



# ENGLISH CASK ALE FESTIVAL



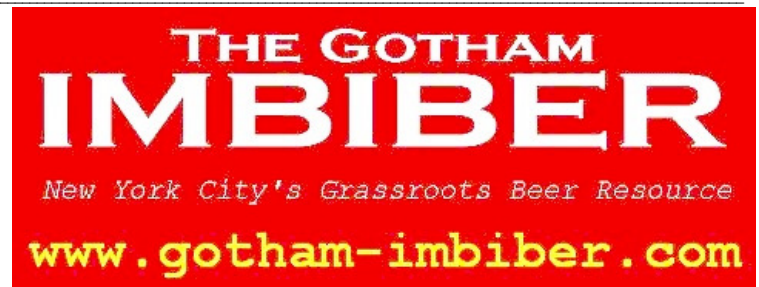
**Rattle 'n' Hum, New York City,  
November 2008**

Please note the following 'real ales' (cask beers) will be available from noon Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> until whenever each one runs out.

- Coniston 'Old Man Ale'** (4.8%) *Style: English Brown Ale* *From Horsham\*, West Sussex, U.K.*  
Ruby red, complex ale with a fruity aroma. On the palate, there's some caramel, toffee, and dark fruit. Challenger hops impart a clean grassiness with a hint of earth and spice. Recently came in 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 25 at a New York Times English ale tasting.
- Dark Star 'Hophead'** (3.8%) *Style: English Bitter* *From Ansty, West Sussex, U.K.*  
An extremely clean drinking, full bodied, pale gold session ale with a strong floral aroma and elderflower notes. There's a clean and refreshing hoppiness on the palate. This beer has won many awards at CAMRA beer festivals in the U.K.
- Dark Star 'Best Bitter'** (4.0%) *Style: English Best Bitter* *From Ansty, West Sussex, U.K.*  
This dark amber session bitter is silky with hints of fruit, smooth and enticing on the palate. Hopped with East Kent Goldings.
- Dark Star 'Festival'** (5.0%) *Style: English Premium Bitter – E.S.B.* *From Ansty, West Sussex, U.K.*  
A chestnut coloured premium Sussex brew with a strong malt backbone and a sweet malt mouthfeel. This beer bears a striking resemblance to 'Festive', formerly a Sussex favourite premium cask ale brewed by the now closed King & Barnes Brewery.
- Dark Star 'Original'** (5.0%) *Style: Old Ale* *From Ansty, West Sussex, U.K.*  
Dark, strong, and smooth with a nice level of bitterness. This recipe is a former 1980s Champion Beer of Britain winner in a previous incarnation - as a beer called 'Dark Star' from Pitfield Brewery, devised there by Dark Star Brewery's founder Rob Jones.
- Dark Star 'Porter'** (5.5%) *Style: English Porter* *From Ansty, West Sussex, U.K.*  
Brown and black malts combine with Target hops in the boil for a luscious, dark, slick, traditional English porter experience.
- Greene King 'Old Speckled Hen'** (4.5%) *Style: English Best Bitter* *From Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, U.K.*  
The only beer here from a large brewery (Greene King is a national U.K. brewer). Smooth, malty, fruity, amber ale with a short finish. Rare on cask here, you should find this has much more depth than the ubiquitous nitro-poured version of Old Speckled Hen.
- Ridgeway 'Seriously Bad Elf'** (9.0%) *Style: English Barleywine* *From Horsham\*, West Sussex, U.K.*  
Described as an "English Double Ale", this turbid, potent strong brew has a pleasantly spicy hop profile.
- Ridgeway 'Criminally Bad Elf'** (10.5%) *Style: English Barleywine* *From Horsham\*, West Sussex, U.K.*  
A sweetish, very strong winter barleywine with notes of fruit and a warming complexity on the palate.

*\*Coniston and Ridgeway beers are brewed by the latter company on the plant of Hepworth Brewery, Horsham.*

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20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 *TBC* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Manhattan Cask Ale Festival at Chelsea Brewing Co., Pier 59.  
5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – 'Glastonwick 2009' Cask Ale and Music Festival, near Brighton, U.K.

*Alex Hall, 17 November 2008*