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DECEMBER 18th 2023



INTERGALACTIC PLANETARY COFFEE & HAZELNUT STOUT
10.1% VOL
8.2% ABV

FIREROCK

SMALL BATCH BEERS FROM NORTH NOTTS. OUR LOVE FOR MUSIC IN OUR TAPROOM AND...

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INTERGALACTIC

INGREDIENTS: WATER, BARLEY, HOPS, YEAST, HAZELNUT FLAVOR, VANILLA, MALT LACTOSE

440ML : 8.2% ABV (3.6 UNITS)

BEST BEFORE

I LIKE MY COFFEE

Ho Ho Ho!

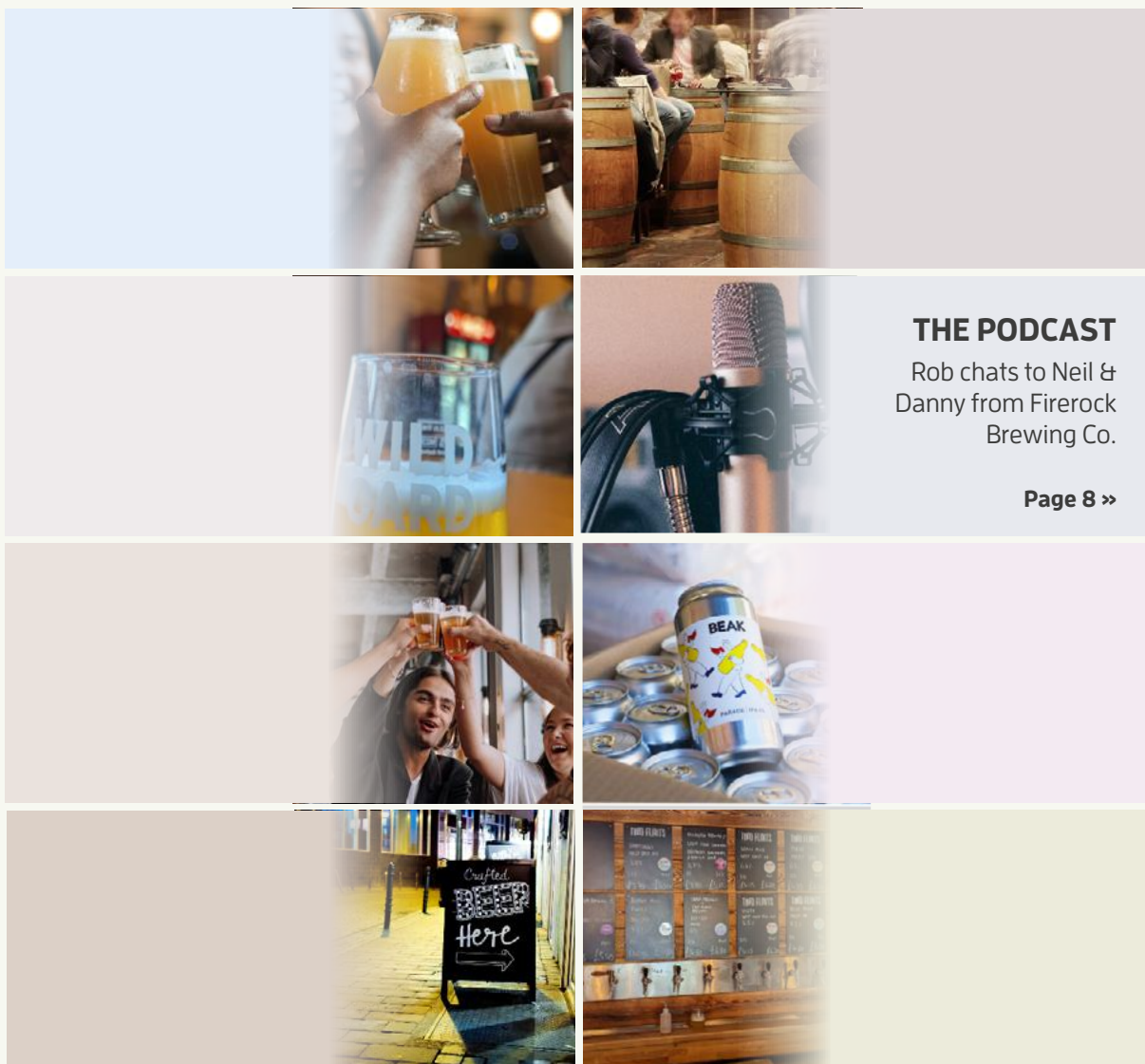
Everyone here at TWICB would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a hop-filled New Year 2024!

Thank you for being an integral part of our beer-loving community, and let's continue this flavourful journey together.

We're taking a brief break for the next couple of weeks, so no newsletter until 2024!

Have a great time!

Cheers.



THE PODCAST

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Brewer's Corner

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



Drinks Sales Down 2%

Slightly at odds with last week's positive economic news, was a report from the Daily Drinks Tracker showing sales were 2% behind last year in the week to 2nd Dec. This period last year was however boosted by the absurdity of the December World Cup on the TV.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

The 'Wetherspoons Effect'

This week Boak and Bailey have given some thought to whether there is a "Wetherspoons Effect" sucking the oxygen and the revenues from any high street where they happen to be trading. Definitely food for thought and discussion. Be sure to check out the extended comments section!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



NYC Cask Beer

Pellicle have a great article this week looking at the surprising resurgence of the New York City Cask beer scene.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



CAMRA Cancels GBBF in 2024

Finally there was surprising news from CAMRA this week announcing that the GBBF won't run in 2024. It has been a few years since we regarded GBBF and Reading BF as the highlights of our beer year, but these are nonetheless important festivals, and CAMRA needs to get themselves properly organised, to make sure they both run in future years.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Elevator

10% TIPA

By Overtone Brewing Co.



Thick, custard-like body then Double Dry Hopped with Eclipse, Citra Cryo and one of the new favourite hops, Peacharine. Enjoy a diverse balance of flavours from soft peach, bright mango, fresh pine and sweet kiwi.

At the time of writing, there are still a few cans left in their webshop.

<https://www.overtonebrewing.com/products/elevator>

Taproom Review



ROB C
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

The Wild Card Brewery Barrel Store

Shernhall St, London E17 9HQ

Nestled in the heart of Walthamstow, East London, the Wild Card Brewery Barrel Store Taproom boasts a unique charm within an old, industrial unit – a hallmark of many distinctive craft beer havens.



Positioned conveniently between Walthamstow Central and Wood Green underground stations, its location offers accessibility without sacrificing the charm of its industrial character.

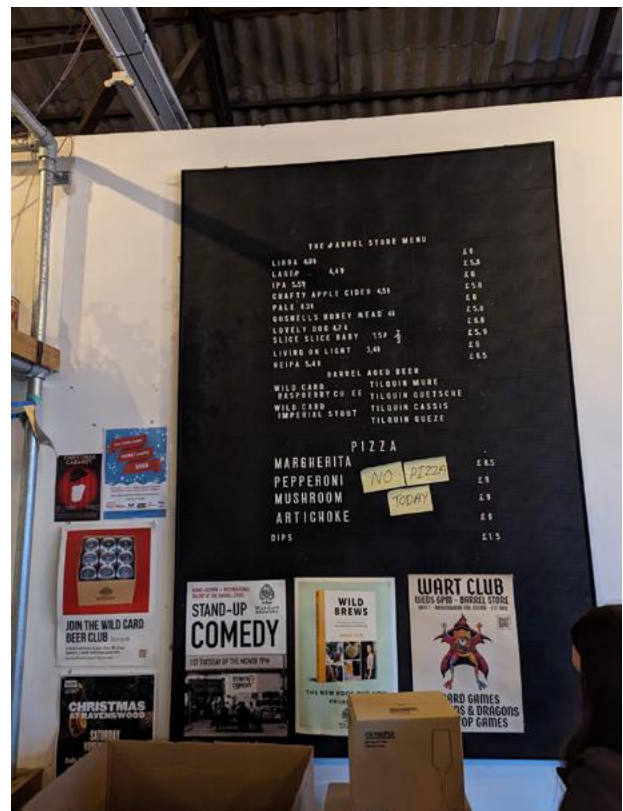
Taproom Review

While the indoor seating might be cosy, the venue generously expands into a spacious outdoor area adorned with rustic wooden benches, creating a relaxed and inviting atmosphere if the weather holds up.

During our visit, the beer selection showcased Wild Card's skills, featuring an enticing array of mixed-style pales, IPAs, NEIPAs, and an assortment of barrel-aged creations. Notably, their barrel-aged Imperial Stout and the Raspberry Cuvée stood out, complemented by guest appearances from Tilquin, the revered Belgian brewery celebrated for their exceptional Lambic-style beers.

Beyond its stellar beer offerings, the taproom hosts an array of lively events, adding an extra dash of excitement to the experience. From Comedy Clubs to game nights, music sessions, and cabaret performances, there's always something to enhance the already vibrant ambiance.

Satisfying the appetite, freshly cooked pizzas are on hand to complement the brews, ensuring that patrons can relish both fantastic flavours and a delightful atmosphere.



Open from Friday through Sunday, the taproom welcomes visitors from 11 am until the late hours, providing ample opportunities to savour its offerings throughout the weekend.

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The Podcast with Firerock Brewing Co.

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



EPISODE 183 - FIREROCK BREWING CO.

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Neil and Danny from Firerock Brewing based in Sutton-in-Ashfield in the East Midlands. Firerock was launched by Neil and Danny in 2017 to create modern, hop-forward beers and they are now based at their own Brewery and Taproom in Sutton.

MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Devil In I	93	Imperial Stout	12.5%	4.49
Kill The Ghosts	91	Irish Dry Stout	4.8%	3.71
The Call of Cthulhu	87	Imperial Stout	14%	4.47

LISTEN HERE 

Location: 20-24 Outram St, Sutton in Ashfield, Notts NG17 4FS

Website: <https://www.firerockbrewing.com/>

Beer Name of the Week

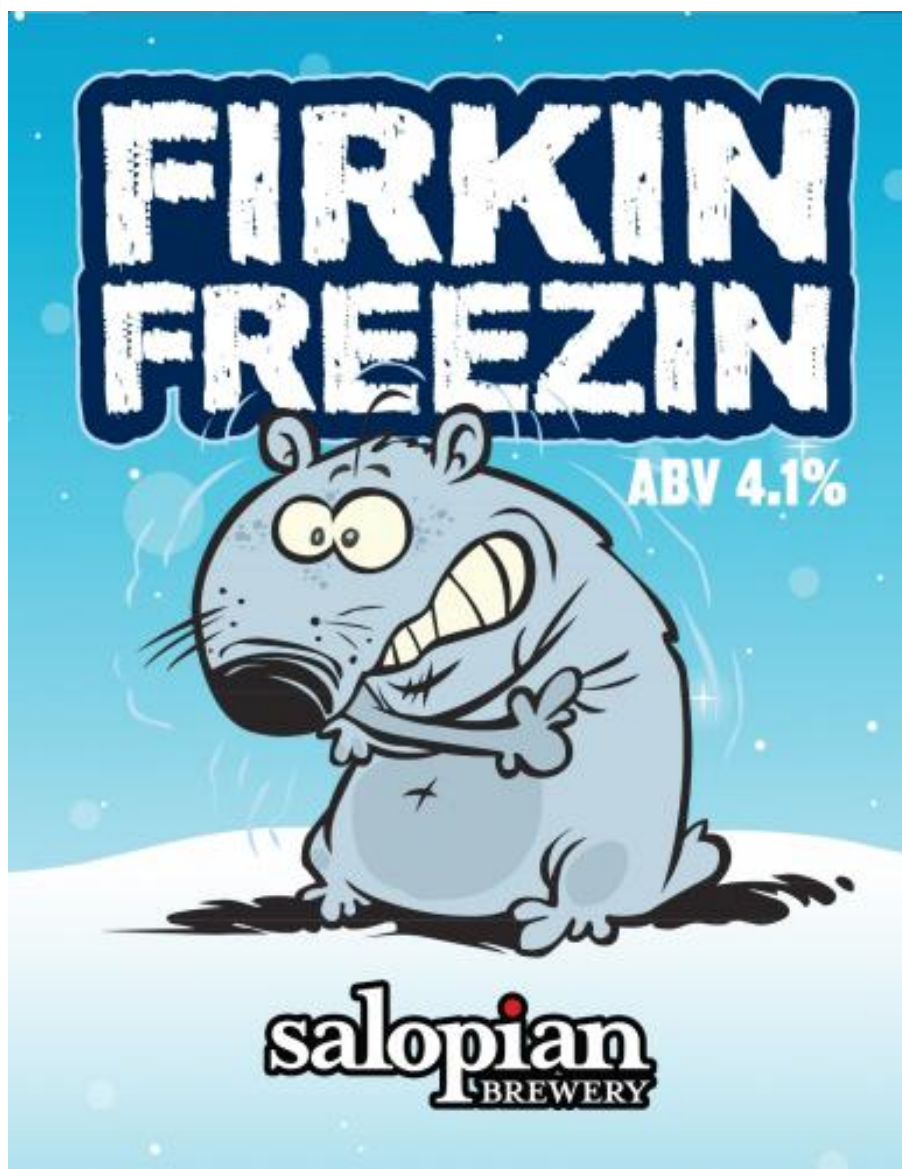
Brewers are always coming up with great names for their latest brews, so we thought it's about time we noticed some of them.

Firkin Freezin

4.1% Winter Ale

by Salopian Brewery

This moreish 4.1% light copper ale, has a clean, crisp & fruity hop profile that's followed by a tart biscuit finish.





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UK Craft Beer Festivals



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

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<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 1DS

<https://shorturl.at/uzNU5>

15-16 JUNE 2024

THESE HILLS BEER FESTIVAL

Party Field, Cockshut Road, Lewes, BN7 3PR

<https://beakbrewery.com/pages/these-hills>

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

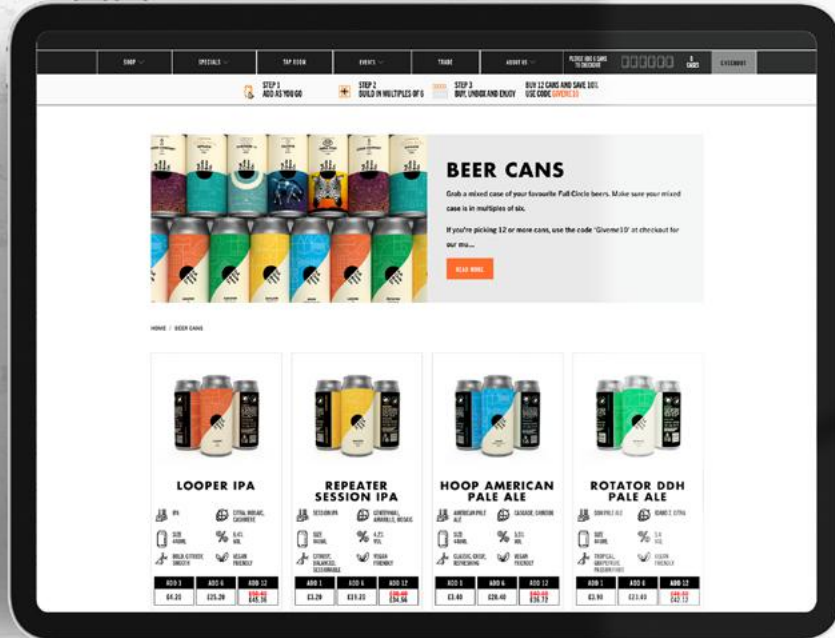
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