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Beers

1	RETRO RACER PALE ALE 4.6% £2.75 1/2	5	TROMBO-LESE DIPA 8% £3.50 1/2
2	CRUSHING BLOWS Session IPA 4.2% £2.75 1/2	6	FORT LAUDERDALE Sour IPA 5.2% £3.25 1/2
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Mandarin Orange

Cerebral Bore Imperial Sour 10% £4.50 1/2
Pear + Plum Crumble

Halfway To Christmas

Its now 4 days since the summer solstice (20th June), the date we receive the most daylight in the northern hemisphere. I must say I didn't notice much change to the cold, wet and windy weather we have been having since the start of 'summer'.

Looking on the bright side, we shouldn't be having a hosepipe ban any time soon. Whilst we might be tilted towards the sun, today's date means we are furthest away from Christmas Eve - both last years and this. Midway between both and exactly six months until we are hanging up our stockings!

If that thought isn't enough to get you reaching for a comforting craft beer, I don't know what is!

Cheers.



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Brewer's Corner

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



Pub-Friendly Politicians?

TWICB is strictly an election-free zone, but we will make a small exception this week, linking to the Pub Curmudgeon who takes all politicians to task for only being pub-friendly when it suits them.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Spare Capacity

At Beervana, Jeff Alworth has been crunching the numbers regarding spare capacity at US Breweries, and it does not make good reading, in what is essentially, at best, a flat market for Craft Beer in the USA in 2024.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



What's In The Box?

On the Dutch "Tasting Craft Beer" blog, Marcel Haas has some wise words about avoiding discounted beer boxes, which always over-promise and under-deliver.

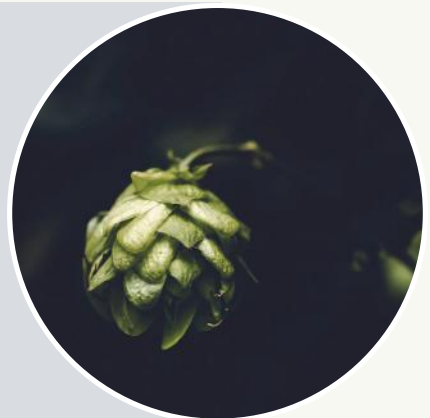
[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Know Your Citra

Finally this week, we need to ask if you think you know what Citra tastes like? If your answer was a resounding "Yes!" then Stan will have to beg to differ with you. He published some astounding Yakima Chief data this week, which showed how the flavour profile of Citra can vary between two batches, one T90 and the other Cryo.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Symphony of the Woods

11.3% Blended Sherry Barrel Aged Raspberry Wild Ale

by Wander Beyond Brewing



Rich & punchy flavours of fresh & jammed raspberries lead the way here, which is no surprise with over 400g/L of raspberries added at the end stage of fermentation. Over 25 months maturing in two barrels, a fresh first fill Oloroso sherry cask and a second fill Pedro Ximénez sherry cask, has imparted multidimensional notes of sweet sherry, tannins and a hint of dryness lending an air of complexity and sophistication with subtle hints of walnuts and woody notes. All accompanied by a soft balancing tartness.

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Festival Review



STEVE P

TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Nottingham Craft Beer Festival 2024

Sneinton Market, Nottingham

The Nottingham Craft Beer Festival (NCBF), held annually in June at the historic and culturally rich Sneinton Market Avenues, is a highlight for beer enthusiasts. This year's festival, spread across three sessions—Friday evening and two on Saturday—proved once again why it's a must-visit event for craft beer lovers.



Setting and Atmosphere: Sneinton Market Avenues, an expansive outdoor venue nestled in Nottingham City Centre, provided the perfect backdrop for the festival. The market, with its array of unique businesses which remained open during the event, added an extra layer of charm and convenience. Arriving at the festival on Saturday evening, the TWICB Team were immediately struck by the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. The festival was well-organised, with ample seating and tables, making it easy to relax and enjoy the offerings despite the bustling crowd.

Festival Review

Beer Selection and Breweries: The heart of the NCBF is, of course, the beer. With 40 top craft breweries showcasing their latest and freshest brews, attendees were spoilt for choice. The festival's decision to avoid a token system in favour of contactless payments streamlined the experience, allowing visitors to focus on enjoying the beer rather than fiddling with tokens. Each brewery's stall was staffed by knowledgeable representatives, ensuring that any questions about the beers were promptly and expertly answered.



Pre-Festival Fun: Our day began with a tour of Nottingham's notable craft beer spots, including The Keans Head, The Junkyard, and the Liquid Light taproom. While we may have arrived at the festival a bit merry, the quality of the beers at NCBF quickly refocused our senses. The selection was vast, from crisp pales to robust IPAs and complex sours. The stand-out moment was indulging in five successive Imperial stouts from Bang The Elephant and Emperor's Brewery—rich, potent, and utterly delightful.



Festival Review

Food and Music: Complementing the beer was a diverse array of food stalls offering everything from fried chicken and pizza to Vietnamese and Caribbean dishes, with plenty of vegan options available. The continuous music, featuring DJ sets and live bands, kept the energy high and the mood festive.



Final Thoughts: In summary, the Nottingham Craft Beer Festival was a spectacular event. The blend of excellent organisation, a welcoming atmosphere, and an unparalleled selection of craft beers made it a memorable experience. Whether you're a seasoned craft beer fan or a curious newcomer, NCBF offers something for everyone. We left with our palates thoroughly satisfied and our spirits high, already looking forward to next year's festivities. Cheers to another fantastic year at NCBF!





Jewellery made from craft beer cans YES, craft beer cans.

Well, it's not something you see every day. The concept has even won the owner and creator, Carys Miles, an award in the Innovation category of the Essex Small Business Awards.

Found at local Essex craft markets, national craft beer festivals and an increasing number of tap rooms, this funky jewellery captures the awesome craft beer can art to make earrings, bracelets, badges and cufflinks. Sometimes you can spot the brewery (think Beak, Parade or DEYA, Steady Rolling Man) and other times it is much more subtle so they appeal to beer lovers and funky jewellery lovers alike.

Check out the link below to Find Carys' website, shop, socials, or sign up to her mailing list or you can next see her in the wild at Manchester Craft Beer festival, Double Barrelled, Elusive and Jack Rabbit tap rooms (more coming soon).

Craft BEERings

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The Podcast with Neon Raptor Brewing Co.

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



EPISODE 205 - NEON RAPTOR BREW CO.

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Josh from Neon Raptor Brewing Co. based in Nottingham. Josh had an exciting announcement for us!

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Naughty Luggage	7,741	Hazy IPA	6.8%	3.99
Centaur Army	5,278	Imperial Stout	13%	4.41
Retro Racer	5,206	Pale Ale	4.6%	3.74

[LISTEN HERE](#)

Location: Sneinton Market, Unit I4 Avenue A, Nottingham NG1 1DT
Website: <https://neonraptorbrewingco.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.

Practice What You Peach

4% Peach & Guava Session IPA

By Shindigger Beer

Practice What You Peach is a light and fruity session IPA blended with natural peach and guava extracts for a tropical hit. The ideal summer thirst quencher.





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UK Craft Beer Festivals



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>

29 JUNE 2024

EPICURE FESTIVAL

Ice Factory Perth, 6 Shore Road , Perth, PH2 8BW

<https://shorturl.at/OldMu>

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>



2-3 AUGUST 2024

WEST END BEER FESTIVAL

Hillhead Sports Club, 32 Hughenden Road, Glasgow, G12 9XP

<https://shorturl.at/kR3iG>

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>

27-28 SEPTEMBER 2024

GRAVITY BEER FESTIVAL 2024

Summerhall, Edinburgh, EH9 1PL

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



19 OCTOBER 2024

THE BIG SWALLY

O2 Academy Edinburgh

<https://shorturl.at/bzAD4>

02 NOVEMBER 2024

DARK & WILD 2024

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

<https://www.universe.com/users/northern-monk-brewing-co-ltd-HW-C3KF>

8-9 NOVEMBER 2024

RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

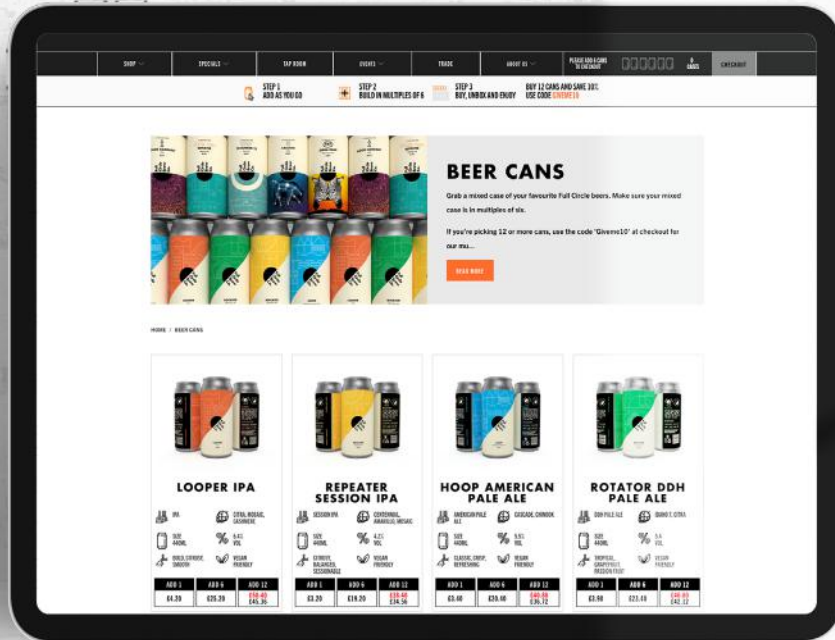
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Standard shipping £6.99


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Little Earth Project

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


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


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Modern Sour Beer With a Focus on Fruit Forward Flavours

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Discover Our Passion

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


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Award Winning Brewery Based In Salford

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


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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

<https://pollysbrew.co/shop/>


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Amity Brew Co.

Community, Friendship and Good beer!

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Wilderness Brewery

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

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Moot Brew Co.

Brewing Hop Forward Beers in the Heart of Kent

<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



Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

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

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Webshop Directory...



Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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


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


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Midlands Based Microbrewery Producing Top Quality Beers

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


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71 Brewing Co.

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Hammerton Brewery

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<https://hammertombrewery.shop/>


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

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Sureshot Brewing

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


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Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

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


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Webshop Directory...



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Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

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


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Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

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Padstow Brewing Co.

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Handmade, Modern British Beer

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


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


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