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Brewery	Beer	Tasting notes	Your notes
ARUNDEL, Arundel, West Sussex	Sussex Mild (3.7% ABV)	A traditional English style dark and smooth mild.	
BATEMAN'S, Wainfleet, Lincolnshire	XXXB (4.8% ABV)	A brilliant blend of malt, hops and fruit on the nose with a bitter bite over the top of a faintly banana maltiness that stays the course. A russet-tan brown classic.	
BATH ALES, Warmley, Bristol	Gem Bitter (4.1% ABV)	Well-balanced and complex, this medium-bodied bitter is malty, fruity and hoppy throughout. Amber-coloured, it is drier and more bitter at the end.	
BLACKAWTON, Saltash, Cornwall	West Country Gold (4.1% ABV)	A light golden fresh tasting ale bursting with sweet malt flavours and the delicate vanilla and fruit hints of the Styrian Golding hops.	
BRAKSPEAR, Witney, Oxfordshire	Special (4.3% ABV)	Golden red colour with a well balanced aroma and a hint of sweetness. Full bodied, with a dry hop bitterness, finishing with a slightly sweet fruitiness.	
BRANSCOMBE VALE, Branscombe, Devon	Drayman's (4.2% ABV)	A mid-brown beer with hop and caramel notes and a lingering finish.	
BUFFY'S, Tivetshall St. Mary's, Norwich	Moonstone (4.1% ABV)	One of Buffy's monthly specials, try it now or miss out forever!	
BURTON BRIDGE, Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	Stairway to Heaven (5.0% ABV)	Golden bitter. A perfectly balanced, moreish beer. The malty and bitter start leads to a hoppy body with some astringency.	
CALEDONIAN, Edinburgh	Deuchar's IPA (3.8% ABV)	An extremely tasty and refreshing, amber-coloured session beer. Hops and fruit are very evident and are balanced by malt throughout.	
DARK STAR, Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Original (5.0% ABV)	A dark strong bitter with a hint of rich malt flavour from the cara malt.	
GALES, Horndean, Hampshire	HSB (4.8% ABV)	A mid-brown beer with a fresh aroma. The full-bodied sweet and fruity taste, with noticeable maltiness, follows through to the aftertaste. For those with a sweet tooth.	
HARDY AND HANSONS, Kimberley, Notts	Kimberley Mild (3.1% ABV)	A deep ruby mild dominated by chocolate malt. The fruitiness and caramel sweetness are well balanced in the taste, with a faint hoppy finish.	
HARVIESTOUN, Alva, Clackmannanshire	Bitter and Twisted (3.8% ABV)	Refreshingly hoppy beer with fruit throughout. A bitter-sweet taste with a long bitter finish. A golden session beer.	
HOOK NORTON, Banbury, Oxfordshire	Old Hooky (4.6% ABV)	A well-balanced and full-bodied pale copper beer that is fruity with pale and crystal malt and hops on the aroma and taste. Sweet and fruity finish.	
HOPBACK, Salisbury, Wilts	Entire Stout (4.5% ABV)	A rich, dark stout with a strong roasted malt flavour and a long, sweet and malty aftertaste. A beer suitable for vegans.	
ICENI, Thetford, Norfolk	Ported Porter (4.4% ABV)	Packed with taste. A bottle of port is added to each cask	
JENNINGS, Cockermouth, Cumbria	Sneck Lifter (5.1% ABV)	A strong, dark brown ale with a complex balance of fruit, malt and full roast flavours right through to the finish.	
MAULDON, Sudbury, Suffolk	Black Adder (5.3% ABV)	A dark stout. Roast malt is strong in the aroma and taste, but malt, hop and bitterness provide an excellent balance and a lingering finish.	

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MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Maldon Gold (3.8% ABV)	Brewed with only Maris Otter pale malt for a light golden ale with biscuity malt flavours. Distinctive citrus character and a long, dry bitter finish.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Burntwood Bitter (4.0% ABV)	Tawny bitter with a grainy, roasty palate, dominated by a marked coffee character. A clean fulsome bitterness is well balanced by complex malt flavours.	
MOLES, Melksham, Wiltshire	Best Bitter (4.0% ABV)	A well balanced amber coloured bitter, clean dry and malty, with some bitterness and delicate floral hop flavour.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Umbel Magna (5.0% ABV)	The addition of coriander to Nethergate's Old Growler wort completes the original 1750's recipe for this distinctive dark beer. The spiciness adds to the appeal.	
RCH, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset	Pitchfork (4.3% ABV)	Floral citrus hop with pale malt. Yellow / gold in colour, hops predominate in a full-bodied taste, which is slightly finish. Long finish - a class act.	
REBELLION, Marlow Bottom, Bucks	Smuggler (4.1% ABV)	A red-brown beer, well-bodied and bitter with an uncompromisingly dry, bitter finish.	
RIDLEYS, Hartford End, Essex	Tolly Original (3.8% ABV)	A smooth, malty tasting bitter with a hint of sweetness. Tolly Cobbold of Ipswich was bought by Ridley's, who have kept this beer alive.	
RIDLEYS, Hartford End, Essex	Prospect (4.1% ABV)	Bitter, hoppy, gold / amber beer with a deep citrus character throughout.	
SKINNER'S, Truro, Cornwall	Betty Stogs Bitter (4.0% ABV)	Pleasant session beer with well balanced hop and fruit in the taste, and a lasting bitter finish.	
TIMOTHY TAYLOR, Keighley, West Yorkshire	Best Bitter (4.0% ABV)	Hops and citrus fruit combine well with a nutty malt character in this drinkable bitter. Bitterness increases down the glass and lingers in the aftertaste.	
TINDALL, Bungay, Norfolk	Best Bitter (3.7% ABV)	Initial taste of malt and bitter-sweet hoppiness with just a hint of dark chocolate. Copper-coloured and easy drinking	
TRING, Tring, Hertfordshire	Side Pocket for a Toad (3.6% ABV)	Citrus notes from American Cascade hops balanced with a floral aroma and crisp, dry finish in a straw-coloured ale.	
TRIPLE FFF, Alton, Hants	Pressed Rat and Warthog (3.8% ABV)	Is it a mild or a bitter? Ruby colour, roast malt aroma with hints of blackcurrant lead to a well balanced flavour but unlike classic milds it has a hoppy bitterness.	
VALE, Haddenham, Bucks	Notley Ale (3.3% ABV)	A refreshing, copper-coloured session bitter with some malt in the aroma and taste, and an uncompromisingly dry finish.	

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The Cider & Perry Bar			
WESTON, Much Marcle, Hereford	Old Rosie Scrumpy (7.3% ABV)	This popular award winning traditional Scrumpy strong cider is naturally cloudy and medium dry in flavour	
WESTON, Much Marcle, Hereford	Herefordshire Country Perry (4.5% ABV)	Fully matured in oak vats to develop its strength and traditional character. Free from all artificial colouring, flavouring, sweetening and retains its natural pale colour.	
WILKINS, Wedmore, Somerset	Farmhouse Cider (6.0% ABV)	A hazy green / orange coloured cider. The aroma is apple and reminiscent of a lambic with barnyard notes. The taste has apple skins and a certain saltiness.	

