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Spring Forward

Whilst 1st March was the meteorological start of spring in the UK, the astronomical start wasn't until 20th March, which was also the Spring equinox, giving us equal hours of day and night. This coming Sunday, the 31st, we also have to put our clocks forward one hour at 0100hrs, meaning we all lose an hours sleep. Unless of course you do night work, in which case you are lucky and have an hours less work to do.

I don't think we here at TWICB Towers will be too concerned as, unless we are celebrating with family and friends at such an hour, we wont be losing valuable craft beer drinking time. Just as well, as there are more exciting releases announced this week for us all to search out and sample.

The longer days and extra hours of light in the evenings are most welcome and afford all us craft beer aficionados more daylight for our pleasure and contentment.

Cheers!



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Brewer's Corner

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



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Brewery Insolvencies Continue

I think we are all aware that it has been a bad year for brewery insolvencies in the UK. It turns out that the numbers are up 82% in a year, according to audit firm Mazars.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Non-Alcoholic Beers Only 1% of Sales

Jeff Alworth at Beervana is never scared to identify the elephant in the room, and this week he points out that non-alcoholic beers are still less than 1% of total beer sales, and the growth is slowing.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



The Spirit of Craft

In contrast to the above, what is an actual threat to Craft Beer is "Craft Spirits", especially in the USA, where they are growing by >10% per year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Which Bar?

Finally, here is a whimsical article by the king of Brussels, Eoghan Walsh, who reflects on just why we strongly favour one bar over another, even though both are essentially identical.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Memory Game

8% Nectaron DIPA

by Track Brewing Co.



A proper tropical bomb - rich flavours of ripe nectarines and peaches among a dank and weedy pineapple aroma are caused by Track's largest dose of Nectaron hops to date. Pouring a beautiful hazy luminous yellow colour, the body is beautifully soft and creamy with a sweet candy finish.

[Shop link](#)

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



Festival Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival

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

Last weekend, the team at TWICB embarked on a journey to the Chelmsford Social Club for the inaugural Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival.

Organised by the connoisseurs of craft beer, Hopsters, renowned for their craft beer establishments scattered across Leigh-on-sea, Ipswich, Felixstowe, and of course, Chelmsford, this event promised a tasty experience for beer enthusiasts.



Opting for the Saturday afternoon session, we eagerly ventured into the venue after securing our entrance with a mere £5 fee. Upon arrival, we were greeted by a bustling atmosphere, as around 200 eager attendees mingled within the relatively intimate yet comfortable space.

The festival operated on a token system, with tokens conveniently available for purchase at the door in £10 increments. This streamlined approach allowed us to seamlessly explore the diverse array of offerings from the participating craft breweries throughout the five-hour session.

Festival Review

Speaking of breweries, the lineup was small but impressive. From Duration Brewing to Beak Brewery, Burnt Mill to Verdant, Phantom Brewing to Three Hills, Time & Tide to Radio City Beer Works, the event boasted a stellar selection, each presenting four or more distinct brews. It was evident that every brewery showcased their latest and freshest creations, with few of the standard 'core' beers making an appearance.

Under the expert organisation of Ed, the mastermind behind Hopsters Events, attendees were treated to an unparalleled tasting journey. With a DJ spinning infectious tunes and a kitchen kiosk serving up, no-fuss fare, the festival provided not only a feast for the palate but also a feast for the senses.



The beer tasting experience was heightened by the use of proper glasses, rather than plastic which can often let a festival down.

In conclusion, the Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival proved to be a resounding success, offering a platform for local artisans to showcase their craft while fostering a sense of community among beer enthusiasts.

We eagerly anticipate future editions of this event and commend the organisers for a job well done.
Cheers to a celebration of craftsmanship and camaraderie.



The Podcast with Northdown Brewery

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



EPISODE 194 - NORTHDOWN BREWERY

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Jonny from Northdown Brewery based in Margate.

Northdown was launched in 2018, with a focus on big, hazy hop hitters, as well as classic ales for keg and cask.

MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Tidal Pool	731	American Ale	4.6%	3.62
Pale Ale Mary	589	English Pale	4.3%	3.50
HE-BRU IPA	435	American IPA	4.8%	3.53

LISTEN HERE 

Location: Unit J1C/A, Channel Road, Westwood Industrial Estate, Margate CT9 4JS

Website: <https://www.northdownbrewery.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.

ZZ Hop

4.3% New England Pale

Arbor Ales

Session strength New England IPA brewed with lots of Citra and Mosaic hops.

'Cause everyone's crazy 'bout a sharp-dressed beer.





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Craft BEERings

UK Craft Beer Festivals



29-30 MARCH 2024

SPRING LOADED

Disruption Is Brewing 4 Lawrence Way, Camberley GU15 3DL

<https://shorturl.at/bBEGl>

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>

27 APRIL 2024

GENERATION CRAFT 24

Ashford Pictrehouse, Elwick Rd, Ashford TN23 IAE

[FREE ENTRY](#)

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 CHI 3DR

<https://tinyurl.com/4kw34cub>

24-25 MAY 2024

BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL

Beach Street, Felixstowe

<https://www.wegotickets.com/f/I3368>

31 MAY 2024

FYNEFEST 24

Fyne Ales, Achadunan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BJ

<https://fynefest.com/tickets/>

6-8 JUNE 2024

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2024

Black Lodge Brewery, 3 Kings Dock Street Liverpool LI 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.wegotickets.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>

26-27 JULY 2024

SUNDERLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

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

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

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thegrandpavilion/e-mdqmqk>

19 OCTOBER 2024

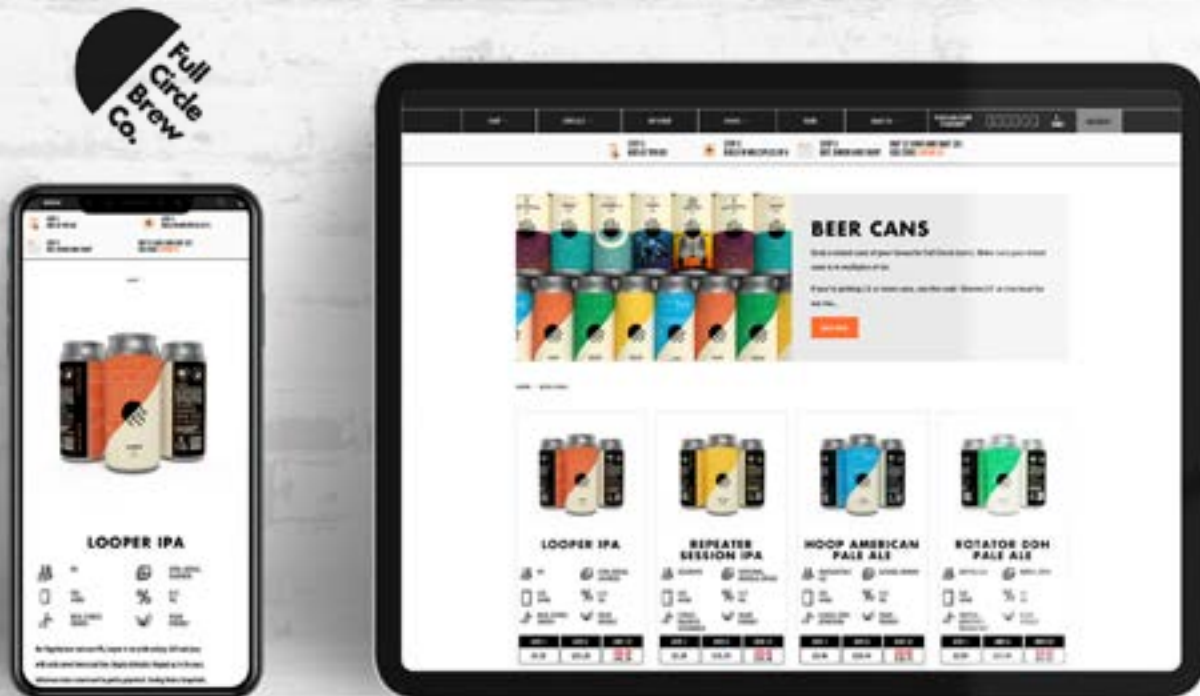
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O2 Academy Edinburgh

<https://www.theccbm.com/product/vault-city-presents-the-big-swally-edinburgh/>



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


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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


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/>


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Time & Tide Brewing

Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

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 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/>


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


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


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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



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