

# Brewed in Cheshire

Brewers – if you have any news about your brewery that you would like to see reported please email [gary\\_chester@outlook.com](mailto:gary_chester@outlook.com) or contact your CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer.

The **Champion Beer of Cheshire** was judged at the Cheshire Beer Festival in Chester just before we went to press.

**RedWillow Wreckless** took the top spot with **Tatton Yeti** snaring the silver and **4Ts Brewery Stout** taking the bronze.

The winners for each beer style were;

Mild; **Happy Valley** Little Mill Town  
Best Bitter; **Lymm** Heritage Trail  
Porter; **Poynton** Darkside  
Speciality; **RedWillow** Smokeless  
Strong Bitter; **RedWillow** Wreckless

Bitter; **Merlin** Gold  
Golden; **Merlin** Wizard  
Stout; **4T'S** Stout  
Old Ale; **Tatton** Yeti



**4Ts** are doing well, with new brewing equipment and an extensive bottled range, including a contract to brew a special beer using an old Walker's recipe for Liverpool FC home matches.

**Deva Craft Beer.** We are delighted to report that rumours of its demise are incorrect. Although its founders want to readjust the work/life balance, the operation is being sold as a going concern. The beer range will continue under the new set-up.

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The **Deva Tap** close to Chester station will continue to showcase the beers, along with guest beers from other brewers. Phew!

Some of our pals had a little look in at the **Offbeat** Brewery Bar at the brewery in Crewe in October, and report that it is a great set up, and well worth a visit with good quality Real Ale and a very friendly atmosphere.

Congratulations to Waverton based brewery **Spitting Feathers** on picking up the Gold award in the Cask Best Bitters and Pale Ales category at the SIBA's North West Independent Beer Awards. This was for Brainstorm craft lager - a relatively new ale from their 'Hard Working Beers' range.

This was not the only medal though as they also came home with a bronze in the Small Pack Premium Strong Beers category with their 7.5% NSFW (Not Safe For Work).

**Storm Brewing** has launched another unique experimental brew following on from the success of 'Storm Dexter,' named after their long serving brewery cat, Dexter, aka *The Mouse Molester*. With the working title **UXB No.2**



it is their second unique experimental brew using a combination of Chinook and Cascade hops for the first time. Added to the mix of Propino, lager and wheat malts they have produced a generously hopped 4.8% pale ale with a clean, dry finish which is available in cask and bottles. If UXB No.2 is as popular as its predecessor it will be renamed and introduced as a core product into the award-winning range.

**Wincle Beer Co.** has another single hop ale for December; First Gold, an orange, marmalade, spicy 4.8% Christmas Ale.



## Note to Brewers

We are keen to publicise your lovely beers and tell people where to find them.

We know you are incredibly busy, brewing, cleaning, selling and delivering, and that promotion is not always at the forefront of your mind. We will try to make it easy for you.

**Just let your BLO or the editor have electronic copies of the images for your beers and a few words about them.** Publicity in this section of Out Inn Cheshire is free!



## LocAle

### Cheshire's Independent Craft Brewers

*plus a few very close by*

<b>4Ts</b> (Warrington)	07917 730184	<a href="http://www.4tsbrewery.co.uk">www.4tsbrewery.co.uk</a>
<b>Beartown</b> (Congleton) *	01260 299964	<a href="http://www.beartownbrewery.co.uk">www.beartownbrewery.co.uk</a>
<b>Beer Refinery</b> (Chester)	07939 875308	
<b>Blue Ball</b> (Runcorn)	01928 775628	<a href="http://www.blueballbrewery.com">www.blueballbrewery.com</a>
<b>Bollington Brewing Co</b> *	01625 575380	<a href="http://www.bollingtonbrewing.co.uk">www.bollingtonbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Borough Arms</b> (Crewe)	07523 946730	<a href="http://www.borougharmscrewe.co.uk">www.borougharmscrewe.co.uk</a>
<b>Brew Foundation</b> (Wincle)	0114 282 3098	<a href="http://www.thebrewfoundation.co.uk">www.thebrewfoundation.co.uk</a>
<b>Brewhouse &amp; Kitchen</b> (Chester)	01244 404990	<a href="http://www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/chester">www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/chester</a>
<b>Brewhouse &amp; Kitchen</b> (Wilmslow)	01625 441850	<a href="http://www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/wilmslow">www.brewhouseandkitchen.com/wilmslow</a>
<b>Brimstage</b> (Brimstage, Wirral)	0151 342 1181	<a href="http://www.brimstagebrewery.com">www.brimstagebrewery.com</a>
<b>Britman Craft Beers</b> (Neston)	07925 875836	<a href="http://www.burtonmanorgardens.org.uk/whats-here/britman-craft-beers">www.burtonmanorgardens.org.uk/whats-here/britman-craft-beers</a>
<b>Cheshire Brew Brothers</b>	07890 567582	<a href="http://www.cheshirebrewbrothers.co.uk">www.cheshirebrewbrothers.co.uk</a>
<b>Cheshire Brewhouse</b> (Congleton)	07830 304929	<a href="http://www.cheshirebrewhouse.co.uk">www.cheshirebrewhouse.co.uk</a>
<b>Coach House</b> (Warrington) *	01925 232800	<a href="http://www.coach-house-brewing.co.uk">www.coach-house-brewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Deva Craft</b>	07841 384143	<a href="http://www.devacraftbeer.co.uk">www.devacraftbeer.co.uk</a>
<b>Dunham Massey</b>	0161 929 0663	<a href="http://www.dunhammasseybrewing.co.uk">www.dunhammasseybrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Front Row</b> (Congleton) *	07861 718673	<a href="http://www.frontrowbrewing.co.uk">www.frontrowbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Goodalls</b> (Alsager)	01270 873669	
<b>Happy Valley</b> (Bollington)	07758 512080	<a href="http://www.happyvalleybrewery.co.uk">www.happyvalleybrewery.co.uk</a>
<b>Lymm</b>	0161 929 0663	<a href="http://www.lyymbrewing.co.uk">www.lyymbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Manning Brewers</b> (Congleton)	07946 278018	<a href="http://www.manningbrewers.co.uk">www.manningbrewers.co.uk</a>
<b>Merlin Brewing</b> (Arclid) *	01477 500893	<a href="http://www.merlinbrewing.co.uk">www.merlinbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Mobberley Brewhouse</b>	01565 873601	<a href="http://mobberleybrewhouse.co.uk">http://mobberleybrewhouse.co.uk</a>
<b>Norton Brewing</b> (Runcorn)	01928 579907	<a href="http://nortonbrewing.com/">http://nortonbrewing.com/</a>
<b>Offbeat</b> (Crewe) *	07502 096 438	<a href="http://www.offbeatbrewery.com">www.offbeatbrewery.com</a>
<b>Peerless</b> (ex Betwixt) (Wirral) *	0151 647 7688	<a href="http://www.peerlessbrewing.co.uk">www.peerlessbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Pied Bull</b> (Chester)	01244 325829	<a href="http://www.piedbull.co.uk">www.piedbull.co.uk</a>
<b>Poynton Brewery</b>	07722 050733	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/thepoyntonbrewery/">www.facebook.com/thepoyntonbrewery/</a>
<b>RedWillow</b> (Macclesfield)	01625 502315	<a href="http://www.redwillowbrewery.com">www.redwillowbrewery.com</a>
<b>Sandiway</b> (Blakemere) *	01606 301000	<a href="http://www.sandiwayales.co.uk">www.sandiwayales.co.uk</a>
<b>Spitting Feathers</b> (Waverton)	01244 332052	<a href="http://www.spittingfeathers.org">www.spittingfeathers.org</a>
<b>Storm</b> (Macclesfield) *	01625 431234	<a href="http://www.stormbrewing.co.uk">www.stormbrewing.co.uk</a>
<b>Tatton Brewery</b> (Knutsford) *	07738 150898	<a href="http://www.tattonbrewery.co.uk">www.tattonbrewery.co.uk</a>
<b>Tipsy Angel</b> (Warrington)	07917 730184	
<b>Weetwood</b> (Tarpорley) *	01829 752377	<a href="http://www.weetwoodales.co.uk">www.weetwoodales.co.uk</a>
<b>Wincle</b> (Wincle) *	01260 227777	<a href="http://www.winclebeer.co.uk">www.winclebeer.co.uk</a>



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Why are we listing these? Because we believe that beer brewed in the traditional way and sold locally is a better product, creates local employment and is kinder to the environment. We urge you to drink it when you see it and to ask for it if your local does not sell it.

If you are a licensee we encourage you to sell local beers where you can, and if you are not free to do so, then ask your masters why not.

Your PubCo may have flexibility if you press them hard enough.

**LocAle will give your business an edge.**

\* **SIBA member (Society of Independent Brewers)**

There may be other new, "cuckoo" or occasional brewers in addition to this listing.



# HALTON

**CAMRA DIARY** Meetings start at 8.30 pm unless shown otherwise

Tue 12 Dec; Branch Meeting, **Church View**, Widnes. Venue tbc  
Tue 9 Jan; Branch Meeting, **Prospect**, Runcorn. Venue tbc



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Further details & confirmation of venues at: [www.halton.camra.org.uk](http://www.halton.camra.org.uk)



## Spitting Feathers Brewbarn Sessions

On arrival we were quickly “checked in” and sent straight into the Brewery’s social bar to be greeted with 6 ales, three brewed by **Spitting Feathers** with the usual fantastic quality and three guest beers. We started the day on a sublime stout. As more people arrived, the atmosphere was great; everyone was there to have a good time and great conversation.

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The snacks really hit the spot. The day coasted by and the casks were quickly changed and the new beers were just as good if not better. We wore smiles all whole afternoon, especially when the food was served and we tucked into the hog roast. The sheepdogs were trying to make more friends, especially when the hog roast was served! The fantastic afternoon was topped off with a 6% beer that was absolutely out of this world. The band that played and everyone was dancing the day away. One for the calendar next year and at a fantastic price, to boot.

**10 Reasons to buy Local Ales**

1. It's a living product, which means lots of stimulating, fresh flavours.
2. It's brewed locally and sold locally, so you'll be helping your local economy.
3. It's not artificially carbonated; the pleasant levels of carbon dioxide are generated naturally by yeast in the beer.
4. Our real ales are made from just four natural ingredients: malted barley, hops, water and yeast - there are no additives or E numbers.
5. They build up far fewer "food miles" travelling directly from the brewery to the pub, not from depot to depot around the country losing quality along the way.
6. It's a hand-crafted product and small brewers take extra care when producing their ales.
7. There are so many different styles and flavours to enjoy.
8. Ours are ales of character and distinction, beer drinking isn't all bland, international lagers.
9. It makes an excellent accompaniment to food. With the different beer styles available, it's fascinating to try to match their flavours with various dishes and the natural carbonation is an excellent palate cleanser. Try local real ale in a bottle instead of wine when eating at home.

Most importantly...

**10. It tastes great!**

[www.spittingfeathers.org](http://www.spittingfeathers.org)

The Old Bakery building by the railway arches in Runcorn's Old Town has been acquired by the **Blueball** brewery and the spacious premises served as a venue for Blueball's *Oktoberfest* beer festival. A smart, clean, inviting place, the walls are adorned with striking, classic-styled artwork, moderately sensual, and referencing beer or spirits or Blueball themselves. On my Saturday evening visit, a blues rock guitarist was breezing through a live performance besides the large barrels in the brewing space to a merry and varied throng of drinkers and listeners. Hot food - burgers, sausages, chips and the like - was on sale in the yard, delightfully sheltered by the bridge arch.

The beer selection was mostly keg beer and a dozen bottled ales but there were two cask ales from Blueball; the 3.8% 'Indie Girl' and the 5% 'Tropical IPA'. While the cask ale was good, it transpires that keg production now dominates cask production at Blueball. Donning my Campaigning hat, I would firmly urge all drinkers and CAMRA members alike to choose always the live, unadulterated, superior product: the cask! Having said that, I have been enjoying Blueball ales since they emerged some six years ago and can testify that they do know how to brew fantastic cask ale - the 4.8% 'Blackhawk Porter' and 6% 'Spänk IPA' are fine examples. Their home, the Old Bakery, is a wonderful, congenial and perfect venue for small festivals and it is sincerely hoped that Blueball will organise more social events in future with many more cask ale options.

They have exciting plans for a permanent bar to be set up, more events and an increased cask selection on tap. It is also good news to hear that another two breweries are to move in with them and make it a regular feature and a pub, which is good news for Halton CAMRA as it increases the number of Breweries in the area to six.



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