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The Essex Bar			
BISHOP NICK BREWERY, Little Green, Chelmsford, Essex	Braintree Spectacular (4.3% ABV) Bitter	Braintree Spectacular is 4.3% ABV and is a full-bodied rich tawny ale. Crystal malt provides a sweet nutty taste perfectly balanced with the ginger and fruit of Styrian Goldings hops.	
BISHOP NICK BREWERY, Little Green, Chelmsford, Essex	Hersey (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.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Marvelous Maple Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	This is a delicate dark brown mild with just a hint of maple syrup coming through in the finish.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Brentwood Best (4.2% ABV) Bitter	Made with a good dose of Challenger and EKG hops giving a well rounded flavour and aroma.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Red Diesel (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A touch of roasted malt with a building bitterness and strong sweet backbone.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Metropolis (3.9% ABV) Golden	A superb golden hoppy beer, with enormous depth of flavour and a long spicy finish.	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Yakima (4.2% ABV) Golden	Very pale with delicious Amarillo hops, therefore earthily aromatic and highly drinkable. Yakima Valley is the area of Washington State in which the hops are grown. pron: YAK'-i-maw	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Blackwater Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Smooth and malty dark mild for drinking in quantity! Fruity and full.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Pucks Folly (4.2% ABV) Golden	A golden beer to rival any other on the bar. Light and refreshing with a citrus (some say grapefruit!) note. We use a true English hop, the East Kent Golding, and in great abundance too. This is our best selling beer. CAMRA CHAMPION GOLDEN ALE OF ESSEX 2006	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Golden Boar (5% ABV) Strong	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	Light Burst (4.0% ABV) Golden		
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Good Knight (5.0% ABV) Dark		
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	IPA (3.5% ABV) Bitter		

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MERSEA ISLAND, Mersea Island, Colchester, Essex	Oyster (5% ABV) Porter	Our recipe for a traditional Oyster Ale, using lots of oats, a mixture of light and dark malts and a small amount of Fuggles hops. The brew has local Mersea Island Oysters added to it, giving it a distinct unique flavour. Each cask has eight oysters added giving a 1 pint in 8 chance of the aphrodisiac properties of the oysters taking effect.	
MERSEA ISLAND, Mersea Island, Colchester, Essex	Skippers (4.8% ABV) Bitter	The 'best' bitter from Mersea Island, dark amber in colour with a good malty flavour from five different malts and a smooth bitterness from Fuggles hops.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Snake In The Glass (3.5% ABV) Golden	A golden, refreshing light ale, brewed with top quality East Kent Golding and Pilgrim hops that impart a traditional, grassy floral character and a hint of lemon.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Oscar Wilde Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Flavoursome dark red mild, hints of blackberry and coconut on the nose, and malty taste. Current CAMRA Champion Ale	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Old Growler (5% ABV) Bitter	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.	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Growler Bitter (3.9% ABV) Bitter	Delicious amber coloured ale with a distinctive and freshing citrus finish	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Black Fox Porter (4.8% ABV) Porter	A rich flavoured, black beer with smooth chocolate notes.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Hunter's Gold (3.9% ABV) Golden	A golden beer made from English Extra Pale malt with an orange, citrus aroma from Super Styrian Goldings.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Silent Night (5.2% ABV) Porter	Very dark ruby Porter brewed with generous amounts of Chocolate and dark Crystal malts to give rich aromas of chocolate, molasses and coffee. The addition of Ruby Port and pure red grape juice along with Fuggles and Bramling Cross hops create a soft fruity and spice finish.	
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	Diamond Jubilee (3.8% ABV) Bitter	An amber coloured bitter with a gentle aroma of malt and hops. An easy drinking beer with a light bitter finish. A celebration bitter to crown all others.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Rotten End (6.5% ABV) Strong	Traditional coloured and strong, accompanied by a slightly sweet and nutty undertone with a bitter edge to finish.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Shalford 1319 Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Roast malt and delicate chocolate sweetness with a slight bitter finish.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Levelly Black (4.8% ABV) Stout	A dark heavy well hopped ale with grainy toffee taste topped with a thick creamy head.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Apprentice (3.9% ABV) Golden	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.	

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WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Hoppy Helper (4% ABV) Bitter	Light in colour with a real hop kick. Refreshing and very more-ish.	
The Pennine Aleway Bar			
BANK TOP, Bolton, Lancs.	Bad to the Bone (4% ABV) Mild	A rustic tan coloured beer with floral qualities and delicate citrus notes.	
BANK TOP, Bolton, Lancs.	Flat Cap (4% ABV) Bitter	Our signature beer - a pale bitter with a citrus aroma and hoppy citrus finish.	
BANK TOP, Bolton, Lancs.	Old Slapper (4.2% ABV) Golden	A true blonde! Brewed with Dwarf Hilary hops, the initial fruitiness is complimented by a pronounced hoppiness in the finish.	
BLUE MONKEY, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.	Guerrilla (4.9% ABV) Stout	Our double gold medal winning, revolutionary stout. A hearty 4.9% beer full of malty complexity balanced by a robust bitter bite.	
BLUE MONKEY, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.	BG Sips (4% ABV) Golden	A pale and intensely hoppy beer. Enticing tropical fruit aromas, finished with a good level of thirst quenching, almost peppery bitterness.	
BLUE MONKEY, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.	Infinity (4.6% ABV) Golden	An infinitely satisfying pale ale, brewed with Citra hops from the USA for a punchy hop presence. Since its introduction in 2011, Infinity has rapidly become one of our best selling beers and is perfect for lovers of modern style 'hop forward' beers.	
BOWLAND, Sawley, Lancs	Hen Harrier (4% ABV) Golden	Soft citrus and peach flavours combine to make a very easy drinking bitter - the brewery's best seller.	
BOWLAND, Sawley, Lancs	Hunters Moon (3.7% ABV) Mild	A deep chestnut mild with dark fruit, nuts and chocolate flavours.	
BOWLAND, Sawley, Lancs	Pheasant Plucker (3.6% ABV) Bitter	A light refreshing ale, filled with citrus notes	
BOWLAND, Sawley, Lancs	Chipping Steamer (3.9% ABV) Golden	A light gold, very refreshing, session bitter filled with citrus and green apple flavours that are echoed in the aroma.	
HOWARD TOWN, Glossop, Derbyshire	Bleaklow (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Bleaklow is a standard session beer, with a light citrus flavour. It's made with Halcyon and Crystal malt, and Cascade and Styrian Goldings hops.	
HOWARD TOWN, Glossop, Derbyshire	Glott's Hop (5% ABV) Strong	Glott's Hop is our strongest beer, and as the name implies, is very hoppy. It's brewed with halcyon malt and Pioneer hops. it's light, strong and full of flavour.	
HOWARD TOWN, Glossop, Derbyshire	Milltown Mild (3.5% ABV) Mild	Dark and malty with bags of coffee and roasted malts and a hint of liquorice.	
LEES JW, Manchester	Dragon's Fire (4% ABV) Bitter	A perfect beer when celebrating any patriotic events including bank holidays, Easter St. George's day and even St. David's day. This all-malt cask ale with a citrus aftertaste is guaranteed to put some fire in your belly and make you proud to celebrate all things British!	
LEES JW, Manchester	Game On (4.2% ABV) Golden	Whether your game is football, rugby, cricket, tennis, golf or any other sport for that matter, this cask ale is perfect for any sporting event. The summer league version is lighter with a pale, golden colour.	

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LEES JW, Manchester	The Governor (3.8% ABV) Bitter	This all-malt British beer created by Marco Pierre White and JW Lees Brewery, is named after Marco's family greyhound that his father rescued. He started his racing career as Fearless, but having broken several track records was re-named The Governor.	
PHOENIX, Heywood, Lancs.	Double Gold (5% ABV) Strong	Light golden premium bitter which has a subtle hop character in both aroma and flavour. Smooth tasting and lasting dry finish.	
PHOENIX, Heywood, Lancs.	Monkeytown Mild (3.9% ABV) Mild	Traditional creamy dark mild.	
THREE B'S, Blackburn, Lancs.	Bee Thrifty (3.4% ABV) Bitter	A light and refreshing amber-coloured beer. Singularly hopped and eminently quaffable.	
THREE B'S, Blackburn, Lancs.	Honey Bee (3.7% ABV) Golden	Golden honey beer, ideal for spring/ summer drinking. Honey is apparent in both aroma and taste but does not overwhelm. Clean refreshing taste with hint of hop.	
The Other Bar			
BATTLEDOWN, Cheltenham, Glos	Sunbeam Californian Steam Beer (3.8% ABV) Specialist	American style "Steam Beer". An ale brewed in the American post-prohibition way using Northern Brewer hops.	
BOWMAN ALES, Droxford, Hampshire	South Sea Spice (3.9% ABV) Specialist	Not one of those rip your taste buds out ginger beers, this is best described as gently ginger (a bit like Claire). Brewed with fresh root ginger and normally available throughout the summer months.	
COACH HOUSE BREWING, Howley, Warrington	Raspberry (5% ABV) Fruit	A traditional brewed beer but with the addition of fresh Raspberries. The beer is a wonderful golden colour with a light hoppy aroma and a distinctly fruity after-taste.	
COACH HOUSE BREWING, Howley, Warrington	Banoffee (4.2% ABV) Fruit	A traditional brewed beer but with the addition of Bananas and Toffee. The beer is a wonderful golden colour with a light hoppy aroma and a distinctly fruity after-taste.	
PHOENIX, Heywood, Lancs.	Black Bee Porter (4.5% ABV) Porter	Brewed with honey. Rich & creamy.	
PHOENIX, Heywood, Lancs.	White Tornado (4.3% ABV) Wheat	Clear Wheat Beer. Fresh tasting. Lingering bitter finish.	
THE OLD DAIRY BREWERY, Cranbrook, Kent	Copper Top Premium Bitter (4.1% ABV) Bitter	A rich dark bitter that has a chewy toffee caramel body with chocolate undertones from the crystal and chocolate malts. A fruity bite from the Bramling Cross hops provides balance to this very drinkable ale.	
WYRE PIDDLE BREWERY, Pinvin, Near Pershore, Worcestershire	Piddled as a Parrot (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Something for everyone, malty, bitter and fruity	
WYRE PIDDLE BREWERY, Pinvin, Near Pershore, Worcestershire	Piddle in the Pub (4.1% ABV) Bitter	A very well balanced light brown bitter hoppy to the nose malty to the palate a perfect session beer	
The Cider & Perry Bar			
CARTER'S VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Cider (7.4% ABV) Cider	Dry	

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DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Pheasant Pluckers (7% ABV) Cider	Medium dry, fruity and cloudy	
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV) Cider	Medium dry, spiced and clear	
GWATKINS, Abbeystead, Herefordshire	Farmhouse Perry (7.0% ABV) Perry	Sweet Perry	
MALVERN MAGIC, Ledbury, Herefordshire	Cider (6.5% ABV) Cider	Medium Dry	
POTTON, Potton, Beds	Crisp 'n' Dry (8.2% ABV) Cider	Dry	
POTTON, Potton, Beds	Sweet Spot (8.2% ABV) Cider	Sweet	
RALPH'S, Powys, Mid Wales	Cider (7.0% ABV) Cider	Medium	
RALPH'S, Powys, Mid Wales	Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry	Medium Sweet	
TUTTS CLUMP, Bradfield, West Berks	Diamond Jubilee (7.0% ABV) Cider	Medium Sweet	
TUTTS CLUMP, Bradfield, West Berks	Farmhouse Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry	Medium Dry	
WINKLEIGH, Winkleigh, Devon	Sams (6.0% ABV) Cider	Medium Sweet	

