

## Cullercoats To Hold A Beer And Cider Festival

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SOME of the North East's finest craft ales and ciders will be on offer at a special festival being held at Cullercoats this weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday (August 30 & 31), the Sandpiper, at Farringdon Road, will host its first ever beer and cider festival amid a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

The venue – owned by Newcastle-based leisure company The Malhotra Group – has joined forces with Wylam and Cullercoats breweries; Firebrick Brewery, at Blaydon; Anarchy Brew Co, Morpeth and Matfen-based High House Farm Brewery.

Each will be showcasing three ales at the festival and there will also be a trio of ciders, along with food and family-based activities over the course of the weekend.

On Saturday (August 30) there will be a bouncy castle and face painter, followed by a barbecue from 4pm to 9pm.

And, on Sunday (August 31), there will be a magician, a carvery from 12 noon to 4pm, free curry from 6pm to 9pm and live entertainment throughout the evening.

Along with the Sandpiper, Newcastle-based Malhotra Group owns and manages Scalini's restaurants at Jesmond and Gosforth; the Three Mile Inn, also Gosforth; Osbornes at Jesmond; Market Lane in the city centre and The Runhead, at Ryton.

Director Atul Malhotra said: "Real ales are definitely growing in popularity and we thought this festival would be great way of forging links with our local breweries while also giving our customers the chance to sample ales they may not have tried before.

For information about the Sandpiper Festival, call 0191 253 5050 or visit [www.thesandpiperbar.co.uk](http://www.thesandpiperbar.co.uk).

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