

Phoenix Porter 5.0%

Lancashire.

A jet black rich dry porter with a sweet roast nut flavour and a sharp finish.

NYBC Rocket Fuel 5.0%

North Yorkshire.

A strong golden ale, guaranteed to go with a bang.

Brodies Doppel Dunkel Weisen Heisen 6.6%

East London

“Double Dark Wheat Heat”
Dark wheat beer with chilli.

Otley Motley Brew 7.5%

Pontypridd, Wales

We managed to get hold of one of these very special brews. Brewed in conjunction with Glyn from the Rake, this is an Imperial IPA, hoppy, malty, hoppy, hoppy, silly, wonderful! It may have a haze, it is so hoppy. Did I mention it was hoppy?

As requested, in alphabetical order below

ALLENDALE	Black Grouse
BEARTOWN	Polar Eclipse
BHB	Black Hole Bitter
BHB	Star Gazer
BHB	Red Dwarf
BLINDMANS	2010 A Beer Odyssey
BRENTWOOD	Spooky Moon
BRODIES	Doppel Dunkel Weisen Heisen
BRODIES	Wild Mild
DARK STAR	Winter Meltdown
LEES	Supernova
LEES	Dark Side
LEYDEN	Rammy Rocket
MAULDONS	Eatanswill Old
MOLES	Landlords Choice
NYBC	Rocket Fuel
O'HANLON	O'Hanlons Dry Stout
ORKNEY	Dark Island
OTLEY	Motley Brew
PHOENIX	Pale Moonlight
PHOENIX	Porter
PICTISH	Northern Dawn
POT BELLY	Beijing Black
PURPLEMOOSE	Dark Side of the Moose
TRIPLE FFF	Moondance

Another season, another festival.
I love my job!

The theme for this one is
“ t' Ales From The Dark Side “

As it is Winter, I thought immediately of luscious dark warming beers. Then I remembered that some silly people will just not try a dark beer. This is pure madness in my humble opinion. The depth and layering of flavour you find in a dark beer is just so satisfying.

So I needed to find a theme that would allow me to have a lot of dark beers and the flexibility for some other styles also.

“ T ' Ales from the Dark Side ” invokes dark beers and Star Wars (or outer space) !!
(We do like very tenuous links)

So, we have breweries like
“Dark Star” and “Black Hole”, beers like
“Stargazer” and “Rocket Fuel”.....see wot we dun!

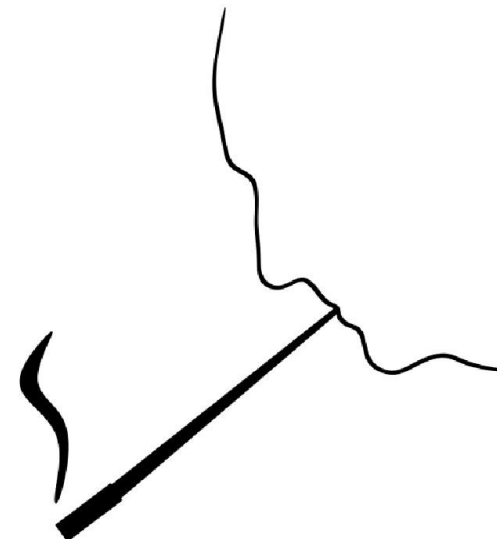
But this is mainly about dark beers, milds, stouts, porters, old ales.

Also we have managed to get hold of a cask of “Motley Brew” from Otley brewery. This has nothing to do with the theme, but just because I can.

ENJOY!

(responsibly, please)

**T 'Ales From The Dark Side
Beer Festival
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Lees Supernova 3.5%

Manchester.

A dark cask ale with undertones of liquorice and chocolate and a rich fruity flavour.

Black Hole Bitter 3.8%

Burton-on-Trent.

BHB is a fine session beer the taste of which is maintained from start to finish. A beautifully crafted straw coloured bitter with a Czech heritage.

Brentwood Spooky Moon 3.8%

Essex.

Dark traditional style session bitter with a sweet fruity aftertaste, brewed with chocolate malt and heavily hopped for an extra special flavour.

Brodies Wild Mild 4.0%

East London

Seemingly, someone mistakenly put hops in their regular mild and this is the result. Yum.

Mauldons Eatanswill Old 4.0%

Suffolk.

A winter ale of deep red and brown hue. It has a well balanced fruit and malt plus a slight sweetness on the palate ending in a pleasant roast bitterness.

Black Hole Stargazer 4.0%

Burton-on-Trent.

A deep golden colour is achieved from a combination of pale crystal and caramalts, whilst a floral balanced bitterness comes from a combination of Slovenian and American hop varieties.

Allendale Black Grouse 4.0%

Northumberland.

A Porter style dark beer at 4%. Hints of coffee and chocolate with an oak aged aroma.

Blindmans 2001 A Beer Oddysey 4.1%

Somerset.

A mid brown rounded ale, brewed with selected malts and giving a subtle hop finish

Lees Dark Side 4.2%

Manchester.

A delicious ebony cask ale with a rich fruity taste and an aroma of chocolate.

Leyden Rammy Rocket 4.2%

Lancashire

A smooth straw coloured ale which is very drinkable.

O'Hanlons Dry Stout 4.2%

Devon

Classic Irish style stout as it should be, hand made with the finest ingredients, bitter and satisfying.

Triple fff Moondance 4.2%

Hampshire.

An amber coloured, very well hopped, best bitter with a balanced bitterness.

Phoenix Pale Moonlight 4.2%

Lancashire

Well-balanced, straw coloured beer. Full malt flavour balanced with a dry, hoppy finish and an exceptional hop aroma.

Pictish Northern Dawn 4.3%

Lancashire

A full-bodied deep amber coloured ale with caramel notes and a lingering malty but bitter finish.

Pot Belly Beijing Black 4.4%

Northamptonshire.

A strong dark mild. 'nuff said!

Moles Landlords Choice 4.5%

Wiltshire.

A dark, strong and smooth hoppy bitter with a rich, fruity palate and a malty finish.

Black Hole Red Dwarf 4.5%

Burton-on-Trent

A distinctive dry taste and a ruby red colour form the basis of this bitter. Challenger hops provide a fruity finish and the malt combination give an underlying toffee flavour.

Purple Moose Dark Side of the Moose 4.6%

Porthmadog, Wales

"Ochr Tywyll Y Mws" - A delicious dark ale with a dry biscuit flavour from the roasted barley and a fruity bitterness from the use of Bramling Cross hops.

Orkney Dark Island 4.6%

Orkney

A typical Scottish beer which has a certain 'something extra'. The nose on this beer is ripe and fruity with a roast malt flavour, married to interesting hop notes - the colour of a glorious red ruby wine, with a beautiful hop and malt balance.

Beartown Polar Eclipse 4.8%

Cheshire

Rich, creamy, smooth, dark, oatmeal stout with light hoppy notes and a dry, bitter finish.

Dark Star Winter Meltdown 5.0%

W. Sussex

Brewed with Chocolate and Crystal malts to produce this deep bronze coloured beer with a hint of malty flavour, bittered by the traditional Golding hop varieties, this is a classic strong bitter complimented by the aromatic warmth of Chinese stem ginger.