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**Yakima Chief is working with three British breweries to help develop its 2025 FWD programme, which focuses on brewing community engagement. Participating brewers are granted access to the newest, not-yet-commercialised HBC (experimental) varieties and products in Yakima Chief Hops' innovation pipeline. They are also granted access to educational and marketing resources. Left Handed Giant has used YCH803 Citra in its new 6.5% ABV hazy IPA, Slumering Infinity. It's a 100% essential hop oil extract, 200 times more concentrated than T90 pellets.**

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## IN BRIEF

- Beak have collaborated with Canadian brewery Messorum on Some Good Drops, an 8% ABV DIPA. Brewed with oats and wheat, it's hopped with Citra, Citra Cryo, and Motueka.
- Fernride (5% ABV) from Bristol Beer Factory honours the New Zealand IPA. Motueka and Wahti hops bring lime citrus and stonefruit notes.
- Shiny Things, from Powder Monkey, marks the release of new music of the same name by the brewery's marketing and sales manager Kate Harding. The 4.8% ABV West Coast pale has an amber body, caramel-like sweetness, and a dry-hop combination of Amarillo and Citra.
- Tartarus have released two new barrel-aged brews. Herne The Hunter (12.2% ABV) is a tiramisu imperial stout, brewed with vanilla, coffee beans, and chocolate. King Arthur (13.2% ABV) is a sweet barley wine brewed with golden syrup for more character.

# Parliamentarians want to help pubs and breweries

The All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group (APBBG) is calling for evidence as part of an inquiry into how the beer and pub sector can drive economic growth.

Individual licensees, organisations, and other interested parties have all been asked to contribute. The deadline for submissions is 9th May.

This inquiry will examine the government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper and the anticipated Small Businesses and High Street Regeneration Green Papers to assess where the beer and pub sector fits, and how its potential to drive growth and spur innovation can contribute to the objectives of these strategies.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

To understand:

- how beer and pubs have supported economic recovery in the past;
- industry investment in people and



skills in both brewing and pubs, with specific examples of apprenticeships and careers paths welcomed; and

- the social, community, and well-being value of the sector.

And to explore:

- the economic strengths and capabilities of the sector, including its ability to positively drive regeneration and investment in local areas;
- the role of the Hospitality Council;
- what a pro-business environment for beer and pubs could unlock, in terms of investment and economic growth, across: people and skills; innovation; energy and infrastructure;

entrepreneurship; regulatory environment; trade and investment;

- whether the beer and pub sectors should be recognised as an integral part of the Industrial Strategy; and
- what other policy levers can enable the sector to achieve its growth vision.

"The APBBG has reported previously on key issues for the beer and pub sector, including business rates and licensing," said APBBG chair Tonia Antoniazzi MP. "This inquiry aims to take a more holistic view."

All written evidence will be published on the APBBG's website in due course, and virtual hearings will be held with invited witnesses in June and July. The final report will be published in September. Evidence should be submitted to Rita King, honorary secretary of the APBBG at [rita@beer-group.org](mailto:rita@beer-group.org), identifying any information which is submitted in confidence.

## WHAT'S ON

### 23rd-25th April

Birthday Bash at Windsor and Eton Brewery, Windsor

### 25th April

Locals Only, Bristol beer event, at Small Bar, King Street, Bristol.

### 25th and 26th April

Chippenhams Beer, Cider, and Perry Festival at Sadlers Mead, Chippenhams

Brewery Bash at Brew York, Osbaldwick

### 26th April

St George's Day Beer Festival at Brentwood Brewing Co

Oxfordshire Real Ale Trail around West Oxfordshire pubs

London Spring Cider Festival at Rocket Van Studios, Brandon Street, London

Lentebock Spring Festival at Orbit Beers, Fielding Street, London

## PLAN AHEAD

### 2nd-4th May

Doncaster Beer Festival at Sir Nigel Grslesley Square, Waterdale.

Gateshead Beer and Music Festival at Gateshead Rugby Club

### 3rd May

Vibrant Spring Gathering at The Purlicue Centre, Hardly

### 3rd and 4th May

Craft Beer Festival at The Waterfront, Norwich

### 8th-10th May

Bexlet Beer Festival at the Dartfordians Community Sports Club

### 9th and 10th May

Beer festival at Beckenham Rugby Club

Second anniversary event at Neptune Beerhouse, Maghull, Liverpool

### 10th May

Friendly Festival, in aid of War Child, at Lost and Grounded Brewers, Bristol

**There are more — many more — listings, with maps, at [beertoday.co.uk/events](https://beertoday.co.uk/events)**

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# Finding out more about Farmhouse

Duration Brewing have announced The Great Farmhouse Exploration, taking place in 30 venues nationwide over the bank holiday weekend at the start of May.

Each participating venue will pour a line-up of eight unique beers taking drinkers on a journey of discovery, while also ensuring there are some fan favourites in the mix.

Duration's team of three brewers — Derek Bates, Virginia Cassadio, and Andy Arkley — have just unveiled the farmhouse styles headlining at the event, and published the participating venue map at [tinyurl.com/3cjw8bbu](https://tinyurl.com/3cjw8bbu)

The headliners are a lemon and thyme grisette, a raspberry gose, a continental pale, and a lime wheat beer, all brewed using local grains, botanicals, and fruits. Some rare, seldom-seen Lambic-style sours and



barrel-aged releases will also feature. Beer lists will also include a crisp lager, Duration's multi-award-winning flagship IPA Turtles All The Way Down, and a wildcard option!

## Claw's out to help Devon tigers



Bays Brewery are releasing Claw, a new charity beer, next week, a collaboration with Paignton Zoo to mark plans to restore a pond system for their Sumatran tigers.

Coming in at 4.3% ABV, Claw is a copper-coloured pale ale, says the brewer, "fierce in flavour with perfectly balanced citrus tones and refreshing fruity notes".

Bays are pledging 5% from every pint and bottle sold to support wildlife

conservation, adding to the impressive £28,500 they have raised to date.

"Our partnership with Paignton Zoo began way back in 2013, and it has always been about more than just brewing great beer together — it's about helping protect some of the world's most incredible wildlife," said Bays Brewery director Peter Salmon.

Recently, the Bays team joined zoo staff to help dig years of debris out of an old pool in the tiger enclosure.

## Craft beer volumes dip in US

The Brewers Association, which represents small independent brewers in America, has released its annual production figures for the US craft brewing industry.

Craft brewers produced 23.1 million barrels of beer in 2024, a 4% decrease from 2023. However, craft's market share by volume remained essentially flat at 13.3%, as the overall US beer market declined by 1.2% in volume.

Employment in the craft brewing sector grew to 197,112 in 2024, a 3% increase over the previous year. The rise was driven by a shift toward hospitality-focused models, such as taprooms and brewpubs, which create more jobs in local communities.

## Chocs away for crowdfunder

Edinburgh-based Vault City have unveiled a limited-edition range inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as part of a crowdfunding campaign to fit out its new brewery

The new collection of five Marvellous Liquids nods to Roald Dahl's beloved story, with the playful names Golden Goose Egg, Ultimate Gobstopper, Fizzy Lifting Juice, Dissolving Elixir, and Chocolate River Imperial Stout.

The launch is part of a four-week crowdfunding sale to support the fit-out of Vault City's new 34,000 sq ft brewery at BioCampus, part of the Midlothian Science Zone. Funds from each sale will go towards the campaign.