## Oktoberfest comes a month too late

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The spirit of Oktoberfest is now available in the capital as the opening of the city's first authentic German Bier Keller last month offered a brass Oompah band, table-dancing and Steins of German beer. Within Frankensteins the basement has gone through a complete refurbishment to recreate this Bavarian party.

With a band put entirely together for the purpose of the Keller and a menu which evokes an enjoyably Bavarian atmosphere, bar manager John McCausland said: "Our new Bier Keller will be the ultimate party destination for stag and hen parties as well as big group events. Our staff know what it takes to throw a great party!"

The new 165 square metre venue will show premier league football and rugby, as well as catering for birthday and stag celebrations. Aficionados of German beer will be able to enjoy a rare authentic draught beer, served in Steins and an extensive range of bottled beers; also on offer cocktails, schnapps and culinary favourites' including bratwurst, schnitzel and apple strudel.

Should the city feel deprived of any German vibe at the Christmas market this year there is clearly an alternative, and no doubt they will be on hand to pull out all the stops to polish the city's festive air.