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Beery news from around the world.

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MAY 13th 2024



Unlucky For Some

Like me, the fact that it is the thirteenth day of the month will, no doubt, mean very little to you in the way of the portent of bad luck.

Whilst I probably won't be walking under any ladders, stepping on any cracks in the pavement, nor wearing a green sweater, I intend to treat the day as any other.

Fortunately I am not in the slightest bit superstitious and, provided I have my lucky rabbit's foot in my pocket and my underpants on back to front, I am sure nothing unfortunate will happen to me (touch wood)!

So lets drink a toast to Monday 13th with a glass of delicious craft beer - be it light or dark, sweet or sour, bottled, canned or draught.

And thank heavens it's not a Friday today!

Cheers, The TWICB Team



THE PODCAST

Rob chats to Ant & Justin from McCanns/ Twisted Wheel Brewery.
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Brewer's Corner

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



UEFA Euro 2024 Boost

Let's open this week with a reminder that we are only just over a month away from Euro 2024, which will no doubt be a huge and much needed revenue generator for hospitality venues.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Good, But Not Great

When we grow up, we want to be proper beer journalists like the wonderful Boak and Bailey. This is a brilliant piece about the demise of Buxton and the dangers of being a half-decent brewery.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Siren Craft Brew In Focus

Nicely timed to coincide with the opening of Siren RGI (separately reviewed in this edition), Ferment magazine has a great article about Siren and head brewer Sean.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Victorian Drink Maps

Finally, Beer Insider draws attention to a fascinating new book looking at Victorian Drink Maps, which were not designed to aid pub-crawl planning as you might expect, but rather to shame local areas with too many watering holes for the temperance movement's liking! Apparently, a half square-mile in London once had 276 outlets, and the City of Leicester once boasted 844 venues!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Solar Days

5.5% Pale Ale

by MakeMake Brewing Co.



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Citra & Motueka hopped, soft, crushable and refreshing.
The perfect summer accompaniment.

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Taproom Review



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TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Siren RGI Taproom

130 Friar Street, Reading RGI IEP

When Siren Craft Brew opened their Brewery Taproom near Finchampstead in 2017 it was a landmark occasion in TWICB Rob's Craft Beer journey. Finally there was a proper Craft Beer venue in the Greater Reading area, but "Oh My Days!" was it hard to get to, situated in the twisty country lanes southwest of Wokingham, and well off the main bus routes.

This was six months before Brewdog opened in Reading, a year before Double-Barrelled, and two years before Phantom, so semi-regular pilgrimages were undertaken, whenever lifts from long-suffering wives could be cadged!



However, once the above-mentioned Central Reading venues appeared, trips to Siren became too much logistical trouble to be bothered with for your correspondent. Fast forward to 2023, and tantalising rumours began to circulate of a planned huge new Siren Tap in the massive Station Hill development in the very centre of town.

Taproom Review

It was with much anticipation that Rob managed to snag a ticket and headed to the soft-opening on Friday 10th May. The new Taproom is known as Siren RGI and it occupies a huge L-shaped unit, with the "longer" arm sitting in four or five shopfronts' worth of Friar St, which is Reading's main hospitality thoroughfare, containing an eclectic mix of restaurants, nightclubs, music venues and fairly uninspiring pubs. The shorter arm of the L opens onto a large outdoor terrace which will be a compelling people-watching spot over the summer!

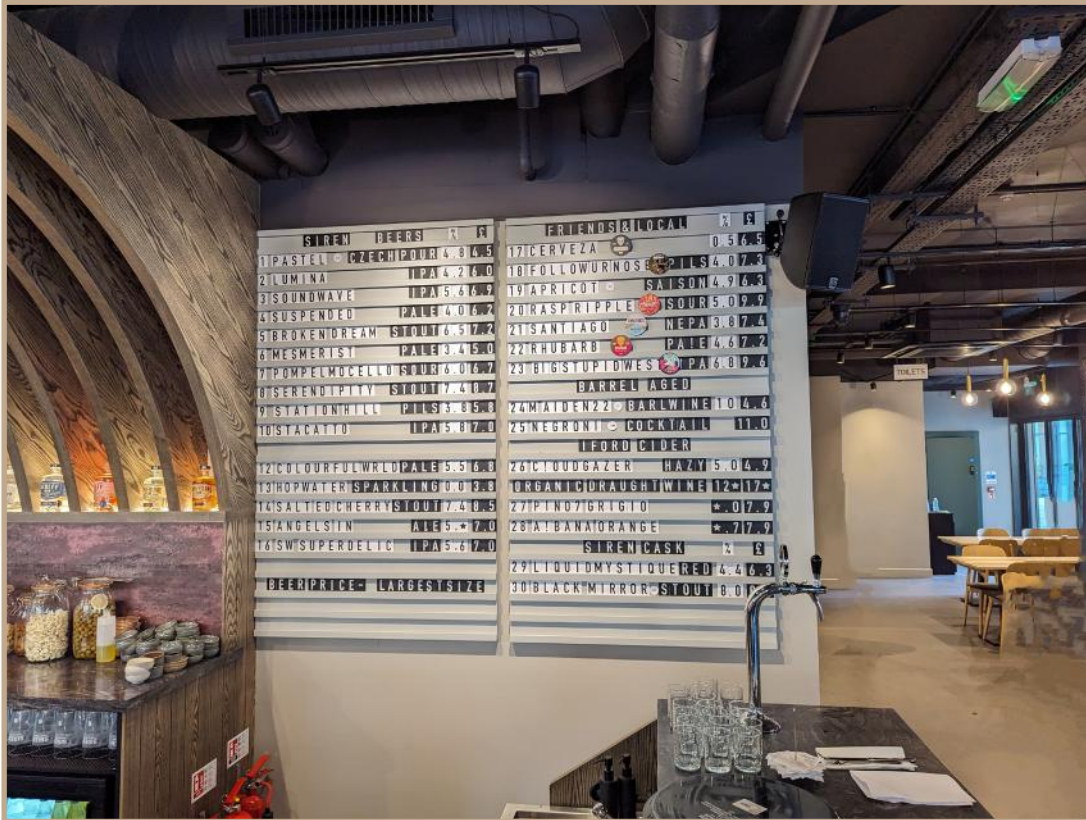


Inside, the bar is very nicely fitted out with light coloured wood decor and tables and offers seating for at least a couple of hundred people in a variety scenarios according to your mood and the size of your party. On opening night there was a good-sized crowd in, but service at the bar was easy to come-by, assisted by the fact that the serving area has a generous width to it.



Taproom Review

When fully operational, RGI will pour from 28 taps and 4 handpulls. On opening night there were 16 Siren keg beers, 7 guest kegs, two Siren cask beers, two wines, a cider, a hop-water and a cocktail all on draft. I guess they will figure out the right combinations based on demand over the coming weeks.



One thing that seems clear is that food will be an important part of RGI's offering, and the busy kitchen at the far end of the L was turning out an appealing range of burgers and small-plates. Apparently there will be a Sunday lunch offering as well in the near future.

When the Siren Brewery Tap opened in 2017, we were dreaming of Craft Beer taking over the World. Now we are just happy that Reading has a classy new central Taproom which will definitely draw in some new converts, and adds a great new stop on the Craft Beer circuit of the City.

Siren RGI, Friars Walk, Friar St, Reading Open to the public from Mon 13th May

Mon-Thu 10.00 - 23.00
 Fri-Sat 10.00 - 00.00
 Sun 10.00 - 21.00



The Podcast with McCanns/Twisted Wheel

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



EPISODE 201 - McCANNS/ TWISTED WHEEL BREWERY

We are delighted to welcome back to the The Podcast, Anthony from Twisted Wheel, now based in Kent. We were also joined by new Sales Manager Justin.

Ant has had a turbulent ride over the past couple of years, but has recently relocated to idyllic Kent countryside, joining forces with McCanns Brewery and Taproom on a hopfarm in Tenterden.

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Harry Hop	216	Pale Ale	3.7%	3.44
Janet Street	213	English Porter	4.5%	3.71
Hockley Soul	205	Irish Dry Stout	4.2%	3.62

[LISTEN HERE](#)

Location: Bugglesden Rd, St Michaels, Tenterden TN30 6TG

Website: <https://mccanns.beer/>

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.

Obi Wan Cannoli

7.5% Cannoli Milk Stout

By Brew York

May the fourth be with you! This Jedi Master has the high ground by bringing balance to the force; combining the classic light side flavours of the Italian treat with hints of the dark side with indulgent chocolate for a rich and creamy pour. This is the beer you have been looking for!





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UK Craft Beer Festivals



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 CH1 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>

1 JUNE 2024

FRIENDS FEST

Unit 8, Willow Business Centre, 17 Willow Ln, Mitcham CR4 4NX

<https://www.drop-project.co.uk/cans/friendsfest2024tickets>

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

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Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

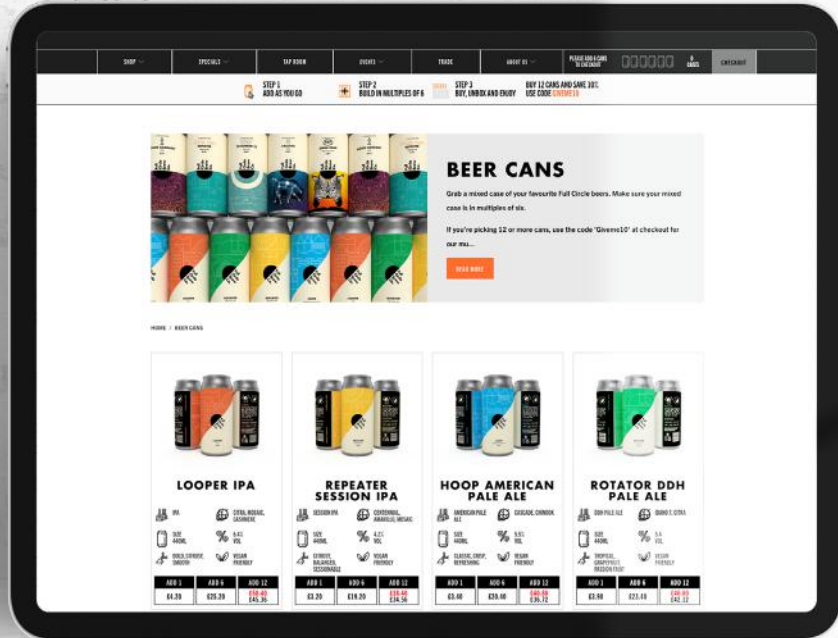
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Standard shipping £6.99


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


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


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Webshop Directory...



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Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

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

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A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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


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


 Standard shipping £6.99



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Handmade, Modern British Beer

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


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