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Beery news from around the world.

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Rob chats to Chris from Modest Beer.

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We visit The Butcher's Hook Alehouse in Southampton.



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# Marching On

Welcome to the mad month of March.

Despite the continued rain and cold, there are definite signs of Spring everywhere you look. Dry January seemed to go on forever but February has simply raced past - even allowing for it being two days shorter. It could of course be because we are back enjoying the delights of some delicious new craft beers.

So let's all look forward to drinking heartily at beer festivals and in pub and taproom gardens as the weather starts to warm up!

Cheers.

The TWICB Team



# Brewer's Corner

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



## Budget Week

As it is Budget-week, it is no surprise that the Hospitality Industry has been maintaining the pressure on the Chancellor to announce further support measures for the beleaguered sector.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

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## Beer Sector Ready For Strong 2024

Here is an interesting perspective from Reuters suggesting that the beer sector is in for a strong 2024, at the expense of both wine and spirits, which have shown significant weakness in recent months.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Pubs Help Overcome Loneliness

The brilliant Adrian Tierney-Jones has a great piece on his Substack account this week about the important role that pubs can play in helping people to overcome loneliness.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Ten Euros a Pint in Dublin

Let's close out with a link to a story on The Drinks Business about pubs in Ireland, and particularly Dublin, now starting to charge in excess of ten Euros for pints of macro rubbish! This is surely good news for the Craft Beer sector, because at that price point, drinkers are surely going to demand some actual flavour in their beer.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## Crimson King

7% Flanders Red

By Holy Goat Brewing



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Inspired by Flanders Reds of old, Crimson King represents their longest aged and most complicated releases to date. It combines four brews of different ages: one batch was aged for three months, another for four months with aged hops, another for nearly two years in tank and the final portion for one year in whisky casks.

This blend was refermented and aged for an additional month on locally grown Scottish strawberries, cherries and blackcurrants (totalling 250g/l). Deep complexities abound in this aged beast. Behold the Crimson King!

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# Taproom Review



**ROB C**  
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## The Butcher's Hook Alehouse

7 Manor Farm Rd, Southampton SO18 1NN

Located in a single shop-front on the Bittern Park Triangle about three miles northeast of Southampton City Centre, The Butchers Hook is the oldest Micropub in Southampton, and can reasonably claim to have sparked what is arguably the largest collection of Micropubs in any UK City.

The pub is at the centre of a small local parade of shops, with a view over the river Itchen.



Formerly a butcher's shop, the venue retains attractive ceramic tiling throughout. The serving area is located at the back, and there is indoor seating for about 25 people, with further seating on the pavement at the front for perhaps another 20 or so, when weather permits.

## Taproom Review

The Butchers Hook has seven keg lines, and serves a further three cask beers, backed-up by several well-stocked fridges. We visited on the occasion of their tenth birthday celebrations which featured ten specially commissioned collab beers including the likes of Emperors, Little Earth Project, Phantom, Siren and Makemake.

The Butchers is run with great enthusiasm by two guys who are both called Ant, and they run regular tap takeovers and other events. There is a thriving homebrew club based at the venue, who contributed to one of the anniversary beers, a superb BA Imperial Milk Stout. brewed at local Southampton Brewery Dancing Man.



Although the Butchers Hook doesn't serve food other than crisps and nuts, they are literally next door to an Indian restaurant, opposite two fish and chip shops, and a few doors down from the Southampton institution that is Plested Bakehouse, which sells pies and pasties to die for!

One thing that really stood out was the enthusiasm of the local customers, as they turned out in force early on Friday afternoon, and we are assured a vibrant and friendly crowd is to be found whenever the doors are open for business.

Opening hours:  
Saturday: 1-11pm  
Sunday: 1-10pm  
Monday: Closed  
Tues-Fri: 4-11pm

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# The Podcast with Modest Beer

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



## EPISODE 191 - MODEST BEER

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Chris from Modest Beer based in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Chris started out as a homebrewer, and was inspired to launch Modest Beer in 2019, following the success of a Kolsch-style beer brewed for a friend's restaurant. Things have moved on at a pace since then, and Modest are building a great reputation throughout Northern Ireland and beyond.

### ***MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD***

<b>BEER NAME</b>	<b>CHECK-INS</b>	<b>STYLE</b>	<b>ABV</b>	<b>RATING</b>
Cloudy Yet Full of Sunshine	438	New England Pale	4.2%	3.70
Daydreaming of Far Off Lands	343	Hazy IPA	5.5%	3.77
The Bruce	224	New Zealand Pale	4.2%	3.73

LISTEN HERE 

**Location:** 86 Clonkeen Rd, Randalstown, Antrim, BT41 3JJ

**Website:** <https://www.modestbeer.co.uk/>

# Beer Name of the Week

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

## Sean of the Red

5.1% Red Ale

Arbor Ales

A modern red ale crafted with Mosaic, Azacca and Chinook, by our Arbor's very own Seán.

A nod to the cult classic movie, Sean of the Dead.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfcaZ4pC-4>





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# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**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-156786>

**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>

**29-30 APRIL 2024**

**SPRING LOADED**

Disruption Is Brewing 4 Lawrence Way, Camberley GU15 3DL

<https://shorturl.at/bBEGl>

**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>

**22 JUNE 2024**

**CHANGE IS BREWING 2024**

27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane Oxford OX2 0L

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/610142>

**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/>

29-31 AUGUST 2024

**FARM TRIP 2024**

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane, Rivington PR6 9HE

<https://www.rivingtonbrewing.co.uk/farmtrip2024>

20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

**DERBYSHIRE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

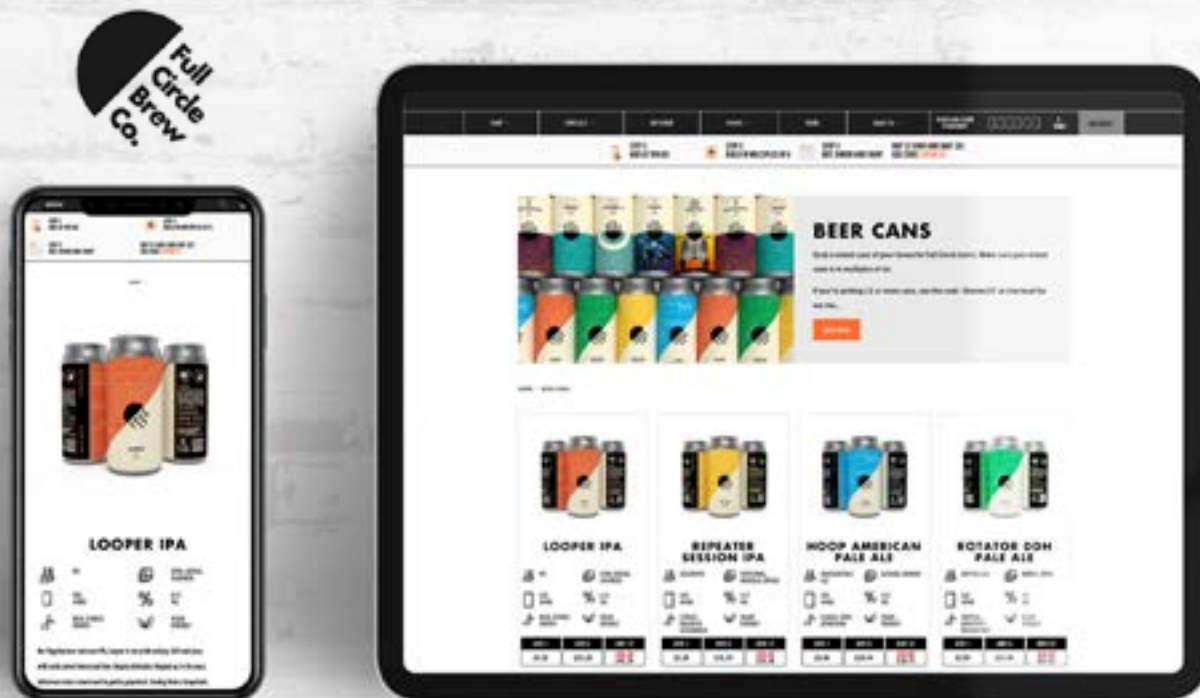
The Grand Pavilion, South Parade, Matlock Bath, DE4 3NR

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


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### 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


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## Holy Goat Brewing

Specialising in the Production of Mixed Fermentation & Wood Aged Beers

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

 Free shipping for orders over £39


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## 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


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## UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

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

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Discover Our Passion

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

 Free shipping on orders over £49


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## Pomona Island Brew Co.

Award Winning Brewery Based In Salford

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

 Standard shipping £6.00


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## Attic Brew Co.

Forward Thinking Beers

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

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# Webshop Directory...



## **Polly's Brew Co.**

Ultra Fresh, Hop-Forward, Modern Beers

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## **Amity Brew Co.**

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## **Wilderness Brewery**

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

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## **Moot Brew Co.**

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

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## **Exale Brewery**

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

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## **Crossover Blendery**

Modern, Flavour-Forward Beers Rooted In Tradition

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

 Standard shipping £8.99


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## **Mondo Brewing Co.**

All Things Point South West

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

 Free shipping for orders over £75

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## **Anspach & Hobday**

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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


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## **Bullhouse Brew Co.**

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

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


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## **Neon Raptor Brewing Co.**

Midlands Based Microbrewery Producing Top Quality Beers

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


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## **Track Brewing Co.**

Beers Born From Adventure

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



## **71 Brewing Co.**

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


 Standard shipping £5.99



## **Hammerton Brewery**

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<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>


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# Webshop Directory...



## Sureshot Brewing

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

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## Carnival Brewing Co.

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## 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


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## Round Corner Brewing

Uncommonly Good Beer

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Tartarus Beers

Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Beak Brewery

Life-affirming Ales

<https://beakbrewery.com/>

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# Webshop Directory...



## Lost Pier Brewing

Independent Nomadic Brewer Based in Sussex

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

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

 Standard shipping £6.50


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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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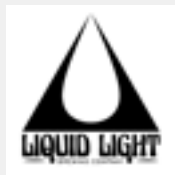
We Make Fresh Super-Fruited Sours & Barrel Aged Blended Wild Ales

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

 Standard shipping £5.99


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## Liquid Light Brewing Co.



Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Merakai Brewing Co.



Crafted With Purpose

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Drop Bear Beers



Alcohol Free Craft Beers

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

 Standard shipping £6.99


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## Runaway Brewery

Handmade, Modern British Beer

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

 Standard shipping £6.50


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## Pillars Brewery

Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

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

 Free shipping for orders over £80


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## Pipeline Brewing

Hazy, Hop-Forward Beers

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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Making the World Better One Beer at a Time

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

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 Free shipping for orders over £95


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