

THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER *NEW YORK CITY FILES* 2009-2010

BREWERY PROFILE

RCH

West Hewish, U.K. (England)

RCH stands for Royal Clarence Hotel, the original brewpub home of this West Country microbrewer. Brewing takes place in a former cider mill on a 30 barrel plant.

Importer: [B.United International](#)

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.



Ratings

Each beer has been given a rating from one to five which should be interpreted as follows.

* Bland, one-dimensional, or tasting of cheap adjuncts – unenjoyable. Not recommended.

** Nothing special but may be worth trying if nothing better is available.

*** Good, recommended.

**** Great, highly recommended.

***** Exceptionally good, very highly recommended.

Ratings are based on personal taste although, in certain instances, outside evaluations have been used when a particular beer has not been sampled by the author/webmaster.

{S} after the beer name denotes seasonal availability.

Pitchfork (4.3%) *** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – A golden best bitter with floral aroma; the flavor is hoppy with an underlying sweetness. Hops of choice are Fuggles and Goldings. The name comes from an English Civil War battle (the last on English soil), namely the Pitchfork Rebellion of 1685.

Old Slug Porter (4.5%) **** < - BROWN PORTER - > – This is a traditional English porter, full-bodied and almost black with notes of chocolate, coffee, blackcurrant, and black cherries. Brewed with pale malt, crystal malt, black malt, plus Fuggles and Goldings hops. In the original brewery there was a problem with slugs getting into the brewery, and that inspired the naming of this brew which (at least when in cask form) leaves a trail of lacing down the side of the glass as the beer is consumed.

Ale Mary {S} (6.0%) **** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – A biscuity, spicy, herbal winter warmer.

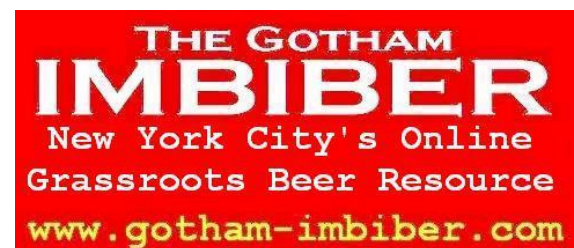
Firebox (6.0%) **** < - ENGLISH STRONG ALE - > – A hoppy, well-balanced strong ale with notes of toffee, cherry, and orange. Cask only.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/rch-brewery>

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