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The Essex Bar			
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Crouch Best (4.0% ABV)	This mid-brown beer is wonderfully full bodied and malty. A classic 'best' and an established local favourite which aims to please and succeeds time and time again. Definitely moreish!	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Golden Duck (3.8% ABV)	A grand and tasty golden session beer.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	A Drop of Nelson's Blood (3.8% ABV)	An easy drinking but flavourful bitter brewed for Trafalgar Day October 21st. After the battle, Nelson's body was returned to England preserved in a barrel of brandy. It is said that the sailors on the Victory drank some of the brandy as part of their grog ration, which became known as Nelson's Blood. Every glass contains a drop of brandy.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Golden Boar (5.0% ABV)	FGB is an amber beer with a tremendous aroma that will knock you socks off. We use an obscene amount of Cascade Hops to get the aroma. It's expensive to make but we just love it! It was originally brewed for the Pig's Ear Beer Festival last year, but it is still popular so we are still brewing it regularly.	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Bitter's Wheat (4.8% ABV)	A wheat beer so new nobody knows about it's taste!	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	Hart & Soul (4.3% ABV)		
HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex	Lighthouse Bitter (4.8% ABV)	Ruby coloured and flavoured with the choicest English hops, this is a beer to savour.	
HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex	Redoubt Stout (4.2% ABV)	Jet black with a tan head, it is the perfect accompaniment to game and cheese where the dry finish perfectly complements the strong flavours. Bitterness is provided by Pioneer and Pilgrim hops	
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	Oscar Wilde Mild (3.7% ABV)	Flavoursome dark red mild, hints of blackberry and coconut on the nose, and malty taste.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	IPA (3.5% ABV)	An apple crisp session beer, hoppy throughout, with a lingering bitter end. Our most popular beer.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Priory Mild (3.5% ABV)	An old-fashioned dark mild with a surprisingly fresh bitterness that holds right to the end of the palate.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Foxy Music (4.6% ABV)	Full of English hop aroma and light amber in colour.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Wily Ol' Fox (5.2% ABV)	A very aromatic, amber beer made from English Boadicea hops and East Anglian Pale Maris Otter malt.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Brewhouse Bell (4.0% ABV)	Golden Amber ale. Delicate citrus flavour with rounded hoppy characteristics and clean finish.	

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SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Braintree Market Ale (4.0% ABV)	Traditional easy drinking session beer, evidence of hoppiness leads to a lingering dry bitter finish.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Levelly Black (4.8% ABV)	Winter stout, dark malty and smooth.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Levelly Gold (4.0% ABV)	Golden summery ale. A refreshing bitter with a pleasant finish made with First Gold and Golding Hops. A pleasant alternative to Lager.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Apprentice (3.9% ABV)	This was meant to be a totally different beer but Jeremy aka Dad aka The Apprentice added Polish Marynka hops instead of Challenger ones. We must let him do this again though as it's a fine beer! Golden in colour, hoppy nose and definitely a session beer.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	New Dawn (3.8% ABV)	A good traditional bitter that will appeal to those who like a nice lightly hopped real ale with a bit of malt and a nice finish. A cracking beer that'll suit almost all bitter drinkers out there.	
The 'Other' Bar			
CAIRNGORM, Aviemore, Inverness-shire	Nessie's Monster Mash (4.4% ABV)	A predominantly malty, lightly hopped beer giving a satisfying fullness of flavour with a warm finish. A glass or two is a must before seeking an audience with the monster!	
CAIRNGORM, Aviemore, Inverness-shire	Trade Winds (4.3% ABV)	Light golden in colour, with high proportion of wheat giving the beer a clean fresh taste. The mash blends together with the Perle hops and elderflower providing a bouquet of fruit and citrus flavours.	
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.	
HARVIESTOUN, Alva, Clackmannanshire	Ptarmigan (4.5% ABV)	Robust flavoursome beer, it's hardy as the mountain bird that bears its name. Its strong fruity palate is nicely balanced by the blend of Saaz and Challenger hops and the brew is finished with a late hopping of Pioneer. This all combines to make it a popular and satisfying year-round favourite.	
HARVIESTOUN, Alva, Clackmannanshire	Schiehallion (4.8% ABV)	Our unique cask conditioned lager beer. made with the finest lager malt and Hersbrucker lager hops. This results in a true pilsner-style beer; dry, crisp, refreshing and wonderfully flavoursome, truly the peak of brewing perfection.	
HOUSTON, Renfrewshire	Black & Tan (4.3% ABV)	Available all year round. Black and Tan is traditionally a mix of Stout and Pale Ale the Fox & Hounds customers started mixing Warlock Stout with Killellan and they loved the result they think it's a winning blend now you can try it too.	
HOUSTON, Renfrewshire	Blonde Bombshell (4.0% ABV)	This ale is smooth and easy drinking with a fresh hop aroma, well rounded maltiness and a delicate fruit aftertaste	

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HOUSTON, Renfrewshire	Killellan (3.7% ABV)	Killellan is the historic name for Houston. This is one of our most popular ales which we use the finest hops to produce a golden coloured, clean mellow and refreshing ale with a long zesty finish.	
INVERALMOND, Perth, Scotland	Thrappledouser (4.3% ABV)	A golden copper coloured ale, which has a thick and creamy off-white head that laces your glass all the way to the bottom, leaving you wanting more. A marriage of Pilgrim, East Kent Goldings and Cascade hops presents a delicate citrus aroma and a unique spicy floral taste.	
TSA, Throsk, Shropshire	Lomond Gold (5.0% ABV)	A sensational new style of blonde beer. Clean, sharp and fresh flavoured to the taste. Hopped with a fruity organic hop giving a hint of citrus on the palette and a very satisfying aftertaste.	
ACORN, Wombwell, S. Yorkshire	Old Moor Porter (4.4% ABV)	A full bodied victorian style porter with hints of liquorice. The initial bitterness gives way to a smooth, mellow finish. 4.4% ABV. A bronze medal winner in the Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2008.	
ACORN, Wombwell, S. Yorkshire	Yorkshire Pride (3.7% ABV)	This is a very pale session bitter, well hopped with Northdown and Cascade hops. 3rd place in Bitter Category at Sheffield Beer Festival 2008.	
BEARTOWN, Congleton, Cheshire	Bear Ass (4.0% ABV)	Ruby red, malty bitter with good hop nose and fruity flavour and a dry, bitter aftertaste. A real ale that landlords tell us is popular with younger drinkers.	
BEARTOWN, Congleton, Cheshire	Kodiak Gold (4.0% ABV)	A thirst quenching, straw coloured and very drinkable with citrus fruit and hops aroma and sharper bitter, clean aftertaste. Finalist at The Great British Beer Festival.	
BRADFIELD, Sheffield, S. Yorkshire	Farmer's Blonde (4.0% ABV)	GOLD Award Winner in the Speciality Beers category at the 2007 SIBA North Regional Beer Competition. Currently a top seller, this very pale brilliant blonde beer has citrus and summer fruit aromas making it an extremely refreshing ale.	
BRADFIELD, Sheffield, S. Yorkshire	Farmer's Stout (4.5% ABV)	SILVER Award Winner in the Porters, Strong Milds, Old Ales and Stouts category at the 2007 SIBA North Regional Beer Competition. A dark enriched 'black and white' stout balanced by ploughing through roasted malts and flaked oats with a subtle bitter hop character.	
COACH HOUSE, Howley, Warrington	Dick Turpin (4.2% ABV)	Malty, hoppy pale brown beer with some initial sweetish flavours leading to a short, bitter aftertaste.	
COACH HOUSE, Howley, Warrington	Gunpowder Mild (3.8% ABV)	Biscuity dark mild with a blackcurrent sweetness. Bitterness and fruit dominate with some hints of caramel and a slightly stronger roast flavour.	
COPPER DRAGON, Skipton, N. Yorkshire	Black Gold (3.7% ABV)	A recipe recreated from restored brewing records from the 1800's. The use of traditional coloured and roasted malts gives a unique rich and luscious flavour.	
COPPER DRAGON, Skipton, N. Yorkshire	Golden Pippen (3.9% ABV)	A light refreshing blonde ale brewed using a specially selected hop to create a citrus fruit flavour. This golden coloured favorite is equally appealing to real ale and lager drinkers alike.	

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GOFFS, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Jouster Ale (4.0% ABV)	A drinkable, tawny coloured ale, with a light hoppiness in the aroma. It has a good balance of malt and bitterness in the mouth, underscored by fruitiness, with a clean, hoppy aftertaste.	
HADRIAN & BORDER, Newcastle upon Tyne	Ginger Beer (4.0% ABV)	Amber coloured beer sweetened and flavoured with real root ginger.	
HYDES, Manchester	Hyde's Mild (3.5% ABV)	A classic mild combining good malt and delicate bitterness. A flavoursome mid coloured mild ale.	
MILESTONE, Newark, Nottinghamshire	Lion Heart (4.4% ABV)	A mahogany red malty ale with European hops	
MILESTONE, Newark, Nottinghamshire	Lion's Pride (3.8% ABV)	A Copper coloured Session Ale. Well balanced Light & refreshing.	
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.	
WELLS & YOUNGS, Bedford, Bedfordshire	Eagle IPA (3.6% ABV)	The aroma is of freshly sliced ripe apples. Its amber hue is emphasised by a tight rich head which set it up as an ale with real credentials.	
WELLS & YOUNGS, Bedford, Bedfordshire	Waggle Dance (4.0% ABV)	Amber beer with a touch of honey on the nose and palate. The sweetness is balanced by a healthy dose of hops to provide the bitterness that gives a wonderfully delicate flavour.	
WOODFORDE'S, Woodbastwick, Norfolk	Wherry (3.8% ABV)	Fresh and zesty with crisp floral flavours. A background of sweet malt and a hoppy 'grapefruit' bitter finish characterises this champion bitter	
The Cider & Perry Bar			
YORK, York, N. Yorkshire	Centurion's Ghost (5.4% ABV)	A warming, dark bitter ale, with a roasted malt taste. Very easy to drink for its strength.	
BROADOAK CIDER, Clutton, Somerset	Perry (7.5% ABV)	Sweet, liquid pear drops	
CASTLINGS HEATH COTTAGE CIDER, Sudbury Suffolk	Organic (6.5% ABV)	Dry, strong and mature	
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Orchard Express (6.5% ABV)	Medium Dry cider made with a blend of apples.	
EVE'S CIDER, Kettering, Northamptonshire	Wildling (7.2% ABV)	Medium Dry, pleasantly sharp and fruity	
HECKS FARMHOUSE CIDER, Street, Somerset	Perry (6.5% ABV)	Medium Dry	
MILLWHITES CIDER, Boxmoor, Hertfordshire	Mixed Scrumpy (6.5% ABV)	The variety of ancient apples that go into producing our Mixed Scrumpy gives it a deep, golden appearance. It has a fresh, vibrant apple aroma, and a dry oaky taste with a subtle rum finish. Slightly sparkling on initial pour.	
PICKLED PIG, Stretham, Cambridgeshire	Gareth's Perry (5.0% ABV)	Medium Sweet, mellow and full-bodied	

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PICKLED PIG, Stretham, Cambridgeshire	Porker's Snout (6.5% ABV)	A medium cider naturally made without any chemical additives using five varieties of apple all grown within sight of Ely Cathedral. A slow and cool fermentation retains the natural flavours and aromas of the fruit giving a rich appley cider. Soft tannins and just a little natural acidity make Porker's Snout a cider for both beginners and seasoned cider drinkers to enjoy.	

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