



Announcing the Beers of the Festival at Rail Ale 2026

The competition entries were blind tasted by a panel of judges during the Trade Session on Thursday afternoon with all the Gold category winners going forward to a final blind 'drink off' to choose the Champion Beer.

Our thanks go to all our panel members from CAMRA and the brewing and hospitality industry for giving up their afternoon to help. Congratulations to all our winners - the judges had a pretty hard time choosing you from a very competitive line up of beers from near and far.

CHAMPION BEER OF THE FESTIVAL: Thornbridge Brewery – Salted Caramel Lucaria

Low Gravity Beers – Pale

Gold: Tartarus Beers – Cactus Cat

Silver: Castle Rock Brewery – Marquee Moon

Bronze: Batemans – 5G

Strong Beers – Pale

Gold: Neepsend Brew Co – Alphito

Silver: Oakham Ales – Shakedown

Bronze: Batemans – XXXB

Low Gravity Beers – Copper/Golden:

Gold: Stancill Brewery – No.7

Silver: Stancill Brewery – Barnsley Bitter

Bronze: Buxton Brewery – Right To Roam

Strong Beers – Copper/Golden:

Gold: Woodforde's Brewery – NOG

Silver: Grainstore Brewery – Rutland Beast

Bronze: Grainstore Brewery – Ten Fifty

Low Gravity Beers – Dark

Gold: Batemans – Dark M

Silver: Hollowstone Brewing Co – The Devil's Punchbowl

Bronze: Timothy Taylor's – Landlord Dark

Strong Beers – Dark

Gold: Beermats Brewing X Hawkwind – In Search of Space

Silver: Neepsend Brew Co – Thanatos

Bronze: Coley's Brewery – Coley's Stout

Low Gravity – Speciality Beers:

Gold: Thornbridge Brewery – Salted Caramel Lucaria

Silver: Acorn Brewery – Black Cherry Porter

Bronze: Blue Monkey Brewery – Coconut Mild

Strong Beers – Speciality Beers:

Gold: Lincoln Green Brewing Co – Sunlit Tropic

Silver: Buxton Brewery – Mugshot

Bronze: Titanic Brewery – Raspberry Pale