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Axial Tilt

As the Earth swings around the back of the sun again, we find ourselves in February with the excitement of most of the year ahead of us to look forward to.

Hopefully we can soon bid farewell to the winter chill as the promise of spring beckons, bringing the pleasure of extended daylight hours—a perfect backdrop for savouring craft beers in settings such as gardens, inviting pubs, dynamic taprooms, and the friendly atmosphere of festivals.

Speaking of festivals, the calendar is swiftly filling up with exciting events, and ticket sales are moving briskly. To ensure you don't miss out on their hoppy happiness, we encourage you to seize the opportunity and plan your craft beer festival experiences without delay, with the help of our Festival Directory. Secure your spot now and get ready to embark on a journey of flavour and camaraderie! Cheers to a year filled with memorable craft beer moments.

The TWICB Team



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Brewer's Corner

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



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Dry January To Blame For Drop In Sales

Not much good news about this week! The Morning Advertiser reports that January saw an 8% drop in alcohol sales compared to January 2022, as the Dry January hype really took hold of the public's imagination this year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Craft Beer Boom Over?

There has been a trend for some time for very negative reporting from the USA on the Craft Beer sector, however this article is the most sobering to-date, as it refers to some very well-known names including Brienne Allen and Colin McFadden, formerly Head Brewer at Tired Hands.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Prague In Focus

How about an article from Jeff about the timeless beer oasis that is Prague to cheer you up?

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Lowering The ABV

Finally, here is a part-comical/part-tragic statement from Heineken that they have reduced the strength of John Smiths to 3.4% due to "consumer's health preferences"! The more cynical amongst us would be forgiven for thinking it was actually to squeeze under the new 3.5% duty threshold, which is set to save the Dutch Macro £14.5M in off-sales alone, compared to 2022.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beers of the Week

The Oregon Trail Trilogy

3 x 8% DIPAs

By Elusive Brewing



DOUBLE SUNSET OREGON TRAIL
8% West Coast Red Double IPA

DOUBLE MIDNIGHT OREGON TRAIL
8% West Coast Black Double IPA

DOUBLE OREGON TRAIL
8% West Coast Double IPA

Taproom Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Arcade Street Tavern

| Arcade Street, Ipswich, IPI | EX

Nestled in the heart of Ipswich town centre, Arcade Street Tavern is a hidden gem for craft beer enthusiasts. This traditional bar offers a unique experience with its diverse selection of 16 keg and several cask offerings from the best craft breweries across the UK and Europe.



Arcade Street Tavern boasts a constantly changing line-up of keg and cask beers. With fresh arrivals weekly, patrons can always expect the latest craft beers or heritage brews to be available. The bar takes pride in offering a wide variety, including Belgian beers, Abbey, Trappist, and German beers, all served in their official glassware.

Taproom Review

The interior exudes a cosy and attractive ambiance, creating the perfect setting for enjoying quality craft beverages. An adjoining room provides extra tables and seating, while a limited outdoor area offers a charming spot for patrons to bask in during good weather.

With an impressive stock of approximately 120 beers at any given time, Arcade Street Tavern goes beyond craft beers. A full bar drinks menu is available, catering to a wider audience with diverse preferences.



The taproom is not just a place to enjoy a great pint; it's a hub of activity. Regular events such as Beer Tasting Evenings, Tap Takeovers, Meet the Brewer sessions, Product Launches, Live Music, and Festivals keep the atmosphere lively and engaging.

For the ultimate craft beer connoisseur, Arcade Street Tavern is a verified venue on Untappd. This means patrons can conveniently track the ever-changing draft beer list, ensuring they never miss out on the latest and greatest offerings.

Whether you're a seasoned craft beer enthusiast or a casual drinker looking for a unique experience, Arcade Street Tavern promises a welcoming environment, an extensive selection of quality beverages, and a calendar full of exciting events. This taproom is a must-visit for anyone seeking the best in craft beer culture.

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 The Escapist BrewPub

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



EPISODE 188 - THE ESCAPIST BREWPUB

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Steve, Tom and Huw from The Escapist Brew Pub based in Chichester, West Sussex.

Steve and Tom opened the Escapist as a Craft Beer Bar in 2020, in a desire to create the sort of venue for Chichester that they would like to drink in.

In the summer of 2022. Huw joined the Team as Head Brewer, as the Escapist officially became a brew pub!

MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Red Shirt Fridays	131	New Zealand Pale	5.0%	3.75
Testing One Two	129	Pale Ale	4.6%	3.67
Herr Poppy	47	Hefeweizen	5.0%	3.75

LISTEN HERE 

Location: 9 Crane Street Chichester, West Sussex
Website: <https://www.theescapistchichester.co.uk/>

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.

Breakdancing in Doncaster

6.5% IPA

By Northern Monk

Northern Monk have taken the king of the US hops, Citra, and paired it with the gold-standard of English hops, East Kent Goldings. Citra brings its signature tropical and citrus punch, which underpins the tangerine, mint and floral notes of East Kent Goldings.





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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

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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

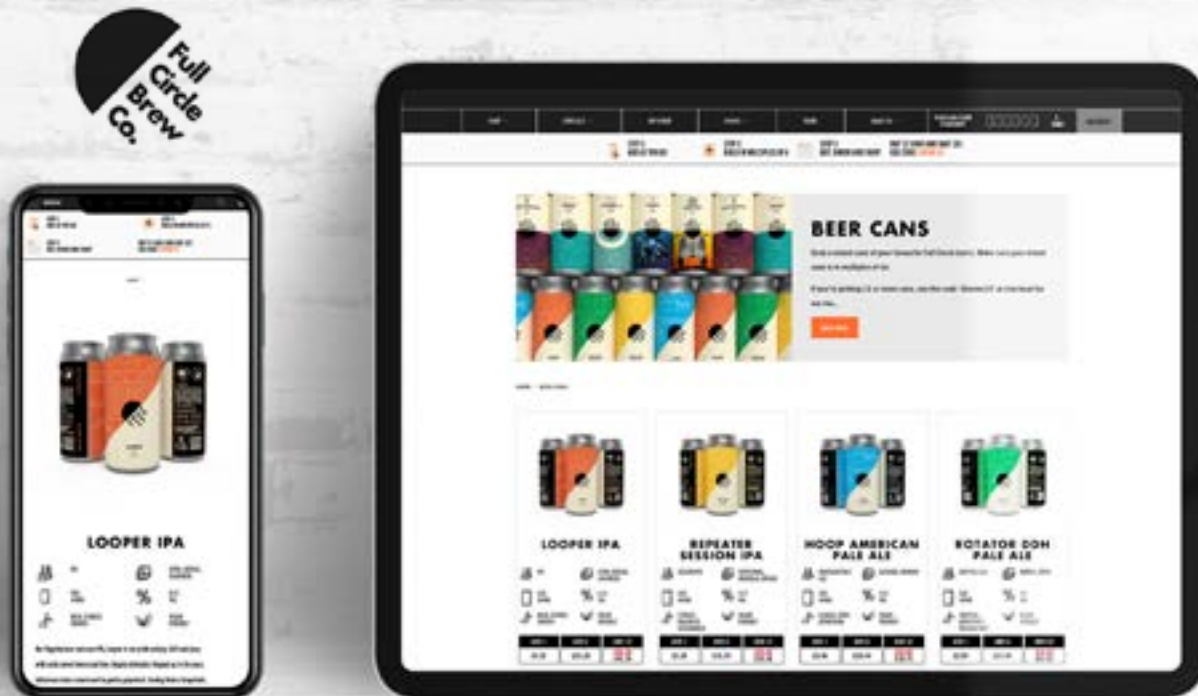
Tobacco Dock, Tobacco Quay, Wapping Lane, London E1W 2SF

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



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Beers That Belong - Brewed From Nature With Purpose

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


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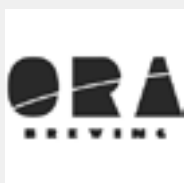
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