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Hats off to the Czechs

Whilst us Brits reckon we can drink an impressive amount of our beloved national cold beverage, it appears we can't really hold a candle to our friends in the Czech Republic. Figures for 2023 show that we drank an average of 118 pints of beer per capita per annum, whereas the Czechs consumed a mighty 332 pints - getting on for three times more.

Another surprising fact regarding our beer drinking habits is that we lag behind such countries as Finland, Panama, Cambodia, Namibia and Gabon! In fact, we are down in 27th place in the list of beer drinking countries.

We obviously must try harder!

On the other hand, according to another 2023 report, we had 1777 breweries in the UK, whilst the Czech Republic only had 600, Finland only 65, Cambodia and Panama had 8 each, Namibia 3, and Gabon just 1! (Though there are a number of small craft breweries popping up all the time)

So let's all make the most of what we have and try to visit pubs and taprooms more, before the government's predicted anti-hospitality plans have the chance to damage our industry beyond repair.

Cheers!



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Brewer's Corner

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



Business Rates to Rise in 2026

With the Budget getting ever closer, the Morning Advertiser has taken the time to explain in detail the extent of the likely business rate increases coming for hospitality venues in 2026, and it is indeed terrifying!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Brewery Closure Rate Slows

Better news from SIBA this week, showing that the net loss of breweries in the UK has continued to slow in Q3. Apparently, we are now down to just 1,721 breweries in the UK.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Banter Police

The Pub Curmudgeon this week took aim at the new obligation on hospitality employers to act as the "banter police", for fear that either staff or customers should take offence at an off-colour remark.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

American-Style Festbiers

Finally this week, Jeff at Beervana wrote in favour of American-style Festbiers. To be honest, whilst we don't mind drinking the odd one at this time of year, we wouldn't miss them if they didn't come back next year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Margaux Barrel Aged Baltic Porter

9.8% Baltic Porter
by Vocation Brewery



Margaux Barrel Aged Baltic Porter (9.8%), aged for 33 months in Margaux barrels. Rich oak and caramel lead the way, followed by dry tannins and earthy notes of redcurrant and roasted malts.

<https://www.vocationbrewery.com/collections/barrel-aged/products/baltic-porter-9-8-margaux-barrel-aged-beer>

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



Festival Review



ROB C

TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Burghfest 2024

The Recreation Ground, Burghfield Common, Berks RG7 3EN

Anyone that has followed our exploits at TWICB for a while will know that we are extremely partial to a beer festival! Given this fact, you can imagine my enthusiasm when, about ten years ago, it was announced in his sleepy West Berkshire village that there was to be a beer and music festival called Burghfest!



The first few editions were strictly cask only, but as these years coincided with my growing obsession with Craft Beer, I made a tradition of nagging the organisers (sorry Robin!) before, during and after the event, about the need to provide some keg beers as well.

Festival Review

Roughly five years ago, mainly in order to shut me up, they ordered a few local kegs, from the likes of Siren, and for the past couple of years, there has been a decent selection of kegs from Phantom, Double Barreled, Elusive, Disruption and others. This year there were 20 cask and 16 keg beers to choose from, which seems about right.



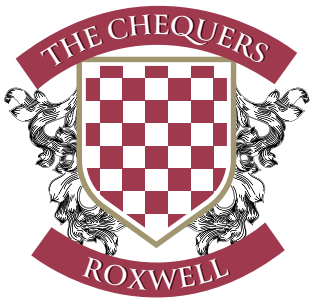
In the first few years, the music offering was enthusiastic local amateur bands, playing on a modest stage. This has grown to the very professional sound and light setup that we saw this year, hosting a combination of much improved local amateur bands with a couple of professional headliners. I am somewhat biased in this assessment by the fact that my youngest son's band made their triumphant debut appearance this year! (That is him playing keyboards on the right)

Festival Review

The whole event raises a huge amount of money for the local air ambulance charity, and gives our village a brilliant local gathering that we are very proud of.



Burghfest also has the added benefit that I could, if the need arose, crawl home on my hands and knees, although so far this has not proved necessary!



EXCITING COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB TENANCY OPPORTUNITY! (FREE OF TIE)

THE CHEQUERS INN, ROXWELL, CHELMSFORD, CM1 4PD



Following the retirement of the previous operators after 24 years, a community buy-out and a six-month refurbishment programme, the Roxwell Chequers Community Benefit Society (RCCBS) is seeking the right tenant to re-establish The Chequers as the thriving pub at the heart of our community.

The Chequers is a traditional country pub located in the centre of Roxwell, four miles from Chelmsford City Centre. It is a Grade II listed building in a beautiful location a stone's throw from the village pond, church and school. It is the only traditional pub serving a wide catchment in an affluent part of the Essex countryside.

The pub offers two main bar areas, each with their own fireplace, together with a range of other well-connected and characterful spaces and snugs extending off to the rear. It can accommodate approximately 50 seated covers alongside space dedicated to drinking and socialising. It will benefit from a newly installed commercial kitchen perfect for preparing high-quality, affordable, traditional pub food.

Outside trading areas include an attractive beer garden to the rear and a courtyard at the front overlooking the village conservation area. Full disabled access and toilet facilities are provided, alongside newly installed heating and electrical systems. The private accommodation consists of a refurbished two-bedroom flat with a spacious lounge at first floor level.

RCCBS is seeking a tenant with strong business acumen and a proven track record that can engage effectively with locals and harness the groundswell of support shown for the pub through the community buy-out. We expect the tenant to offer traditional country pub services, including real ales, good food and special events through the year that will drive interest and custom. The Chequers must be welcoming of all, including families and dogs, and resume its rightful place as the hub of our community.



FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE TENANCY OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT RCCBS VIA THE QR CODE OR EMAIL CONTACTUS@SAVETHECHEQUERSROXWELL.CO.UK. ALTERNATIVELY CALL SAM METSON, RCCBS CHAIR ON 07918 632483. WE WOULD WELCOME AN INITIAL CHAT WITH ANY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS.

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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.

Yeastus Christ Super Sour

7.4% Saison

By To Øl

Aged for 9 months in old Chardonnay barrels. It has funk from *brettanomyces lambicus* and *bruxellensis*, tart fruitiness from the lactic acid bacteria and has a perfect balance between caramel malts and bitterness from the hops





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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

<https://shorturl.at/GHJMY>

8-9 NOVEMBER 2024

DERBY BEER CON

Museum and Art Gallery (aka The Library) The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

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

10-12 APRIL 2025

BREW//LDN

Between The Bridges, London SE1

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



2-3 MAY 2025

AWAKENING '25

St Johns Church, Forton Rd, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://shorturl.at/XfV8e>

16-17 MAY 2025

MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Depot Mayfield, Manchester

<https://linktr.ee/manchestercraftbeerfestival>

16-17 MAY 2025

HOP CITY 2025

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

[TBA](#)

6-7 JUNE 2025

MANCHESTER CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

Victoria Warehouse, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1AB

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

13-14 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

13-14 JUNE 2025

BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Lloyds Amphitheatre, Harbourside Bristol

<https://linktr.ee/bcbf>

18-19 JULY 2025

LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Tobacco Dock, Tobacco Quay, Wapping Lane, London E1W 2SF

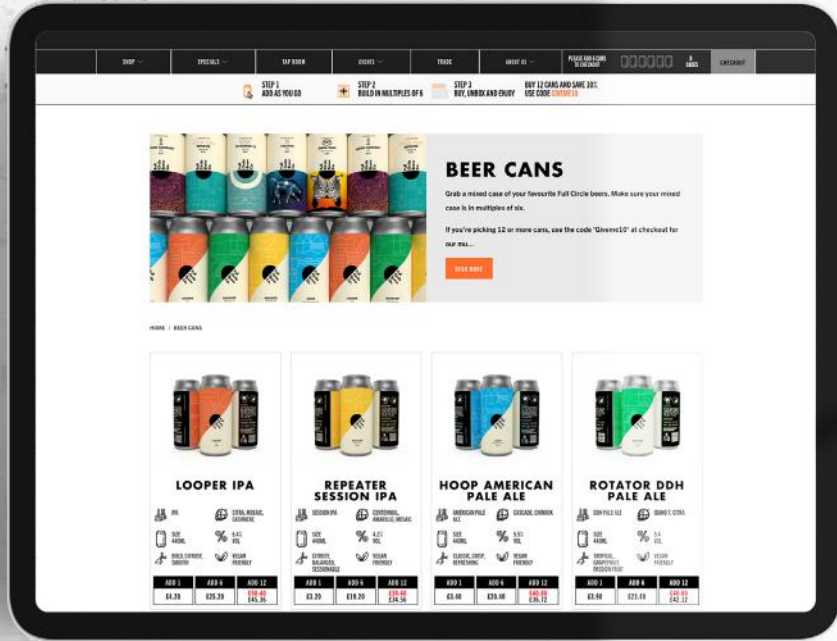
<https://londoncraftbeerfestival.co.uk/>





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Craft Brewery & Taproom

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

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Beers That Belong - Brewed From Nature With Purpose

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

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Villages Brewery



Bringing People Together

<https://villagesbrewery.com/collections/buy-beer>

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Little Earth Project

Fresh & Funky From the Suffolk Countryside

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Grasshopper & Warwickshire Beers – All flowing together

<https://52degreesbrewing.com/pages/purchase-beer>


 Standard shipping £5.99



Pomona Island Brew Co.

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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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/>

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Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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


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Bullhouse Brew Co.

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

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


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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

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

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Sureshot Brewing

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

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


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<https://carnivalbrewing.me/collections/cans-bottles>


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Craft Beer That Delivers on that 'glad-to-be-alive' Vibe

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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>


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Beak Brewery

Life-affirming Ales

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Together on Tap

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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>


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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/>


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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

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

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Stannary Brewing Co.

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

<https://stannarybrewing.shop/>


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Wild Horse Brewing Co.

Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

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


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Pastore Brewing & Blending

We Make Fresh Super-Fruited Sours & Barrel Aged Blended Wild Ales

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Liquid Light Brewing Co.

Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>


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Crafted With Purpose

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Small Batch Brewing Co.

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


 Standard shipping £7.20



Hammerton Brewery

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


 Standard shipping £6.99



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Handmade, Modern British Beer

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 Standard shipping £6.50



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Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

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