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BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Dark Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Aptly named but not to be underestimated, here's one magnificent Mild. Intense, dark and devilishly moreish, this smooth British Classic is dominated by Chocolate Malt. Easy on the hops but amply dry this refreshing brew will keep you coming back.	
BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Fete (4.5% ABV) Golden	Fetch the bunting, light the barbecues, we're declaring summer officially open. More floral than an Hawaiian shirt, this ale is packed with bold aromatic flavours. Mouth watering citrus and grapefruit notes pour from American Cascade hops creating this refreshing golden nectar.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Lumberjack (5.2% ABV) Strong	Our strong, slightly sweet, full bodied bitter is brewed using traditional English Fuggles and EKG hops to give a round, hoppy finish.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Brazilian (4.6% ABV) Porter	Chocolate and vanilla porter	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Hodgson's Solution India Ale (5.9% ABV) Strong	Hodgson's solution - India Pale Ale.	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Brewer's Gold (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Striking grapefruit nose leads to a beer of generally citrus hoppy character, underpinned by a perfumed sweetness and an orangey aftertaste. CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN 2005	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	MOSAIC (4.1% ABV) Bitter	Malt. Hops (lots). Yeast. Water. We haven't added Brettanomyces, chocolate, sardine skins, or diesel oil. Proper beer. Let's hope the novel concept catches on.	
ELEPHANT SCHOOL BEERS, Brentwood, Essex	Sombrero (4.5% ABV) Speciality	Chia & Passion Fruit Saison	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Farmers I.P.A. (3.6% ABV) Bitter	It's a bit light to be a true IPA, but its certainly hoppy. An amber coloured beer flavoured by Crystal & Chocolate malts balanced with Challenger and Fuggle hops.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Unity (4.0% ABV) Wheat		
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Black Lager (5.0% ABV) Lager	The name says it all "A black lager"	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	Mayhem (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A 'full flavoured premium' ale.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Orange Adder (3.6% ABV) Golden	A refreshing light golden beer that has a distinctive citrus finish.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Three Lions (4.4% ABV) Amber	Amber coloured beer is full of strength and character. Brewed using traditional English malts and hops.	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	1898 Iron Brew (4.0% ABV) Bitter	The 2016 Festival beer. Named in honour of the town's Football Club, after getting so close to playing in the Football League.	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Old Rooster (5.1% ABV) Old Ale		
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Arbour Gold (3.7% ABV) Golden	Floral and fruity aromas. Smooth with slight malt and green hop finish	

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NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex	CAMRA's Remedy (6.6% ABV) Black IPA	A black IPA with a mix of three different hops. A rich roasted flavour with caramel notes supported by a medium bitterness and a citrus orange flavour.	
NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex	INNOROWT (3.8% ABV) Amber	A smooth chestnut ale with biscuity caramel notes and a slightly spicy citrus floral aroma.	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pumphouse Black (4.0% ABV) Black	Smooth and smoky, black and toasty, with a subtle but distinct bitterness, the complex flavours that derive from the combination of roasted barley with chocolate malt form the backbone of this stout. Surprisingly easy to drink, black is the new blonde for winter!	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pumphouse Gold (4.2% ABV) Golden	Pumphouse Gold is brewed from English Maris Otter pale malt blended with lightly kilned Munich malt from Germany. It has a deep golden colour with a biscuit-like maltiness offset by the rounded citrus/lychee aromas and lingering bitter finish that result from a generous helping of UK-grown Cascade hops.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	90 (3.8% ABV) Bitter	This majestic specially brewed light brown bitter reigns in at 3.8%. Reliable and full of character, gracious and noble.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Summer Gold (4.0% ABV) Golden	A golden slightly hoppy brew to quaff on a Summer's evening while you sit and watch the world go by, or to enjoy with friends at the local.	
SILKS BREWERY, Sible Headingham, Essex	Old Man Shirv (4.5% ABV) Bitter	Like the legend this copper coloured ale is full of character. A smooth and fruity ale using classic Fuggle and Challenger hops, it has a rich malty aroma that leaves a lasting impression.	
SILKS BREWERY, Sible Headingham, Essex	Molly's Jolly Mild (4.0% ABV) Mild	A dark and delicious mild.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	American Gold (5.0% ABV) Golden		
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Crafty Stoa (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.	
GREENE KING, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	XX Mild (3.0% ABV) Mild	A CAMRA Champion Mild of East Anglia 2009, this is a cask mild traditionally brewed using dark malt to give a sweet and roasted flavour.	
ANDWELL, Hook, Hants.	Gold Muddler (3.9% ABV) Golden	Named after a fishing fly used for luring trout, this Blonde Ale has a refreshing palate due to the use of high quality pale ale malt. By blending different hops at various stages of the brewing process, Andwell's have produced a beautiful beer with a citrus aroma and balanced bitterness.	
ANDWELL, Hook, Hants.	Ruddy Darter (4.6% ABV) Ruby	This ale is named after a deep red dragon fly found in local rivers and wetlands. The beer, the newest to the Andwell's range, uses malted rye to create its characteristic ruby glow. The flavours and aromas derive from a combination of English hops.	

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BALLARDS, Nyewood, Hants.	Ballards Wild (4.7% ABV) Porter	A blend of Midhurst Mild and Wassail, this porter combines the dark smoky aromas of our Mild with the rich fruity flavours of Wassail. A warming beer for chilly evenings in spring or autumn. Won Gold in Porter category at S.E. SIBA Brewing Competition 2008.	
BALLARDS, Nyewood, Hants.	Best Bitter (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A copper auburn coloured beer with malty, fruity hoppy aromas. Full bodied, with soft fruit flavours and a dry finish. Our original brew, and still best seller, Best Bitter won Gold at the S.E. SIBA Brewing Competition 2008.	
BOWMAN ALES, Droxford, Hampshire	Swift One (3.8% ABV) Golden	A pale, golden quaffing ale with excellent flavours for its strength. Pleasingly hoppy throughout without being aggressive and also possessing of a fine aroma. The finish is dry with a small twist of sweetness at the end. If you feel that this is all rather pretentious then it can best be described as a bloody nice pint! Hampshire Beer of the Year 2008	
BOWMAN ALES, Droxford, Hampshire	Wallops Wood (4.0% ABV) Bitter	A light chestnut in colour which puts it into the 'brown beer' category. As far as flavour goes, it tends rather more towards the malt than the hops, though there is a pleasing hop taste right at the finish. The aroma is light and pleasant. Hampshire Beer of the Year 2013	
DORSET, Weymouth, Dorset.	Dorset Knob (3.9% ABV) Amber	Zesty light amber ale with a malty character and a hoppy, floral bouquet.	
DORSET, Weymouth, Dorset.	Flashman's Clout (4.5% ABV) Copper	Richly flavoured copper ale with plumb and burnt toffee notes and citrus finish.	
GODDARDS BREWERY, Ryde, Isle of Wight	Scrumdiggity (4.0% ABV) Golden	A harvest bronze Golden Ale, brewed with Challenger, East Kent Goldings and Fuggles Hops to give a fruity citrus bite of hoppiness with a palate of citrus notes and vanilla, leading to a long dry finish.	
GODDARDS BREWERY, Ryde, Isle of Wight	Wight Squirrel (4.3% ABV) Bitter	A rich, russet-coloured full-flavoured, easy drinking Best Bitter. Brewed with a host of Crystal Malts giving a smooth caramel taste. Hopped with Boadicea, hand picked from Ventnor Botanic Garden here on the Isle of Wight.	
GOLDMARK, Arundel, West Sussex.	American Hop Idol (4.4% ABV) Golden	A golden ale with floral and citrus notes. This refreshing crisp, zesty, dry pale ale uses six varieties of American hops balanced with roasted malts.	
GOLDMARK, Arundel, West Sussex.	Ebony Mild (3.5% ABV) Mild	Award winning black spicy mild with hints of chocolate, coffee and toffee. A must for any mild drinker with its smooth bitter sweet finish.	
HIGH WEALD, East Grinstead, W. Sussex.	Charcoal Burner (4.3% ABV) Stout	A traditional English Oatmeal Stout. Great with meat and cheeses or enjoyed on it's own.	
HIGH WEALD, East Grinstead, W. Sussex.	Chronicle (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Brewed using the classic combination of English Fuggles and Goldings hops, this has all the qualities of a fine session ale.	
KISSINGATE BREWERY, Horsham, West Sussex	Dark Cherry Mild (4.2% ABV) Speciality	A full fruit and flavoursome dark mild. Subtle additions of real black cherries in muscovado with light Amarillo hopping provide a truly wonderful taste experience.	
KISSINGATE BREWERY, Horsham, West Sussex	Powder Blue (5.5% ABV) Porter	Full bodied dark roasted backbone. Subtle blueberry and raisin notes with a gentle gathering bitterness.	

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LANGHAM, Lodsworth, W. Sussex.	Hip Hop (4.0% ABV) Golden	Exactly what it says on the clip. Following in the modern tradition of blonde strongly hopped beers. A classic blonde beer — clean and crisp. The nose is loaded with floral hop aroma while the pale malt flavour is overtaken by a pleasing dry and bitter finish. Silver Medal, SIBA S.E. Region Beer Competition 2011	
LANGHAM, Lodsworth, W. Sussex.	Langham Special Draught (5.2% ABV) Strong	An auburn beer with rich complex flavours and a deep red glow. The sweet maltiness is balanced with spicy hop aromas and a dry finish. Definitely a pint to savour. Gold Medal (Strong Bitters) – SIBA S.E. Region Beer Competition 2010	
OAKLEAF, Gosport, Hants.	Hole Hearted (4.7% ABV) Golden	This beer is a multiple award winning beer both in cask and bottle having won Hampshire Beer of the Year 5 times. The use of Cascade hops gives this golden ale powerful floral and tropical fruit flavours, and a delicate bitterness. This beer will surprise with every mouthful.	
OAKLEAF, Gosport, Hants.	Quercus Folium (4.0% ABV) Bitter	The English translation from Latin is "Oak Leaf". This is a mid brown session ale with a complex malt sweetness that leads to a long hoppy finish. It's distinctive taste shares the perfection of classical times.	
PALMERS, Bridport, Dorset	Copper Ale (3.7% ABV) Bitter	Beautifully balanced, copper-coloured session ale, good citrus fruit with a hoppy aroma. Full-flavoured and brewed with Maris Otter malt and whole leaf First Gold aroma hops. Named after our brewery copper, still in use in the Old Brewery.	
PALMERS, Bridport, Dorset	Tally Ho! (5.5% ABV) Strong	Strong, complex and full of deep distinctive flavours. A rich fruit cake flavour from roasted malt. First brewed in the 1940s, this prize-winning dark strong old ale has a loyal following among real ale connoisseurs.	
UPHAM, Upham, Hants.	Odds On (4.3% ABV) Golden	The USA comes to Hampshire. American yeast and hops combine with the very best English malts for a trans-Atlantic mele.	
UPHAM, Upham, Hants.	Punter (4.0% ABV) Bitter	If you pick a pint of 'Punter', you'll be onto a sure bet. 'Punter' has an earthy richness with hints of syrup and toasted grain.	
<b>The Cider &amp; Perry Bar</b>			
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	Galanthus Perry (5.0% ABV) Perry		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	OBSession (4.5% ABV) Cider		
BURNARD'S, Norfolk	Stray Dog (5.8% ABV) Cider		
CROMWELL CIDER, Huntingdon, Cambs	Oliver's Sweetheart (6.4% ABV) Cider		
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Waltzing Wasp (7.0% ABV) Cider		
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV) Cider		

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GREGG'S PIT, Herefordshire	Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Black Dragon (7.2% ABV) Cider		
OLIVERS, Ocle Pychard, Herefordshire	Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry		
HECKS FARMHOUSE CIDER, Street, Somerset	Port Wine of Glastonbury (SV) (6.5% ABV) Cider		
POTTON, Potton, Beds	Sweet Spot (7.4% ABV) Cider		
SIMON'S, Cambridgeshire	Conference Peary Perry (7.1% ABV) Perry		
SIMON'S, Cambridgeshire	East Meets West (6.3% ABV) Cider		
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	

