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Teaching Grandmother to Suck Eggs!

I have been taking a close look recently at the government's advice on beer drinking and its effect on health. Most published information would seem to agree that we shouldn't drink alcohol at all, and if we do, it is unhealthy to consume more than a pint of beer a day. Whilst some reports – albeit reluctantly – concede that drinking less than this can actually have health benefits, including being good for bone density, improving heart and kidney health and also being good for the immune system, bodies such as the cancer association lay dozens of different cancers firmly at alcohol's door.

Looking at current recommendations from around the world, it is rather depressing for us beer lovers to find that most countries are now suggesting that there is no safe limit at all for alcohol consumption!

Is this 'nanny state' situation beginning to go over the top? Recently, with all the lovely sunshine we have been enjoying, we have been told by those in power to stay indoors and not to venture out in the sun unless we wear a wide brimmed hat, and are smothered in sun screen.

What would my 92 year old, sun worshipping, 'Guinness Queen' grandmother have to say about that?

It's enough to drive you to drink!

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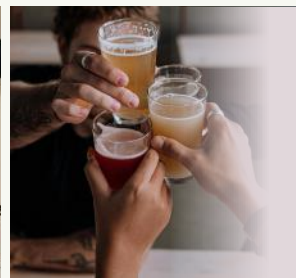
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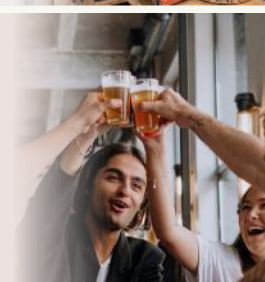
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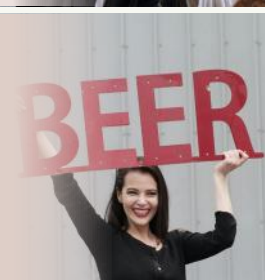
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Beer Sales Increase Slightly After Slow Start To Year

The Morning Advertiser reports that draft beer sales in pubs, bars and restaurants rose by 5% in the past 4 weeks after a slow start to the year.

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Sunny Weather Boosts beers & Cider Sales

There is nothing like Spring sunshine to give us all a great thirst! It turns out that like for like on-trade sales were up 12% in the week to Saturday 3rd May..

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Pouring Styles Make a Difference

Here is an interesting look at the US Craft Beer Scene, where increasingly the pouring-style, rather than just the beer itself, is being promoted as a differentiator.

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British Cask Ale

Here is a long-form piece by Jonny Garrett, explaining the reasons behind his campaign to get British Cask Beer recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage product.

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Beer of the Week

Blossom

8.0% Honey DIPA

by Overtone Brewing Co.



Blossom is a smooth, high-ABV Double IPA brewed with real honey for amplified depth and balance. It blooms with floral sweetness up front, then hits with a bold and resonant finish. Hopped with Columbus & Nelson Sauvin.

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Taproom Review



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TWICB CO FOUNDER

Chain House Taproom

139-141 Market Street West, Preston, PR1 2HB

Tucked away in the heart of Preston, Chain House Brewing Co has been quietly crafting its name since 2017 – and if you're a fan of experimental small-batch beers, this spot is an absolute must-visit. The on-site Taproom offers a welcoming blend of authenticity and charm, making it a perfect hideaway for casual drinks, beer adventures, and quality time with friends (and dogs!).



Step inside and you're met with exposed red brick walls and a rustic industrial vibe, complete with brewing tanks in full view – a subtle reminder that what you're drinking is made just a few feet away. Seating is cosy and communal, with round and bench-style tables nestled among the brewing equipment, giving the place an unpretentious, sociable energy. There's some outdoor seating too, for sunnier days.

Taproom Review

What really makes Chain House shine is the bar itself. With 15 keg lines pouring the freshest of their own inventive brews alongside rotating guest beers from some of the UK's top craft names, there's always something new to explore. On Rob's recent visit, the taps included seven fresh pours from Glass House, plus excellent guest spots from Weekend Project, Moonwake, Balance and Tartarus. Two cask lines, four ciders, a well-chosen wine list, premium spirits and cocktails round out a bar menu that truly caters to all



If you're a fan of fridge raids, theirs won't disappoint – especially with standout 750ml Lambic bottles made for sharing. And yes, it's dog-friendly, offering treats and comfy beds for your four-legged drinking companions.



Taproom Review

The venue also knows how to keep things lively. Weekly events range from quiz nights and karaoke to live music and open mic sessions. A large screen TV adds the bonus of catching the big game in good company, craft pint in hand.

Open every day (with extended hours on the weekend), Chain House Brewing Co manages to feel both like a local gem and a craft beer destination. Whether you're dropping in for a midweek drink or settling in on a Saturday night, it's a brilliant spot to unwind, explore unique beers, and soak up the warm, community-driven vibe.



Opening Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 4pm - 10pm

Thursday 1pm - 10pm

Friday 1pm - 11pm

Saturday noon - midnight

Sunday - Noon - 9pm

Verdict: A characterful, cozy taproom full of great beer, good people, and the kind of atmosphere that makes you want to stay for one more.



Hop of the Week

Cashmere



Cashmere Hops: The Aromatic Hybrid Making Waves in Brewing

In the ever-evolving world of craft beer, hop varieties play a central role in shaping aromas, flavours, and overall beer profiles. One hop gaining popularity among brewers and beer lovers alike is **Cashmere**. Known for its smooth bitterness and complex aroma profile, Cashmere hops offer a blend of fruit-forward notes that can transform a brew from ordinary to exceptional.

Origins

Cashmere is a relatively new hop variety, released in **2013** by Washington State University as part of the USDA's public hop breeding program. It's a **daughter of Cascade**, one of the most iconic American hops, and a Northern Brewer male. The goal was to develop a hop that retained Cascade's citrusy brightness while offering something unique—and Cashmere delivers

Hop of the week: CASHMERE

Aroma and Flavour Profile

Cashmere stands out for its rich, layered aroma profile, often described as:

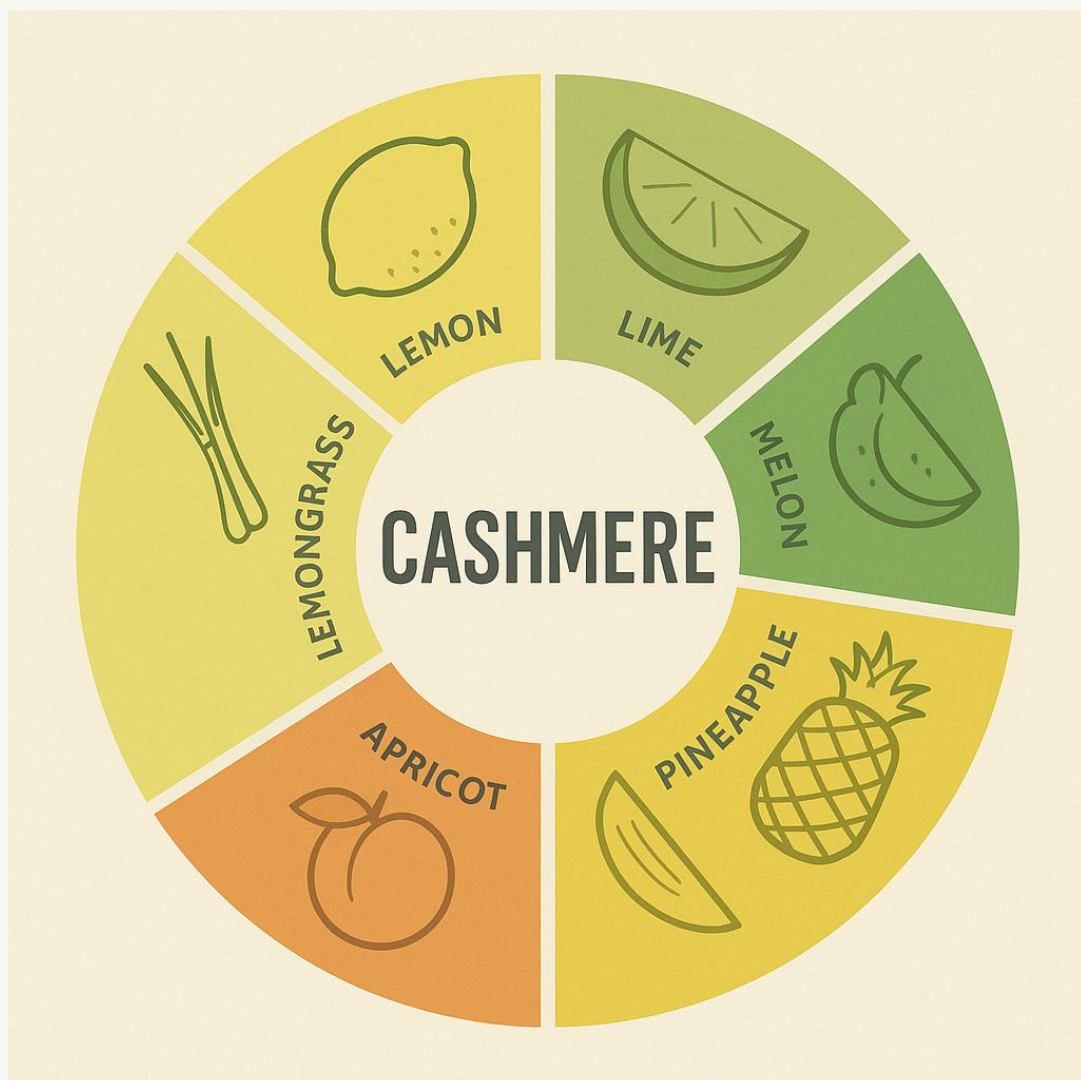
Citrus: lemon, lime, and tangerine

Tropical fruits: melon, pineapple, and coconut

Stone fruits: peach and apricot

Herbal and spicy undertones: hints of lemongrass and candy-like sweetness

These characteristics make it a favourite in juicy IPAs, hazy pale ales, and even fruity wheat beers. The hop's ability to add complexity without overwhelming bitterness makes it an excellent choice for single-hop beers, where its full spectrum can shine.



Hop of the week: CASHMERE

Brewing Applications

Cashmere is versatile and works well both as an aroma hop and a flavouring hop, particularly when used in the late boil, whirlpool, or dry hop stages. While not typically used for bittering, it does have a moderate alpha acid range (typically 7–9%), allowing for some flexibility.

Popular beer styles that benefit from Cashmere include:

New England IPAs (NEIPAs)

American Pale Ales

Blonde Ales

Wheat Beers

Hoppy Lagers

Brewers often pair Cashmere with other hops like Mosaic, Citra, El Dorado, or Azacca to build a richer fruit-forward bouquet.

Growing Characteristics

Cashmere is well-suited to the **Pacific Northwest climate**, where it was developed. It's known for its **vigour and disease resistance**, especially to powdery mildew, which makes it an attractive choice for hop farmers. Its **medium to late harvest window** gives it flexibility in hop schedules, especially for growers looking to diversify their crop without disrupting existing harvest logistics.

Final Thoughts

Cashmere hops are a modern success story in hop breeding—bringing new flavours and versatility to brewers looking to experiment beyond the classic citrus and pine notes. Whether you're a professional brewer or a homebrewer, Cashmere offers a unique opportunity to craft beers that are soft, fruit-forward, and bursting with complexity.

As the craft beer scene continues to evolve, expect to see Cashmere hops popping up more frequently on can labels and tap lists—delivering smooth, fruity refreshment one glass at a time.

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.

Legend of the Liquid Brain

11.5% BA Imperial Stout

By Bull & Bush Brewery

An Imperial Stout barrel aged for 2.5 years in second use Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon Barrels.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



23-24 MAY 2025

BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL

Beach Street, Felixstowe, Suffolk

<https://myhopsters.com/beach-street-beer-fest>

23-25 MAY 2025

DARTFORD BEER FESTIVAL

Central Park's Outdoor Theatre, Central Rd, Dartford DA1 1DJ

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/dartford-beer-festival/>

24-25 MAY 2025

TIPSY FEST

The Topsy Cow, Lanreath Village Hall, Lanreath, Looe PL13 2NL

<https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Topsy-Cow-100057056905923/>

29-31 MAY 2025

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2025

Black Lodge Brewery, 3 Kings Dock Street, Liverpool L1 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/>

31 MAY 2025

CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

The Steamworks, 111 Randall Street, Sheffield

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

7 JUNE 2025

FRIENDS FESTIVAL

Unit 8, Willow Business Centre, 17 Willow Ln, Mitcham CR4 4NX

<https://www.drop-project.co.uk/cans/friendsfest2024tickets>

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

PENNINE CRAFT BEER FEST

Marsden Mechanics, Marsden, HD7 6BW

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/marsden-mechanics/e-vxpgoj>

20-21 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

3-6 JULY 2025

RETFORD ALE TRAIL

Retford Craft House, 10 Beardsalls Row, Retford, DN22 6JX

<https://www.retfordcrafthouse.com/retford-ale-trail-july-2025/>



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

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

15-16 AUGUST 2025

NORTHALLERTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton DL7 8PP

www.buytickets.at/ncbf

22-24 AUGUST 2025

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The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

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





28-30 AUGUST 2025

FARM TRIP 2025

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane, Rivington PR6 9HE

<https://www.rivingtonbrewing.co.uk/farmtrip2025>

12-13 SEPTEMBER 2025

FULL CIRCLE FEST

Full Circle Taproom, Hoult's Yard, Newcastle NE6 2HL

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/products/full-circle-fest-ticket>

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

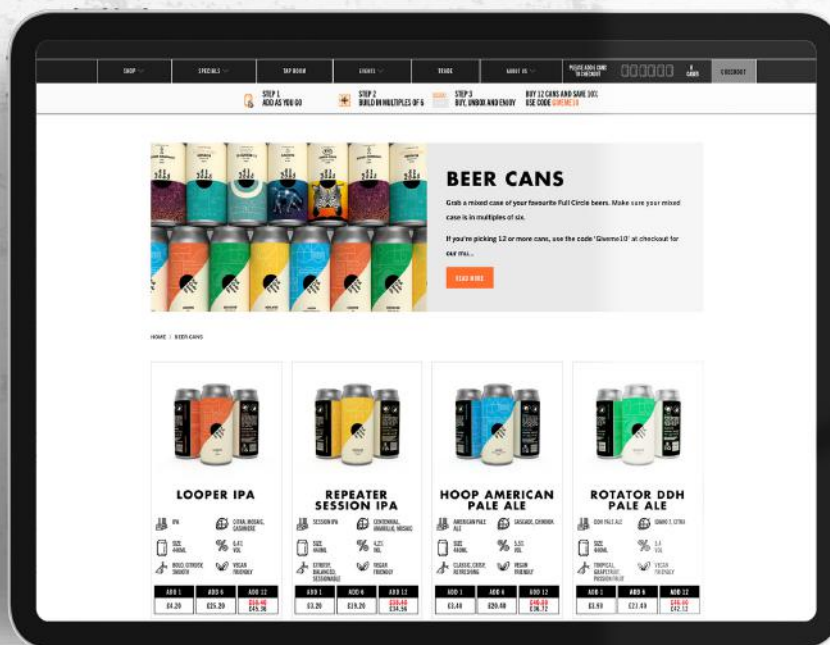
<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/the-ccbm/the-big-swally-edinburgh>





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Attic Brew Co.

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Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

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Moot Brew Co.

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Exale Brewery

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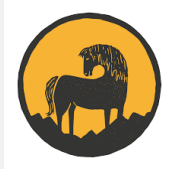


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