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The Essex Bar			
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Chockwork Orange (6.5% ABV)	A deep chocolate malty beer brewed with oranges to give it that extra pazazz and matured to provide a classic old ale"style beer."	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Marvelous Maple Mild (3.7% ABV)	A huge success for us in 2009 and popular with all who try it. This is a delicate dark broen mild with just a hint of maple syrup coming through in the finish.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Summer Virgin (4.5% ABV)	Our first brew and a light golden beer with citrus notes and Avomatic hops giving a range of fruit flavours.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Captain Ann (4.5% ABV)	A traditional premium bitter with malt notes from Maris Otter, Crystal and Chocolate Malt and lightly hopped with good old fashioned Fuggles and Goldings.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Hotel Porter (4.1% ABV)	A classic style stout with a wonderful smokey tang produced by a good amount of roast barley. We don't usually keep a stout on during the summer, but the demand remains high so you stout lovers may be lucky to find this one about.	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Rayne Forest (3.8% ABV)	This dark mild is very smooth, more hoppy than is usual, with a light biscuity roast flavour.	
HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex	Bathside Battery Bitter (4.2% ABV)	American style pale ale with oodles of cascade hops. Good bitterness levels followed by sweet hop taste and then the Cascade really kicks in for a real citrus aroma.	
HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex	Leading Lights (3.8% ABV)	A full flavoured beer full made with pale malt and speciality grains and lightly hopped. Choice English hop varieties balance the sweetness of the malt making this a perfect session beer.	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	New Hart (4.1% ABV)	A traditional bitter with Sovereign and Challenger hops. Fuggles added at the very end.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Essex Beast (6.2% ABV)	A strong, dark, robust beer brewed with chocolate malt, to produce a rich toffee 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.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Braintree Gold (4.1% ABV)	An insanelly aromatic golden beer, with the aroma of pink grapefruit and peaches. Uses a brand new hop called Summit.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Hunter's Gold (3.9% ABV)	A golden beer made from English Extra Pale malt with an orange, citrus aroma from Super Styrian Goldings.	
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	Rambler's Tipple (3.9% ABV)	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.	

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SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Saffron Blonde (4.3% ABV)	Light golden ale brewed with Maris Otter barley and wheat, plus Fuggles and Goldings hops. The delicate balance of citrus and smooth malty flavours with a crisp finish makes this a refreshing ale for all occasions	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Longfield Lager (5.5% ABV)	This traditionally brewed lager has been slowly fermented, followed by a long cold conditioning process of three months. This produces a more stable refreshing beer full of natural aroma and smoother flavour.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Shalford 1319 Mild (3.7% ABV)	Roast malt and delicate chocolate sweetness with a slight bitter finish.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Stoneley (4.2% ABV)	A medium brown bitter, well balanced flavour of malt and hops. Made with the best Maris otter malted Barley.	
STICKLEGS, Gt. Bromley	Old Forge Bitter (3.8% ABV)		
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Hunter's Storm (3.4% ABV)		
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Mayflower (4.3% ABV)	A refreshing golden ale with an aroma akin to freshly cut hedgerows. Brewed using Boadica hops with the addition of local wild flowers (Mayflower and elderflower.)	
The Welsh Bar			
BRAGDY MWS PIWS/PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, North Wales	Cwrw Eryri (Snowdonia Ale) (3.6% ABV)	A delightfully refreshing pale ale brewed with Pale and Crystal malt with a delicate combination of Pioneer, Styrian Goldings and Lubelski hops.	
BRAGDY MWS PIWS/PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, North Wales	Cwrw Madog (Madog's Ale) (3.7% ABV)	A crisp, malty, reddish coloured session bitter with a dry bitter finish.	
BRAGDY MWS PIWS/PURPLE MOOSE, Porthmadog, North Wales	Ochr Tyll y Mws (Darkside of the Moose) (4.6% ABV)	A delicious dark ale with a deep malt flavour from roasted barley and a fruity bitterness from Bramling Cross hops.	
BRECONSHIRE, Brecon, Powys	Ramblers' Ruin (5.0% ABV)	Dark amber, malty and well hopped with a beautifully balanced aftertaste; a champion Old Ale. High percentages of Crystal and Black Malt create the malt/biscuit undertones; bitterness and aroma are provided by Goldings and First Gold amongst others.	
BRECONSHIRE, Brecon, Powys	Red Dragon (4.7% ABV)	An unusually red coloured beer, blending the red ale traditions of the North East and Ireland with a hint of Welsh flair. Vast quantities of Crystal malt are blended into a complex grist; and a selection of hops, including Pioneer, provide the bite to com	
BRECONSHIRE, Brecon, Powys	Welsh Pale Ale (3.7% ABV)	Brewed in response to requests for a pale, easy to drink quaffing ale, Welsh Pale Ale is based on an old welsh beer style, and is a pale golden, mildly hopped session ale.	
OTLEY, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd	O1 (4.0% ABV)	Our flagship brew. A pale straw colour ale with heavy hop aromas, a thirst quenching bitterness and a big nose aroma.	
OTLEY, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd	O3 Boss (4.4% ABV)	Traditional chestnut ale with Northdown and Challenger hops, quaffable enjoyment.	
OTLEY, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd	O5 Gold (5.0% ABV)	Created by another of our brewers, Matthew, as an attempt to create a mid strength red chestnut beer with heavy aroma hop rates.	

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RHYMNEY, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire	Bitter (4.5% ABV)	A complicated beer using 4 types of Warminster Malt, complemented with the rich flavour of Goldings hops and the slightly citrus First Gold variety.	
RHYMNEY, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire	Dark (4.0% ABV)	A carefully crafted beer, hopped with a true stout uppermost in our brewers mind. Mellow yet with a "Bite" that will only be fully appreciated on your second bottle!	
RHYMNEY, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire	Export (5.0% ABV)	A heady flavour from a combination of mixed malts, carefully and skillfully mixed by hand, which we believe provides an ale of exceptional character. Full bodied yet rounded, serious but eminently quaffable.	
RHYMNEY, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire	Hobby Horse (3.8% ABV)	Originally brewed in 1879, Hobby Horse very quickly became a throughbred. We hope this hand crafted ale will awaken and re-ignite your senses. Take time out for sumptuous injection and nostalgia.	
THE CELT EXPERIENCE, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan	Celt Golden (4.2% ABV)	A golden coloured organic ale, with a rich full-bodied texture accompanied by a unique blend of traditional and fruity hops. Drinkers of this delicious ale will experience a mouth-watering taste of citrus fruits with a slightly spicy aroma.	
THE CELT EXPERIENCE, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan	Native Storm (4.4% ABV)	Characterised as a robust mid brown ale full of spicy and biscuit flavours, 'Native Storm' has a refreshing mouthfeel complemented by a powerful presence of fresh hoppy aromas. The complex range of ingredients coupled with a long dry hop finish result in	
The 'Other' Bar			
BRODIES, Leyton, East London	English Best (3.9% ABV)	Pale Maris Otter and Crystal malt in the mash tun. Fuggles in the copper and Fuggles in the cask. The quintessential English ale.	
BRODIES, Leyton, East London	Wimbledon (3.7% ABV)	A speciality brew with a hint of Strawberries and Cream	
BRODIES, Leyton, East London	Superior London Porter (7.1% ABV)	A powerful black ale and the most London of all beers. This one is made the way Porters were made 100 years ago.	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Western Champion (4.2% ABV)	A golden-brown best bitter brewed with lashings of both Caragold & Wheat malts topped off with Pilgrim, Pioneer & Chinook hops.	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Highwayman (3.6% ABV)	Light brown session bitter in the style of a modern easy drinking IPA. An initial bitterness leads into a light hop flavour, with a hint of malt throughout.	
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Chittering, Cambridge	Atom Splitter (4.5% ABV)	Atom Splitter is a beer with plenty of character, bursting with First Gold hoppiness. Atom Splitter has an ABV of 4.5%.	
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Chittering, Cambridge	Hobson's Choice (4.1% ABV)	A light golden bitter with a pronounced hop aroma, contributing to the refreshing bitter aftertaste.	
MAULDONS, 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.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Suffolk Pride (4.8% ABV)	A full bodied strong bitter, light in colour with a powerful bouquet of hops and developed fruit with a deep dry finish.	

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MILL GREEN, Edwardstone, Suffolk	Good Ship Arabella (5.4% ABV)	A pale hoppy American style beer brewed using American hop varieties and named after the 'Good Ship Arbella' which was the flag ship of a 18 vessel fleet that set sail from Great Yarmouth carrying puritan John Winthrop to Salem Massachusetts in the 1630's	
MILL GREEN, Edwardstone, Suffolk	Green Goose (4.0% ABV)	A well balance, dark ruby 'Best Bitter' with a mass of complex flavours and a malty finish. The Green Goose was historically eaten at Harvest Festival having grazed on grass all summer.	
RED SQUIRREL, Hertford, Hertfordshire	Dark Ruby Mild (3.7% ABV)	A distinctive dark red mild containing 1/5 dark crystal malt lightly flavoured with Goldings hops to give a distinctive full bodied lightly bittered mild.	
RED SQUIRREL, Hertford, Hertfordshire	Springfield American IPA (5.4% ABV)	A floral/pine/lemony zing genuine American IPA. Made to American recipe. Contains five specialist malts and two full bodied American hops.	

The Cider & Perry Bar

DELVIN END, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Pheasant Pluckers (7.0% ABV)	Medium dry, fruity and cloudy	
DELVIN END, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV)	Medium dry, spiced and clear	
TOTHAM KNEECRACKER, Great Totham, Essex	Original (6.0% ABV)	Medium Bittersweet. Blend of Brown's Apple - Stoke Red Debinett & Mitchelin	
TOTHAM KNEECRACKER, Great Totham, Essex	Stoke Red (SV) (7.5% ABV)	Medium, easy drinking	
MILLWHITES, Boxmoor, Hertfordshire	Rum Cask (7.5% ABV)	Medium sweet, sharp and cloudy	
SHEPPY'S, Taunton, Somerset	Cider (6.0% ABV)	Sweet, smooth and clear	
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	
COUNTRYMAN, Milton Abbot, Devon	Cider (6.5% ABV)	Sweet, full bodied and clear	
PICKLED PIG, Stretham, Cambridgeshire	Jewels Perry (6.8% ABV)	Medium sweet, tangy and refreshing	
BROADOAK, Clutton, Somerset	Perry (7.5% ABV)	Sweet, liquid pear drops	
GWATKINS, Abbeydore, Herefordshire	Oldfield Perry (SV) (7.0% ABV)	Sweet, Cask matured	
MERRYLEGS, Stockport, Cheshire	Fred Perry (6.0% ABV)	Medium dry, tannic finish	

The Second Bar

BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Hope & Glory (4.5% ABV)	Our darker and more full bodied bitter but with the lightness of hops coming out in the flavour and leaving a pleasing end note.	
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BRODIES, Leyton, East London	Amarilla (4.2% ABV)	Fresh light beer. Amarillo hops up to eleven but Londoners don't say Amarillo they Say Amarilla!	
MILL GREEN, Edwardstone, Suffolk	Mawkin Mild (2.9% ABV)	A Traditional dark Suffolk Mild packed full of flavour, the name derived from the old Suffolk term for scarecrow to remember the Suffolk farm labourers whose staple diet consisted of Mild for hundreds of years.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Black Fox Porter (4.8% ABV)	A rich flavoured, black beer with smooth chocolate notes.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Braintree Gold (4.1% ABV)	An insanely aromatic golden beer, with the aroma of pink grapefruit and peaches. Uses a brand new hop called Summit.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Rotten End (6.5% ABV)	Traditional coloured and strong, accompanied by a slightly sweet and nutty undertone with a bitter edge to finish.	
THWAITES, Blackburn, Lancashire	Original (3.6% ABV)	A clean, polished and refreshing session beer with a glowing amber appearance. Brewed using premium grade Maris Otter malt and traditional English hops, Thwaites Original has a great malt flavour with a superb dry aftertaste.	
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.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Crafty Stoa (5.3% ABV)	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.	
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	

