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Brewery	Beer	Tasting notes	Your notes
ARUNDEL, Arundel, West Sussex	Stronghold (4.7% ABV)	A smooth full-flavoured premium bitter. A good balance of malt, fruit and hops comes through in this rich brew.	
B&T, Sheffield, Beds	Edwin Taylor's Extra Dark Stout (4.5% ABV)	A pleasant creamy black bitter beer with a strong roast malt flavour. Multi award winner.	
BARTRAMS, Bury St.Edmunds, Suffolk	Catherine Bartram's IPA (4.3% ABV)	A full bodied malty IPA style; tangy hops lead the malt throughout and dominate the dry hoppy aftertaste.	
BATEMAN'S, Wainfleet, Lincs	DM (Dark Mild) (3.0% ABV)	Characteristic fruit and roasted nut nose, a classic mild, jet black. Multi-award winner.	
BATH ALES, Warley, Bristol	Wild Hare (5.0% ABV)	A golden organic pale ale.	
BLACK SHEEP, Masham, North Yorkshire	Black Sheep Best Bitter (3.8% ABV)	A hoppy and fruity beer with strong bitter overtones, leading to a long, dry, bitter finish. Current CAMRA national award winner.	
BURTON BRIDGE, Burton upon Trent, Staffs	Damson Porter (4.5% ABV)	A delicious fruit porter still retaining a distinctive bitter after palate.	
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Chittering, Cambridge	Oakleaf IPA (3.6% ABV)	Rich amber coloured pale ale with classic English aroma of Goldings hops.	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Brewer's Gold (4.0% ABV)	CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN 2005 Striking grapefruit nose leads to a beer of generally citrus hoppy character, underpinned by a perfumed sweetness and an orangey aftertaste.	
DARK STAR, Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Espresso Stout (4.2% ABV)	A stout brewed with fully roasted barley malt and Challenger hops but freshly ground espresso coffee beans added to provide a rich coffee aroma.	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Braintree, Essex	Braintree Blonde (4.0% ABV)	A Golden Ale with a fresh, citrus hop nose, a tart lemon compliments the crisp taste; dry, bitter hoppy long finish.	
GOFFS, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Tournament (4.0% ABV)	Dark golden in colour, with a pleasant hop aroma. A clean, light and refreshing session bitter with a pleasant hop aftertaste.	
HAMPSHIRE, Romsey, Hampshire	Ironside (4.2% ABV)	A distinctive hop aroma draws you into this amber coloured bitter. Palate has a mineral dryness which accentuates the crisp hop flavour and clean bitter finish.	
ICENI, Ickburgh, Norfolk	Cranberry Wheat (4.1% ABV)	A dry tasting light straw coloured ale made with a mix of malted barley and wheat - and cranberries.	
ITCHEN VALLEY, Alresford, Hampshire	Winchester (4.2% ABV)	Traditional English Bitter, nut brown in appearance, sweet malty flavour, with a good hoppy nose.	
JAMES GOOD BROWN, Ridgewell, Essex	Smanda Plus (4.2% ABV)	A traditional English bitter that your grandfather has told you about! Exclusive to Braintree Real Ale Festival!	
JARROW, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear	Jobiln's Swinging Gibbet (4.1% ABV)	A copper coloured, evenly balanced beer with a good hop aroma and a fruity finish. Award winning brewery is based at a pub in the town.	
MAULDON, Sudbury, Suffolk	White Adder (5.3% ABV)	A pale brown, almost golden, strong ale. A warming fruity flavour dominates and lingers into a dry, hoppy finish.	

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MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	English Oak (4.8% ABV)	Copper coloured strong bitter with a full body dominated by malt and a reasonable level of bitterness. The hoppy aroma also has a trace of vanilla.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Oscar Wilde Mild (3.7% ABV)	Flavoursome dark red mild, hints of blackberry and coconut on the nose, and malty taste. Current CAMRA Champion Ale	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Simply The Best (4.4% ABV)	A tawny, full-bodied complex and fruity best bitter with a light balance of malt and hops, and a bitter-sweet finish.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Azzanewt (4.4% ABV)	Premium summer ale, fawn coloured, packed with an orange aroma.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	IPA (3.5% ABV)		
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Old Growler (5.0% ABV)	A complex and satisfying porter, smooth and distinctive. Sweetness, roast malt and fruit feature in the palate, with bitter chocolate lingering. The finish is powerfully hoppy.	
OAKHAM, Peterborough, Cambs	JHB (Jeffrey Hudson Bitter) (3.8% ABV)	Straw-coloured, light bodied bitter with strong hoppy aroma, strong bitter dry finish. Be warned - you may never drink lager again! Multi award winner.	
POTTON, Potton, Beds	Village Bike (4.3% ABV)	Classic award winning English premium bitter, amber in colour, heavily late-hopped. Fruity aroma and taste with a pleasant aroma.	
RCH, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset	Hewish IPA (3.6% ABV)	Light hoppy bitter with some malt and fruit, floral citrus hop aroma, pale brown / amber colour.	
REBELLION, Marlow Bottom, Bucks	Mutiny (4.5% ABV)	Tawny in colour, this full-bodied best bitter is predominantly fruity and moderately bitter with crystal malt continuing to a dry finish.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Pledgdon Ale (4.3% ABV)	Golden Amber ale crafted from marris otter and crystal malts and traditional English hops to produce a soft mellow, full flavour hoppy beer with hints of biscuit and pleasant citrus aftertaste.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Saffron Blonde (4.3% ABV)		
SAINT GEORGE'S, Callow End, Worcestershire	Paragon Steam (4.0% ABV)	Styled on Californian steam beer, this amber thirst-quencher features a marked maize and hop character.	
STONEHENGE, Netheravon, Wiltshire	Pigswill (4.0% ABV)	A full-bodied beer with a warm amber colour, not over bitter but rich in hop aroma, which gives the beer a delightful aftertaste.	
TINDALL, Seething, Norfolk	Alltime (4.0% ABV)	A well balanced, traditional English bitter. The blend of hop and malt is reflected in both the bouquet and taste.	
TRING, Tring, Herts	Jack O'Legs (4.2% ABV)	A combination of four types of malt and two types of aroma hops provide a copper-coloured premium ale with full fruit and a distinctive hoppy bitterness.	
TRIPLE FFF, Alton, Hants	Alton's Pride (3.8% ABV)	Excellent clean-tasting golden brown session bitter, full-bodied, delicious aroma of malt and hops. Multi award winner.	
VALE, Haddenham, Bucks	Wychart Ale (3.9% ABV)	A full bodied full flavoured beer with nutty overtones. Suitable for vegetarians and vegans.	
WESTERHAM, Westerham, Kent	Black Eagle Special Pale Ale (3.8% ABV)	A golden ale using finest malts to give a dry biscuity flavour with hops adding a citrus fruity slightly spicy note.	

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The Cider & Perry Bar			
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Smiling Moose (7.0% ABV)	A cider blended from a variety of apples grown in Ridgewell, Essex, made using traditional methods for the East of England. Best Cider at Colchester and Chappel festivals.	
WESTON, Much Marcle, Herefordshire	First Quality (5.0% ABV)	A medium sweet, medium strength draught cider with a fresh apple finish.	
WESTON, Much Marcle, Herefordshire	Herefordshire Country Perry (4.5% ABV)	Double gold award winning perry (made from pears). A still medium perry matured in old oak vats and is free from artificial colouring, flavouring and sweetening and retains its natural pale colour.	
WESTON, Much Marcle, Herefordshire	Old Rosie (7.3% ABV)	A triple gold winning cider named after a 1921 steam roller. This cider is allowed to settle out naturally after fermentation which gives it the traditional cloudy appearance of true old-fashioned scrumpy.	
WESTON, Much Marcle, Herefordshire	Traditional Scrumpy (6.0% ABV)	A hearty and wholesome still cloudy cider fermented in old oak vats. Sufficiently strong to satisfy but too sweet to smother the mature flavour of traditional bitter-sweet apples.	

