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A Taxing Year

Yesterday marked the start of the new UK tax year. The seemingly odd date of April 6th dates back to medieval times and is a result of historical tax collection practices.

Originally, New Year in England began on March 25th (Lady Day), aligning with the Feast of the Annunciation. At the time, the Julian calendar was in use, but in 1752, Britain switched to the Gregorian calendar, moving New Year to January 1st while keeping the tax year starting on March 25th.

The Julian calendar was slightly longer than a solar year, causing a gradual misalignment. By 1752, England was 11 days out of sync, so those days were dropped from September to realign. To prevent tax revenue loss, the Treasury extended the tax year by adding back the 11 days plus one extra for a leap year—hence, April 6th!

Enough tax talk—I could really use a strong craft ale or three!

Cheers.

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Spring Statement Fall-Out

More fall-out from the mini-budget, as the Hospitality industry comes to terms with the fact that the Government is not going to give them special tax treatment in order to save businesses rendered non-viable by the NI changes.

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Mid-Strength Beers

The Pub Curmudgeon can always be relied upon to call BS where it is due, and this week he takes a swipe at mid-strength beers, which he thinks have little future relevance.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Generational Brewing

This is an interesting read from a Canadian blogger who makes the case that throughout history breweries have mostly never lasted very long, so we shouldn't be surprised about the current spate of closures.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer & Soul

We have definitely saved the best until last! This is an extremely thought-provoking read from Beer and Soul, which is actually a response to comments about a previous blog post. Grab a can of something cold from your favourite brewery and prepare to be enlightened and challenged in equal measure about where Craft Beer is heading.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Multiply

8% Double IPA

by Track Brewing Co.



This explosive DIPAs harnesses the power of three forms of Citra, combined with a tropical one-two punch of Nectarone and Idaho 7; all on a creamy, smooth and luxuriously full-bodied base.

Ripe mango, pineapple, and tangerine peel hit your nose before a medley of grapefruit, lychee, melon and passionfruit. The complex hop character lingers with a rich fruit sweetness, making every sip a multi-layered experience.

[BUY](#)

Festival Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO. FOUNDER

Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival

Chelmsford Social Club, 55 Springfield Road, Chelmsford CM2 6JD

Last Saturday, Emma and Steve from TWICB spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Chelmsford Social Club, attending the second annual Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival.

Organised by Hopsters—well-known for their craft beer establishments in Leigh-on-Sea, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Felixstowe, and Chelmsford—this event promised a delicious experience for craft beer lovers.



Choosing the Saturday afternoon session, we entered the venue after paying a modest £5 entry fee. Inside, we were welcomed by a lively crowd of around 200 attendees, filling the intimate yet comfortable space with an unmistakable buzz of excitement.

The festival operated on a simple token system, with tokens available for purchase at the door in £10 increments. This hassle-free approach made it easy to sample a variety of offerings from the participating craft breweries during the five-hour session.

Festival Review

Though small, the brewery lineup was exceptional. Featuring Duration Brewing, The Kernel, Burnt Mill, Radio City Beer Works, Phantom Brewing, Three Hills, Time & Tide, Braybrook Beer, and Northdown Brewery, each showcased at least four unique brews. It was clear that breweries brought their latest and freshest creations, with few standard core beers in sight.



Expertly managed by Ed, the driving force behind Hopsters Events, the festival offered an outstanding tasting experience. A DJ kept the atmosphere lively with great music, while a kitchen kiosk served up simple yet satisfying food, ensuring a well-rounded event for all the senses.

Festival Review

The standout beer of the day was Plenty of Clouds by Phantom Brewing—a fantastic 8% DIPA—closely followed by Burnt Mill’s magnificent BA imperial stout, The Weight of Brunch.

Hard plastic glasses were provided, proving to be a much better option than the flimsy ones often found at events where glasses are prohibited.



In conclusion, the Chelmsford Craft Beer Festival was a resounding success, providing a fantastic platform for local brewers to showcase their craft while fostering a strong sense of community among beer enthusiasts. We eagerly look forward to future editions and applaud the organisers for a job well done. Cheers to great beer and even better times!



Hop of the Week

Galaxy



Galaxy Hops - The Star of Modern Craft Brewing

Galaxy hops have taken the craft beer world by storm, becoming one of the most sought-after hop varieties for brewers looking to create bold, aromatic beers. Originating from Australia, Galaxy hops are celebrated for their intense fruit-forward character and high alpha acid content, making them ideal for hop-forward styles like IPAs and pale ales.

Origins and Cultivation

Galaxy hops were developed in Australia and first released in 2009. They are bred from a German variety and grown primarily in the hop fields of Tasmania and Victoria. Australia's unique climate and soil conditions contribute to the distinct profile of Galaxy hops, which is renowned for its strong tropical fruit and citrus characteristics.

Flavour and Aroma Profile

The defining feature of Galaxy hops is their remarkable aromatic intensity. The hop imparts vibrant flavours and aromas of passion fruit, peach, and citrus, often with underlying notes of pineapple and mango. This makes it an excellent choice for beers that aim to showcase a juicy, tropical character. Depending on how they are used in brewing, Galaxy hops can deliver anything from bold, resinous bitterness to a soft, fruity aroma..

Hop of the week: Galaxy

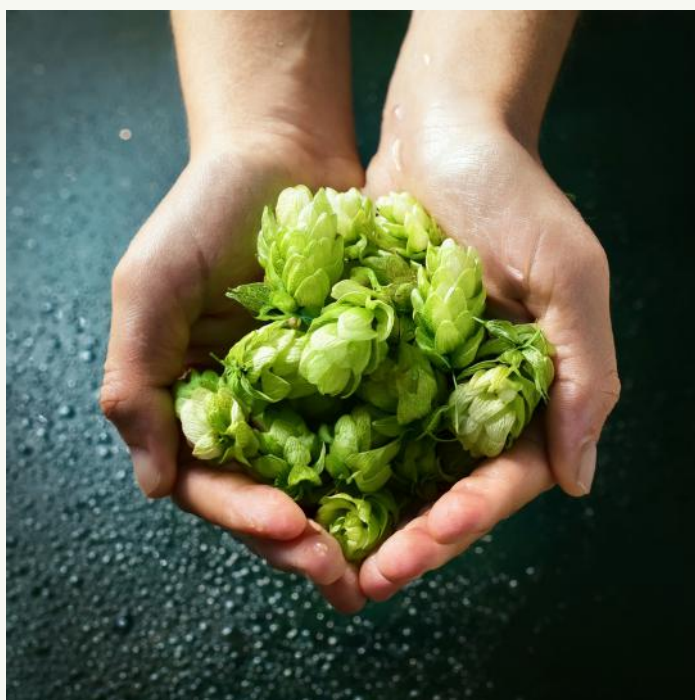
Brewing Applications

Galaxy hops are highly versatile, allowing brewers to use them at various stages of the brewing process:

Bittering: With an alpha acid range of 13-17%, Galaxy hops provide a clean yet potent bitterness, making them effective in IPAs and double IPAs.

Aroma & Flavour: The hop's true strength lies in late additions and dry hopping, where its intense fruit character can shine without excessive bitterness.

Pairing: Galaxy pairs well with other fruity and citrusy hops like Citra, Mosaic, and Simcoe, enhancing complexity in hop-forward beers.



Popular Styles Featuring Galaxy Hops

Due to their intense tropical fruit notes, Galaxy hops are widely used in the following styles:

New England IPA (NEIPA) – Their juicy and aromatic qualities perfectly complement the hazy, low-bitterness profile of this popular style.

West Coast IPA – When used in combination with other high-alpha hops, Galaxy can add depth to the resinous and citrusy character of these hop-heavy brews.

Pale Ale – Offers a fruit-forward yet balanced drinking experience.

Hazy Pale Ale – Enhances the juicy, soft, and approachable nature of these beers.

Session IPAs – Provides a full-bodied aroma without overwhelming bitterness, making for a refreshing and flavourful session beer.

Hop of the week: Galaxy

Conclusion

Galaxy hops have cemented their place as one of the premier hop varieties in modern craft brewing. Their intense fruitiness and versatility make them a favourite among brewers aiming to create flavourful and aromatic beers. Whether you're a homebrewer experimenting with new recipes or a beer enthusiast exploring different hop profiles, Galaxy is a hop that truly lives up to its stellar reputation.





Featured Brewery Turning Point Brew Co.

Unit 3, Grimbald Park, Wetherby Rd, Knaresborough HG5 8LJ



Turning Point Brew Co. have entered their seventh year with characteristic gusto. They're well embedded into both the brewery and the community in Knaresborough where they remain committed to two basic principles, the premise of which runs through everything they do - be it another huge and silly imperial stout or their flagship US Pale Disco King.

A brewery started in 2017 by two people quitting their day jobs to follow their passion for beer has never forgotten these simple goals set out from the beginning: Brewing their favourite beers and having a good time. In a climate riddled with challenges, Turning Point are well placed to continue to do both of those things in the coming months.

Fresh off the back of a huge IWCBD event, a collaboration with American pop punk band Bowling For Soup, and most recently "Imperial March" last weekend where Turning Point spread 7 Cask Imperial Stouts across 7 fantastic pubs in York for the day - there is plenty going on aboard Planet Turning Point.

First and foremost on this good (space) ship is the return of their annual Custard Sessions. This year, Friday 25th of April sees 54 venues across the UK join them in custard chaos - pouring three custard beers simultaneously and inviting patrons to "Conquer The Custard".

Turning Point Brew Co.

Never ones to shy from shooting for the moon, they've gone all out again this year. Alongside the original and completely sensible 6% Custard Pale Ale "Yellow Matter Custard" they have concocted its rhubarb counterpart named, would you believe, "Rhubarb Matter Custard". This extremely pink beer sees the usual lashings of vanilla custard paired with sweet and tangy rhubarb. It seemed only right, given Turning Point share West Yorkshire with the Rhubarb Triangle.



To complete the custard cohort, the question of how to match their previous Custard stout was one that had been on their minds since the Custard Sessions 2023 collaboration with Northern Monk. "Death Matter Custard" (A custard-ised iteration of "Death") along with a Barrel Aged version the following year was by far one of the most popular beers Turning Point have ever released.

This year Siren have joined them in the custard-sphere and with them they've married custard and cake. "Caribbean Matter Custard" sees Dark Matter fuse with Caribbean Chocolate Cake. The beer is 11% of opulence featuring, of course, custard and vanilla along with Cacao, Chocolate, and those signature cyprus spirals. Launch locations are to be about to be released across their various online platforms.

Turning Point Brew Co.

Turning Point haven't gone entirely custard-crazy and have exciting things rumbling from the other end of the beer gamut. Co-founder Aron has been sitting on a recipe he's wanted to brew for a good few years and has decided that the time has come for an 1895 Mild from the now defunct Malton Brewery Rose's to take the fore.

Teaming up with Five Points - who have brewed a partner beer from a recipe circa 1995 - between them brewed two 100-year-apart impressions of a landmark style. With ingredients never before seen at Turning Point such as chevalier malt and Fuggles hops, both breweries have been very careful to create beers that are not just true to their inspirations - but a celebration of them too.



Speaking of celebrations, these beers will launch and pour side by side on Thursday April 24th at their pub The Falcon (York), and at Five Points' pubs The Pembury Tavern (London) and Whitelock's Ale House (Leeds).

Turning Point Brew Co.

In addition, April will see Turning Point open their Taproom again for the year on the 25th & 26th - followed by the last weekend of every month until September.

Turning Point will be pouring at Brew LDN, collaborating with Howling Hops, pairing their beer with crisps at Sheffield's Boston Arms, taking over the taps at Angel's Micropub in Belper, and looking forward to events in May at Sheffield's Hallamshire House, Newcastle's Elder Bar, Attic Barrel Store alongside an Attic Collaboration, and pouring at Chester Beer Festival too.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



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>

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>

15-17 MAY 2025

BEHIND BARS - CRAFT BEER FEST

A Wing, Lancaster Castle,, Castle Hill, Lancaster LA1 1YN

<https://shorturl.at/NWb24>

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>

30-31 MAY 2025

FYNEFEST 2025

Fyne Ales, Achadunan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BJ

<https://fynefest.com/tickets/>

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](#)

4-5 JULY 2025

LITTLE EARTH FEST 2025

Little Earth Project Mill Green, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PX

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

5 JULY 2025

DUMMER DOWN BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL

Dummer Down Farm, Dummer Hampshire RG25 2AR

<https://shorturl.at/UphkV>

11-12 JULY 2025

SALISBURY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Arts Centre, Salisbury

<https://shorturl.at/FajUs>

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

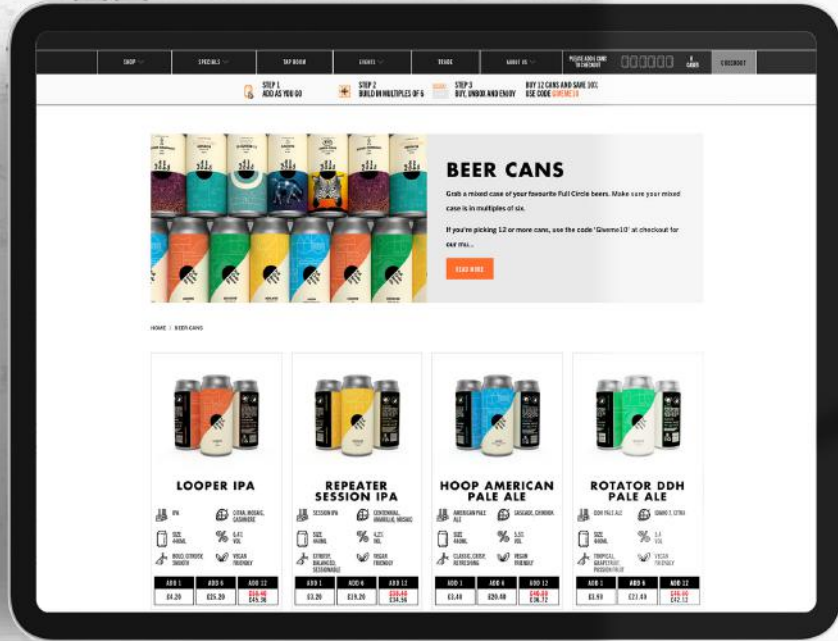
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Craft Brewery & Taproom

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

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Duration Brewing Beer Shop

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

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Villages Brewery

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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>


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UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

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


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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>


 Standard shipping £6.00



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>


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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



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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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

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

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Anspach & Hobday

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Hammerton Brewery

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Sureshot Brewing

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 Free shipping for orders over £50



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<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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Togetherness on Tap

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

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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>


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Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

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Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

<https://bayonet-brewing.square.site/s/shop>


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Padstow Brewing Co.

Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

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


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Zapato Brewery

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Stannary Brewing Co.

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

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Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



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Making Good Beer For Great People

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


 Standard shipping £7.20



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Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

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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

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