

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Westerham

Edenbridge, U.K. (England)

Established in 2004 in the heart of hop growing country - the county of Kent - by Robert Wicks to brew mainly cask-conditioned ales using yeast from the long-closed Black Eagle Brewery which was situated nearby. Mr. Wicks is a devout Christian, and the two subtly-placed fish emblems on the brewery's logo reflect his faith. Seasonal brews not listed here may possibly also appear this side of the Atlantic in cask-conditioned form.



Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#)

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.

Finchcock's Original (3.5%) *** < - ENGLISH BITTER - > – A golden session beer with hints of sulphur in the aroma, with citrus fruit and resinous hops on the palate together with some biscuit notes and earthiness. Brewed with WGV (Whitbread Golding Variety) and Early Choice Goldings hops. Cask only.

Black Eagle S.P.A. (3.8%) **** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Golden 'Special Pale Ale' brewed with Maris Otter pale ale malt and a small amount of amber malt, which imparts a dry, biscuity flavor. Hops are First Gold and Cascade for a citrusy, slightly spicy note. Cask only.

Grasshopper (3.8%) **** < - ENGLISH BITTER - > – A dark, malty, slightly peppery bitter with nutty, roasted notes. Hopped with Kentish Target Kent Goldings. Cask only.

Little Scotney Pale Ale (4.0%) *** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Brewed for Britain's National Trust using Target hops grown at Scotney Castle. Clean and golden with an earthy and fruity aspect.

British Bulldog B.B. (4.3%) *** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – A mid-brown, well-balanced brew hopped with Kentish Northdown and WGV hops for a resinous, biscuity flavor and aroma. The finish is fairly bitter.

Little Scotney Best Bitter (4.3%) **** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – Dark gold with a good balance of malt, esters, and a floral bitterness from Target hops grown at Scotney Castle.

William Wilberforce Freedom Ale (4.3%) **** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – Fair Trade beer first brewed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in England in March 1807. There's a mellow bitterness with a touch of Demerara sugar sweetness leading to a long, hoppy finish.

1965 Special Bitter Ale (5.0%) * * * < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > - Full bodied, amber-brown ESB hopped with Northdown and Kent Goldings. Cask only.

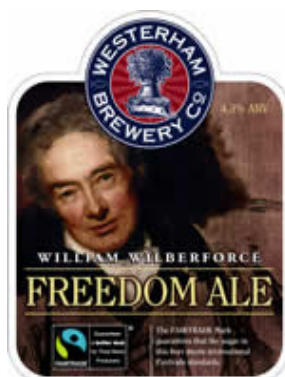
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