

# The 22nd Wedmore Real Ale Festival

Welcome to the Wedmore Real Ale Festival. We thank you for supporting our event and hope you enjoy yourself! This year you will be able to sample over a 100 choices of real ale, craft ale and cidersy. We have also included some low alcohol, gluten free and vegan friendly options to help cater for all visitors. There is a great range of red wine, white wine and prosecco to choose from, all hand-selected and sponsored by our local merchant The Mendip Bottle.

Since 2001, our annual Festival has helped educate our visitors in the vast range and quality of real ale. As well as being an annual event highlight for the village, we have also managed to raise and donate over £246,820 to local and regional worthy causes in the process. Of course none of this would be possible without our sponsors, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them once again for their ongoing support which allows us to continue to put on this wonderful, annual event.

We would particularly like to say a big thank you to 3 of our 119 barrel, keg, cider and wine sponsors, Derek Logan, Sue & Tim Moreman and The Swan who will be celebrating 10 years of sponsorship this year, and an even bigger thank you to Kevin Jones and 2Js Travel, who are both celebrating 20 years of sponsorship this year.

Thanks also go to our four Festival cup sponsors, our Festival top sponsor and our atmospheric Lighting sponsor. We would also like to pay thanks to our hard working volunteers who give their time freely, as well as all the other nameless contributors that make the Festival such a joy to attend.

Confirmed dates for next year 13th - 15th September 2024

#### Organisers:

Alan Page, Chaz Maguire, Dave Stone, James Loughrey, James Turbitt, Jo Blackburn, Matt Lloyd, Sam Brown, Sarah Love, Simon Tremlett & Tom Reeves

**Festival Opening Times:** 

Friday - 7.00pm - Midnight

Saturday - 11.00am - Midnight

Sunday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Please respect our neighbours and leave quietly!

www.wedmorerealale.com



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#### The Low Alcohol Ales in Bottle/Can

Galactic Milk Stout (GF) 0.5% - Big Drop Brewing Co - Suffolk Think honeycombe covered in chocolate. Rich and unctuous.

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice - www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Paradiso Citra Pale Ale (GF & VE) 0.5% - Big Drop Brewing Co - Suffolk Citrus with a sharp crisp and fresh bitterness to finish.

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice - www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Pine Trail Pail Ale (GF) 0.5% - Big Drop Brewing Co - Suffolk

Rosey floral aromas with a limey citrus bite.

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice - www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Reef Point Lager (GF & VE) 0.5% - Big Drop Brewing Co - Suffolk Honey aroma, backbone of malt, gentle bitterness from noble hops, wafts of citrus. Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice - www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bonfire Stout (GF & VE) 6

0.5% - Drop Bear Beer Co.- Swansea Swansea - Notes of expresso, smoke and dark chocolate. Smokey and roasted with a smooth finish. The Body Clinic - www.thebodyclinicsomerset.com - Soft Tissue Therapy...

Tropical IPA (GF & VE) 0.5% - Drop Bear Beer Co.- Swansea

Citrus and tropical fruits with a balanced bitter finish.

The Body Clinic - www.thebodyclinicsomerset.com - Soft Tissue Therapy...

Yuzu Pale Ale (GF & VE) 0.5% - Drop Bear Beer Co.- Swansea Citrus, biscuit and pine. Tart, fruity and fresh.

The Body Clinic - www.thebodyclinicsomerset.com - Soft Tissue Therapy...

#### The Real Ales in Cask

10 1872 Porter 6.5% - Elland Brewery - Yorkshire

2023 Champion Beer of Britain. Rich complex dark ruby Porter. Old Port aromas, coffee & bitter chocolate flavours.

Wedmore Services Ltd 5.3% - Abbeydale Brewery - Yorkshire 11 Absolution

Fruity and floral flavours from American hops. European hops bring a balance. Dangerously easy drinking. **Maxwells Chartered Accountants** 

12 Amber 4.4% - Badgworth Brewhouse - Somerset

Characterful ale balancing pine hop aroma and earthy malts.

Badgworth Brewhouse - www.badgworthbrewhouse.com

13 Baby Faced Assassin (VE) 6.1% - Roosters Brewing Co. - Yorkshire

Aromas of mango, grapefruit, apricot and mandarin orange with a long lasting juicy tropical fruit bitterness. Rod Stewart

14 Dorset Knob 3.9% - Dorset Brewing Company - Dorset

A light amber ale with a malty character and a hoppy floral bouquet...

Sunlit Solar - www.sunlit-solar.co.uk

15 Best Bitter 4.0% - Long Man Brewery - East Sussex

Well balanced complex bittersweet malty taste, fragrant hops and a characteristic long deep finish.

Alfred and Guthrum Freemasons

16 Best in Show 4.2% - Cotswold Lion Brewery - Gloucestershire

Tawny best bitter with satisfying autumn fruit flavours.

Steve Haigh Builders

**Bitter** 4.0% - Uley Brewery - Gloucestershire

Hops and fruits in the aroma, which combine with maltiness on the tongue to give a bitter, dry finish. Continuum Systems - www.continuumsystems.co.uk

18 Bitter Bully (GF & VE) 3.8% - Cheddar Ales - Somerset

New World style pale ale with big citrus hop character and thirst quenching dry finish.

2Js Travel

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	57	Long Blonde  3.8% - Long Man Brewery - East Sussex  Distinctive hoppy aroma and crisp clean bitterness on the finish. Smooth light and refreshing.  Tessa Munt						
	58	Lost in Mosaic 5.0% - Loch Lomond Brewery - Scotland Pineapple and citrus aromas lead to orange and melon flavours followed by a fresh citrus finish.  Hectors Family Butchers						
	59	Lovely Nancy  4.8% - Long Dog Brewery - Hampshire  Full-bodied with hints of honey, lemon and pineapple with malty sweetness that fades into a bitter finish.  DW Tucker						
	60	<b>Mew Stone 4.3% - Noss Beer Works - Devon</b> Fuity taste profile and hoppy nature followed by a satisfying aftertaste.						
	61	benjamin+beauchamp architects - www.b2architect.com  Moby Dick  4.7% - Downton Brewery - Wiltshire  Hugely aromatic Pale Ale. U.S & English hops give a subtle bitterness. Oats and rye malt give a complex feel.						
	62	Sellwood Planning Limited  Moonlight  3.8% - Hattie Browns Brewery - Dorset  Very refreshing light and crisp. Packed full of citrusy hops but still holding a long sweet finish.						
	63	Potters Mews Crafty Ales  Neonate (GF)  4.5% - Hop Kettle Brewery - Wiltshire  An easier drinking West Coast IPA. Expect good hop aromas and flavours from Citra, Chinook and Centennial.						
	64	Mice Weather  4.1% - Dancing Duck Brewery - Derbyshire  Full flavoured summer thirst quencher. Blackberry, strawberry and floral rose notes. Fruit salad in a glass.						
	65	Gary Smith  No Brakes IPA  5.9% - Fixed Wheel Brewery - West Midlands  Full of American hops bringing an upfront fruity citrus flavour. English hops add balance and some sweetness.  Catherine & James Whitmore						
	66	Northern Light 4.0% - Orkney Brewery - Scotland Citrus flavours combine with hints of fresh bread, giving way to spice, citrus and apricot hoppiness.						
	67	Atomic Smash Old Man 4.3% - Long Man Brewery - East Sussex Soft malt notes of coffee & chocolate that combine with a pleasant light hoppiness to create a fully rich old ale.						
	68	D.A.F.T  Old Spot  5.0% - Uley Brewery - Gloucestershire  Full bodied, with a distinctive fruity aroma and a malty flavour, that delivers a mild but bitter, strong and rich ale.						
	69	Wells Loose Brain Peddlers  Organic Pale Ale (O & VE)  Easy drinking and refeshing, soft on the palate with hints of caramel and a delicate apple aroma.						
	70	Trevor & Amanda  Pale  3.8% - Uley Brewery - Gloucestershire  Floral aromas with hints of vanilla and fruit. The finish is notably bitter and long. Slovenian, U.S and U.K hops.						
	71	Laurel & Wylde Estate Agents  Parody (GF)  4.5% - Firebird Brewery - West Sussex  Good malt base leads into a storm of modern and traditional hops giving big aromas, a long powerful bitterness.						
	72	J C Bethell Services  Piney Sleight (GF & VE)  4.0% - Cheddar Ales - Somerset  Subtle pine forest aroma leads into flavours of ripe mango, blueberry and passionfruit. Oats add a smoothness.  The Neel Miller femily						
	73	The Neal-Millar family  Pitch Perfect  3.8% - Fine Tuned Brewery - Somerset  A full-bodied citrusy amber ale. Big flavours from Citra and Amarillo hops.						
	74	Wedmore Shepherd Huts - www.wedmoreshepherdhuts.co.uk  Porthleven  4.8% - Skinners Brewery - Cornwall  Citrus hop and pine nose. Assertive citrus hop, bitter and fruity flavour. Bitter citrus hop finish. Refreshing.						
	75	Somerset Worktops  Raspberry Pale (VE)  4.7% - Titanic Brewery - Staffordshire  Fruity wheat beer refreshing and light. Raspberry flavours bounce off the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the staff of the hops to give a unique well balanced been have to staff the beautiful to the beautif						
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#### The Craft Beers in Keg

93 Duvet Vous (C) 4.8% - New Bristol Brewery - Bristol Soft, hazy, low bitterness. Hoppy over tones, sessionable.

Axe Valley Veterinary Practice - www.axevalleyvets.co.uk

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Ad Astra Cider - www.adastracider.com

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## **Live Music Programme**

Friday 15th

Microlight 20.00 Enhanced Entertainment 22.45



# Saturday 16th

### Live & Local Music

Becca Kate 13:30 Holly Simpson 14:30 Silverline 15:30 Snake in the foot spa 16:30

Silent Disco 13.30 - 15.00

The Brightside Killers 20.30 Enhanced Entertainment 23.00



## This Year's Food & Gin Bar

We have three great food options for you again this year. For the pizza lovers we have Somerset's own Slice One Pizza, for the spice lovers we have Soi5 Burrito to give us all a Taste of Mexico, and finally a festival favourite Little Van Rouge will also be serving up a selection of great food.

This year's gin bar brings New Beginnings to the festival, another Somerset-based business, who we are delighted to welcome into the mix.

All our food and drink concessions do not take our beer tokens, so please pay them directly for your orders.

Slice One Pizza (Fri & Sat) - www.sliceone.uk Soi5 Burrito (Fri & Sat) - www.facebook.com/Soi5tasteofmexico Little Van Rouge (Fri to Sun) - www.facebook.com/Vanrouge56 New Beginnings Gin Jar (Fri to Sun) - www.newbeginningsbar.co.uk





## £246,820 raised for local and regional worthy causes since 2001

One of the true benefits of running the festival is raising money for local worthy causes. By spending money at the festival throughout the weekend with your family and friends, you will help us to donate again this year. Thank you your support.

## **Festival Feedback**

We would love to hear your thoughts on the festival and the venue, so please grab yourself a drink, take a few moments and capture your thoughts below. Then hand this in at the front desk.

Bar service:

Range	ot	ales,	ciders	and	wine:

Food vendors:

Venue and facilities:

Live music & entertainment:

Other feedback & suggestions:

# The Festival Raffle & Auction - Sunday from 2pm

#### Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to stand a chance to win 100 cans and bottles from Cheddar Ales. The full list of prizes is:

- 1. 100 cans & bottles of beer Donated by Cheddar Ales
- 2. £20 Voucher for Hectors Farm Shop, Wedmore. Donated by Hectors Farm Shop
- 3. £20 Voucher for Cottage Gallery Donated by Cottage Gallery, Wedmore
- 4. Fed and Ben Pizza Gift Voucher Buy 1 get 1 Free

#### **Auction Lots**

We are delighted to bring you another bountiful collection of lots to bid for in our Sunday afternoonauction. We would like to take this opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to all our generous providers, your contributions are very much appreciated.

Not going to be here? Pre-Bids can be taken at the front desk!

- 1. Festival lost property.
- 2. Festival shirts & other desirables.
- 3. Wellie Bag Donated by D.A.F.T.
- 4. Solar Powered Lighting for your garden -Donated by Sunlit Solar
- 5. Mixed Case of Beers from Badgworth Beer Donated by Badgworth Brewhouse
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- 7. Ad Astra Cider Selection Box Donated by Ad Astra
- 8. Case of Cider from Old Jollop Donated by Toby Lee
- 9. Stormtech Fleece Size XL -Donated by D.A.F.T.
- 10. Regatta Isotex Raincoat Waterproof and breathable size XXL Donated by D.A.F.T.
- 11. Bottle of Champagne Donated by The Mendip Bottle
- 12. Nespresso Essenza Mini Coffee Machine Donated by George Clooney
- 13. Cookery School voucher with Tyrone Power@Tow House How to make amazing Pasta
- 14. Brunch and a Bloody Mary for 2 People at The Swan, Wedmore Donated by The Swan
- 15. Half a Lamb Donated by Gemma and Rob Wilcox, Chestnut Farm
- 16. Sir Geoff Hurst signed West Ham Football Club photograph Donated by David Pipe
- 17. Sir Geoff Hurst signed football Donated by David Pipe
- 18. A Jos Buttler Signed The 100 Cricket Top Donated by Jos Buttler
- 19. HandyMan for a day's work Donated by Inspired Worx, Cheddar
- 20. 12 month membership for the David Pipe Racing Club Donated by David Pipe
- 21. Mini Cooper Twin Engine Driving Experience Donated by Alan Wilcox
- 22. Bristol City Football Tickets for 2, Corporate Seats plus meal in the Lansdown Donated by Neil Tucker
- 23. Rugby World Cup Final. Best table in the house for 4 x people to watch the final at the Post and Wicket with a bottomless beer tab from start to finish. Donated by The Post & Wicket
- 24. Crafty Fingers Tap Tour. Exclusive use of Crafty Fingers for 4 guests, lasting approximately 3hrs. A seven tap tasting session, including a food sample for each beer and finishing with a glass of Prosecco and a truffle. Each guest will leave with a complimentary Crafty goodie bag. Finally, all participants will receive 10% off all in store purchases on the night. Dates to be determined by the Crafty team. It'll be either a Monday or Sunday Donated by Crafty Fingers
- 25. The George Hotel Wedmore Meal for 2, plus an overnight stay in the George Donated by The George
- 26. Bristol City or Bristol Bears Corporate Match day experience inc box, food, drinks and tickets for 2 people Donated by Sanderson Recruitment PLC
- 27. Chairman Tickets @Burnley FC for either Burnley vs Everton or Burnley vs Bournemouth Full match day experience.
- 28. 3 Night accommodation for up to 4 people in Weymouth Donated by David and Anna Knight
- 29. Salcombe Retreat 1 week accommodation for up to 6 people Donated by the Ewens Family.

  Unfortunately, no dogs are allowed. The owners will aim to accommodate your first or second choice of dates, but the earlier you book this, the more likely you will get the dates you want. Please book asap.
- 30. An evening at Cheddar Ales Brewery for 50 People + Food on a Thursday in March 2024
- 31. Beer Bucket Challenge. This year's willing volunteers are:

Alfie Lavender Brian Connell Florence Reeson Gabriel Bell
James Mitchell Matt Drew Mike Rogers Robbie Stephenson
Sam Tucker Sarah Ralph Tessa Munt



Thank you all for attending the festival, we hope you've had a great time and enjoyed sampling some of this year's offerings.

We look forward to seeing you again in September 2024.