aroma of blackcurrant manifests, in this well crafted premium ale.

*In Aesop's fable "The Tortoise and the Hare", in which the hare and tortoise decide to race. The tortoise wins the race by cunning while the hare fails because he overestimates himself and takes a nap during the race, leaving the tortoise to win by a "**HARES BREADTH**" The moral of the story is "slow and steady wins the race" - However, hurry up and get another pint in!!*

BLACK SHEEP 3.8% £2.70 / £1.35

Black Sheep Brewery, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Tasting Notes...A well hopped, light golden session bitter with a distinctive, dry, refreshing taste enjoyed through a rich creamy head. Brewed in traditional cast iron and copper vessels using the finest ingredients

*Baa Baa **BLACK SHEEP**, have you any wool?*

Yes sir, Yes Sir, Three bags Full...There heavy, so fancy a quick pint first?

BAMBOOZLER 4.5% £2.80 / £1.40

Burton Bridge Brewery, Burton-on-Trent

Tasting Notes - An easy drinking ale, pale amber in colour with an off-white head. Aroma of apricots and grassy hops. Flavour began sweetish, before some earthy hops and a moderately bitter finish

Colonel Thomas Logan (1618 – 1680) re-knowned for his attempt to steal the Crown Jewels of England from the Tower of London, posing as a Priest in 1671, & by be-friending the keeper of the crown Jewels. Described as a "**BAMBOOZLER**" he was also implicated in one attempted kidnapping & one attempted murder of the Duke of Ormonde, who had switched allegiances from Royalist to Roundhead .Despite his notorious reputation, legend says, Blood found favour at the court of King Charles II, & rewarded with a pension of £500.