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Rob & Steve help create a new beer with Phantom Brewing Co.

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# Collaboration Day

Hello again!

Rob and Steve had an amazing weekend and have just about recovered enough to put this Newsletter together on Sunday evening!

Friday saw an early start as we teamed up with the Brewing Team at Phantom Brewing, in Reading to brew our second collaboration beer with them. Like last year's success we have opted for a 7% Hazy IPA with a change in hop profile. We hope this beer proves as popular as last time, where it reached a final rating of 4.03 on Untappd.

On Saturday, we took a trip across the country to Cheltenham to join in the fun at the Little Summer Beer Bash, organised this year by DEYA Brewing Company, in partnership with Left Handed Giant & Verdant Brewing.

Read about our adventures in this issue!



# Brewer's Corner

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



## Cautious Optimism in the Hospitality Sector

Cautiously positive news this week from the RSA Hospitality Tracker which showed that the sector grew 2.9% in the year to June 2024, which is slightly above inflation, although down from the 3.6% growth seen in the year to May.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Brewery Numbers Continue To Drop

Meanwhile SIBA's Brewery Tracker showed that the total number of active breweries in the UK is now 1,748, down 29 since Q1 2024, although they note that most independent breweries are reporting strong consumer demand and good sales growth.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Pilsner Replacing Pales in the US

Jeff Alworth at Beervana has an interesting perspective this week, noting that in the USA, IPA demand remains strong, but Pales are being replaced by Pilsners at many Craft Breweries. In the UK at the moment, it is the IPA category which is suffering, with Pales being the style that is showing all the growth! Could we be witnessing UK Craft Beer diverging from the US market, rather than following as it usually does?

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## 50,000 Beer Tasting Notes

Finally, if you have been following TWICB for a while, you will know that Steve and Rob are committed Untappd "Tickers". However our modest obsession is spectacularly overshadowed by Andy Morten, who writes in the Guardian about his accumulation of 50,000 beer tastings! In 2004 he attending a remarkable 109 Beer Festivals! Andy, we salute you!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Collaborative Brew Day

With Phantom Brewing Co.

Last Friday, we embarked on our second collaboration brew with the dynamic team at Phantom Brewing Co. in Reading. The day was filled with excitement and a fair bit of awe as we delved into the intricate world of brewing alongside Matt, Phantom's seasoned head brewer.



The brewing process, though largely automated, was a fascinating journey from the initial recipe on paper to the beer finally filling the fermenting vessel. We were eager participants, jumping into various stages of the brew day—pressing buttons, sparging the mash, and adding hops—though we cheerfully admitted to occasionally getting in Matt's way. Our enthusiasm was met with patience and expertise from the Phantom team, making the experience both educational and enjoyable.





# Collaboration Brew Day

The collaborative brew, to be named "Ultimate Happy Hour," promises to be a standout NEIPA with an inviting 7% ABV. This beer will feature a delightful hop combination of Citra, Galaxy, and Rakau, known for their vibrant tropical and citrusy notes. The beer's journey isn't over yet; the next step involves dry hopping, which they hope to complete by Wednesday, ensuring the brew reaches its full flavour potential.

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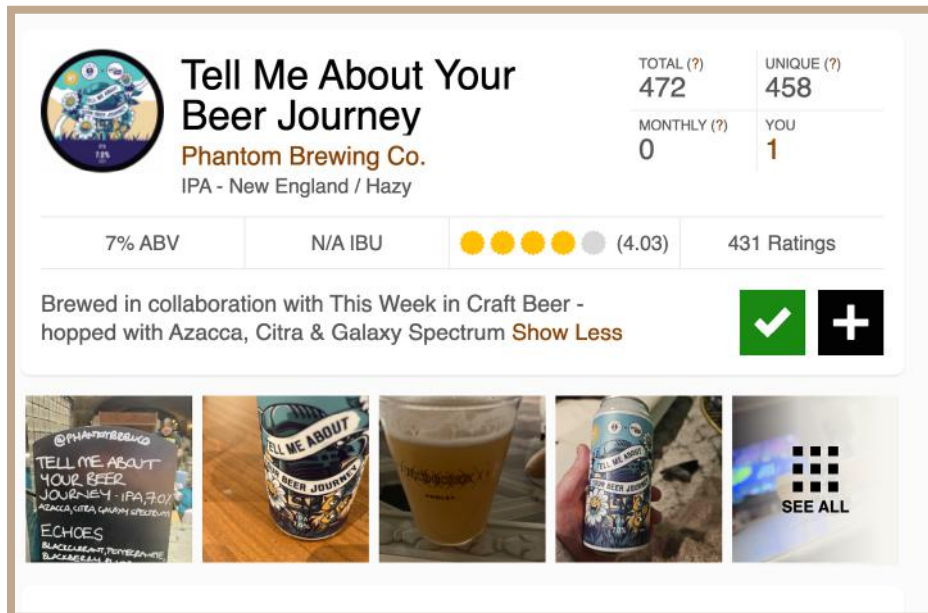


With luck, "Ultimate Happy Hour" will be ready just in time for the London Craft Beer Festival in a couple of weeks time, where craft beer enthusiasts can get a first taste of this collaboration brew.

Much gratitude to the management team at Phantom, Dane and Dom, for allowing us to dive headfirst into the brewing process. Special thanks to Matt, whose patience and knowledge guided us throughout. The occasion was not just about brewing, it was also a chance to sample some of Phantom's other creations, including several beers still in conditioning tanks and a superb barrel-aged imperial stout nearing completion.

# Collaboration Brew Day

The day was long but very rewarding, filled with good company, learning, and a shared passion for crafting exceptional beer. We really hope that "Ultimate Happy Hour" turns out to be as good as last years collaboration, "Tell Me About Your Beer Journey".



**Tell Me About Your Beer Journey**  
Phantom Brewing Co.  
IPA - New England / Hazy

TOTAL (?)	472	UNIQUE (?)	458
MONTHLY (?)	0	YOU	1

7% ABV      N/A IBU      (4.03)      431 Ratings

Brewed in collaboration with This Week in Craft Beer - hopped with Azacca, Citra & Galaxy Spectrum [Show Less](#)

SEE ALL



# WE'LL DO THE LABELS YOU DO THE TASTE

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





# Festival Review



**STEVE P**

TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## Little Summer Beer Bash

Unit 27, Lansdown Industrial Estate, Gloucester Rd, Cheltenham GL51 8PL

The morning after our exploits at Phantom, and slightly the worse for wear as a result, the TWICB Team headed to Cheltenham with much anticipation for Little Summer Beer Bash 2024. It is hard to believe that it is six years since we last attended LSBB in Cheltenham!



Considerably more by luck than judgement, Steve had booked us all into a hotel right next to Cheltenham's best independent Taproom Planet Caravan, so we made a prompt start to the afternoon's festivities when they opened at 2pm. (Look out for a Taproom review of this excellent establishment in the near future!)



# Festival Review

After sampling our way around the LHG Tap Takeover at Planet Caravan we Uber'd across to DEYA and joined the sizeable queue that had already formed for the evening LSBB session.



LSBB is a festival hosted in rotation by the UK's west country Craft Beer royalty of Verdant, LHG and DEYA. This year was DEYA's turn to host and the event was setup across their two adjacent Taprooms, as well as outside in the large courtyard in between.

Luckily the late afternoon sharp rain shower didn't amount to much, and the evening weather was warm as a large sold-out crowd gathered. In addition to a wide selection of beers from the three co-hosts, there were an additional 20 breweries in attendance, each pouring a rotating selection of two beers. A token system was in operation to purchase beers, with beers mainly costing between £2 and £4 per third, with a few specials costing £5/third.



# Festival Review

The Brewery selection was well-curated to include leading UK lights such as Beak, Flocc., Rivington, Track and Mills, as well a handful of European guests including Garage, Lervig and Ritual Lab from Italy (which was a new name for us!)



There was a good choice of food available, and entertainment consisted of DJ sets, complemented at one point by a terrific live saxophonist, and two stilt-walkers!

The atmosphere throughout the event was relaxed and vibrant, and the TWICB Team had a great evening.

Next year it is LHG's turn to host, and we strongly recommend you keep an eye open for tickets going on sale, as they don't hang around for long!





# The Podcast

## Recent popular episodes

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

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# 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.

## The Nectarancer

6.8% Honey Beer

By Black Iris Brewery

The perfect name for a honey beer, a collaboration brew between Black Iris Brewery and Holy Goat Brewing.







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Dolphin Brewery

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Craig Hatton

Sue Johnson

Berkshire Beer Box

Doug Thayer

Ade Barley

Mike Bailey

Jazz Hundal

Phantom Brewing Co.

Jon Mead

Paul Whelan

Vaux Brewery

James Cox

Craft BEERings

# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**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-HWC3KF>

**8-9 NOVEMBER 2024**

**RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

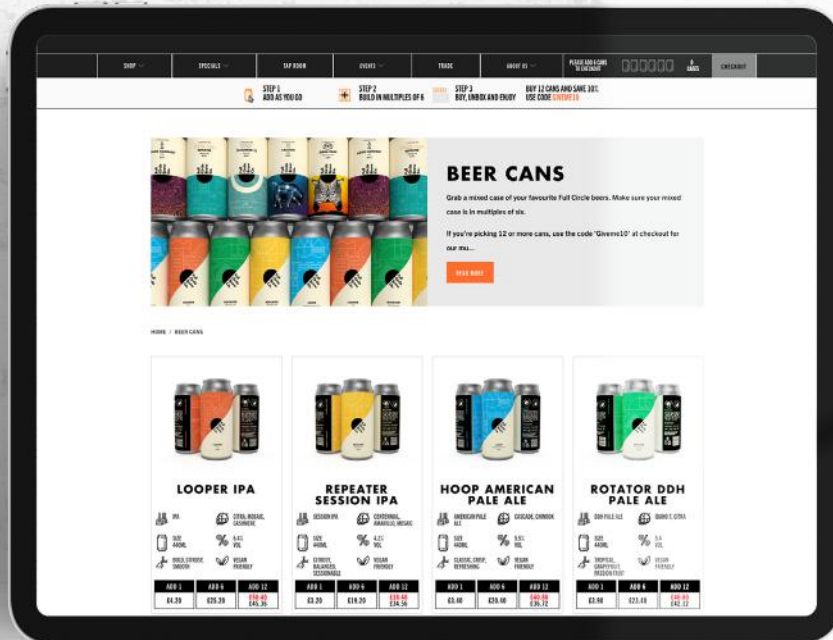
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# Webshops

## FEATURED WEBSHOP



## Craft beer direct to your fridge



### Full Circle Brew Co.

Craft Brewery & Taproom

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

Free national delivery over £50



### 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


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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>

 Free delivery for orders over £50


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## ORA Brewing

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>

 Free delivery for orders over £35

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# Webshop Directory...



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

Ultra Fresh, Hop-Forward, Modern Beers

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## **Amity Brew Co.**

Community, Friendship and Good beer!

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

 Free shipping on orders over £45


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## **Wilderness Brewery**

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

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

 Standard shipping £8 or click and collect


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## **Moot Brew Co.**

Brewing Hop Forward Beers in the Heart of Kent

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

 Free shipping on orders over £60


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## **Exale Brewery**

We're Exale. Home of the Wild, Weird and Wonderful

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

 Free shipping for orders over £30


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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>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## **Bullhouse Brew Co.**

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## **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


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## **Track Brewing Co.**

Beers Born From Adventure

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## **71 Brewing Co.**

Engineers of Beers, Brewed in Scotland

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

 Standard shipping £5.99


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## **Hammerton Brewery**

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £48


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## **Vibrant Forest Brewery**

Our Passion is to Brew Modern Beers Packed With Flavour

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60

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## Sureshot Brewing

High Quality, Small Batch - From the Beating Belly of Manchester

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Carnival Brewing Co.

Celebrating Modern Beer

<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/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50

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## 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/>


 Free shipping on orders over £60



## Time & Tide Brewing

Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

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

 Free shipping on orders over £50


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## Stannary Brewing Co.

Producers of Flavoured, Modern Beers in the Heart of West Devon

<https://stannarybrewing.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £30


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## Wild Horse Brewing Co.

Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Pastore Brewing & Blending

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

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

 Free shipping on all orders


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## Hammerton Brewery

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping on orders over £48

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# Webshop Directory...



## Wylam Brewery

Micro Brewery - Tap Room - Events Space

<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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## 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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## Bottle & Jug Dept.

Craft Beer, Traditional Cider, Spirits, Natural and Organic Wine

<https://bottleandjugdept.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £95


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## Double-Barrelled Brewery - 10% Discount code: TWICB

A modern, independent brewery based in Reading, Berkshire

<https://doublebarrelled.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50

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