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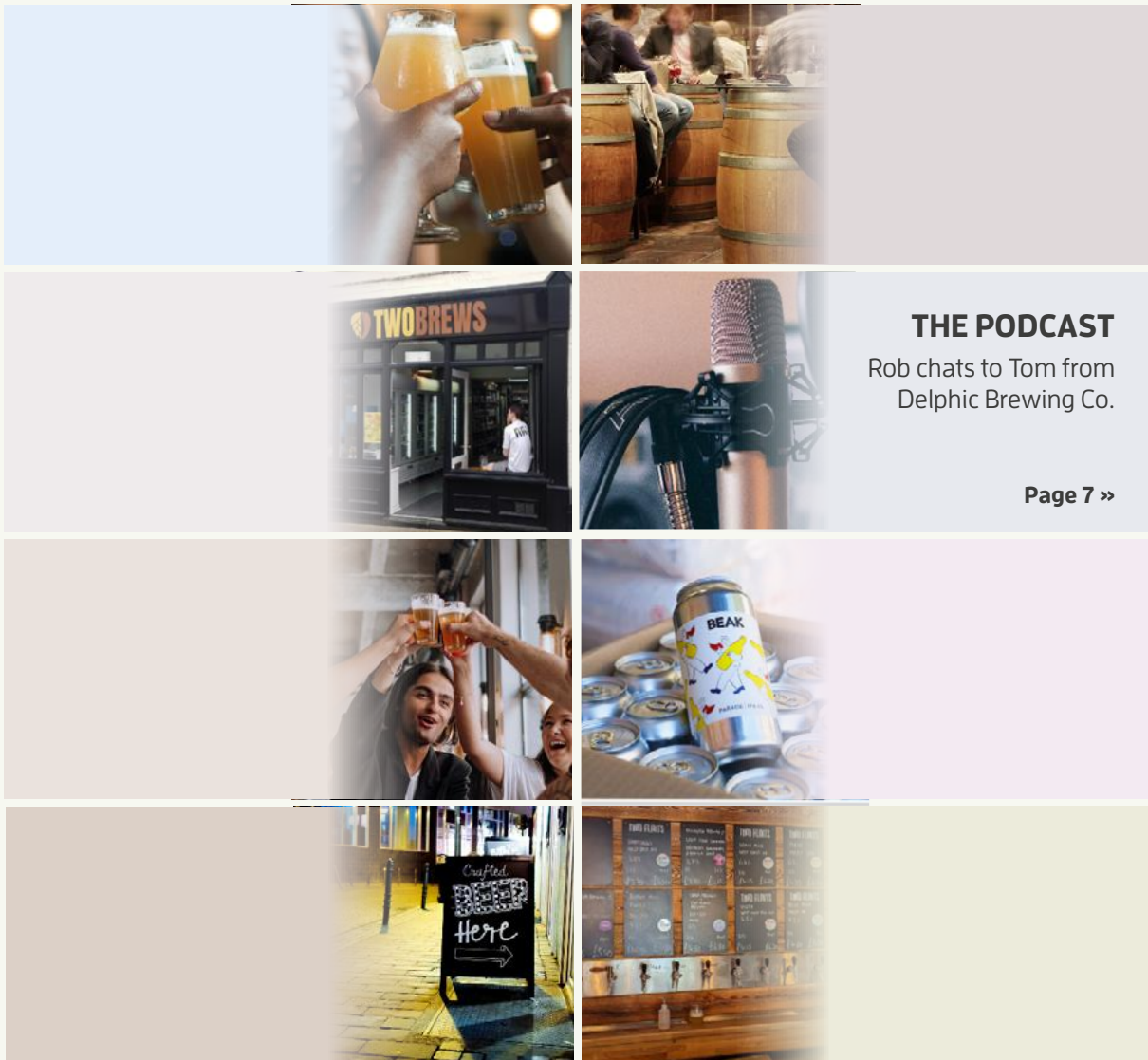
# Where's the Beer?

For those who missed last week's announcement, please be advised that we are discontinuing our new beer releases feature. Feedback from our readers indicated that this content wasn't widely read by most subscribers. Instead, in future issues, we'll introduce new features designed to captivate your interest!

As a result, this first, post new beer release issue, will be somewhat thinner in content. We are, however, committed to enriching upcoming editions with more interesting features and so we thank you for your patience and continued support.

Cheers.

The TWICB Team



## THE PODCAST

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# Brewer's Corner

The latest news and views articles collated from the world of beer.



## Price of Lager Rises 12.5%

The Morning Advertiser reports that the Office for National Statistics has been tracking the cost of a pint of lager, which has apparently risen 12.5% in the year to October 2023, reaching an average price of £4.67. (This is the point at which drinkers in the Southeast shake their heads in wonder about how cheap it must be to drink in many parts of the UK)

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Climate Change

On a related theme, we had all better get used to the fact that lager hops grown in Central Europe will soon become a thing of the past due to climate change. Fortunately, the regions of the World growing "IPA" hops will not be impacted so quickly.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Drunk In Charge?

The Pub Curmudgeon took aim this week at the kill-joys who are working to make it illegal to be drunk in-charge of a self-driving car. Give it a decade or two, and I suspect we will all be able to reach those lovely out of town pubs for a few beers, confident that we can sleep on the journey home!

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## A Better Burden

Finally this week, Stan Hieronymus writes long-form tasting notes about Forest & Farm, a beer that particularly delighted him from Cincinnati's Narrow Path Brewing.

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# Taproom Review



**STEVE P**  
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## Two Brews

11 Church Street, Colchester CO1 1NF

Two Brews is an independent craft beer bottle shop and bar located in Colchester town centre.

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My love affair with craft beer owes its beginnings to Two Brews. Around six years ago, I wandered into their establishment, a die-hard fan of mass-produced lagers (embarrassing, I know), and found myself seeking enlightenment from Paul Stephens, the owner. Patiently, Paul guided me through the universe of craft beer, and the rest, as they say, is history.

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Since then, Two Brews has evolved significantly. Having moved to a more spacious location close to Colchester high street, it's transformed from a mere bottle shop into a genuine craft beer haven—a bar of authentic craftsmanship.

Stepping into the main bar area reveals a delightful sight: 12 craft keg taps in constant flux, showcasing an ever-revolving selection of fresh brews. Remarkably, in all my visits as a regular patron, I've yet to encounter the same beer on offer.

Complementing this dynamic tap line-up are three double fridges and two single ones, stocked to the brim with the latest brews and diverse styles. Notably, even the stouts are diligently refrigerated, maintaining their prime condition for immediate enjoyment—whether you're opting to savour on-site or take the experience home, the price remains the same.

# Taproom Review

Spread across three levels, the premises offer ample seating, with a spacious cellar; the bustling main bar on street level, and an inviting upstairs space furnished with a large sofa and additional seating.

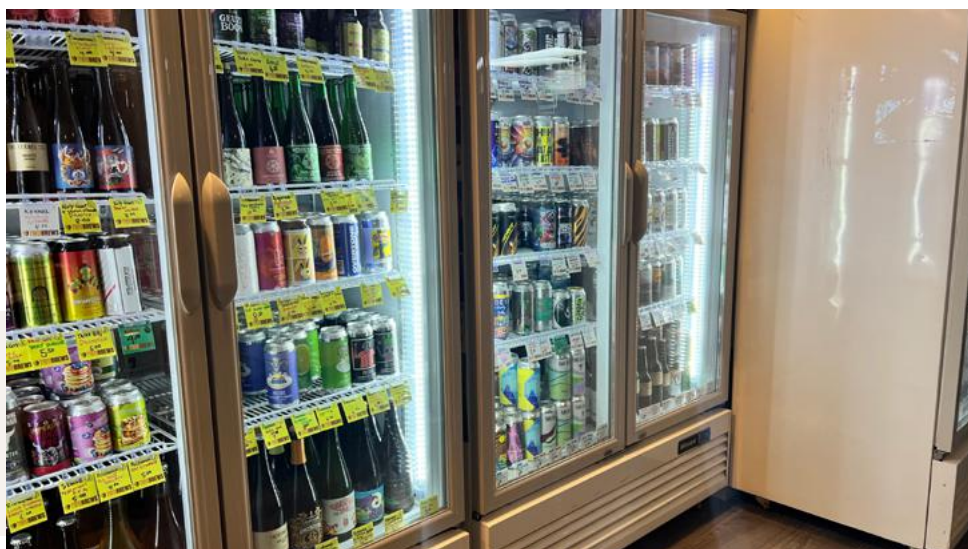
The beer selection, both on tap and in the fridges, is nothing short of exceptional. Two Brews prides itself on featuring emerging breweries from all corners of the country, spotlighting an impressive array of sour beers, German lagers, and Belgian delights.



Interestingly, the name "Two Brews" also reflects their dedication to coffee—where freshly ground beans and an impressive coffee machine cater to aficionados inclined that way.

Moreover, the cellar frequently hosts special events and regular food evenings, adding a layer of vibrancy to the establishment.

In a locality somewhat lacking in craft beer bars, Two Brews stands tall as a flagbearer, consistently offering an ever-evolving menu of superb beers. It's a place I frequent regularly to explore their ever-changing landscape of craft brews.





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# The Podcast with Delphic Brewing Co.

You can listen to the Podcast by downloading through the normal channels, including Apple and Spotify from 4am Monday.



## EPISODE 179 - DELPHIC BREWING CO.

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Tom from Delphic Brewing Co. based in Newbury. Delphic was launched by Tom in 2018, based out of his garage in Thatcham, but this didn't stop him building a great local reputation for brewing seasonal beers for both Cask and Keg. The podcast recording took place in the empty unit in Newbury that is about to become their new Brewery and Taproom.

### MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Level Crossing	224	Best Bitter	4.2%	3.60
World's End	186	Pale Ale	4.6%	3.59
I See Bread People	142	Milk Stout	6.0%	3.67

[LISTEN HERE](#) 

**Location:** The Martins, Thatcham, RG19 4FD  
**Website:** <https://delphicbrewing.com/>

# Save The Grumpy Goat

## A Reading Institution



The Grumpy Goat, a cherished local business in Reading, UK, is facing an imminent threat of closure due to a decision made by its private landlord. This is not just about a business; it's about preserving the heart and soul of our community. The Grumpy Goat has been more than just a provider of fine produce; it has been central to organising community events that bring us together, such as Cheese Fest and the Craft Theory festival.

The potential closure of this establishment would not only affect its dedicated staff but also have far-reaching impacts on our local economy and social fabric. Small businesses like the Grumpy Goat contribute significantly to the UK economy - they account for three-fifths of employment in the private sector (source: Federation of Small Businesses). Moreover, they foster community spirit and contribute to making towns like ours unique.

We cannot stand by while such an integral part of our community is threatened with extinction. We urge those in power to reconsider this decision and work towards solutions that will allow The Grumpy Goat to continue serving its loyal customers and enriching our town's culture.

Join us in standing up for small businesses, for our community, and specifically for saving The Grumpy Goat from closure.

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## NEW 'OFF THE SHELF' APP PLATFORM MAKES DIGITAL COMMERCE AFFORDABLE FOR BREWERIES AND BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS

Breweries and B2B wholesalers in the beverage industry can now offer their customers an 'Amazon-style' sales experience following the launch of a new affordable app-building service that is set to revolutionise the industry by making digital commerce accessible for businesses of all sizes.

Designed to help breweries better connect with their customers, the customisable '**Off The Shelf**' platform has been launched by DueTrade, a technology company helping B2B wholesale businesses to embrace digitalisation. The platform supports those in the industry who want a more efficient way of trading with customers - without the hefty price tag associated with developing a bespoke app.

The new cost-effective platform allows them to trade goods, share promotions, offer 24/7 ordering, and improve brand awareness through a simple, user-friendly ordering app that doesn't cost the earth.

As latest research shows that 83 percent of B2B decision-makers prefer using self-service tools for reordering rather than talking to a sales representative, and 73 percent of B2B buyers want a B2C like experience, the new platform gives businesses the opportunity to improve their customer experience, increase revenue and give themselves the competitive advantage.

Henry Dewing, Founder and Director at DueTrade said:

"Digital commerce is rapidly becoming the preferred way for buyers to complete B2B purchases and customers are increasingly expecting a 'consumer-style' sales experience when buying from wholesalers. That said, developing a totally bespoke app can cost anywhere between £35,000 - £100,000, which makes it an impossible investment for many in the industry.

"We have launched our 'Off The Shelf' service to make sales apps accessible for businesses of all sizes. This white-label option costs a fraction of the price compared to a bespoke app, but still allows breweries the opportunity to put themselves in their customers' back pockets. Companies that invest in this technology will have a competitive advantage in the marketplace by being able to transact faster, increase revenue and manage their portfolios online."

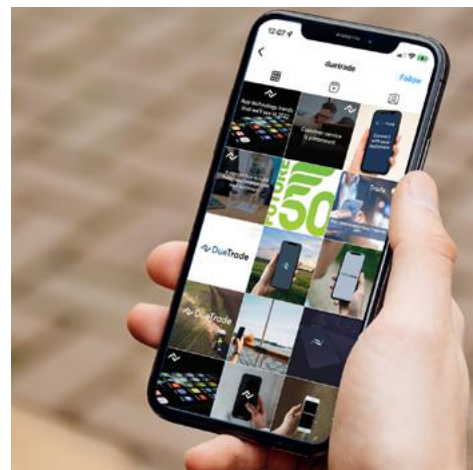
Rather than processing sales manually, either over the phone or via email, customers can place orders at the click of a button via the app. Ordering can be done at any time or day, with quick and easy payment. Buyers use secure profiles to save delivery and payment details for easy reordering and can view their order history, pending orders, favourites and the status of deliveries, for a totally seamless sales experience.

By fully integrating with existing sales, accounting and stock monitoring software, the platform saves valuable time and resources for both the end customer and brewery sales teams.

For breweries and wholesalers, the app can help increase trade orders, enhance customer relationships and save time on inbound enquiries. Customers are updated in real-time with the latest offers and promotions, while the app can be customised with brewery branding to strengthen brand awareness and ensure each business app looks cutting edge.

The DueTrade Off-The-Shelf app platform can be used by B2B wholesale businesses in all industries. Wholesalers, builders' merchants, grain traders, millers, food suppliers, coffee merchants, lumber merchants, butchers and fish mongers are among the wide range of businesses which can also benefit from offering an ordering app.

For further information, please visit [www.duetrade.co.uk](http://www.duetrade.co.uk)





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Doug Thayer  
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Mike Bailey  
Jazz Hundal  
Phantom Brewing Co.  
Jon Mead  
Paul Whelan  
Vaux Brewery  
James Cox  
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# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**19-20 APRIL 2024**

## **BREW YORK BREWERY BASH 2024**

Brew York, Handley Park, Osbaldwick, YO19 5UP

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

**17-18 MAY 2024**

## **HOP CITY**

The Old Flax Store, Marshalls Mill, Marshall St, Holbeck, Leeds LS11 9YJ

<https://rb.gy/z9ru6e>

**18 MAY 2024**

## **CHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Carriage Shed, City Road, Chester CHI 3DR

<https://tinyurl.com/4kw34cub>

**7-8 JUNE 2024**

## **BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Harbourside, Bristol

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



14-15 JUNE 2024

**NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1 IDS

<https://shorturl.at/uzNU5>

5-6 JULY 2024

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

<https://manchestercraftbeerfestival.com/2024-presale/>

9-10 AUGUST 2024

**LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Tobacco Dock, Tobacco Quay, Wapping Lane, London E1W 2SF

<https://londoncraftbeerfestival.co.uk/2024-presale/>

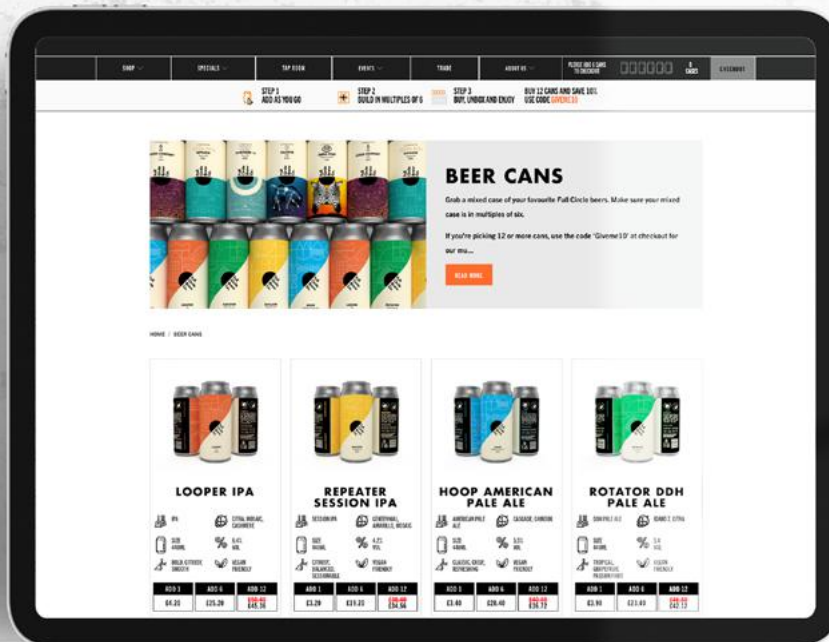






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Craft Brewery & Taproom

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Beers That Belong - Brewed From Nature With Purpose

<https://shop.durationbeer.com/>

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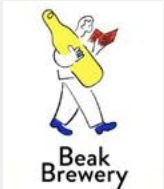
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