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Welcome To Summer

Yesterday saw the start of meteorological summer here in the UK, although we have to wait till the 21st June - the longest day of the year - for astronomical summer to officially commence. I certainly won't be waiting till then, however, and will be getting the BBQ cleaned up and ready for lovely sunny weekends and long hot days of eating and drinking al fresco (weather permitting of course!)

June has got to be one of the most beautiful months of the year with sunshine, greenery and colourful blossom everywhere and floral growth in abundance.

It's also a great month for beer festivals and outside drinking events and a chance to finally shake off the dour experience of the cold and wet days of the long British winter.

So get ready to stock up the fridge with a wide selection of the latest offerings from our wonderful Craft Beer brewers and enjoy your drinks in the fresh air.

Cheers

The TWICB Team

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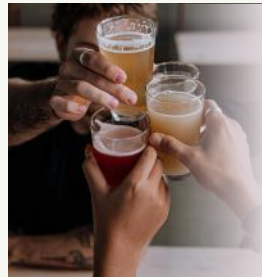
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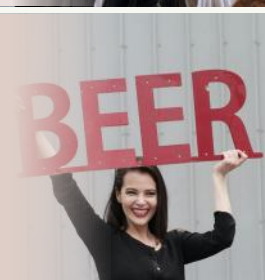
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Live Football Screening Free in Pubs

Let's start with some good news! Apparently TNT Sports have struck a deal with DAZN to allow UK licensed premises to show the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup live for free this summer. This could be a decent footfall driver.

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Once The Diners Have Gone

The Pub Curmudgeon turns his thoughts to how quiet pubs tend to be these days later in the evening, once the dining crowd has gone home.

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Family Friendly

Almanac Brewing in California have recently realised that being family-friendly is the key to encouraging parents to stick around, and drink a few beers. Bouncy castles anyone...?!

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Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Finally, here is some sobering coverage from the USA on the presence in beers of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs), popularly known as forever chemicals. Apparently the prevalence is often linked to city-centre brewery locations. Time to stop relying on tap-water, and install an RO filtration system if you can afford it?

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Beer of the Week

Favourite Game

8% DIPA

by FLOC. Brewing



A bold DIPA collaboration with Left Handed Giant, packed with tropical fruit, juicy stonefruit, bright citrus zest, and vibrant aromatics from NZ Nectarone, Motueka, and NZ Cascade hops.

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Taproom Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO FOUNDER

Track Brewery & Taproom

Unit I8, Piccadilly Trading Estate, Manchester M1 2NP

A Must-Visit Gem in Manchester's Craft Beer Heartland

Tucked away on a modern industrial estate in Manchester's Piccadilly, Track Brewery & Taproom stands out in more ways than one. Just a stone's throw from fellow heavyweights Cloudwater, Sureshot, and Balance Brewing, Track is perfectly positioned within one of the UK's premier craft beer hotspots.



But while many taprooms in this kind of setting can feel stark or rough around the edges, Track's space defies expectations. The taproom is bright, modern, and immaculately clean, with crisp white and green walls, lush indoor plants, and inviting wooden benches and tables. It's a genuinely lovely space to drink in—thoughtfully designed and effortlessly welcoming.

Taproom Review

The layout gives drinkers a front-row seat to the brewing magic, with the taproom overlooking the brewhouse itself. This sense of connection to the process only enhances the experience, as does the bar—an impressive setup boasting 20 keg lines and 3 cask lines. Naturally it features a full spread of Track's freshest beers, with the occasional guest tap adding even more variety. There are also wines, spirits, soft drinks, and even complimentary hop water for those pacing themselves.



Track are at the very top of their game right now, and it was a privilege to sample their beers straight from the source. Their range is broad and brilliantly executed, from the ever-popular core pale ale Sonoma (on both keg and cask) to punchy West Coast IPAs, silky IPAs, and decadent DIPAs. The tap list during our visit also featured a real treat—three keg pours from Vermont's Foam Brewers, a rare and exciting bonus that beer geeks will appreciate.



Taproom Review

Standout pour of the day? That title went to Dreaming of Goldtop, a luxurious 8.4% DIPA from Track's Gold Top series. Creamy, deceptively smooth, and dangerously drinkable, it was the kind of beer that makes you sit back and smile—and then perhaps reconsider your next one.



Outside, the taproom expands into a spacious, semi-covered beer garden that was buzzing with energy during our sunny weekend visit. A resident food stall dishes up freshly baked pizzas, the perfect accompaniment to a cold pint.

In fact, we enjoyed ourselves so much we completely lost track of time (pun intended) and turned up late to the Manchester Craft Beer Festival just down the road. But no regrets—Track Brewery & Taproom is a world-class destination in its own right, and absolutely worth building an afternoon (or evening) around.

**Verdict: One of the UK's best breweries with an equally impressive taproom
—don't miss it.**



Hop of the Week

Riwaka



Riwaka Hops: New Zealand's Brightest Citrus Star

Riwaka hops, also known as D Saaz, are a standout variety from New Zealand, celebrated for their intense citrus and tropical fruit aromas. Bred by the New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research, Riwaka is a triploid aroma hop developed by crossing "Old Line" Saaz with specially selected New Zealand breeding lines. Released in 1997, it has become a favourite among craft brewers seeking bold, fruity flavours.

Origins in the Riwaka Valley

The hop takes its name from the Riwaka township in New Zealand's Tasman District, a region renowned for its hop cultivation. The Riwaka River valley, near Motueka, is home to many orchards and hop farms, making it a central hub for New Zealand's hop industry.

Hop of the week: RIWAKA

Aroma and Flavour Profile

Riwaka is prized for its high oil content—almost double that of its Saaz parent—which contributes to its distinctive aroma.

Riwaka hops are known for offering a complex and intense aroma/flavour profile that includes:

Tropical Fruits - passionfruit and grapefruit, hints of mango, guava, or papaya

Lime – bright, zesty lime notes often complement the grapefruit character

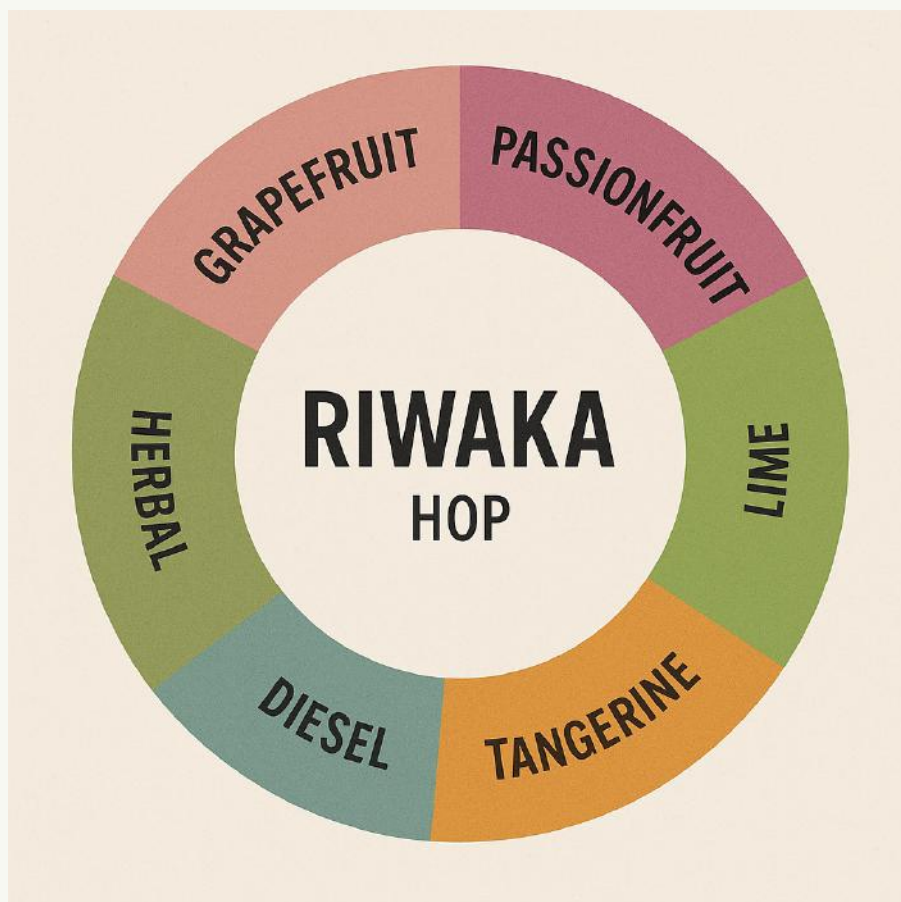
Tangerine or orange zest – a sweet, slightly resinous citrus element

Diesel or dank – a faint, funky edge sometimes compared to Nelson Sauvin

Herbal or spicy undertones – inherited from its Saaz parent, these subtle notes can ground the fruity top notes

The exact mix can vary slightly depending on the harvest year and growing conditions, but overall, Riwaka is intensely aromatic and often described as "fruit salad in a hop cone" with a slight edgy twist.

This bold profile makes it ideal for modern hop-forward beers like hazy IPAs, but it's also used creatively in lighter styles where a single variety can shine.



Hop of the week: RIWAKA

Brewing Applications

Riwaka's intense citrus character makes it ideal for styles like IPAs, pale ales, and New Zealand Pilsners. Its unique profile allows it to stand out even when used in small quantities, making it a favourite for single-hop beers.

Additionally, its Saaz lineage provides a subtle spiciness, offering versatility in more delicate beer styles.

Availability and Substitutes

Due to its popularity and limited production, Riwaka can be challenging to source. Brewers often consider substitutes like Citra, Motueka, or Nelson Sauvin, which share similar citrus and tropical fruit characteristics.

Conclusion

Riwaka hops exemplify the innovation and quality of New Zealand's hop breeding programs. With its vibrant citrus and tropical fruit aromas, Riwaka continues to captivate brewers and beer enthusiasts worldwide, solidifying its place as a modern classic in the hop world.

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.

TIRAMIBRU

6% Coffee Stout

By Arbor Ales

A unique blend of Wild Thing and Mio Fazenda beans were used to brew this luxurious coffee stout, drawing inspiration from a favourite Italian dessert.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



7 JUNE 2025

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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>

13-15 JUNE 2025

CRYSTAL PALACE BEER FESTIVAL

The Crystal Palace, London SE19 1UE

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

13-14 JUNE 2025

BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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20-21 JUNE 2025

PENNINE CRAFT BEER FEST

Marsden Mechanics, Marsden, HD7 6BW

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20-21 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

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20-22 JUNE 2025

WORTHING BEER FESTIVAL

Steyne Gardens, Worthing

<https://craftbeerfolk.co.uk/worthing/>

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/>

4-5 JULY 2025

HORNCHURCH BEER FESTIVAL

Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch

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5 JULY 2025

DUMMER DOWN BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL

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<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/>

25-26 JULY 2025

HARLOW BEER FESTIVAL

Harlow Town Park

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26 JULY 2025

LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH

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

9-10 AUGUST 2025

THESE HILLS 2025

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

15-16 AUGUST 2025

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22-24 AUGUST 2025

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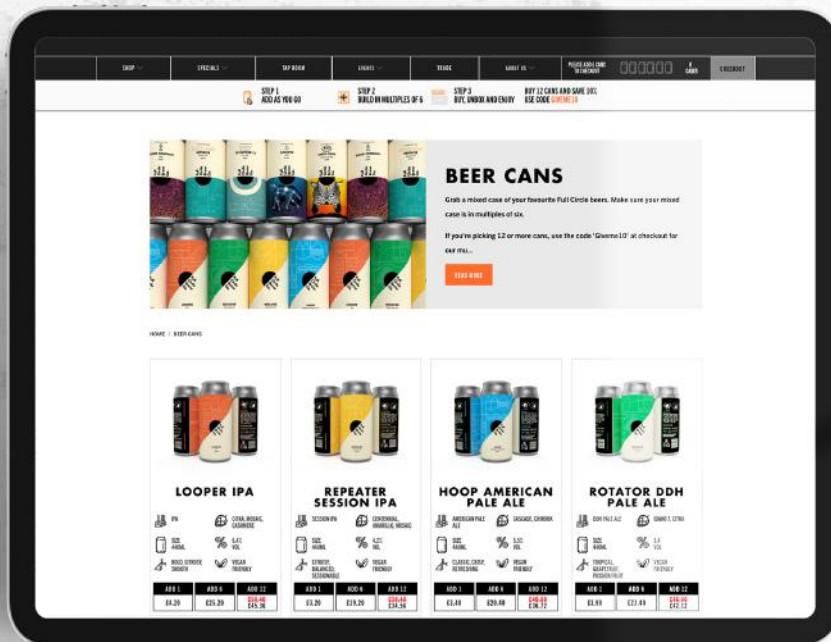
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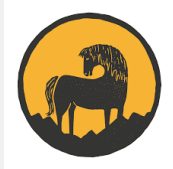


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