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# Woodcote Festival of Ales 2011- Tasting Notes- I

At this year's Woodcote Rally, you'll find your old favourites together with some new brews. We have beers from two new local Breweries- Bingham's and Loose Canon, together with a selection of ales from further afield. If you don't know what you like, then please ask one of our volunteer bar staff, who will be happy to advise you.

All details subject to confirmation- there may be some changes between print date and the festival!

Brewery	Beer	Brewed In	ABV	Price/ Pint
<b>Bingham's</b>	<b>Vanilla Stout</b>	<b>Twyford, Berks</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
This stout is infused with vanilla pods which complement the dark malts to create a smooth drinking, deliciously dark stout.				
<b>Bingham's</b>	<b>Twyford Tipple</b>	<b>Twyford, Berks</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
Twyford Tipple is an easy drinking tawny coloured bitter which has a satisfying malty flavour with a citrus hop finish. Named after the adjacent parish of Twyford, we think that this tipple is deliciously satisfying despite its lower alcoholic strength. The citrus hops give a refreshing, thirst quenching finish.				
<b>Brakspear</b>	<b>Bitter</b>	<b>Witney, Oxon</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A traditional session beer. Amber in colour with a good fruit, hop and malt nose. The initial taste of malt and the well-hopped bitterness quickly dissolves into a predominantly bitter-sweet and fruity finish.				
<b>Butts</b>	<b>Barbus Barbus</b>	<b>Gt Shefford, Berks</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
Hoppy and well balanced, without being sweet.				
<b>Dark Star</b>	<b>Partridge Best Bitter</b>	<b>Ansty, West Sussex</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A Best Bitter brewed in a traditional Sussex style using Maris Otter, Crystal and Chocolate malts with East Kent Golding hops. Typical of Dark Star ales, the Best Bitter relies on the heavy handed addition of aromatic hops late in the boil.				
<b>Dark Star</b>	<b>Saison</b>	<b>Ansty, West Sussex</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
This is a cask version of the Belgian farmhouse ale, historically brewed to be enjoyed by the farmers during the harvest. This light golden-coloured beer, hopped with Saaz, Styrian and Belgian Goldings and pitched with a specially imported Saison yeast that ferments to dryness and provides a distinctive flavour. NOTHING LIKE WHAT ENGLISH BEER SHOULD BE				
<b>Hook Norton</b>	<b>Bitter</b>	<b>Hook Norton, Oxon</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A subtly balanced, golden bitter, hoppy to the nose, malty on the palate - the classic session beer, eminently drinkable.				
<b>Hook Norton</b>	<b>Old Hooky</b>	<b>Hook Norton, Oxon</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
A beautifully balanced beer, fruity by nature, with a well-rounded body and the suggestive echo of Crystal Malt.				
<b>Loddon</b>	<b>Ferryman's Gold</b>	<b>Dunsden, Oxon</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
Brewed using Slovenian Styrian Golding hops, (originally an English variety, which have been grown in slovenia for the last 100 years), which impart a zesty Lime flavour. The mix of Cara malt and Wheat malt give a smooth, creamy body to the beer.				

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<b>Loddon</b>	<b>Forbury Lion</b>	<b>Dunsden, Oxon</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
An IPA as an IPA should be: packed with a full malty flavour and a strong complex hop finish imparted by Styrian Goldings and Fuggles.				
<b>Loddon</b>	<b>Hoppit</b>	<b>Dunsden, Oxon</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>£2.60</b>
The predominant hops in Hoppit are East Kent Goldings which traditionally have a Seville Orange marmalade flavour. As well as Pale Ale malt, Hoppit also contains dark Invert Sugar which gives the beer its smooth taste. This is an excellent fairly bitter session ale.				
<b>Loose Canon</b>	<b>Abingdon Bridge</b>	<b>Abingdon, Oxon</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
Malty best bitter from a new brewery in Abingdon.				
<b>Pilgrim</b>	<b>Moid</b>	<b>Reigate, Surrey</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
This is a full-bodied dark, soft mild.				
<b>RCH</b>	<b>P.G Steam Bitter</b>	<b>W-s-Mare, Somerset</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
This complex multi layered ale has a floral hop aroma with medium bodied hop, bitter taste with some fruit and sweetness.				
<b>RCH</b>	<b>Firebox</b>	<b>W-s-Mare, Somerset</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
A reddish deep brown coloured beer which is a deceptively drinkable strong bitter with a fine combination of citrus hops and cherry fruit bitter-sweet flavours which gives a strong dry bitter finish.				
<b>Rebellion</b>	<b>IPA</b>	<b>Marlow, Bucks</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A copper coloured, easy drinking beer, with considerable depth and complexity. A well balanced malt & fruit flavour continues to a long, refreshing & crisp finish				
<b>Rebellion</b>	<b>Blonde</b>	<b>Marlow, Bucks</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
Brewed using only pale and lager malts, giving the beer a very light golden colour. A thirst quenching alternative to lager, whilst maintaining the quality of real ale.				
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>Bitter</b>	<b>Horsham, W Sussex</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
Classic best bitter with plenty of hop flavour.				
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>Querkus</b>	<b>Horsham, W Sussex</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
A smoked oaked porter. To get a subtle smokiness, Querkus is brewed with Scottish peated whisky malt, English pale and roasted malts and boiled with only whole leaf Goldings hops. It is then patiently cold matured over pieces of old French oak barrels.				
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>Thames Valley Ale</b>	<b>Horsham, W Sussex</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A traditional Thames Valley bitter, local in strength but plenty of hop flavour.				
<b>Wessex</b>	<b>Russian Stoot</b>	<b>Warminster, Wilts</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>£5.40</b>
Dark and very strong!				
<b>West Berks</b>	<b>Full Circle</b>	<b>Yattendon, Berks</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
This beer has a distinctive hop flavour and a deep golden colour, with a fine hop finish.				
<b>West Berks</b>	<b>Good Old Boy</b>	<b>Yattendon, Berks</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A good balance of malt and hops giving a full-bodied bitter with strong malt flavours, yet retaining a rounded bitterness and a long hop finish.				
<b>West Berks</b>	<b>Magg's Mild</b>	<b>Yattendon, Berks</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
A typical dark mild with a slightly higher hop rate than normally used in milds. Not too sweet and very popular.				
<b>West Berks</b>	<b>Mr Chubb's...</b>	<b>Yattendon, Berks</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>£2.60</b>
A silver medal winner at the 2002 SIBA South East Regional Competition. A traditional style beer with all English hops and a good bitterness balanced by Maris Otter malts from Wiltshire and Suffolk. This beer is named in memory of the brewer's father, who was the lock-keeper at Whitchurch-on-Thames, and sometimes nick-named Mr Chubb.				
<b>West Berks</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Yattendon, Berks</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
A full bodied bitter supplied especially for the festival.				
<b>White Horse</b>	<b>Oxfordshire Bitter</b>	<b>Stanford in Vale, Oxon</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
Using only the finest ingredients this golden bitter balances locally grown Challenge Hops with Yorkshires malt, to offer the discerning drinker a beer that will stop any horse in its tracks.				
<b>White Horse</b>	<b>Giants Stairs</b>	<b>Stanford in Vale, Oxon</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>£3.20</b>
The beer is strong like the Giant and its rich amber colour is derived from the Vienna and chocolate malts. We then hop with English fuggles which combine with the malts to leave you with a fruity fresh after taste and a pleasant dry finish.				



**Lager, Cider, Soft Drinks and Wine also available**