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BREWER'S CORNER

Beery news from around the world.

TWICB PODCAST

For our 200th Podcast Rob welcomes back Dan and James from Overtone Brewing Co.

FESTIVAL REVIEW

We report back on last week's trip to Brew//LDN

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The Spice of Life

Going back 30 years or so, there really wasn't a huge variety of breweries and their ales available to the beer lover. All the breweries in the UK, including the big seven - Allied, Bass, Courage, Greenall Whitley, Scottish & Newcastle, Watney, and Whitbread plus, of course, Guinness - together with fewer than 200 independent breweries and less than 100 micro breweries, made a total of only about 300 in all - a miserable sum compared with the 1800 or so independent breweries we had at the start of this year! (although worryingly this has dropped from around 2500).

The variety of styles of beer was also very limited with most brewers producing just one ordinary bitter or IPA (usually 3.5/3.9% ABV), a best bitter (3.8/4%) and a strong ale (4.2/4.5%). These were sometimes complemented with seasonal brews such as winter warmers (rarely more than 5%) plus occasionally a standard mild (3/3.2%) and even more rarely a strong porter or barley wine (6/8%).

Today - apart from there being many times the number of operational breweries - we have over 70 different styles of craft beer (some say more than 100!) to choose from, ranging widely in strength from almost non alcoholic to mind blowing 10% TIPAs.

Let's drink to the variety - Cheers!



Brewer's Corner

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



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Buxton Brewery To Call In Administrators

We have to start this week with the news that Buxton Brewery is about to call in the Administrators. Sad news indeed from one the pioneers on the UK Craft Beer Scene who were launched back in 2009.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

UK Brewery Count Falls

Meanwhile SIBA have crunched the numbers this week and report that the number of active brewers in Britain fell 2% in Q1 2024, for a net loss of 38, down to a total of 1,777.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



May Day Optimism

On a more positive note, the Morning Advertiser reports on the importance of this May Day weekend as the start of the summer trading season, with a cautious sense of optimism in the air.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

US Outlook Better Than Expected

Finally this week, Dave Infante reports from the recent Brewers Association Craft Beer Conference held in Las Vegas, where the outlook was a bit better than he expected. "The rising tide that once lifted all boats has ebbed"but it could be worse.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Dreaming Of...Galaxy

7% DDH Galaxy IPA

by Track Brewing Co.



Sitting in the land between tropical fruit and dank resin it delivers a huge hit of passionfruit and peach with accents of bitter orange peel. Pine resin follows and envelopes the palate with delectable dankness before leading out to a subtly grassy, lemon peel finish.

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Festival Review



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TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Brew // LDN

Between The Bridges, Southbank, London SE1 7PB

BrewLDN marks the start of the UK summer Craft Beer festival season, and so is always an event to be anticipated. For the past three years, it was held at the soul-less gargantuan Printworks in Rotherhithe, and it was hard to ignore the fact that BrewLDN occupied a shrinking footprint in the warehouse over the past couple of years.



Therefore a change of venue was to be welcomed, and this year the event moved to the quirky outdoor beer garden known as Between the Bridges, in the shadow of the London Eye on the Southbank of the Thames. Between the Bridges is essentially an outdoor space, with a series of interlinked covered areas containing excellent (permanent) street food vendors, with plenty of space for pop-up brewery bars.

Festival Review

BrewLDN (and its precursor Craft Beer Rising) operate a democratic pay-to-play approach to the breweries, which is both a blessing and a curse combined. The great thing about this model is that it allows emerging breweries to back themselves, buy a pitch and launch their beer to the London audience. (One of Reading's finest Double-Barrelled did exactly that 7 or 8 years ago, when Mike was still brewing in his garage, and look where they are now!)

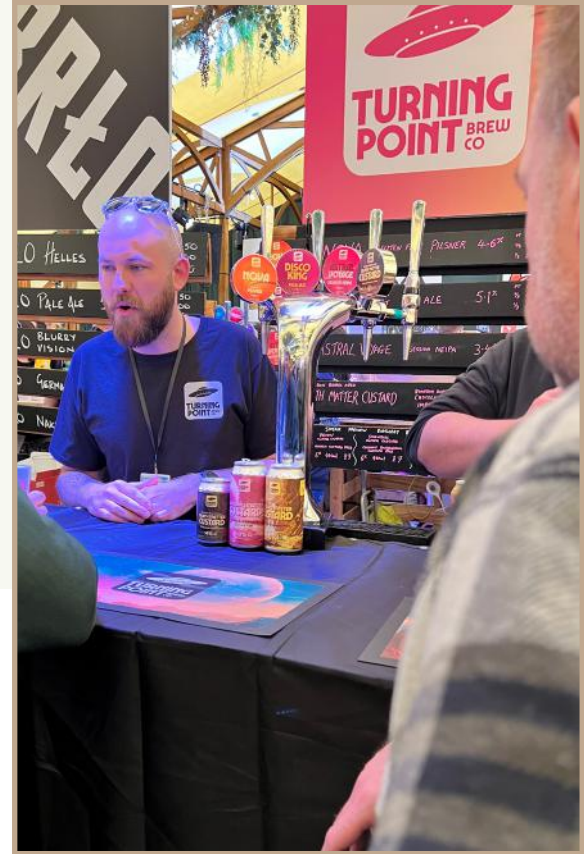


The downside is that there are always too many macro breweries at BrewLDN, pretending to be "crafty". I guess if we were going to be charitable, we could speculate that the macros are subsidising the little guys, and helping the overall numbers to add-up?



Festival Review

This year, due to the smaller venue, several more sessions were added across Wednesday and Thursday, to spread the crowd out across the weekend. We attended on the Friday afternoon, and the event was comfortably busy, without being crowded.



We drank some great beers from friends of TWICB, including Attic, Fierce, Neckstamper, Full Circle, Great Beyond and Turning Point. It was also a pleasure to meet Jack from No Frills Joe based in Dartford, who was pouring some excellent beers, and could well be this year's Double-Barrelled equivalent!

In summary, it was brilliant to be back in Festival-mode and great to catch-up with so many old friends. Next stop for us is Bristol CBF in just under five week's time!



The Podcast with Overtone Brewing Co.

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



EPISODE 200 - OVERTONE BREWING CO.

We are delighted to welcome back to the 200th Episode of This Week in Craft Beer The Podcast, Dan and James from Overtone Brewing based in Glasgow.

Inspired by the culture of music, Overtone offers waves of flavour to choose from and only uses the highest quality ingredients. Brewing in Glasgow since 2018, Overtone aims to bring people together, incite conversation and make lasting memories through the enjoyment of craft beer.

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Opaque Dankness	5,071	Hazy IPA	6.0%	3.94
Yaldi	4,938	Oat Cream IPA	6.6%	3.91
Weegie	4,775	Hazy IPA	5.5%	3.76

LISTEN HERE 

Location: Unit I9 New Albion Industrial Estate. Halley Street, Glasgow G13 4DJ

Website: <https://www.overtonebrewing.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 Music Smells Funny

4.5% DDH Pale

By Rivington Brewing Co.

A DDH Pale hopped with Comet, Motueka, Simcoe, Simcoe Cryo & Kohia Nelson Hop Kief.





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Jazz Hundal

Phantom Brewing Co.

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Vaux Brewery

James Cox

Craft BEERings

UK Craft Beer Festivals



10-11 MAY 2024

AWAKENING 24

Saint John's Church, 133-141 Forton Road, Gosport PO12 4QT

<https://shorturl.at/pBGPW>

17-18 MAY 2024

HOP CITY

The Old Flax Store, Marshalls Mill, Marshall St, Holbeck, Leeds LS11 9YJ

<https://rb.gy/z9ru6e>

17-19 MAY 2024

DARTFORD BEER FESTIVAL

Dartford Open Air Theatre, Central Road, Dartford DA1 1DJ

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/dartford-beer-festival/#tickets>

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.wegottickets.com/f/13368>

25-26 MAY 2024

DOCKS BEERS BEER FEST

Docks Acedemy, The Church, King Edward St, Grimsby DN31 3JD

<https://docksacademy.com/>

31 MAY 2024

FYNEFEST 24

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

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

31 MAY - 2 JUNE 2024

REIGATE BEER FESTIVAL

Priory Park, Near Bell Street Car Park, Reigate

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/reigate-beer-festival/#tickets>

6-8 JUNE 2024

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2024

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

<https://shorturl.at/xyGR9>

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>

14-16 JUNE 2024

CRYSTAL PALACE BEER FESTIVAL

Top End of Car Park, The Crystal Palace Triangle End

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/crystal-palace-beer-festival/#tickets>





15-16 JUNE 2024

THESE HILLS BEER FESTIVAL

Party Field, Cockshut Road, Lewes, BN7 3PR

<https://beakbrewery.com/pages/these-hills>

21-22 JUNE 2024

LIVERPOOL CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

Invisible Wind Factory, 3 Regent Road, Liverpool L3 7DS

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

21-23 JUNE 2024

BEER IN THE GARDEN

Platt Fields Market Garden, Platt Fields Park, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6LT

<https://www.wearemud.org/event-details/beers-in-the-garden-2024>

22 JUNE 2024

CHANGE IS BREWING 2024

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

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

28-30 JUNE 2024

BRIGHTON BEER FESTIVAL

Victoria Gardens, 12a Marlborough Pl, Brighton BN1 1WN

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/brighton-beer-festival/#tickets>

29 JUNE 2024

NEW FOREST BEER FEST

Brockenhurst Village Hall Highwood Rd, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY

<https://www.belgiumandblues.co.uk/cbs/newforest>

5-6 JULY 2024

LITTLE EARTH FEST

Little Earth Project, Edwardstone, Sudbury, Suffolk

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

5-6 JULY 2024

MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

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





5-6 JULY 2024

SHANTY TOWN

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

<https://shorturl.at/binF2>

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://shorturl.at/oCMWO>

12-14 JULY 2024

FULHAM BEER FESTIVAL

Bishop's Park, 26 Stevenage Road, London SW6 6ET

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/fulham-beer-festival/#tickets>

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>

7 SEPTEMBER 2024

SUDS FEST

Uffculme Centre, 52 Queensbridge Road, Birmingham, B13 8QY

<https://shorturl.at/psOP7>

14 SEPTEMBER 2024

CRAFT BEER SOUTH 2024

The I865 Brunswick Square Southampton, SO14 3AR

<https://www.belgiumandblues.co.uk/cbs>

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>

20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

FULL CIRCLE FEST

Full Circle Brewery, Hoult's Yard, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2HL

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/products/full-circle-fest-2024-ticket>

19 OCTOBER 2024

THE BIG SWALLY

O2 Academy Edinburgh

<https://shorturl.at/bzAD4>

8-9 NOVEMBER 2024

RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

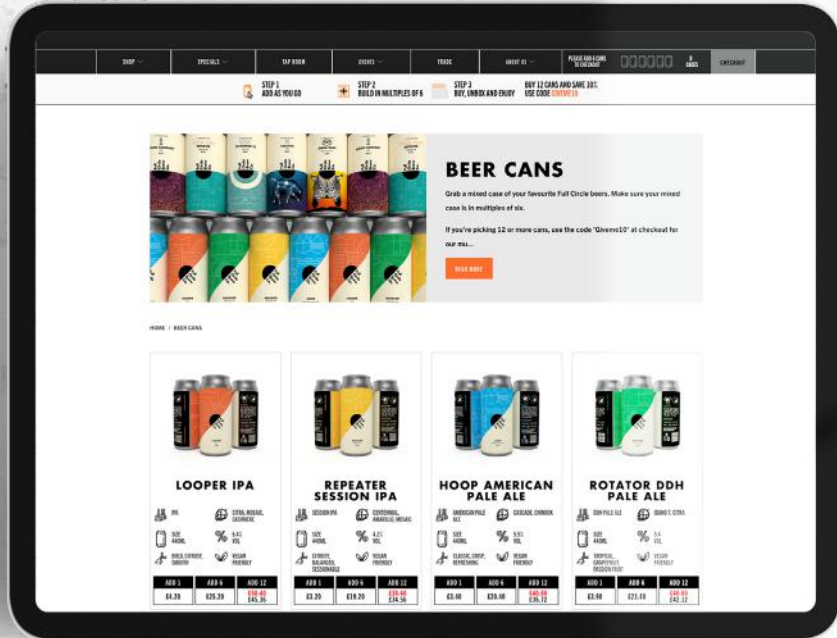
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Villages Brewery

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


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

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Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

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

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Webshop Directory...



Anspach & Hobday

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Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

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