

# THE FESTIVE UNICORN

NEWS, BREWS AND VIEWS FROM ROBINSONS



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# WELCOME TO THE FESTIVE EDITION OF THE UNICORN



**William Robinson, Joint Managing Director**

**A warm and merry welcome to a special December edition of the Unicorn. This bonus edition is a short digital only version ahead of our regular printed issue towards the end of January.**

We've rounded up some of our most loved recommendations from previous editions into one place to inspire you this Christmas. But, as much as we're committed to being sustainable, it's not all recycled! You'll find some new bits in here too...

On behalf of our families and everyone at Robinsons, thank you for supporting our pubs, drinking our beer, and for keeping your local community alive. Wishing you plenty of moments of joy and laughter this festive season. And please, for those who need the reminder, our pubs, and the people in our pubs are here for you this Christmas, don't let loneliness be your Christmas grinch. Our pubs are a place for everyone!

**Seasons Greetings.**

*Managing Director, Pub Division*

## Christmas 2025

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# NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER

One of the best things about a new year is the chance for a fresh start. Many of us set resolutions, take on new challenges, and look for opportunities to grow and make changes. With that comes personal development and the chance to try something new. So, how about a new challenge in 2026? Across our pub estate - and within our exciting pub vacancies - there are plenty of opportunities waiting for you to explore.

## Pub Partner Vacancies

Have you ever wanted to run your own pub? After more than 185 years of running great pubs, we know a thing or two about what makes them successful. We're proud to share this knowledge and experience with our Pub Partners. As an independent family business, we look for people who share our values - passion, dedication, and a genuine love for pubs and people.

If you're interested in running a pub or would like to find out more, visit our vacancies page to explore current opportunities and hear what our Pub Partners have to say about running a pub with us.

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[CLICK HERE FOR TESTIMONIALS](#)

## Careers in Managed pubs

If you're an experienced chef, bartender, or front-of-house professional - or even if you're looking to try something completely new - there are plenty of exciting career opportunities across our Managed pubs.

Working with us comes with a host of great benefits, including a 25% discount across our Managed Estate, a competitive salary, and the flexibility of both permanent and temporary contracts with full-time or part-time hours to suit your lifestyle. You'll also enjoy exclusive discounts at over 800 retailers, and opportunities for continuous career development and apprenticeships. Whether you're looking to build your skills, grow your career, or join a welcoming and supportive team, there's a place for you at Robinsons.

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# Winter Getaways:

**Enjoy 20% off a relaxing weekend away in our Managed Pubs**

We're known for our longstanding beers and fantastic pubs here at Robinsons, but did you know you can also stay at many of our Managed Pubs? Our pubs, inns, and hotels are set in some of the most charming locations across the North West, North Wales, and the Yorkshire Dales.

Each of our individually styled rooms offers the perfect place to rest your head after a day exploring - or simply to unwind, relax, and enjoy the views.

Even better, our pubs offer bed and breakfast, with locally sourced, home-made seasonal dishes served throughout the day and evening too. So, you won't even have to plan where to eat in the evening!

If you love the outdoors, many of our inns are right on the doorstep of some of the UK's best walking and cycling routes - and even near golf courses too.

Winter doesn't have to mean staying indoors. A cosy staycation is the perfect way to brighten up the colder months. Picture yourself in a welcoming pub, warming up by a roaring fire with great food and good company. And if you've got a four-legged friend, they can join you too! Dogs are welcome at many of our pubs with rooms for a small additional cost.

**To make things even better, we're offering 20% off stays from December through to March 31st 2026. Simply use the code Unicorn20 at checkout and get ready for your perfect winter getaway.**

“Each of our individually styled rooms offers the perfect place to rest your head after a day exploring - or simply to unwind, relax, and enjoy the views.”

**BOOK  
HERE**

## Give the gift of a staycation...

If you are running out of ideas, or want to mix up the usual gifts you give to a loved one, why not pick a staycation? A weekend away is great idea to make new memories and explore a new location.

**Please note:** this offer excludes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, the Standard rooms at the Royal Ship, and the Cosy Doubles at Hartford Hall.

# Where to Find Us...

- BULLS HEAD**, Castleton
- CROWN INN**, Coniston
- FOUNTAIN INN**, Linton In Craven
- GEORGE III**, Penmaenpool
- HARTFORD HALL**, Hartford
- LEGH ARMS**, Prestbury
- MASONS ARMS**, Strawberry Bank
- QUEENS HEAD**, Hawkshead
- QUEENS HEAD**, Troutbeck
- ROYAL SHIP HOTEL**, Dolgellau
- SPREAD EAGLE INN**, Sawley
- TEMPEST ARMS**, Elslack
- THE BULLS HEAD**, Hale Barns
- THE CRAVEN HEIFER INN**, Kelbrook
- THE SEACROFT**, Treaddur Bay
- THE WOODMAN INN**, Kirkburton
- WAGGON & HORSES**, Eaton
- WHEATLEY ARMS**, Ben Rhydding
- WYNNSTAY ARMS**, Ruabon



# TURNING THE PAGE...

## Looking back through our archives

As we see change unfolding not only within our own business but across the brewery and hospitality industry, we have been looking back at how we have grown, the traditions that have shaped the business, and what is still relevant today.

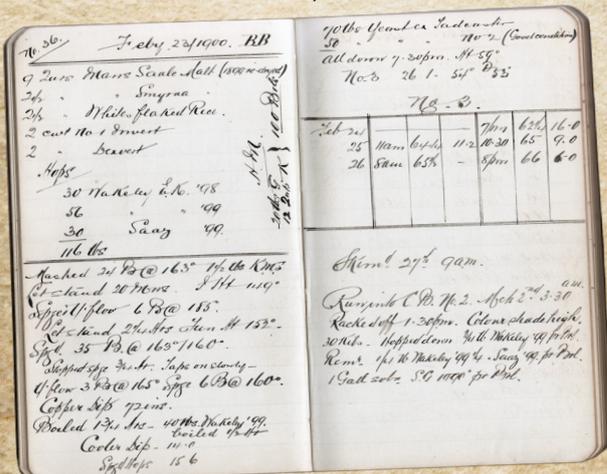
With that in mind, our Archivist Scarlett Dennett, has been rooting deep through our archives and rediscovering moments that tell the story of our journey. Some are small details, others are milestones, but together they shape what Robinsons is today.

### 1896

For many of our locals which have found comfort in our pubs for years, they may be familiar with our longest standing cask beer, Unicorn (previously known as Best Bitter) In 1896, Alfred Munton, Frederic Robinson's successor as Head Brewer and the man behind Old Tom, first developed the recipe for Best Bitter, later to be renamed Unicorn in 2004 as part of a general beer rebrand. It is our oldest beer and will be celebrating its 130th anniversary in 2026.

Here you can see the earliest Best Bitter recipe we've been able to find! It's fascinating to see how much has changed - and how much has stayed the same. We still record our recipes and fermentation notes in a similar format, but today we use Celsius instead of Fahrenheit and kilograms instead of pounds. We still measure specific gravity just as they did back then.

From the way we document our brews to the recent rebrand, one thing has remained constant: Unicorn, known to some simply as Best Bitter, has been a customer favourite for 129 years.



### Late 1900's

Have you had the chance to watch The House of Guinness yet?...

In late September, Netflix released a brand-new series called The House of Guinness, a drama series based on true life events of the Guinness family. If you have given it a watch already, you might recognise a few of the scenes in it, the Stockport Underbank, which is just down the road from our brewery.

Did you know that we have our own connection to Guinness? In the late 19th century, in addition to brewing and selling our own ales, Frederic Robinson became the local distributor for Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. of Dublin. It was a partnership that worked well. The distinctive Guinness stout didn't compete with any of Frederic's own ales and proved very popular amongst Stockport's Irish community.



# A timeline of Old Tom

Take a look at some of his best looks over the years



## 1953

Late Life President, Mr Dennis Robinson, recalled that 'hogsheads of Guinness were collected by our waggon from Pomona Dock' before being transport to Stockport for bottling and distribution. One especially memorable moment came during the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, when Robinsons released a Coronation edition bottle of Guinness Extra Stout alongside our own Unicorn Coronation Ale.



## 2025



Old Tom throughout the years...

On 2nd November, we celebrated the 126th birthday of our much-loved Old Tom. After last year's milestone celebrations, this year we've chosen to look back at how he has changed in appearance over the decades and now, in 2025, Old Tom is revisiting his 1930's self. From limited editions to award-winning bottles, Old Tom has worn many faces, yet he remains a firm favourite among our loyal customers.

If you've not yet tried Old Tom, or his alter-ego Old Ginger Tom, now is the perfect season to do so.

**BUY  
OLD TOM**

**BUY  
OLD TOM GINGER**

# A PINT WITH A VIEW

**Dust off your hiking boots or lace up your trainers and discover a bit more of our beautiful countryside.**

**It's the season for food and festive drinks - and who would resist? With the nights turning darker, colder, and inevitably wetter, staying in the warmth is tempting. But Christmas is also the perfect time to wrap up warm, step outside into the crisp winter air and enjoy the beautiful British countryside.**

**So why not put on your gloves and scarf, stretch your legs, and head out for a refreshing walk that ends in a welcoming, fire-lit pub? After all, no beer tastes better than the one you've earned after a long stroll.**

## Mill Inn

**Mungrisdale, Cumbria**

**Blencathra | Strenuous | 7.75 miles  
4-5 hrs**

One of the Lake District's most well-known fells, this walk offers dramatic mountain views with the mountain peak sitting at 868m above sea level. This fell was described by the famous Lake District Fells writer Alfred Wainwright as 'one of the grandest objects in Lakeland'. There are many routes up Blencathra, and some do require a good level of walking ability and mountain knowledge. Do a little research before setting off and be sure to be well equipped with food, drinks and warm waterproof clothing. It's not a walk to be undertaken in bad weather conditions.

## Bulls Head

**Castleton, Derbyshire**

**Mam Tor | Strenuous | 6.5 miles  
3-4 hrs**

The picturesque village of Castleton sits beneath the Peak District's famous Mam Tor and Great Ridge. Mam Tor and the Great Ridge form part of a large horseshoe of mountains known as the 'Edale Loop' spanning more than 30 km and featuring other famous Peaks such as Kinder Scout. This hike takes in a few peaks with incredible views looking down the Valleys, where you'll see winding hairpin roads, grassy pastures, an occasional train in the distance and views across to the cities on a clear day. Of the few peaks you summit on this walk, you'll know doubt find your own favourite! Castleton is well known for its sheep, so expect to be walking by sheep and keeping dogs on a lead.

## Waggon and Horses

**Matley, Stalybridge**

**Wild Bank Hill | Moderate | 3.3 miles  
2.5 hrs**

A climb up Wild Bank Hill greets you with views spanning across Greater Manchester. Taking in Ashton-under-Lyne in the foreground, with the high-rises of Manchester city centre in the distance. With so much to see, it's quite the challenge to pin a name on all the pockets of urbanisation within view. On a real clear day views span as far as the mountains of Snowdonia and some of Cheshire's hills. The view from the top of Wild Bank isn't the only picture worthy moment of this walk, as you'll pass by three reservoirs each with their own pretty backdrops, and views of some of The Peak District's bigger fells such as Bleaklow and Kinder Scout from Harrop Edge.



Mill Inn, Mungrisdale



Bulls Head, Castleton



Swan Inn, Wybunbury

**Swan Inn**  
Wybunbury, Cheshire

Wybunbury Moss | Easy | 1.75 miles  
1 hr

Take a gentle short stroll round a National Nature Reserve and enjoy being amongst wildlife and their natural habitats. The reserve is home to a rare bog habitat known as a schwingmoor – a bog floating on a 12 metre deep underground lake! You can expect to spot a variety of wildlife and birds on your route as you pass through pathways, fields and boardwalks. This walk is relatively flat and suitable for most ages and fitness abilities.

**Pilot Boat**  
Dulas, Anglesey

Brynrefail circular | Fairly easy  
8.5 miles | 3.5 hrs

Take in the captivating views across Fae Dulas Bay and Traeth Lligway beach in Anglesey. This circular walk includes an optional short climb to the top of Yr Arwdd / Bodafon sitting at 178m above sea level. It may be worth noting this walk has lots of ladder stiles and gates.

**Egerton Arms,**  
Astbury, Cheshire

The Priesty Trail | 3 miles | Moderate  
1 – 1.5 hrs

The Priesty Walk is Congleton's most famous walk, steeped with history. Dating back to early sixteenth century the path was the main connecting walkway used by the priests and clergy who serviced both the village of Astbury and Congleton.

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TO SEE THE WALKS



Mam Tor, a short walk from the Bulls Head, Castleton

# 2025 SEASONALS WRAPPED

2025 has been a busy one for our brewery! Alongside everything else we've had going on this year - from Stock Party to the Trade Show, moving our brewery up to the Bredbury site, and everything in between - we've been rolling out a full range of seasonals for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you've been trying something brand new or revisiting an old favourite, this year has seen 21 seasonal brews hit the taps (and that's not counting our permanent beers!). So, without further ado, let's take a look

back at a year full of innovation, creativity, and flavour across our cask and keg collections.

It's been a year defined by collaboration - within our brewery, pubs, and other fantastic local breweries. From crisp pale ales to deep, roasted porters, our seasonals have brought something special to bars all year round.

Keep an eye out for what we have planned in 2026 - we can't wait to share what's next!

## OUR BI-YEARLY RANGE

### CITRA PALE ALE (March – September)

A crisp, citrusy pale that perfectly complements longer days and lighter evenings.



### BIG SUR (September – March)

A bold, smooth brew ideal for the cooler months.



### OLD TOM

(November & December)

The legendary classic, raising a glass each year to celebrate his birthday.



# CASK SEASONALS

This year's cask range featured eight brews - some new, some nostalgic.  
Can you spot one you've had a pint (or two) of this year?



# KEG SEASONALS

Of course, our keg collection wouldn't be possible without our brilliant Craft Keg Club members, who help us keep the innovation flowing. This year's lineup brought a mix of tropical, hazy, and experimental flavours to the taps:



# WALK OFF THE MINCE PIES

Unwind and explore the beautiful Cheshire countryside through a leisurely stroll suited for all skill types. There are plenty of trails to explore, from the expansive fields and country parks to the rivers and canals. After a good walk, you can relax in one of our cosy traditional pubs, where you'll find tasty food and local drinks. It's the perfect way to spend a day after being in the great outdoors and unwind with friends or family.

Marbury Country Park

## Boars Head, Middlewich

### Middlewich Loop from Middlewich

Starting from the Boar's Head pub in Middlewich, the trail is centred around the Middlewich Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal. This trail weaves through rural landscapes, historic locks, and wildlife-rich routes. Enjoy scenic views and local heritage. The loop is just over 7 miles and typically takes around 2-3 hours to complete, making it a great choice for a leisurely half-day outing.

**Distance: 7 miles**

**Duration: 2-3 hours**

**Skill level: Intermediate**

## The Plough, Whitegate

### Vale Royal Locks loop from Whitegate

The Vale Royal Locks loop is approximately 6 miles and takes around 2.5 hours. It begins by transporting you back to the Industrial Revolution, featuring the Whitegate Way and the Weaver Navigation. These historic routes were originally built to transport salt from the Winsford mine to Runcorn and are now a great way of learning a little more about the local heritage.

**Distance: 6 miles**

**Duration: 2.5 hours**

**Skill level: Intermediate**

## George & Dragon, Holmes Chapel

### The Viaduct Loop from Cranage

The Twemlow Viaduct Loop from Cranage takes you through countryside, woodland, and historic railway arches. If you are a Harry Styles fan, you will walk past a stile which has been decorated by fans. The loop is easily accessible for all, a great dog walking route and is an opportunity to explore neighbouring villages around the area.

**Distance: 4.9 miles**

**Duration: Just over 2 hours**

**Skill level: Intermediate**

## Bells of Peover, Lower Peover

### Bridge over Peover Eye loop from Lower Peover

The Bridge over Peover Eye Walk is a charming route set in Peover. This walk takes you along quiet paths and through fields, crossing the Peover Eye. The historic bridge, which lends the walk its name, adds character to the journey. Along the way, you'll encounter rural views and wildlife. At around 6 miles and a 2 hours and 40 minutes' walk, this walk is perfect for a relaxing outing immersed in nature.

**Distance: 6 miles**

**Duration: Average 2 hours 40 minutes**

**Skill level: Intermediate**



Spinner & Bergamot

## Spinner and Bergamot, Comberbach

### Marbury Country Park – Marbury Country Park loop from Anderton

The Marbury Country Park walk from the Spinner and Bergamot is a scenic route that combines the charm of Cheshire's countryside with the beauty of a historic park. Starting at the welcoming Spinner and Bergamot pub, the trail leads you through fields, woodland paths, and surroundings of Marbury Country Park. The park offers a peaceful retreat and opportunities to spot wildlife. Covering just over 9 miles of land and taking 4 hours, it's an enjoyable outing for nature lovers and those looking to explore the area before kicking back to relax at the pub.

**Distance: 9 miles**

**Duration: 4 hours**

**Skill level: Intermediate**

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Bells of Peover

A Day Out in a...

# Cumbrian Market Town

**Ulverston is a charming market town in Cumbria. It has a rich heritage with many festivals and events throughout the year, as well as plenty of pubs to eat and drink in. We've compiled a list of a few places to visit and things to do whilst in the area.**

## Laurel & Hardy Museum

The legendary comedy duo Laurel and Hardy are from the town, and you'll see a statue of them in the town centre. The world's only Laurel and Hardy Museum is also in Ulverston, so if you fancy hearing more about the life and work of the famous pair, then head to the museum. As well as the museum, you can catch some of their classic films at Roxy Cinema.

## Explore the area by foot

Have a stroll up the Hoad Monument, a replica of Eddystone Lighthouse that commemorates Sir John Barrow, a native explorer and founder of the Royal Geographic Society. At the top you can enjoy panoramic views across the Langdales, Morecambe Bay and the Yorkshire Dales in the distance. It's hard to miss if you're travelling around by car when you're in the area.

If a flat route is more your thing, wander along Ulverston canal at just 1.25 miles long, it's the shortest, widest and deepest in the world! Halfway along the canal you'll find a grade II listed rolling bridge, believed to be the only one of its kind in England.

## Cumbria Crystal

Get artsy at Cumbria Crystal with their workshops. Learn to blow your own glass bauble in their workshop or create your own paperweight. If designing and sculpting yourself isn't for you, their shop and outlet is also located in Ulverston. Workshops are available to book online and run most days.

## Begin the Cumbria Way

This 70-mile-long footpath begins in Ulverston before trailing through the Lake District and finishing in Carlisle. Heading away from Ulverston and towards Coniston is a beautiful part of the trip, passing by the door of another Robinsons pub, The Ship Inn (we recommend a stop off here!) The route then trails towards the shore and ends in Coniston village. You could make the most of your time in Coniston with an overnight stop at the Crown Inn, before jumping back on the bus to Ulverston the next morning.



The famous Ulverston Lighthouse

## Make your own gin

Become your own botanist at Shed One and distill your own gin. The gin experiences often run on Sundays, but there is availability around on selected other dates. Aswell as making your own gin, there are distillery tours that run most Saturdays where you can sample at least five gins and learn more about the story of Shed One gin.

## How to get there

By rail: Ulverston is connected by rail on the Cumbrian coastline. The train line runs from Manchester Airport and goes as far as Carlisle, touching many villages worth visiting along the way.

By car: The closest motorway to Ulverston is the M6, which you'd leave at Junction 36 and head down the A590 (You could stop by at the Gilpin Bridge Inn for a pit stop before continuing).

By bus: There are a couple of routes that run through Ulverston. Reach Ulverston by bus from Kendal, Barrow in Furness, Coniston or Newby Bridge.



Piel Castle



Hope & Anchor



General Burgoyne



Rose & Crown

**DRINK**

**Piel Castle**

The place to go for some live entertainment, a game of pool or a great 'bar' atmosphere.

**Hope & Anchor**

A cosy mix of eclectic and tradition in this quirky pub.

**DINE**

**General Burgoyne**

A five-minute drive from Ulverston, in a little village called Great Urswick, relax at the General Burgoyne with delicious pub classics and great pints. Great for a pit stop after visiting Ulverston or Coniston.

**Rose & Crown**

Expect all the pub classics, served the Rose and Crown way. Warm up by a toasty log fire or wrap up warm and enjoy the al fresco area.

Click the links below to visit the pub websites

**PIEL  
CASTLE**

**HOPE &  
ANCHOR**

**GENERAL  
BURGOYNE**

**ROSE &  
CROWN**

# Discover the Outdoors

## Somewhere new in Cumbria

Cumbria is well known for its hills and its water but there is so much to discover beyond the well-trodden tourist paths. We've put together a selection of medium length walks which we hope will inspire everyone with a new piece of the Cumbrian landscape. What's better, each of these walks is within a stone's throw of one of our great Pub Partner pubs.

Piel Castle

## South Lakes - Western Cumbria

Discover some of our great pubs sitting on the Cumbrian side of Morecambe Bay. Time your visit right to watch the tide come in and out. Northern Rail operate trains from Manchester Piccadilly to Barrow-in-Furness.

### Walney

**Walney Coastal Path**

**Distance** - 16.6 miles

**Duration** - approx. 6.5 hours

**Skill Level** - Intermediate



#### The Crown

Finish with a bite to eat and drink at The Crown in Walney.

### Roose

**Roa Island**

**Distance** - 9.1 miles

**Duration** - approx. 3 hours 45 mins

**Skill Level** - Intermediate

#### The Ship

Unwind with some hearty pub fayre after your walk at The Ship in Roose.



Great Urswick Tarn

### Great Urswick

**Urswick Tarn loop**

**Distance** - 8.7 miles

**Duration** - approx. 3 hours 45 mins

**Skill Level** - Intermediate



#### General Burgoyne

Well-known for its pie and peas, the General Burgoyne can provide you post hike fuel.

## Eastern Cumbria

Conveniently located close to both the Pennines and the Lake District, Appleby sits on the famous Settle-Carlisle train line.

### Appleby

**Appleby Castle loop**

**Distance** - 7 miles

**Duration** - approx. 3 hours

**Skill Level** - Intermediate



#### Crown and Cushion

Eat, drink and even stay overnight at the Crown and Cushion in Appleby in Westmorland.

## Central Lakes

A stone's throw from some of Cumbria's most visited areas Outgate is a tiny hamlet close to Skelwith Bridge, Hawkshead and Ambleside. Buses are the best form of public transport across the central lakes.

### Outgate

**Wray Castle - Latterbarrow and Skelwith Bridge**

**Distance** - 4.8 miles

**Duration** - approx. 2 hours 20 mins

**Skill Level** - Intermediate



Wray Castle

#### Outgate Inn

Finish your walk in a traditional Cumbrian pub and enjoy some food.

## Northern Lakes

Located just south of Carlisle, Cumbria's most northerly city, is the village of Armathwaite. The village also sits on the Settle-Carlisle train line, making it a handy stop over for those wishing to explore Cumbria's villages.

### Armathwaite

**Faces Bay - Vista' Eden**

**Distance** - 3 miles

**Duration** - approx. 1 hour 30 minutes

**Skill Level** - Easy

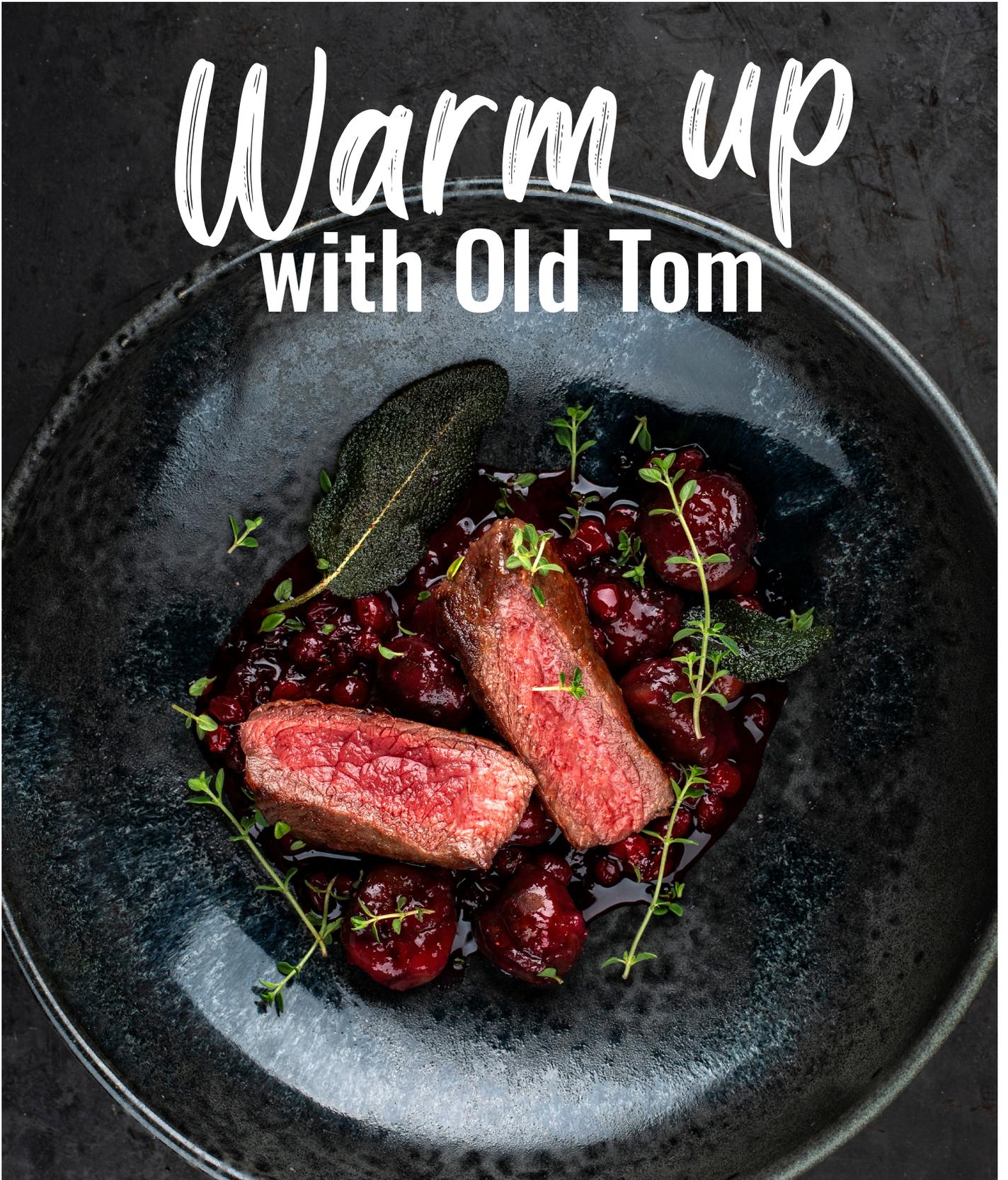


#### Fox and Pheasant

Head to the Fox and Pheasant to unwind for the night and take a stroll whilst you're there.

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# Warm up with Old Tom



The nights are getting darker, the days colder - and you know what that means: it's getting harder and harder to leave the warmth of our homes. If you're an eager chef, or simply a big fan of Old Tom, this one's for you.

To celebrate this time of year, we love using Old Tom for more than just drinking. It actually makes a fantastic

ingredient in all sorts of recipes. Over the years, we've been lucky enough to have chefs, and even some of our customers, share their favourite Old Tom creations. This one, in particular, is a perfect recipe to try on a cold, grey winter's day (and to impress your guests if you're entertaining!).

## Venison steak on spaetzle with cherries in Old Tom

By Bernhard Lanz

Serves 4.

### Ingredients

- 1 Bottle of Old Tom
- 4 Venison Steaks (7–8oz)
- 200g Dark Pitted Cherries (drained)
- 2 Shallots finely chopped
- 2 Tsp Flour
- 4 Tsp Granulated Sugar Salt, Pepper
- Olive Oil

### Spaetzle

- 200g Plain Flour
- 4 Eggs
- 1/2 Pint cold water
- 2 Tbsp parsley finely chopped
- 25g Butter

### Method

#### Preparation

1. Season the steaks with salt and pepper and marinate in olive oil whilst preparing the spaetzle.
2. Soften the shallots with half of the sugar, add 2 Tsp of flour and set aside.

#### The spaetzle

1. To make the spaetzle beat the eggs and add to the flour and parsley, start combining the ingredients by adding a little water to make a smooth dough.
2. Beat the dough with a wooden spoon until it starts to blister.
3. Meanwhile boil a pan with hot water and Salt. Use a spaetzle grater or a wooden board and a knife to shape the noodles.
4. The spaetzle are cooked as soon they start to float. Cool in cold water and set aside.

#### The steak

1. Heat a frying pan and fry the steaks for 2 to 3 minutes on both sides. Put the steaks on a plate and cover with Foil whilst finishing the dish.
2. Add the Old Tom to the frying pan, bring to boil and add the cherries, 2 tsp of sugar, Salt and Pepper and reduce for 2 minutes.
3. At the same time melt the butter in a frying pan and reheat the spaetzle.
4. Now add the shallots to the beer and bring to the boil.
5. Put the spaetzle on the plate, cut the steaks in four tranches and arrange on the noodles, spoon the cherries in Old Tom next to it and garnish with parsley.

## Brasied Black Beef in Ginger Tom

By Louise Heal

Serves 2

### Ingredients

- 4 slices of quality braising steak
- 1 fresh Bury black pudding
- 1 medium onion (sliced)
- 1 medium leek
- 3 stalks celery (sliced)
- 4 bay leaves
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 inch of fresh root ginger
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon Worcester sauce
- black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 1 bottle of Ginger Tom

### Method

1. Seal the braising steak in butter and olive oil, in a heavy based roasting tin. Add the onions, leeks and celery. Add 1 tablespoon of plain flour to coat. Add all the seasoning and spice ingredients, except the parsley, cook for 1 minute.
2. Then add the Ginger Tom & break open the black pudding, crumble it and stir in.
3. Put into a pre-warmed oven, gas 3, cover and cook for 2 hours.
4. Check the seasoning, add a little water if necessary, and finally add the fresh chopped parsley.

#### Prepare the side dishes

1. Make Champ by mashing the potatoes with butter and a little milk, 1/2 teaspoon horseradish and 2 finely chopped spring onions, a little salt and pepper.
2. Prepare Pak Choi by steaming it for a couple of minutes until just wilted.
3. Create Glazed Carrots by melting a little butter and 1 teaspoon of brown sugar in a pan, stir in the cooked carrots until coated.
4. Et voila! Enjoy your creation.

[CLICK HERE](#)  
FOR MORE RECIPES

Have you got a sweet tooth? Why not try our Ginger Tom Sticky Ginger Cake recipe: This rich malty cake, infused with the bold flavours of our iconic brew (or you can choose to use Ginger Tom if you would like to put a spin on Sticky Toffee pudding) is the ultimate way to enjoy Old Tom in a whole new way. Find the recipe here:

[CLICK HERE](#)  
FOR GINGER CAKE RECIPE





Jo Ritchie, General Burgoyne, Great Urswick

# BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT

**Run your next business venture with Robinsons**

Know what makes a good pub great? Amazing people. And if you've got what it takes, we want to get to know you. It's a best of both worlds' deal. The best pubs in the heart of communities – with the freedom to think fresh and to do things differently. The confidence to make your own choices – plus the backing of a top brewery. Expert tactical support and group purchase power – with the flex to create a formula that works for your pub. Be in great company.

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## CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:



### Egerton Arms

The Egerton Arms is a charming 18th-century country pub with rooms, perfectly positioned on the busy A41 in Broxton, Cheshire.



### Royal Oak

A wonderful blend of village life and local tourism. This Cumbrian pub is seeking for an operator wanting to be well-known for great, reliable food and a community spirit.



### Three Mariners

An exciting opportunity for a budding entrepreneur who loves real ale and has an interest in a great pub food offer in Lancaster's oldest pub.