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Brewery	Beer	Tasting notes	Your notes
BILLERICAY BREWING COMPANY, Billericay, Essex	Blonde (4.0% ABV) Golden	Refreshing, hoppy golden ale with bitter finish	
BILLERICAY BREWING COMPANY, Billericay, Essex	Zeppelin (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Easy drinking session ale with slight smoky notes	
BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Hereseey (4.0% ABV) Golden	Bishop Nick was executed a heretic because he wouldn't renounce his faith, so we're not compromising either. Heresy is the holy grail of golden ale. Top-notch pale ale malt and Challenger hops commit the brew to spicy bitterness before Goldings set about delivering citrus and florals. This is resolute refreshment.	
BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Revelry (4.5% ABV) Golden	Tropical passion fruit flavours, with a refreshing citrus twist of Archer hops.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Summer Virgin (4.5% ABV) Golden	Our first brew and a light golden beer with citrus notes and Avomatic hops giving a range of fruit flavours.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Double Brown Ale (4.6% ABV) Brown Ale	Hoppy, golden, light and citrus - IT AIN'T Dark brown, malty, sweetish and balanced - IT IS	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Metropolis (3.9% ABV) Golden	A superb golden hoppy beer, with enormous depth of flavour and a long spicy finish.	
ELEPHANT SCHOOL BEERS, Brentwood, Essex	Sugar Puff (4.5% ABV) Wheat	A golden wheat beer. Smooth and refreshing with an undertone of honey. Tell them about the Honey Mummy!!!!	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Brainstorm (3.6% ABV) Golden	Festival Beer 2015. Floral notes with a distinctive after taste.	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Peckin' Order (5.0% ABV) Lager	Golden Real Lager. Cold fermented for 3 months, no added flavourings or gas, full of natural taste and yet strong and easy drinking.	
HOPE BREWERY, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	Strangely Brown (4.0% ABV) Brown Ale	Strangely SX is brewed to a very old London brown ale recipe and is hopped with fuggles and progress whole hops.	
HOPE BREWERY, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	SX Fallen (4.0% ABV) Bitter	SX Fallen is a chestnut brown, easy drinking session ale. It is brewed with 5 different hops and hopped with marynka and perle fresh whole hops.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Blackberry Porter (4.8% ABV) Porter	A full bodied, black porter, with a balanced hop aroma & rich blend of chocolate & roast favours, giving way to a subtle sweet fruit finish.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Mid-Summer Gold (4.0% ABV) Gold	A light, crisp, beer brewed with East Anglian malted barley. The presence of First Gold hops gives this summer beer a refreshing finish.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Captain Bob (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Traditional deep amber bitter brewed with Nelson Sauvin hop for a fruity and hoppy palate. Hints of gooseberry, elderflower and grape in the finish. GBBF 2014 Bitters - Silver	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Awesomeasaurus Rex (4.9% ABV) Bitter	Strongish ale celebrating the release of the latest Jurassic Park film; Jurassic World – it's awesomeasaurus!!	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Dirty Dog Stout (4.6% ABV) Stout	Rich bitter stout with hints of vanilla and fruit with a tangy hop finish.	

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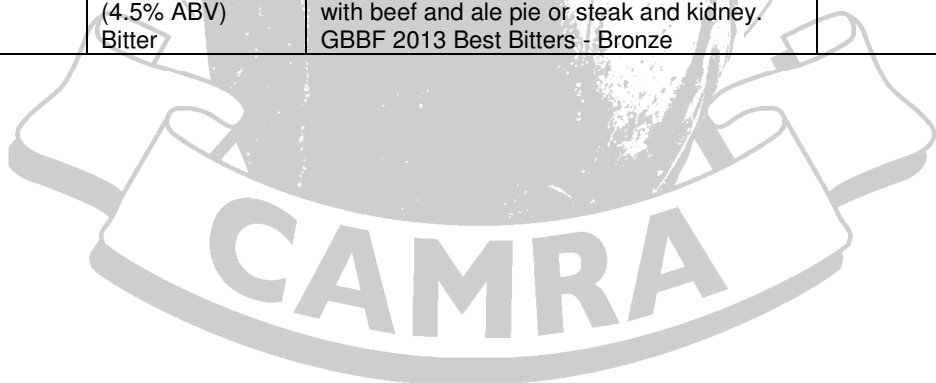
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RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Best Bitter (4.0% ABV) Bitter	A light brown traditional beer in the Timothy Taylor style	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Black Fox Porter (4.8% ABV) Porter	A rich flavoured, black beer with smooth chocolate notes.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Flying Serpent (4.5% ABV) Brown Ale	Deep reddish brown ale. A rich velvety smooth beer with hints of roasted nuts and fruity floral aromas	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Rambler's Tipple (3.9% ABV) Bitter	Rich copper coloured session bitter. Brewed with Crystal, Amber and Maris Otter malts along with Sovereign and Goldings hops to produce a medium bitter with plenty of toffee and caramel flavours.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Levelly Gold (4% ABV) Golden	Golden summery ale. A refreshing bitter with a pleasant finish made with First Gold and Golding Hops. A pleasant alternative to Lager.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Stoneley (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A medium brown bitter, well balanced flavour of malt and hops. Made with the best Maris otter malted Barley.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Copperhouse (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A rich copper coloured ale featuring finest New Zealand Motueka hops giving distinct citrus/tropical fruit aromas.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Crafty Stoot (5.3% ABV) Stout	A truly special brew. Made to a recipe developed by the Durden Park Beer Circle to recreate the Stout brewed by Ushers Brewery back in 1885. Initially made with the assistance of members of the Craft Brewing Association and the UK-Homebrew Digest at the 2008 'Flocculation' With six different types of malt and a huge amount of English Fuggles hops this is a dark and complex beer.	
BANK TOP, Bolton, Lancs.	Dark Mild (4.0% ABV) Mild	A full bodied dar mild with a malt and roast aroma, rich mouthfeel and a complex taste including roast malt and liquorice. GBBF 2014 Mild - Gold	
BRANSCOMBE VALE, Branscombe, Devon	Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Bitter sweet mild with vanilla flavours. GBBF 2014 Mild - Silver	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Polar Star (4.4% ABV) Blonde	A truly pale blonde in colour, this beer is heavily hopped to give a really refreshing citrus-hop kick. Pineapple, Peach & Grapefruit hop flavours abound in levels that are such that you don't need to read the tasting notes to spot them. GBBF 2013 Golden Ales - Gold	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Twitchell (3.8% ABV) Golden	A golden fruity bitter with a floral aroma and malty / hoppy aftertaste. Brewed with Maris Otter pale & wheat malts, and English Goldings hops, plus Cascade hops from the USA. GBBF 2013 Overall - Silver	
BUTCOMBE, Wrington, Bristol	Bitter (4.0% ABV) Bitter	The West Country's favourite beer derives from pure Mendip Spring Water...notably bitter, clean tasting, refreshingly dry and distinctive. Made with 100% best Maris Otter malt (the Rolls Royce of malts), together with a blend of (never divulged) English hop varieties...Butcombe Bitter is a moreish Mendip masterpiece! GBBF 2013 Bitters - Bronze	

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CASTLE ROCK, Nottingham, Notts	Black Gold (3.8% ABV) Dark Mild	A well balanced dark mild ale with some bitterness, full bodied, but not overly sweet. An award winning mild that delivers a light fresh taste to one of the more traditional of beer styles. GBBF 2014 Mild - Bronze	
CASTLE ROCK, Nottingham, Notts	Screech Owl (5.5% ABV) Strong	Originally one of the 12 'Natural Selection' brews back in October 2008 to support the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Adopt a Species Campaign. Brewed to export strength this strong well hopped India Pale Ale has become a firm favourite with followers of the style. GBBF 2013 Strong Bitters - Bronze	
CONWY, Llysfaen, Conwy	Honey Fayre (4.5% ABV) Golden	Honey aromas, soft bitterness & clean tasting finish. Ideal for drinking with a barbecue in the garden, whatever the weather! GBBF 2013 Speciality - Bronze	
ELLAND BREWERY, Elland, West Yorkshire	1872 Porter (6.5% ABV) Porter	Rich, complex and dark Porter from an original 1872 recipe, with an old port nose, and coffee and bitter chocolate flavours on the palate. GBBF 2013 Overall - Gold	
FYNE ALES, Cairndow, Argyll	Jarl (3.8% ABV) Golden	Light and golden colour with a strong citrus and hop aroma. Citrus and grassy hop flavours dominate the palate with a light and refreshing dry finish. A superbly drinkable beer. GBBF 2013 Overall - Bronze	
GREAT ORME, Colwyn Bay, N. Wales	Orme (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A mouth-watering cask conditioned ale based on a traditional Welsh recipe. The taste of this best bitter is due to the subtle addition of crystal and chocolate malts to the base Maris Otter pale ale malt. The initial well balanced taste gives way to a delicate smoked finish.	
HARVIESTOUN, Alva, Clackmannanshire	Bitter And Twisted (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Refreshingly hoppy beer with fruit throughout. A bitter-sweet taste with a long bitter finish. A golden session beer.	
HAWKSHEAD, Staveley, Cumbria	Cumbrian Five Hop (5.0% ABV) Golden	Well hopped golden ale made using, as the name suggests, 5 different hop varieties; Goldings, Bramling Cross, Fuggles, Citra and Amarillo. Flavours of tropical fruit, orange marmalade and herbal hop aromas are balanced by a juicy malt character. GBBF 2014 Golden Ale - Silver	
KELHAM ISLAND, Sheffield, South Yorkshire	Pale Rider (5.2% ABV) Pale Ale	A legendary premium pale ale forged from the finest Maris Otter malt and a special blend of American hops. The nose is of fresh citrus and berry fruits with a smooth juicy malt character and deceptively moreish finish that belies its strength.	
LOCH NESS, Drumnadrochit, Scotland	HoppyNESS (5.0% ABV) Golden	Made with maris otter pale Ale and malted wheat. Hopped with admiral, columbus, citra and williamette. Hugely hoppy beer with a little sweetness in the background. GBBF 2014 Strong Bitters - Bronze	
MOORHOUSE, Burnley, Lancashire	Black Cat (3.4% ABV) Speciality	Dark, refreshing beer with a distinct chocolate malt flavour and a smooth hoppy finish.	
MORDUE, North Shields, Tyne and Wear	Workie Ticket (4.5% ABV) Bitter	A tasty, complex beer with malt and hops throughout and a long, satisfying bitter finish. GBBF 2013 Best Bitter - Gold	

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BRAGDY MWS PIWS/PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, North Wales	Ochr Tywll y Mws (Dark side of the Moose) (4.6% ABV) Olde Ale	A delicious dark ale with a deep malt flavour from roasted barley and a fruity bitterness from Bramling Cross hops.	
BRAGDY MWS PIWS/PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, North Wales	Glaslyn Ale (4.2% ABV) Golden	A golden coloured fruity best bitter with a well balanced hoppy finish. Glaslyn Ale takes its name from the Afon Glaslyn, the river which flows from 'Yr Wyddfa' (Snowdon) to Porthmadog. GBBF 2013 Best Bitters - Bronze	
RUDGATE, Tockwith, York	Ruby Mild (4.4% ABV) Mild	Dark ruby brown colour, with beige head. aroma has toffee, chocolate and fruit. The taste is sweet, with malt, biscuit and drak fruit. and aroma of toffee, chocolate & raisins.	
SALOPIAN, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Darwin's Origin (4.3% ABV) Bitter	Darwin's Origin is an eclectic mix of hops from across the world but this blend produces a beer that offers something to everyone. Crisp, tart, fruity and refreshing but also with a juicy malt background. GBBF 2014 Overall - Silver	
SALOPIAN, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Hop Twister (4.5% ABV) Golden	The palate is fresh, piercing and focused, with soft malt overtones and pronounced citrus flavours. A strong focus of taut, lemony, grapefruit on the finish which is balanced by a dry bitterness. GBBF 2014 Golden Ale - Bronze	
SALTAIRE BREWERY, Shipley, West Yorkshire	Triple Chocoholic (4.8% ABV) Speciality	Chocolate malts, cocoa, chocolate essence combines to provide a strong chocolate bouquet and a rich chocolate flavour. Good hopping provides a balancing bitterness. GBBF 2014 Speciality - Gold, GBBF 2013 Speciality - Silver	
TIMOTHY TAYLOR, Keighley, West Yorkshire	Boltmaker (4.0% ABV) Bitter	A well-balanced, genuine Yorkshire Bitter, with a full measure of maltiness and hoppy aroma - Boltmaker is first choice for the discerning drinker - on both sides of the Pennines. GBBF 2014 Overall - Gold	
TRIPLE FFF, Alton, Hants	Alton's Pride (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Excellent clean-tasting golden brown session bitter, full-bodied, delicious aroma of malt and hops. Multi award winner.	
WOODFORDE'S, Woodbastwick, Norfolk	Nelson's Revenge (4.5% ABV) Bitter	A powerful malty beer with great depth of flavour. Appealing hoppy aftertaste. Delicious with beef and ale pie or steak and kidney. GBBF 2013 Best Bitters - Bronze	



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The Cider & Perry Bar			
APPLE COTTAGE, Hertfordshire	F.T.J. Filthy Tramp Juice (6.7% ABV) Cider		
APPLE COTTAGE, Hertfordshire	Pyder Baldock (6.0% ABV) Perry		
BIDDENDEN, Kent	Kentish Strong (8.4% ABV) Cider		
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV) Cider		
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Waltzing Wasp (7.0% ABV) Cider		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Two Trees Perry (4.5% ABV) Perry		
HECKS FARMHOUSE CIDER, Street, Somerset	Blakeney Red (SV) Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry		
MILLWHITES CIDER, Boxmoor, Hertfordshire	Rum Cask (7.5% ABV) Cider		
MILLWHITES CIDER, Boxmoor, Hertfordshire	Whisky Cask (7.5% ABV) Cider		
WADDLEGOOSE LANE, Suffolk	Woodsprite (5.8% ABV) Cider		
WATERGULL ORCHARDS, Cambridgeshire	Farmhouse Sweet (6.7% ABV) Cider		
WHIN HILL CIDER, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk	Perry (5.8% ABV) Perry		
HILL HOLME, Essex	Majors Cider (6.0% ABV) Cider		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	OBSession (4.5% ABV) Cider		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	Galanthus Perry (5.0% ABV) Perry		
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Bacchus (12.0% ABV) Wine	White, Dry	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Reichensteiner (12.0% ABV) Wine	White, Med. Dry	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Reserve (10.5% ABV) Wine	Red	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Rose (11.5% ABV) Wine	Rose	