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We're Back

We hope you all had a great Christmas and celebrated the New Year in style.

The TWICB Team are taking a rest from beer during January to help let some blood back into the alcohol system.

However, it won't stop us reporting what's going on in the world of craft beer and lining up some awesome new craft beers for ourselves from February 1st. Bring it on!

Cheers.

The TWICB Team



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Brewer's Corner

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



Strong Christmas Trading Period

It is an understandably slow-news week, but the general consensus across a range of articles is that the Christmas trading period was a strong one for UK Hospitality, with the Morning Advertiser reporting like for like trading was up 7% compared to 2022.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Support Your Local In January

Jeff Alworth at Beervana has some wise thoughts on January. Even if you are observing a dry month, it is still important that you support your local hospitality venues, even if it is just for a meal and a couple of soft drinks.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Omnipollo in Focus

The best thing about BEER52 has always been their monthly magazine. This week they take a deep dive into the latest news from Swedish Craft Beer Royalty Omnipollo.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Bristol Pub Crawl

Finally this week, Boak and Bailey have updated their excellent guide to the many great pubs in Bristol. As it is just 22 weeks until BCBF reconvenes at the quay side in Bristol, it is never too early to start plotting your drinking plan for before and after the Festival!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Little Green

4.2% West Pale Ale

By Burnt Mill Brewery



After all the heavy beers consumed over the holiday period this light easy-drinking 4.2% west coast pale really hits the spot!

DDH Pale Ale with a full and rich malt bill for plenty of body. Dextrin, Munich and caramel malts layer up to form a base for dank, piney and tropical fruit characteristics to shine through. Citra and Columbus make up the whirlpool hops with Citra, Mosaic, Columbus and Chinook making up the dry hop for a classic, moreish West Coast pale..

<https://burntmillbrewery.com/products/little-green-west-coast-pale-ale-4-2>

Taproom Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

The Briarbank Brewery Bar

70 Fore St, Ipswich IP4 1LB

Nestled just steps away from Ipswich's picturesque waterfront and bustling marina, the Briarbank Brewery Taproom Bar offers an inviting retreat, merely a brisk walk from the town centre.



Ascending to the first-floor bar directly above the brewery, patrons can immerse themselves in a cosy atmosphere while enjoying an uninterrupted flow of Briarbank's locally acclaimed, award-winning beers bursting with distinctive flavours.

Taproom Review

The small brewery's dynamic operation produces beer two to three times a week using four fermenters concurrently, a truly distinctive feature within Ipswich's brewing landscape.

Operating from midday until late on Fridays through Sundays and from 5 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bar not only showcases signature brews but also boasts a curated selection of guest ales, craft beers, ciders, an impressive array of gins, spirits, wines, and a variety of soft drinks.

The bar's ambiance is enriched by unique furnishings; the taller tables fashioned from repurposed old barrels add an authentic touch, enhancing the overall brew experience.



When it comes to sustenance, the offerings are diverse, catering to various tastes and dietary needs. From delightful snacks to lighter fare, hearty main meals, and decadent desserts, the menu proudly accommodates vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free, and gluten-free options, ensuring an inclusive and satisfying dining experience for all.

At Briarbank Brewery Taproom Bar, it's more than just great beer. It also offers a mix of top-notch beverages, a cosy vibe, and a menu that caters to everyone's tastes and dietary preferences. It's the kind of place that locals and visitors won't want to miss out on.

WE'LL DO THE LABELS YOU DO THE TASTE

*The perfect partnership that tantalises the tastebuds,
allowing our decoration to deliver the temptation.*





The Podcast with Bang The Elephant Brewing

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



EPISODE 184 - BANG THE ELEPHANT BREWING CO.

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Nige and Shippo from Bang The Elephant Brewery based at Langley Mill in the East Midlands. Bang The Elephant was launched in 2017, with a mission of being different! They would hate to get bogged down brewing the same styles again and again, that's why their recipes will always be evolving and new beer releases will come as often as possible.

MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
The Grand Inquisitor	760	Imperial Stout	11.1%	4.28
Mythosaur	669	Imperial Pastry Stout	11.3%	4.21
HOBi-wan-keNOBi (Darkside Rum)	517	BA Imperial Stout	11.8%	4.46

LISTEN HERE 

Location: Amber Drive, Business Park, Unit 14, Bailey Brook, Langley Mill NG16 4BE

Website: <https://bangtheelephantbrewingco.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.

This Time Next Year Rodney

6.0% Stout

by **Arbor Ales**

Lubbly Jubbly!

A decadent salted caramel and milk chocolate shortbread stout.





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Craft BEERings

UK Craft Beer Festivals



10 FEBRUARY 2024

LINCOLN CRAFTY BEER FESTIVAL

The County Assembly Rooms, 76 Bailgate, Lincoln LN1 3AR
<https://allevents.in/lincoln/lincoln-crafty-beer-festival/200025958255628>

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 CH1 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>

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/>

12-13 JULY 2024

BIRMINGHAM CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

The Custard Factory, Floodgate St, Digbeth, Birmingham B5 5SU

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-craft-brew-festival-2024-tickets-763083381937>

9-10 AUGUST 2024

LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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

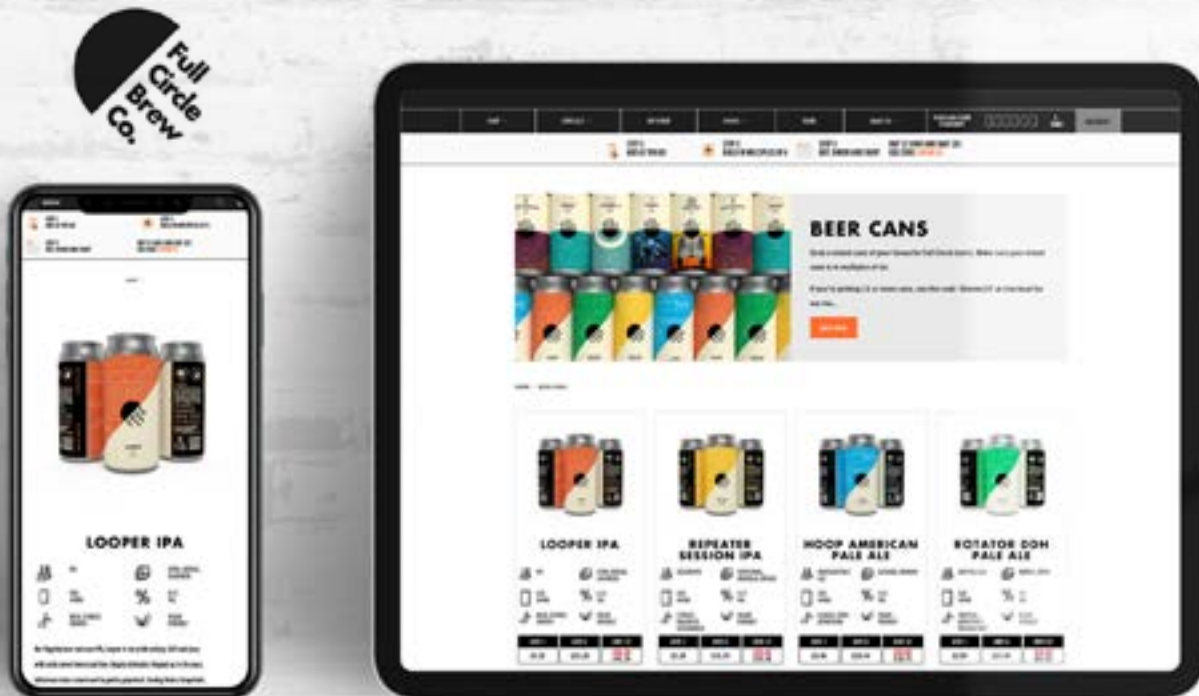
<https://londoncraftbeerfestival.co.uk/2024-presale/>





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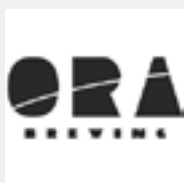
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