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Holy Heatpumps Batman!

Whilst we try to remain A-political at TWICB, I had always believed that a socialist government's purpose was to help the needy by taxing the rich.

It appears that Ms Reeves has had her attempt to halt the heat pump grants and save much needed treasury money, overturned by Mr Starmer to the delight of Ed Miliband.

Surely this would have been a sensible socialist policy and save on the £1.5 billion allocated for these grants.

The cost of installing an air source heat pump is reported to be between £11k and £20k, and between £24k and £49k for a ground sourced heat pump. With the current grants being just a maximum of £7500, I can't see many 'needy' people having the odd £3,500 to £41,500 tucked down the back of their sofas. This policy is, of course, part of the mad dash towards net zero and, rather than socialism, is more like taxing the poor to pay the rich!

May I propose a small grant for the beer brewing and beer drinking industry, which would be bound to make everyone happy!

Cheers!

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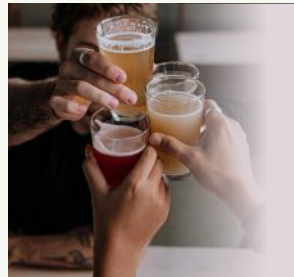
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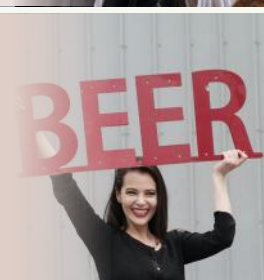
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Interest Rate Hold Frustrating

Let's start this week with the Head of UK Hospitality Kate Nicholls showing herself up, by complaining about the lack of an interest rate cut this week, despite inflation spiking up sharply. Maybe it is time UKH hired a CEO with some understanding of economics?

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Pub Culture on the Wane

Here is a broad ranging article from Ireland which addresses the elephant in the room, which is that pub-going culture is fast disappearing.

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An American in English Pubs

On a more cheerful note, it is always fun to read an American perspective on British culture.

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Quality vs Quantity

Finally at Beer Insider has an excellent piece about the move to drinking higher quality (and strength) beverages in smaller serving sizes.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

Bahamut

6.5% New England IPA

by Left Handed Giant Brewing Co.



We enjoyed this superb IPA fresh from the source at the LHG Taproom in Bristol overlooking the River Avon. A collaboration with US giants, Finback Brewery, this is a hazy IPA hopped with Nelson Sauvin, Nectarone and Galaxy hops!

Festival Review



STEVE P
TWICB CO FOUNDER

Bristol Craft Beer Festival

Harbourside, Bristol

BCBF & Left Handed Giant Taproom: A Perfect Bristol Beer Day

Last weekend, the TWICB Team made the annual pilgrimage to the Bristol Craft Beer Festival (BCBF) for the third year running. Arriving in the city with time to spare, we seized the opportunity to pay a visit to the iconic Left Handed Giant Taproom, perched right on the edge of the River Avon.



The weather could not have been better. Sunshine streamed across the outdoor terrace as we sipped our beers, soaking up the riverside views before the short stroll to the Harbourside festival site. LHG continues to be a must-visit taproom, with its modern aesthetic, superb beer range and unbeatable setting. So compelling, in fact, that we arrived a little late to the festival.

Festival Review

To our surprise, the site was far from crowded. Plenty of seating was available and there were no queues to get a pour, likely thanks to the session starting off as a Trade-only event before opening to the public after 6pm.



The festival, organised by the ever-reliable We Are Beer team (also behind the London and Manchester Craft Beer Festivals), offered the familiar format: one entry fee includes a festival glass and unlimited 125ml pours of whatever your heart—or liver—desires. Over 300 beers from more than 50 breweries were on offer, with a notable emphasis on producers from the South West.



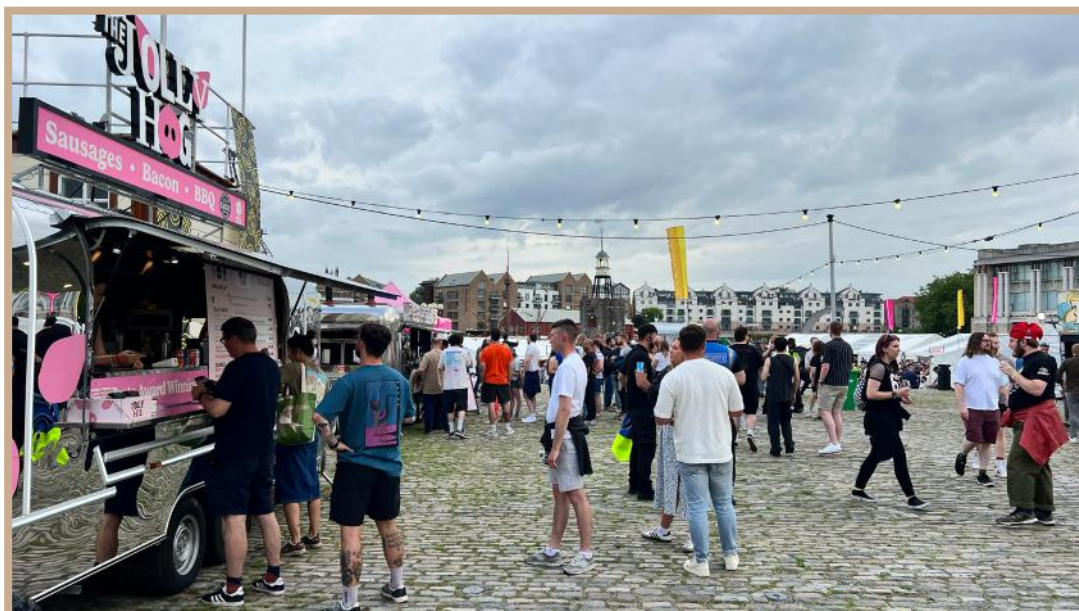
The setup was clean and efficient. Five large white marquees surrounded the Harbourside amphitheatre, housing the breweries. The outdoor seating area was uncovered but the sun stayed kind, making for a relaxed vibe. That said, the waterfront location felt a bit muted due to fencing and branded banners that blocked views of the river. Understandable from a safety perspective, but a clearer view would have added to the atmosphere.

Festival Review

While a few big-name breweries were missing this year, the overall selection remained strong and the spirit of discovery was very much alive. Once the general public began to arrive, the energy ramped up. A DJ kept the beats rolling throughout the day, giving the event a fun, festival-like edge.



Food options were plentiful and well-chosen—everything from burgers and tacos to dumplings, pizza and a hearty hog roast. The quality and variety meant no one went hungry between pours.



All in all, BCBF 2025 delivered another successful, well-organised, and thoroughly enjoyable outing for craft beer lovers. Combine it with a sun-drenched visit to Left Handed Giant, and you've got the blueprint for a perfect beer day in Bristol.



Hop of the Week

El Dorado



El Dorado Hop: The Jewel of Modern Brewing

In the ever-evolving world of craft beer, certain hops emerge that redefine flavour profiles and open the door to creative brewing possibilities. One such standout is the El Dorado hop - a relatively new but increasingly popular variety that's capturing the imagination of brewers and drinkers alike.

Origins of El Dorado

El Dorado hops were released in 2010 by CLS Farms, located in the Yakima Valley of Washington State, a region renowned for producing many of the world's finest hop varieties. Developed for high oil content and intense aroma, El Dorado was bred to deliver bold flavour without sacrificing versatility. The name "El Dorado" – Spanish for "The Golden One" – hints at the hop's treasured status and its ability to impart a bright, almost golden quality to beers through both flavor and aroma.

Hop of the week: EL DORADO

Aroma and Flavour Profile

El Dorado is celebrated for its **distinctively fruity profile**, offering a unique blend of:

Candied fruit

Pear

Watermelon

Stone fruit (apricot and peach)

Tropical notes like pineapple and mango

Sometimes even hints of **citrus zest** and **hard candy**

This complex flavour palette makes El Dorado ideal for styles where hop character plays center stage, particularly in IPAs, pale ales, and hazy or juicy beers. Its high essential oil content helps these juicy, fruity notes pop in both the nose and palate.

Popular Beers Featuring El Dorado

El Dorado has become a favorite among many craft breweries. Some notable beers using El Dorado include:

El Dorado Pale Ale by Ninkasi Brewing

Space Dust IPA by Elysian Brewing (among other hop varieties)

El Dorado Smash brews – a growing trend in Single Malt and Single Hop beers, showcasing El Dorado's full character



Hop of the week: EL DORADO

Beer Styles That Love El Dorado

While El Dorado is most at home in hop-forward styles, its versatility lends itself to a variety of beer styles:

New England IPA (NEIPA) – Enhances the juicy, hazy character.

West Coast IPA – Adds a sweet counterbalance to piney bitterness.

Pale Ale – Brings bold aroma without overpowering.

Wheat Beer – Accentuates fruitiness.

Kettle Sours – Brightens the tart profile with candy-like notes.

Final Thoughts

El Dorado is not just a hop; it's a sensory experience. With its lush fruit-forward profile, high oil content, and reliable performance across brewing stages, it's little wonder that El Dorado has quickly become a go-to ingredient for brewers looking to craft beers with impact.

Whether you're a brewer crafting your next juicy IPA or a beer lover chasing bold, fruity flavours, El Dorado is truly a golden addition to the modern beer scene.

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.

HOLDING OUT FOR A BEERO

4% Session Pale

By ARBOR ALES

Possibly a nod to the Bonnie Tyler song, this zingy, zesty little number hopped up with lime – perfect for a hazy afternoon.



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UK Craft Beer Festivals



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

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

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/FaJUu>

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

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

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

15-17 AUGUST 2025

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Wimbledon Park

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22-24 AUGUST 2025

SUNDERLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

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



22-24 AUGUST 2025

REIGATE BEER FESTIVAL

Priory Park, Reigate

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

23-24 AUGUST 2025

TIPSY FEST

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<https://shorturl.at/IMszy>

24 AUGUST 2025

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Track Brewing, Unit 18 Piccadilly Trading Estate, Manchester M1 2NP

<https://shorturl.at/EvY8x>

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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DARK & WILD 2025

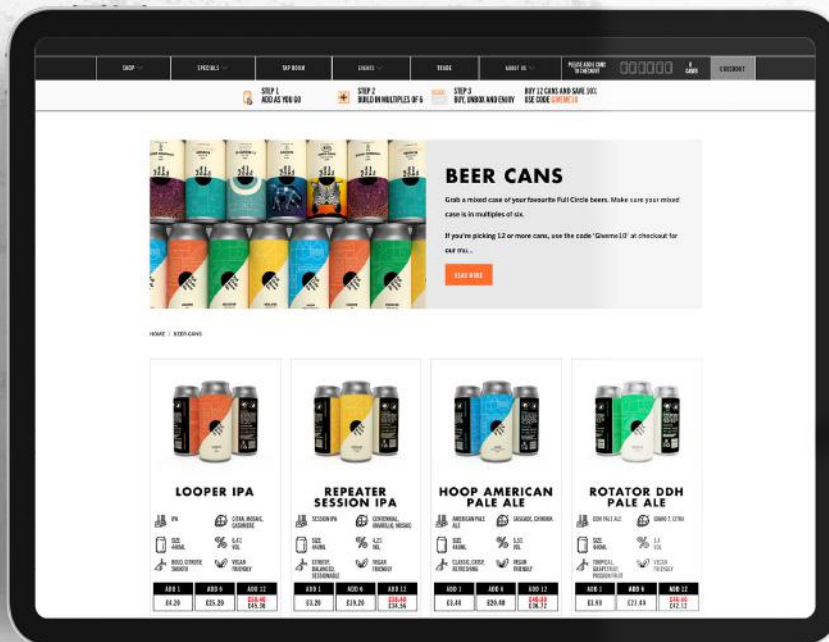
The Old Flax Store, Leeds, LS11 9YJ

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Moot Brew Co.

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Crossover Blendery

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Mondo Brewing Co.

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Bullhouse Brew Co.

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