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Happy St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is here, and what better way to celebrate than with a rich, smooth craft stout in hand? No need to stick with Guinness—there's a whole world of underrated craft stouts out there, ranging from silky smooth to bold and boozy, all well worth seeking out. Whether you're raising a pint to tradition or discovering a new favourite, now's the perfect time to explore.

Speaking of great beer, our Craft Beer Festival Calendar is filling up fast! Be sure to secure your tickets before they're gone. Check out the Festival Calendar on page 12 for all the exciting events happening throughout 2025.

Cheers,

– The TWICB Team

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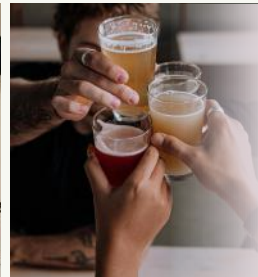
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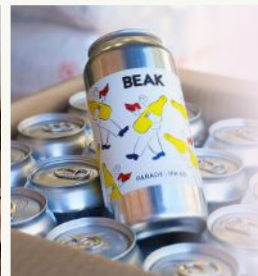
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Hospitality Sector Becoming Desperate

Ahead of the upcoming mini-budget, the hospitality sector is sounding increasingly desperate about the support they need. Considering the state of the economy and World in general, however, it is hard see much support being forthcoming.

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Beer Loyalty Discount

Jeff at Beervana reports on Breakside Brewery in the US who are launching a paid membership scheme, designed to capture loyalty in exchange for discounts.

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Circumventing Advertising Laws

The Pub Curmudgeon looks at the row brewing in Ireland which accuses the evil Macros of circumventing the advertising laws by promoting their 0% abv beers. We all know that the majority of rugby fans are really drinking the crappy 4% versions.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Hop Farm To Close Down After 81 Years

Finally, sad news from Oregon, where Brulotte Farms (a member of the Yakima Chief collective) are closing after 81 years of hop production.

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Beer of the Week

Dazzle

5.8% Fruit Sour

by Attic Brew Co.



Strawberry, raspberry, and vanilla come together perfectly in this new sour, delivering a burst of juicy fruit, a zing of tartness, and a smooth, sweet finish.

Dazzle is refreshing, vibrant, and dangerously drinkable - think of yummy raspberry ripple flavours on a spring day - this one's sunshine in a glass!

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Taproom Review



STEVE JAMES
GUEST REVIEWER

Clevedon Brewery Taproom

Unit I, Tweed Road industrial Estate, Tweed Road, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6RR

Situated at the far end of Tweed Road Industrial Estate is Clevedon's best kept secret – Clevedon Brewery. The brewery was originally established in 2016, having had various names, including Red Kite and Glede. The original owners, Howard and Dawn Tucker, ran the brewery for a couple of years before it was sold to a group of six local members in 2019. After the resignation of four members in 2021 and 2022 Les & John Turner continued to run the brewery until their retirement in the Autumn of 2024, mainly as a "hobby" brewery serving quality beers to a growing number of local members.



The restrictions of the COVID pandemic came into full force in March 2020 and it was only when they began to be lifted that local residents were able to visit the brewery to collect their take-away beers to drink at home. As the restrictions eased further, they could return to the taproom to sample the beers in a more traditional and social way.

In October 2024, the brewery was taken over by a group of 14 passionate local members under the leadership of Director, Kevin Baldwin, each investing a small sum in the business and assisted by the previous owners. This marks a new chapter for this local brewery, which is becoming known for its unique and flavourful beers. The local community, including the brewery's regular customers, are eagerly anticipating how the new management will enhance the brewery's legacy.

Taproom Review

All the people working in the brewery and taproom, behind the bar, brewing the beer and carrying out management and admin tasks, are unpaid volunteers, aiming to ensure that the brewery and its taproom offer a friendly and convivial atmosphere in its cosy surroundings. Indeed, from my observations, it's a very enthusiastic family, committed to ensuring the success of their business venture.



The team at Clevedon Brewery brew a great range of traditional beers, most of which are usually available on hand-pump at the brewery taproom. They are committed to producing high-quality craft beers that cater for a diverse range of palates, focusing on traditional brewing techniques and premium ingredients. From hoppy IPAs to smooth stouts and pale ales, there's something for everyone.

Clevedon Gold (3.9%) is a clean, golden pale ale, brewed with Progress and Green Bullet hops, giving a lightly-spiced fruit tang. Clevedon Best (4.0%) is an English-style best bitter, with a rich brown colour and blended with Brewers Gold and First Gold hops for a rounded feel and subtle bitterness. Clevedon Blonde (5.2%) is a triple-hopped blonde ale with a deep gold colour and a big hoppy taste, using Cascade, Williamette and Topaz hops, giving a good balance of bitterness and citrus flavours. Clevedon IPA (5.0%) is a speciality pale English IPA using Brewers Gold and Boadicea hops for a subtle bittering, dry hopped with Challenger hops for a fruity nose. Clevedon BS21 (4.1%) is a deep golden pale ale, using Brewers Gold, Williamette and Celeia hops, giving a well-balanced fruit and floral finish. Finally, Percy's Porter (4.4%) is a rich, dark coloured smooth porter, using Challenger and Williamette hops to complement the subtle vanilla undertones.

The pump clips all have a design featuring the historic Clevedon Pier and most of the beers are also available in bottled form. The design for Clevedon IPA even has a drawing of a miniature Taj Mahal on the pier, as homage to the original transport of IPA to India! The brewery itself utilises an 8-brewer's barrel kit, brewing half brews twice or three times a month. There are a handful of volunteer brewers, all being trained by the previous owners.

Taproom Review

At the moment, the Clevedon Brewery is unquestionably a small-scale business, with a small and friendly taproom, supplemented by an outside courtyard during the summer months. There's a monthly quiz night on Sunday and occasional live music, and the management team are hoping to expand gradually, setting up an on-line shop and engaging in local events outside the brewery, including local markets and festivals. It's hoped to have a summertime beer festival, before eventually making their beers available in other micro-pubs, bars and local shops.



If you're a fan of traditional craft beer and looking to explore hidden gems in the brewing scene, then look no further than Clevedon. When we visited at the end of November 2024, we found it to be one of the most welcoming and friendliest taprooms we've ever been to, drinking real beer with real people, and remembering that great beer is always worth talking about.

The tap room is usually open on Thursdays (1600-1900), Fridays (1600-2100), Saturdays (1400-2100) and Sundays (1400-1800). Brewery visits are available and private functions can be accommodated.

The taproom is situated in an industrial estate in the suburbs of Clevedon, just off Strode Road. It's not far from the Asda Clevedon supermarket on Southern Way, which is served by the X6 & X7 Badgerline buses. And although Clevedon Brewery beers are not yet available in local pubs, the Fallen Tree micro-pub in Hill Road is also worth a visit if you're in Clevedon.



Featured brewery

Simple Things Fermentations



Established in Glasgow's Southside back in 2019, Simple Things Fermentations is owned and run by Phil Sisson (right) with brewing and production duties handled by Ewan Cockburn.

STF celebrated their 5th birthday with a re-brew of Smoked Rye Porter, the first beer to have been created on their 6hl kit, and other recent releases include a Peated Brown Ale, Red IPA and Scottish Light, AKA 60 Shilling.

The early years of the brewery's life coincided with lockdowns and the related variations and departures from established routes to market, which of course helped to shape the business.



Featured brewery: SimpleThings Fermentations



A focus on small pack - bottles at first before a move into cans - meant the original vision to explore some of the less well represented styles quickly found a wide audience. Among the early favourites were Scottish Export, Foreign Extra Stout, Table Saison and Wheat Wine and support came from local institutions such as Wee Beer Shop and Valhalla's Goat as well as independent beer specialists further afield including Beermoth, House of Trembling Madness, Stirchley Wines and Ghost Whale.

As business grew and the world began to return to something approaching normal, STF evolved to include the more mainstream lagers and hoppy pales in their range, maintaining natural carbonation across the board as a key point of difference, and with keg and cask sales to the on-trade playing an increasingly important role.

"It hasn't been an easy few years for anyone" comments Phil, "but keeping things small and tight, with a clear focus on quality and doing things a bit differently has worked well for us. We keep on steadily growing and have just installed three new tanks. Last year we added Rufus, a hazy, hoppy 4% Extra Pale, and Tenements, a 3.8% gluten-free Lager to the keg range, and Toledo, which is a modern pale ale that we're doing just for cask. The new tanks will help us keep up with demand for those, and do a bit more of everything else too."

Featured brewery: SimpleThings Fermentations



Besides the regular releases there's a modest mixed ferm and barrel ageing side project, which over the past 12 months has produced the highly rated Vatted Stout and Old Red, an Old Ale collab with Sunken Knave. There's also a fledgling hot sauce operation, currently to be found only at festivals but - along with the rest of the STF enterprise - with ample scope for scaling up.

The brewery is housed in a Victorian-era workshop unit originally built as a bakery, in a residential area, which means there will be no STF taproom until such time as the steady growth allows a move to a bigger premises. Until then, the beers are popping up and being enjoyed in Glasgow, Edinburgh and beyond with increasing regularity and Phil and Ewan will keep quietly marching on, fighting the good fight.

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<https://www.simplethingsfermentations.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.

Son of a Beach

4.8% Ice Cream Sour

By Electric Bear Brewing

With sunnier days in mind, Electric Bear have created a mandarin, mango, and lemon ice cream sour, inspired by a classic ice lolly that blends creamy vanilla ice cream with fruity sorbet.



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UK Craft Beer Festivals



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 IQS

<https://shorturl.at/iWgQZ>



25-26 APRIL 2025

STAGE CRAFT FESTIVAL

21 South Street, Reading RG1 4QU

<https://shorturl.at/SO3uD>

2-3 MAY 2025

AWAKENING '25

St Johns Church, Forton Rd, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://shorturl.at/XfV8e>

3-4 MAY 2025

FROM THE LAND BEER FESTIVAL

Acklington Park Farm, Northumberland NE65 9AA

<https://shorturl.at/A3sda>

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

[Cancelled](#)

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

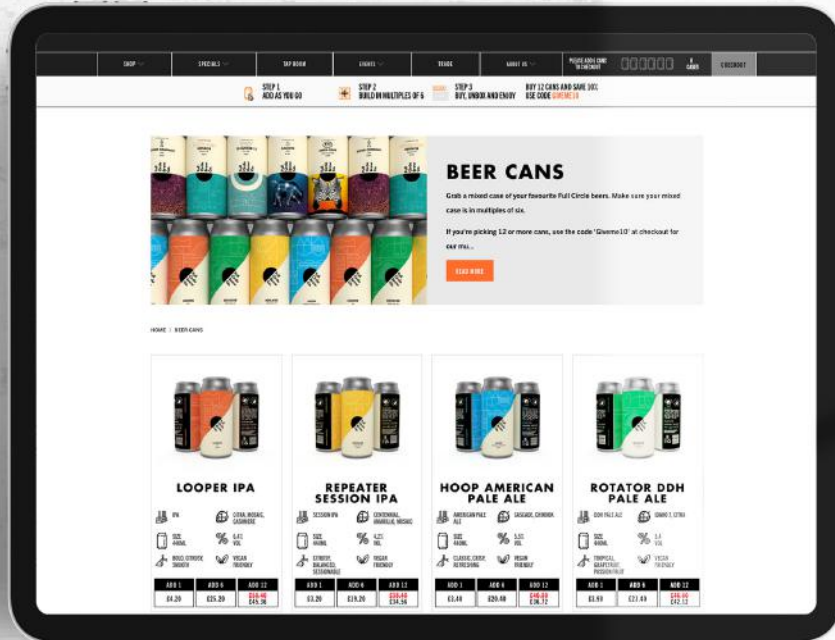
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Standard shipping £6.99


Webshop Directory...



Little Earth Project

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Webshop Directory...



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Moot Brew Co.

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Crossover Blendery

Modern, Flavour-Forward Beers Rooted In Tradition

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 Standard shipping £8.99



Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

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Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

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Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

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Zapato Brewery

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Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

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