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Love is in the Ale

It's Valentine's Day on Wednesday, so it's last chance saloon time to buy your partner something to remember.

With pubs, breweries and taprooms recovering from very poor sales in January try to make the effort to send some business their way. Pick up some of your loved one's favourite craft beers from your local bottle shop or order online via the brewery website or perhaps just take them down the pub!

Love your pub, love your brewery, love your bottleshop, love your beer!

The TWICB Team



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Check out some of our latest brewery focussed podcasts.

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Brewer's Corner

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



Market Report

This week SIBA published their market report analysing the total number of current UK Breweries - broken down by region - at the end of 2023. Beer Today has crunched the numbers, which showed that the North of England fared the worst, whilst the East and Southeast survived relatively unscathed.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Minimum Alcohol Price Increased In Scotland

This week the Scottish Government is expected to announce a 30% increase in the minimum unit price of alcohol, from 50p to 65p. This is clearly news that will mainly impact the macros and the cheap rubbish that they peddle, so this seems to be good news for Craft Brewers.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Are Europeans Falling Out Of Love With Lager?

On the subject of cheap rubbish, reports coming from Holland this week indicate that sales of lagers are cratering, whilst Craft Beer and other premium alcohol products are retaining their sales figures.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

US Malt Central

Finally this week, Good Beer Hunting has a nice article looking at how artisanal US farmers are turning to growing craft malts, in search of a crop that they can actually earn a fair price from.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Stoopid

6.7% Smoothie Sour

By Vault City



Jam-packed with unfermented fruit for the freshest aromas and flavours, featuring ripe strawberries, sweet banana, and the tropical taste of creamy coconut.

Thicc, juicy and outrageously tasty in every stoopid sip.

Still available in Vault City's [webshop](#)

Taproom Review



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TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Windsor & Eton Brewery Taproom

1-4 Vansittart Estate, Duke St, Windsor SL4 1SE

Windsor & Eton Brewery was opened in 2010, and quickly established itself as arguably the leading cask brewery in the Thames Valley. In 2014 they established Uprising as a sister brand to brew keg beers.



They opened their first Taproom in 2016 which shared the same space as the brewery, but it was in 2021 that WEBrew really raised their game, taking on the lease of the adjacent Unit 4, to establish the superb purpose-built Taproom as it exists today.

Taproom Review

The ground floor of the Taproom will comfortably seat around 80 people, and there is a mezzanine floor with a further 30-odd seats. Outside there is seating for another 50 or so, giving Unit 4 more capacity than the vast majority Taprooms.

The venue has a food kitchen in one corner, serving good-looking burgers, hotdogs and wings. Like many hospitality venues this week, Unit 4 was in a full 6-nations frenzy, projecting the games onto the gargantuan screen on the back wall.



When they opened in 2021, Unit 4 was all alone in terms of Taprooms by the Thames-side in Windsor, but they have recently been joined on the same street by both Two Flints and Indie Rabble Breweries/Taprooms, bringing to life a very pleasant Windsor Beer Mile, which your correspondent enjoyed to full advantage on Saturday afternoon!

The taproom is open every day from noon.



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



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

There is no new Podcast this week - However please catch up on some recent issues!

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EPISODE 187 - NOTHING BOUND BREWERY

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EPISODE 186 - CHAIN HOUSE BREWING CO.

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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.

For Ruck Sake

4% Best Bitter

Electric Bear Brew Co.

Brewed to celebrate the return of Six Nations Rugby.

Honey and spice on the nose following through with warming cedar and subtle green tea notes.

At a very sessionable 4%, you'd better try this For R*ck Sake





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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>

16 MARCH 2024

CHELMSFORD CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Chelmsford Social Club, 55 Springfield Road, Chelmsford CM2 6JG

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/605288>

16 MARCH 2024

WAREHOUSE BEER FESTIVAL

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

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/warehouse-beer-festival-light-dark-tickets-I56786>

22-23 MARCH 2024

INTERNATIONAL BREWING & CIDER FESTIVAL

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

<https://ibcfest.com/>



12-13 APRIL 2024

MANCHESTER CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

Victoria Warehouse, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1AB

<https://craftbrewfestival.co.uk/manchester>

19-20 APRIL 2024

BREW YORK BREWERY BASH 2024

Brew York, Handley Park, Osbaldwick, YO19 5UP

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

25-27 APRIL 2024

BREW//LDN

Between The Bridges, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 7PB, UK

<https://shorturl.at/tzILQ>

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>

6-8 JUNE 2024

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2024

Black Lodge Brewery, 3 Kings Dock Street Liverpool L1 8JU

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/craft-beer-expo-2024-tickets-791448552927>

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

LITTLE EARTH FEST

Little Earth Project, Edwardstone, Sudbury, Suffolk

TBA

5-6 JULY 2024

MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

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

5-7 JULY 2024

AMITYFEST 24

Unit 15-16, Festoon Rooms, 83-85 Town St, Farsley, Pudsey LS28 5UJ

<https://shorturl.at/kquv2>

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>

19-20 JULY 2024

CRAFTY DOGG'S BEER FESTIVAL

Ilkley Rugby Club, Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0AA

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/craftydogg/2024>

27 JULY 2024

LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH

DEYA Brewery Taproom, Unit 27, Lansdown Industrial Estate, Gloucester Rd, Cheltenham GL51 8PL

<https://lefthandedgiant.com/pages/little-summer-beer-bash>

9-10 AUGUST 2024

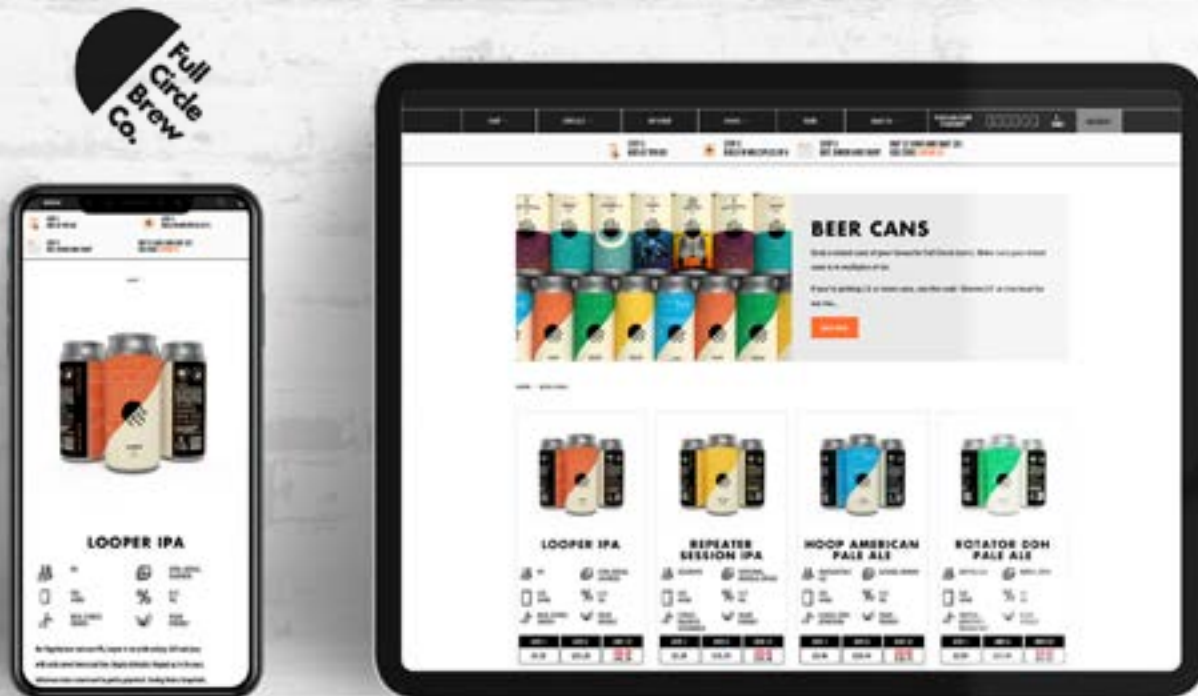
LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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

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



FEATURED WEBSHOP




Craft beer direct to your fridge



Full Circle Brew Co.

Craft Brewery & Taproom

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/collections/all-beer>


 Free national delivery over £50



Duration Brewing Beer Shop

Beers That Belong - Brewed From Nature With Purpose

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


 Free delivery over £50



Villages Brewery

Bringing People Together

<https://villagesbrewery.com/collections/buy-beer>

 Standard shipping £6.99

Webshop Directory...



Little Earth Project

Fresh & Funky From the Suffolk Countryside

<https://littleearthproject.myshopify.com/>

Free shipping for orders over £80



Holy Goat Brewing

Specialising in the Production of Mixed Fermentation & Wood Aged Beers

<https://holygoat.beer/shop/>

Free shipping for orders over £39



Vault City Brewing

Modern Sour Beer With a Focus on Fruit Forward Flavours

<https://vaultcity.co.uk/collections/all-beers>

Free shipping for orders over £50



UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

<https://www.unbarredbrewery.com/collections/unbarred-shop>

Free delivery for orders over £50



ORA Brewing

Discover Our Passion

<https://ora-brewing.myshopify.com/>

Free shipping on orders over £49



Pomona Island Brew Co.

Award Winning Brewery Based In Salford

<https://www.pomonaislandbrew.co.uk/shop>

Standard shipping £6.00



Attic Brew Co.

Forward Thinking Beers

<https://atticbrewco.com/collections/beer>

Free delivery for orders over £35


Webshop Directory...



Polly's Brew Co.

Ultra Fresh, Hop-Forward, Modern Beers

<https://pollysbrew.co/shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Amity Brew Co.

Community, Friendship and Good beer!

<https://www.amitybrew.co/shop>


 Free shipping on orders over £45



Wilderness Brewery

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

<https://www.wildernessbrew.co.uk/shop>


 Standard shipping £8 or click and collect



Moot Brew Co.

Brewing Hop Forward Beers in the Heart of Kent

<https://mootbrew.co.uk/collections/all>


 Free shipping on orders over £60



Exale Brewery

We're Exale. Home of the Wild, Weird and Wonderful

<https://shop.exalebrew.co.uk/>


 Free shipping for orders over £30



Crossover Blendery

Modern, Flavour-Forward Beers Rooted In Tradition

<https://crossoverblendery.co.uk/collections/beers>


 Standard shipping £8.99



Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

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

 Free shipping for orders over £75


Webshop Directory...



Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

<https://www.anspachandhobday.com/shop>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Bullhouse Brew Co.

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

<https://bullhousebrewco.com/collections/beer>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Neon Raptor Brewing Co.

Midlands Based Microbrewery Producing Top Quality Beers

<https://neonraptorbrewingco.com/collections/beer>


 Free shipping on orders of 12 cans or more



Track Brewing Co.

Beers Born From Adventure

<https://www.trackbrewing.co/collections/buybeer>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



71 Brewing Co.

Engineers of Beers, Brewed in Scotland

<https://71brewing.com/collections/all>


 Standard shipping £5.99



Hammerton Brewery

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £48



Vibrant Forest Brewery

Our Passion is to Brew Modern Beers Packed With Flavour

<https://www.vibrantforest.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


Webshop Directory...



Sureshot Brewing

High Quality, Small Batch - From the Beating Belly of Manchester

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Carnival Brewing Co.

Celebrating Modern Beer

<https://carnivalbrewing.me/collections/cans-bottles>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Electric Bear Brewing Co.

Craft Beer That Delivers on that 'glad-to-be-alive' Vibe

<https://electricbearbrewing.com/collections/beer>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Round Corner Brewing

Uncommonly Good Beer

<https://roundcornerbrewing.com/pages/ranges>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Tartarus Beers

Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

<https://www.tartarusbeers.co.uk/collections/beer>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Beak Brewery

Life-affirming Ales

<https://beakbrewery.com/>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Piglove Brewing Co.

Brave Brewing With Eccentric Taste

<https://piglovebrewing.com/collections/all>

 Free shipping for orders over £40


Webshop Directory...



Lost Pier Brewing

Independent Nomadic Brewer Based in Sussex

<https://www.lostpier.com/online-store>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

<https://www.vaux.beer/collections/webshop>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

<https://www.hackneybrewery.com/shop>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

<https://bayonet-brewing.square.site/s/shop>


 Standard shipping £6.50



Padstow Brewing Co.

Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

<https://www.padstowbrewing.co.uk/shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Zapato Brewery

Add any 12 Zapato beers to your cart for an automatic 10% discount

<https://zapatobrewing.com/>


 Free shipping on orders over £60



Time & Tide Brewing

Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

<https://www.timeandtidebrewing.co.uk/shop>

 Free shipping on orders over £50


Webshop Directory...

Stannary Brewing Co.



Producers of Flavoured, Modern Beers in the Heart of West Devon

<https://stannarybrewing.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £30

Wild Horse Brewing Co.



Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

<https://wildhorsebrewing.co.uk/collections/beer-cans>


 Free shipping for orders over £60

Pastore Brewing & Blending



We Make Fresh Super-Fruited Sours & Barrel Aged Blended Wild Ales

<https://pastore-brewing.myshopify.com/collections/all>


 Standard shipping £5.99

Liquid Light Brewing Co.



Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £50

Merakai Brewing Co.



Crafted With Purpose

<https://www.merakaibrewing.com/shop>


 Free shipping for orders over £60

Drop Bear Beers



Alcohol Free Craft Beers

<https://www.dropbearbeers.com/shop/>


 Free shipping on all orders

Hammerton Brewery



Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping on orders over £48


Webshop Directory...



Wylam Brewery

Micro Brewery - Tap Room - Events Space

<https://beerstore.wylambrewery.co.uk/>


 Standard shipping £6.99



Runaway Brewery

Handmade, Modern British Beer

<https://www.therunawaybrewery.com/>


 Standard shipping £6.50



Pillars Brewery

Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

<https://www.pillarsbrewery.com/collections/beer-boxes>


 Free shipping for orders over £80



Pipeline Brewing

Hazy, Hop-Forward Beers

<https://pipelinebrewing.co.uk/collections/all>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



State of Kind Brew Co.

Making the World Better One Beer at a Time

<https://www.stateofkindbrew.co/shop>


 Free shipping for orders over £45



Bottle & Jug Dept.

Craft Beer, Traditional Cider, Spirits, Natural and Organic Wine

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


 Free shipping for orders over £95



Double-Barrelled Brewery

A modern, independent brewery based in Reading, Berkshire

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50
