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Bring On The Summer!

Right then, enough with all the doom and gloom - let's look forward to hot summer days, beer festivals, holidays, BBQs, great company and lots of cold beer!

It's not too far away - spring is almost here, beer can't be uninvented and it's a great time to be alive.

Cheers!








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UK Craft Beer Releases

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Get The Diamond

Burnt Mill Brewery

6.4% West Coast IPA

Get The Diamond is a 100% Citra IPA. Citra is often recognised as the Queen of hops giving a multitude of delicious citrus and tropical fruit notes.



Cloud Chamber

Burnt Mill Brewery

5% New England Pale

Cloud Chamber is a DDH pale with a base of extra pale, dextrin, oats and caramel aromatic malts. A soft malt profile creates a perfect base for Citra, Talus and HBC 586 to shine together. Tropical fruit flavours are backed up by a melody of citrus and pink grapefruit characteristics for a super delicious beer.



Supercell Anvil

Azvex Brewing Co.

4.8% Helles Lager

100% Weyermann Premium Pilsner malt and Hallertau Mittelfrüh hops.



Quite the Resume

Heist Brew Co.

5% New England IPA

A velvet playground of juicy, ripe tropical fruits, citrus and hints of blueberry & pine. Hopped with Citra, Mosaic & Simcoe.



Blueland

Polly's Brew Co.

5.1% New England Pale

Crisp but not thin, flavourful but not too off the scale on the intensity chart. Just everything working in a wonderful harmony with one another. Featuring a trio of bonafide Polly's favourite hop varieties in Simcoe, Galaxy and Citra, this beer bursts with the usual Polly's checklist – tropical, juicy vibes from Simcoe and Galaxy, but balanced out with a pithy Columbus bitterness.



UK Craft Beer Releases...



Wild Monster

Little Monster Brewing Co.

8% Sour DIPA

Collab with Wild Heaven. A prickly pear cactus sour double IPA.



Acid Monster #4 Blood Orange, Lemon & Star Anise Sour

Little Monster Brewing Co.

5% Fruited Sour

A beautiful clean kettle sour with Blood Orange, Orange, Lemon & Star Anise. They've upped the ABV, big flavour with a crisp tart finish.



Acid Monster #3 Blueberry, Apple, Lemon & Almond Sour

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Tayberry

Vault City Brewing

4.1% Session Sour

Vault City's golden sour ale was fermented on a tonne of Scottish tayberries creating a bold berry character that's juicy and refreshing down to the very last sip. A cross between raspberries and blackberries, this unique fruit creates strong aromas and a fruit forward character on the palate.



Raspberry Roulade

Vault City Brewing

7% Dessert Sour

A decadent dessert sour with bold flavours and a velvety, soft mouthfeel. Like its namesake, this showstopper tastes of fresh raspberries with a swirl of cream wrapped in sweet milky chocolate.



Pear Drops Keep Falling On My Head

Vault City Brewing

5.5% Fruited Sour

Take a trip down memory lane with this sweet shop inspired sour. Soft, fresh, and juicy pear blends with the lemon sherbet character of their base beer to create the nostalgic taste of hard-boiled pear drops.



UK Craft Beer Releases...



Happy Birthday

Cloudwater Brew Co.

3.5% New England Pale Ale

An amped up version of their popular pale ale. This edition is danker and hoppier, with notes of grape, melon, candy floss, and a soft but smash-able finish.



Super Happy Birthday

Cloudwater Brew Co.

5.3% New England Pale

A juicier version of their bold pale. Flavours of candied orange are balanced with notes of pine, giving a full bodied beer with a pillowy finish.



Proper DIPA: Birthday Edition

Cloudwater Brew Co.

8% New England DIPA

A tropical celebration of their DIPA made with legendary Manchester yeast from JW Lees. A dank aroma and flavours of mango and apricot puree leads to a smooth but punchy finish.



Birthday MCI

Cloudwater Brew Co.

11% Imperial Stout

This MCI Birthday edition boasts malted dark chocolate aromas and flavours of opulent dark chocolate ganache with a tart raspberry counterpoint, all finished with a touch of sweet vanilla. Triple Chocolate, Double Vanilla, Raspberry Birthday Cake.



Who Turns The Wheel

Cloudwater Brew Co.

11.4% Port, Whisky, & Bourbon BA Imperial Stout

Using three separately barrel-aged iterations of My Continuous Improvement Stout from Port, Single Malt Whisky and Jim Beam Bourbon barrels, they have have created a Stout blend that is layered and refined. Each barrel contributes distinctive elements to the blend - Bourbon adds spiced caramel, Port adds deep sweetness while the Single Malt adds a well-rounded warmth.



Whistling Winds

Left Handed Giant Brewing

6.8% Baltic Porter

Collab with Boxcar Brewery. Bountiful aromas of dried fruits with a hint of cocoa. This is followed by a rich, nutty sweetness and dark liquorice. Fermented with lager yeast, that's bright and clean, the subtleties of the malt really shine through for a smooth and moreish experience.



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UK Craft Beer Releases...



Amazing Pils

Left Handed Giant Brewing

4.8% Pilsner

Using Citra, Mosaic and Hallertau Blanc to glide through the clean and crisp lager into a juicy and refreshing finish.



Heavy Focus

Track Brewing Co.

6.5% New England IPA

US and Australian hops combine gracefully, alongside Track's signature base that they've been working on tirelessly of late to produce something quite special at the 6.5% ABV mark. Overripe mango, pink grapefruit and tangerine notes make this hazy IPA slip down effortlessly.



Dance First

Track Brewing Co.

4.9% New England Pale

Collab with WHC Lab. Hopped with Motueka, so expect its usual bright and zesty lime profile, amongst some more unusual characteristics not usually associated with a Track Pale Ale.



Think Later

Track Brewing Co.

4.9% New England Pale

Collab with WHC Lab. Hopped with Nelson Sauvin, so expect its usual white wine and gooseberry profile, amongst some more unusual characteristics not usually associated with a Track Pale Ale.



Faith In Love

Northern Monk

5.4% Glitter Pale Ale

Put your Faith in Love, with Northern Monk's glitter haze pale ale. Grab your can, gently roll it, open and pour and marvel at the red glittery haze in your glass.



Gyroscope

Elusive Brewing

4% New England Pale

For this bright and bitter session pale Elusive used plenty of Citra hops in the boil to bring notes of peach and citrus fruit then added Mosaic Spectrum and a smidge of Sabro to provide a tropical top note.



UK Craft Beer Releases...



WhatsApp Crushes the Quality

DEYA Brewing Co.

6.5% New England IPA

Collab with Cloudwater Brew Co. Leaning heavily on Aussie hops, Eclipse and Vic Secret, bringing zesty fresh citrus and sweet black grape respectively.



Laugh At The Odds

Verdant Brewing Co.

6.5% New England IPA

Packed with Amarillo, Bru-I, Strata and Cashmere hops, all bringing a smooth body and loads of tropical fruits. Dank and squidgy pineapple, tangerine and nectarine chunks wrapped up in yeasty apricot esters and the typical Verdant smooth drinking experience.



Tamaki II

Pomona Island Brew Co.

6% Farmhouse Sour

Brewed to celebrate the Second Birthday of Tamaki, Art Director Meiko and Creative Director Gaz's son. Juicy sour plums with grilled Hojicha tea from Bohea Teas make this Farmhouse Sour a good news beer.



Marimba Rhythms

Pomona Island Brew Co.

4.8% New England Pale

A new pale ale hopped with Idaho Gem.



23rd Of Loneliness

Pomona Island Brew Co.

6.1% Fruited Sour

A tropical sour with added Chamomile.



Look Out To Orion

Nothing Bound Brewing Co.

6% New England IPA

Citra, Mosaic and Strata bring citrus and passionfruit on a nice light, soft malt base.



UK Craft Beer Releases...



Bohemian Pilsner

Simple Things Fermentations

4.3% Pilsner

A simple lager made with the best ingredients, plus time. Bohemian Pilsner malt, Saaz hops and six weeks conditioning produces a deep golden straw coloured beer with a very faint haze and crisp, white foam. Fresh bread dough dominates the flavour with delicate spicy, floral and fruit notes in support.



The Race

Howling Hops

5.9% West Coast IPA

Big West Coast energy, massive IBUs, medium body with massive woody, pine and citrus flavours.



Wild Orchard Series 3 - Pinot Noir Saison

Ampersand Brew Co.

8.3% Saison

Collab with All Day Brewing Co. The 3rd release of their Norfolk mixed ferm Saison project aged for 2 years in Flint Vineyard Pinot Noir barrels. Brewed to a traditional Saison recipe but using local Norfolk malt & hops, wild yeast strains and aged in Norfolk wine barrels this really is an expression of Norfolk.



Wild Orchard Series 4 - Bacchus Saison

Ampersand Brew Co.

8% Saison

Collab with All Day Brewing Co. The 4th release of their Norfolk mixed ferm Saison project aged for 2 years in Flint Vineyard Bacchus barrels. Brewed to a traditional Saison recipe but using local Norfolk malt & hops, wild yeast strains & aged in Norfolk wine barrels this really is an expression of Norfolk.



Whimmy Wam Wam Wozzle

Sureshoy Brewing

5.2% Pilsner

Party pilsner brewed with floral Tettnanger hops. Crisp, wet, and smooth - the galaxy's favourite liquid refreshment.



Baribal

Wander Beyond Brewing

14.4% Port Barrel Aged Imperial Blackberry Sour

A Port Barrel Aged Imperial Blackberry Sour. Aged for 23 months in a single port hogshead and coming in at a huge 14.4%.



UK Craft Beer Releases...



Puca

Tartarus Beers

4.5% Oatmeal Stout

A super sessionable stout brewed with large amounts of oats for a smooth, full bodied mouthfeel. Expect flavours of dark fruits & chocolate.



Departure Lounge

Phantom Brewing Co.

5.3% New Zealand Pale

A new sessionable pale with notes of peach and honeydew melon that coat the palate, with a soft and fluffy mouthfeel. Made using Phantasm.nz, a new hop product from New Zealand.



Plot Twist

Wylam Brewery

4.3% New England Pale

A cliffhanger of a pale ale with a twist of Golden Promise and a turn of torrefied wheat. A heady blended dose of Strata and Amarillo hops. Tangy impressions of passionfruit, melon, grapefruit and strawberry fuse and collide with a hard to resist dose of blood orange, pine resin and dried red chilli pepper.



Centaur Wrecker

Staggeringly Good Brewery

8.5% Blackberry, Raspberry, Apple, Toffee, Peanut Gose

Collab with Neon Raptor Brewing Co. Their landmark Staggeringly Good triple fruited gose has been fused with the peanut delights of Neon Raptor's Centaur Army to create a monolithic dino-horse peanut fruit freak... it tastes better than it sounds!



No Money Down

Pentrich Brewing Co.

8.5% Double IPA

A new double IPA hopped with Citra, Amarillo & El Dorado.



Pomeranian Bowling

Pentrich Brewing Co.

7% West Coast IPA

A new West Coast IPA hopped with Centennial, Chinook & Simcoe.



UK Craft Beer Releases...

PENTRICH BREWING Co.

Crepes of Wrath *Pentrich Brewing Co.*

6% Chocolate Stout

A new chocolate stout. Chocolate and more chocolate.



You Vs The Algorithm *Pressure Drop Brew Co.*

3.2% Cryo Session IPA

A perfect harmony of hops and yeast. Big fruit flavour with a fun-sized ABV. Hopped with Citra, El Dorado, Mosaic & Simcoe giving notes of melon, mango & lime.



Final Ex *Bayonet Brewing*

10.5% Triple IPA

Not content with its predecessors this TIPA increases the punch but still packs that heavy dry-hop of Citra, Mosaic and Bru-I that will leave you wanting more.



Trillionaires *Buxton Brewery*

10% Imperial Pastry Stout

Chocolate Caramel Fudge Sundae – A super rich and decadent imperial stout with additions of caramel, chocolate and Madagascan vanilla.



Gravity Chasm *Liquid Light Brew Co.*

6.1% Kveik IPA

Gravity Chasm is a big juicy tropical beast with grapefruit and mango flavours and a vanilla coconut finish from a touch of Sabro in dry hop.



Ruby Ruby *New Bristol Brewery*

6.5% Extra Ruby Mild

Collab with Stockholm Brewery. A rich and full bodied Extra Ruby Mild 6.5%. With a deep, dark fruit character, it's warming and delicious.



UK Craft Beer Releases...

BARON

Fuzz

Baron Brewing

4.2% New England Pale



Mosaic and Strata make up the bulk of flavour in this fuzzy juice tin. Expect a chewy body, huge, dank aroma and signature hoppy taste. Endlessly drinkable while keeping up with the bigger IPAs in everything but booziness.

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Hospitality Sector In Recession

This week the Government announced that the country narrowly missed being in recession last quarter. However, the Hospitality Sector was not so lucky, according to the Night Time Industries Association.

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Classifying Hops

Jeff Alworth at Beervana has been away for a few weeks, but he is back with a thoughtful piece on hop classification.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Focus On Beak Brewery

No one does long-form Sunday supplement style articles quite like Good Beer Hunting, and this week they have gone deep with the fabulous Beak, including some superb photography.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Manchester Pub Crawl

Finally, Mark Johnson of Beer Compurgation has been out on a Manchester pub crawl, including a nice mix of some of the newer Craft Taprooms, as well as some traditional boozers.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Taproom Review



STEVE P
CO FOUNDER TWICB

Howling Hops Tank Bar

Queens Yard, White Post Lane, Hackney Wick, London E9 5EN

The Howling Hops Tank Bar is located near to the canal at Hackney Wick, close to Old Street Brewery and The Merchant's Tap, making it a must stop for the craft beer lover. It's just a minute's walk from Hackney Wick overground station, and just 2 stops down the line from Stratford.

It advertises itself as the first dedicated UK Tank Bar, with beers pouring straight from the tank. The main bar serving area is indeed impressive with 10 large beer tanks looming over the bar and each beer pouring directly from each.



It has a large seating area inside with rows of long tables and bench seating, making it ideal for large groups who want to sit together. There is plenty of seating available outside too.

Taproom Review

The brewery itself is directly behind the bar and you smell all kinds of wonderful working brewery aromas and hear brewery sounds emanating from close by. The Tank Bar offers only Howling Hops beers from its tanks although there is an alternative bar area that serves wines, spirits, soft drinks and some alternative beers from a fridge. The tanks offer a nice range of HH beers including a table beer, lager, pale ale, IPA, fruited sour and an Imperial Stout.

The premises has a definite rustic charm about it, but could perhaps do with a fresh coat of paint to improve its ambience further.



The Tank Bar certainly has a 'rustic' feel about it.

A big screen is used for major sporting events and we understand that live music and alternative entertainment is frequent and very popular.

Food is available most of the day and evening from its own in-house kitchen which serves delicious fare. On our visit the kitchen was dedicated to producing Sri Lankan Street food which was outstanding and good value.

The Howling Hops Brewery & Tank Bar is open every day from noon until late.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



3-4 MARCH 2023

INDIE BEER FEAST

Trafalgar Warehouse, Trafalgar Street, Sheffield S1

<https://www.indiebeerfeast.co.uk/tickets>

18 MARCH 2023

WAREHOUSE BEER FESTIVAL

Staggeringly Good Brewery, Unit 10 St George's Ind Est, Southsea, PO4 8SS

<https://www.simplerix.com/e/warehouse-beer-festival-2023-tickets-122707>

18 MARCH 2023

THE LOVE OF BEER

The View Oban, 34 George Street, Oban PA34 5NL

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-love-of-beer-tickets-529764559057>

14-16 APRIL 2023

BLACKPOOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Pavilion, Blackpool Winter Gardens, Blackpool, FY1 1HL

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-rpqlvxx>

21-22 APRIL 2023

BREW YORK BREWERY BASH

Unit 6, Enterprise Complex, Walmgate, York YO1 9TT

<https://brewyork.co.uk/brewery-bash/>

5-6 MAY 2023

BREW//LDN

Printworks, Surry Quays Road, London SE16 7PJ

<https://www.universe.com/events/brewldn-tickets-j63GI8>

5-7 MAY 2023

CRAFTY DOGG'S BEER FESTIVAL

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<https://bit.ly/3GSIvIB>

12-13 MAY 2023

AWAKENING 2023

St. John's, Forton Road, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/awakening/772019>

12-13 MAY 2023

HOP CITY 2023

The Old Flax Store Marshalls Mill, Leeds LS11 9YJ

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20 MAY 2023

CHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Carriage Shed City Road Chester CH1 3DR

<https://bit.ly/3ip5UwQ>

9-10 JUNE 2023

BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Harbourside, Bristol

<https://bristolcraftbeerfestival.co.uk/>

16-17 JUNE 2023

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<https://www.instagram.com/thesehillsfest/>



16-17 JUNE 2023

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Turner Contemporary, Rendezvous, Margate, Kent CT9 IHG

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30 JUNE - 1 JULY 2023

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7-8 JULY 2023

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Mill Green, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PX

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MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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22 JULY 2023

LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH

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11-12 AUGUST 2023

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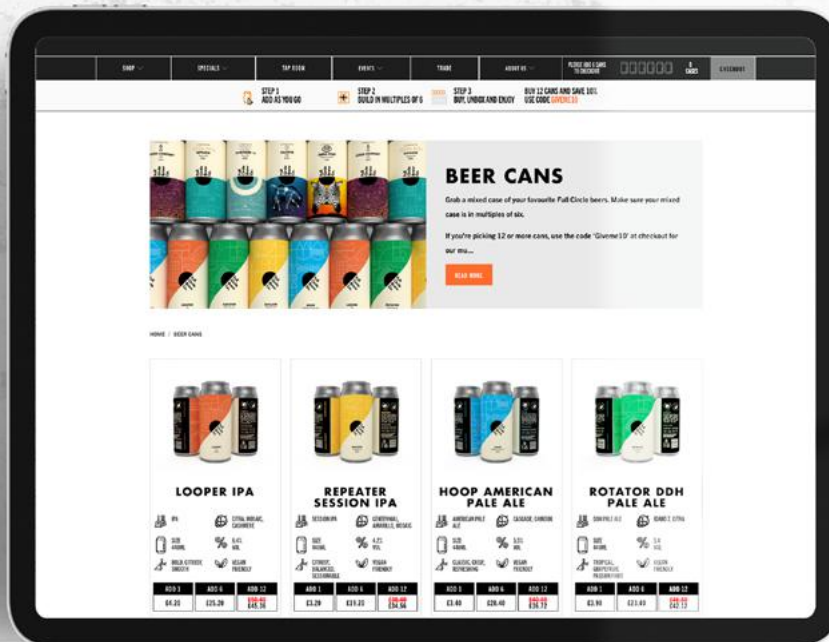




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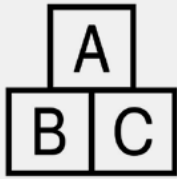
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