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WE'RE BACK!

Yes, we're back! After several weeks away, we hope you've missed us as much as we've missed you.

After five years of delivering a weekly newsletter without fail, we finally realised that a short break was overdue. The timing aligned with other work commitments and personal matters, leading to a slightly longer pause than expected. But now, we're refreshed and ready to dive back in!

In other news, Rob has wrapped up his podcast after an incredible 245 episodes—turns out, there aren't many breweries left to chat with! His farewell episode, recorded live at Phantom Brewing, is now available, so be sure to give it a listen.

While the podcast may be over, we're introducing a brand-new feature: a weekly spotlight on a craft brewery, along with fresh craft beer content to keep things exciting.

It's great to be back—cheers to what's next!

Cheers!



THE PODCAST

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Brewer's Corner

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



Alcohol Consumption Declines

Not too much good news around this week! Let's start with Brewer's Corner stalwart Jeff at Beervana, who has an article summarising two US surveys looking at alcohol consumption, which continues to decline significantly.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Annual UK Brewery Count

SIBA have published their annual count of UK Breweries, and the number is down exactly 100 compared to last year, standing at a total of 1,715. All regions were down except for Wales.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Hospitality Sector Needs Special Treatment

This week The Adam Smith Institute published a report demanding "urgent intervention" from the Government, if the Hospitality sector is not to be decimated by the tax changes looming in April.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Double-Barrelled

Let's finish on a more upbeat note. Ferment magazine focused in on TWICB Rob's hometown of Reading, with a nice interview with our friends at Double Barrelled

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Charm Offensive

8% DIPA

by Phantom Brewing Co.



Rob enjoyed this beer while recording his farewell podcast at Phantom's Taproom and said it really rocked! Indeed Phantom Owner, Dane is convinced that this is their best beer to date, which is certainly saying something.

[BUY IT HERE](#)

Taproom Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

Datum Attitude Taproom

Unit 8 Heybridge Industrial Estate, The Causeway, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4XL

Datum Attitude, a rising name in the UK craft beer scene, opened its taproom in Maldon, Essex, in December 2024. Not only does this modern industrial space serve as their taproom, but it's also home to their brewery, where beers are crafted with military precision—perhaps no surprise given the head brewer's RAF background.



I visited between Christmas and New Year with friends, eager to experience this new addition to the local beer scene. From the moment we stepped inside, the gleaming new premises impressed us. The taproom is spacious, with a large bar at the far end and fermentation vessels lining one side of the space, giving visitors a glimpse into the brewing process. Seating is a mix of communal wooden tables and benches, while a cozy corner with sofas and armchairs offers a more relaxed setting.

Taproom Review

The bar boasts an impressive 14 keg taps, pouring mainly Datum Attitude's own creations, complemented by a couple of guest taps showcasing top UK craft breweries. A well-stocked fridge provides even more choices, including takeaway options. Beer flights are a popular way to sample a variety of styles, which range from a crisp 3.5% session IPA to a bold Imperial Stout.

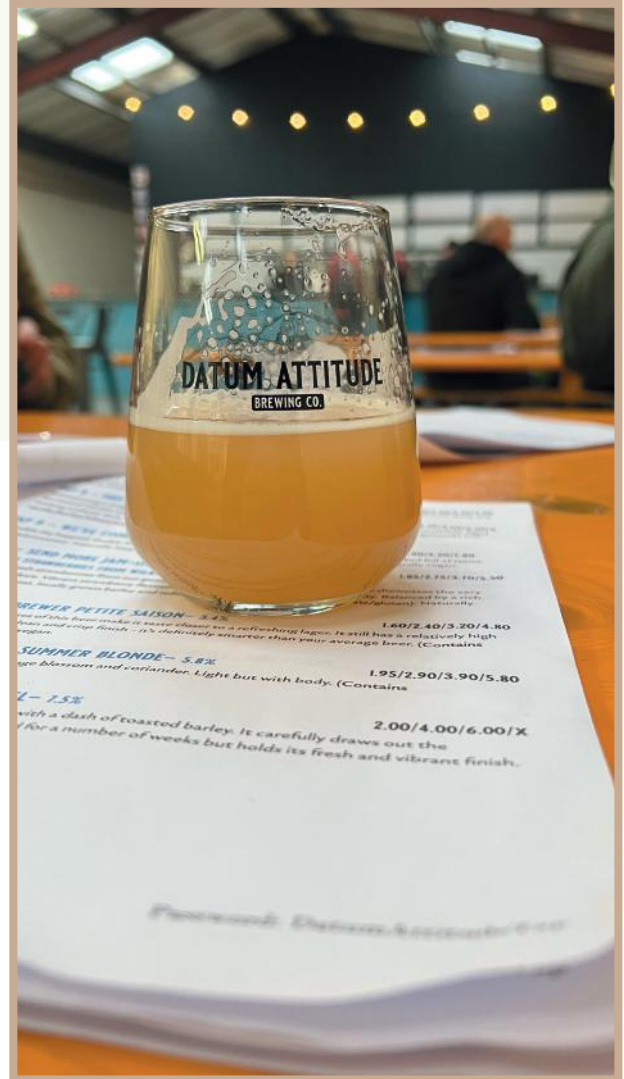


Open Thursday through Sunday, the taproom is more than just a place to enjoy great beer—it's a vibrant hub for social gatherings. Events such as live music, cheese tastings, and pop-up stalls add to the atmosphere, while food trucks are often on hand to satisfy hunger (checking their social media for updates is recommended). A recent addition of a dartboard with excellent lighting has introduced a fun competitive element, and vintage board games are available on Sunday afternoons for a more laid-back experience.



Taproom Review

Datum Attitude's taproom is a fantastic spot for craft beer lovers and social drinkers alike. Whether you're there for the beer, the events, or just a good time with friends, it's well worth a visit. Expect precision-brewed beers, a welcoming atmosphere, and a great community feel.



Opening Hours: (Winter)

Thursday – 5 until 9pm
Friday – noon until 10pm
Saturday – noon until 10pm
Sunday – noon until 9pm



The Podcast with Phantom Brewing

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



EPISODE 225 - PHANTOM BREWING / TWICB FAREWELL PODCAST

Join Rob and Phantom co-owner Dane as they raise more than a few amazing Phantom beers to toast the farewell to TWICB - The Podcast.

Sincere thanks to the amazing guests we have featured over the past almost-five years. But most of all, a massive thanks to our listeners! Your praise and feedback has what has kept me going for this long!

Most checkins on Untappd

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Feeling This	2,342	Pale Ale	5.0%	3.82
Ball Pit	1,620	Hazt IPA	5.5%	3.86
Lens	738	Hazy IPA	7.0%	3.75

LISTEN HERE

Location: Units 2-3, Meadow Road, Reading, Berks, RG1 8LB

Website: <https://www.phantombrew.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.

Olivia Gluten Gone

5% Gluten-Free Pale Ale
By Brew York

Brew York have always relied on puns in their beer names and this is one of their best from a couple of years ago.

Gluten free pale ale with stacks of that Brew York flavour.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



7 MARCH 2025

INDIE BEER FEST

Trafalgar Warehouse, Trafalgar Street, Sheffield S1 4JT

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

15 MARCH 2025

WAREHOUSE BEER FESTIVAL

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

<https://shorturl.at/N9Cuw>

15 MARCH 2025

PAISLEY BEER FESTIVAL

Thomas Coats Memorial Church, High Street, Paisley, PA1 2BA

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/ttdb/paisley-craft-beer-fest-2025>

29 MARCH 2025

CHELMSFORD CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Chelmsford Social Club, 55 Springfield Rd, Chelmsford, CM2 6JG

<https://chelmsfordcraftbeerfestival.com/>



4-5 APRIL 2025

CASTLE BEER FEST

Nottingham Castle

<https://castlebeerfest.com/>

10-12 APRIL 2025

BREW//LDN

Between The Bridges, London SE1

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

12 APRIL 2025

ABERDEEN BEER FESTIVAL

Music Hall, Union St, Aberdeen AB10 1QS

<https://shorturl.at/iWgQZ>

2-3 MAY 2025

AWAKENING '25

St Johns Church, Forton Rd, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://shorturl.at/XfV8e>

3-4 MAY 2025

NORWICH CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Waterfront, Norwich

<https://shorturl.at/jXo7v>

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

<https://www.universe.com/events/hop-city-2025-tickets-6FNG7B>

29-31 MAY 2025

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2025

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/craft-beer-expo-ltd-3248880072>



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

BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Lloyds Amphitheatre, Harbourside Bristol

<https://linktr.ee/bcbf>

20-21 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

26-29 JUNE 2025

NEXT GEN BEER FESTIVAL

St Mary's Works, St Marys Plain, Norwich NR3 3AF

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

18-19 JULY 2025

LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Magazine London, 11 Ordnance Cres, London SE10 0JH

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

26 JULY 2025

LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH

Verdant, Unit 30 Parkengue, Kernick Industrial Estate, Penryn TR10 9EP

<https://tinyurl.com/3p3tv7kb>

9-10 AUGUST 2025

THESE HILLS 2025

Glynde Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6SX

<https://tinyurl.com/28msnc5p>

15-16 AUGUST 2025

NORTHALLERTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton DL7 8PP

www.buytickets.at/ncbf





28-30 AUGUST 2025

FARM TRIP 2025

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane Rivington, PR6 9HE

[TICKETS ON SALE 28 MARCH](#)

24-25 OCTOBER 2025

RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, Kent

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

25 OCTOBER 2025

THE BIG SWALLY

O2 Academy, Edinburgh

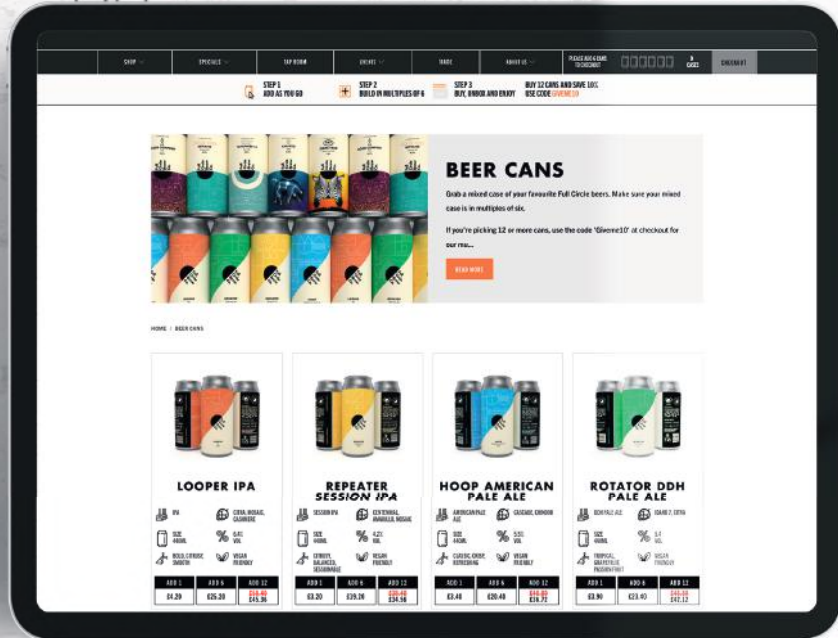
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Webshops

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



Holy Goat Brewing

Specialising in the Production of Mixed Fermentation & Wood Aged Beers

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


 Free shipping for orders over £39



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



UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

<https://www.unbarredbrewery.com/collections/unbarred-shop>


 Free delivery for orders over £50



52 Degrees Brewing (10% discount code: 10forTWICB)

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>


 Standard shipping £6.00



Attic Brew Co.

Forward Thinking Beers

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

 Free delivery for orders over £35


Webshop Directory...



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/>

 Free shipping for orders over £75


Webshop Directory...



Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Bullhouse Brew Co.

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

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


 Free shipping for orders over £50



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



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

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £48



Vibrant Forest Brewery

Our Passion is to Brew Modern Beers Packed With Flavour

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


Webshop Directory...



Sureshot Brewing

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

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Carnival Brewing Co.

Celebrating Modern Beer

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


 Free shipping for orders over £50



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

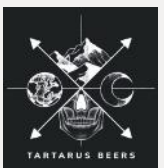


Round Corner Brewing

Uncommonly Good Beer

<https://roundcornerbrewing.com/pages/ranges>


 Free shipping for orders over £50

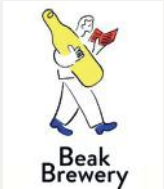


Tartarus Beers

Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

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


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Beak Brewery

Life-affirming Ales

<https://beakbrewery.com/>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Only With Love - 10% Discount code: TWICB-OWLove

Together on Tap

<https://www.onlywithlove.co/>

 Free shipping for orders over £55


Webshop Directory...



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


Webshop Directory...



Stannary Brewing Co.

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

<https://stannarybrewing.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £30



Wild Horse Brewing Co.

Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



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



Liquid Light Brewing Co.

Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Merakai Brewing Co.

Crafted With Purpose

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



Small Batch Brewing Co.

Making Good Beer For Great People

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


 Standard shipping £7.20



Hammerton Brewery

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping on orders over £48


Webshop Directory...



Wylam Brewery

Micro Brewery - Tap Room - Events Space

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


 Standard shipping £6.99



Runaway Brewery

Handmade, Modern British Beer

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


 Standard shipping £6.50



Pillars Brewery

Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

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


 Free shipping for orders over £80



Pipeline Brewing

Hazy, Hop-Forward Beers

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



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



Bottle & Jug Dept.

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

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


 Free shipping for orders over £95



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
