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The Essex Bar			
BISHOP NICK, Little Green, Chelmsford, Essex	1555 (4.3% ABV) Bitter	Now this is a seriously full-bodied ale. No messing. Bishop Nick wasn't burnt at the stake in 1555 so we could sit quietly and sip weak ale. Not a chance. This rich tawny beer is a tribute to defiance. With an unmistakably sweet nutty taste underlined by the ginger and fruit of Styrian goldings, 1555 shall not be moved.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Chockwork Orange (6.5% ABV) Speciality	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	Summer Virgin (4.5% ABV) Golden	Our first brew and a light golden beer with citrus notes and Avomatic hops giving a range of fruit flavours.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Branoc's Tree (4.0% ABV) Golden	Braintree Festival Beer 2013	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Double Brown Ale (4.6% ABV) Brown Ale	Hoppy, golden, light and citrus - IT AIN'T Dark brown, malty, sweetish and balanced - IT IS	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Brewer's Gold (4% ABV) Bitter	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.	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Essex Boys (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Full bodied and malty with hops shining through. A classic session beer.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Doctor Firkin (3.9% ABV) Bitter	Tasting notes not available.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Hotel Porter (4.1% ABV) Stout	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	Summer Light (3.9% ABV) Golden	Tasting notes not available.	
HOP MONSTER, Great Wakering, Essex	George's Broadsword (4.7% ABV) Bitter	Dark amber coloured ale in the old style of wartime Great Britain. Malty roasted flavours slowly give way to hoppy dry finish. Sup this reminiscent old brew and walk down memory lane and feel like you're right there at V.E day	
HOP MONSTER, Great Wakering, Essex	Rochford Banshee Porter (4.4% ABV) Porter	Very dark almost black colour. This lightly smoked porter was brewed as German Rauchbier but has been described as a smoked porter, a description I do agree with. Multi layered fruit and spice flavours with an undertone of light Beechwood smoke is extremely complex on the palate.	
INDIAN SUMMER, Saffron Walden, Essex	Hop & Soul Lite (2.8% ABV) Golden	Tasting notes not available.	
INDIAN SUMMER, Saffron Walden, Essex	Hope & Soul Amber (3.8% ABV) Bitter	An amber ale with biscuit and caramel flavours.	

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MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Kings (4.2% ABV) Golden	A deep golden beer for hopheads. Brewed with new variety Citra from the USA. Bitter bursts with hoppy fruitiness; passion fruit, nectarine and orange zest, that lasts long into the finish.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Muddly Talker (4.9% ABV) Bitter	A very traditional brown best bitter with a dry, nutty, mild coffee character, a robust bitterness and a delicate, spicy hoppy aftertaste.	
GROWLER, Pentlow, Essex	Hound Dog (4.2% ABV) Golden	Light golden beer, smooth and refreshing with a well rounded bitterness before the hop explosion leaves a slightly fruity end.	
GROWLER, Pentlow, Essex	Umbel Magna (5.0% ABV) Porter	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.	
PITFIELD, Great Horkesley, Essex	1837 IPA (7.0% ABV) Bitter	Tasting notes not available.	
PITFIELD, Great Horkesley, Essex	Whiskey & Ginger (5.0% ABV) Golden	Tasting notes not available.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Wily Ol' Fox (5.2% ABV) Strong	A very aromatic, amber beer made from English Boadicea hops and East Anglian Pale Maris Otter malt.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Red Fox Mild (3.6% ABV) Mild	A dark, full-flavoured mild, nutty and thick; almost reminiscent of an old ale.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Squires Gamble (4.3% ABV) Bitter	Traditional style copper amber ale. Smooth in flavour with citrus and a hint of biscuit.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Lions Tour Bitter (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Tackle this one from the kick-off to enjoy an amber-brown bitter that from the front row has an initial subtle sweetness with a conversion to lingering bitterness after the first try.	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Longfield Lager (5.5% ABV) Lager	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.	
STICKLEGS, Gt. Bromley, Essex	Malt Shovel Mild (3.4% ABV) Mild	Deliciously dark, full of smoked fruit and caramel with a long lingering sweetness	
STICKLEGS, Gt. Bromley, Essex	Old Forge Bitter (3.8% ABV) Bitter	A traditional bitter, brewed with Fuggles and Goldings hops.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Mayflower (4.3% ABV) Golden	A refreshing golden ale with an aroma akin to freshly cut hedgerows. Brewed using Boadicea hops with the addition of local wild flowers (Mayflower and elderflower.)	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Dengie Dark (3.8% ABV) Mild	Tasting notes not available.	
The South Coast Bar			
1648, East Hoathly E. Sussex.	Laughing Frog (5.2% ABV) Golden	Deep Gold French style full malty flavour lightly hopped.	
1648, East Hoathly E. Sussex.	Triple Champion (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Deep chestnut, old fashioned English bitter with a rich malty back taste.	

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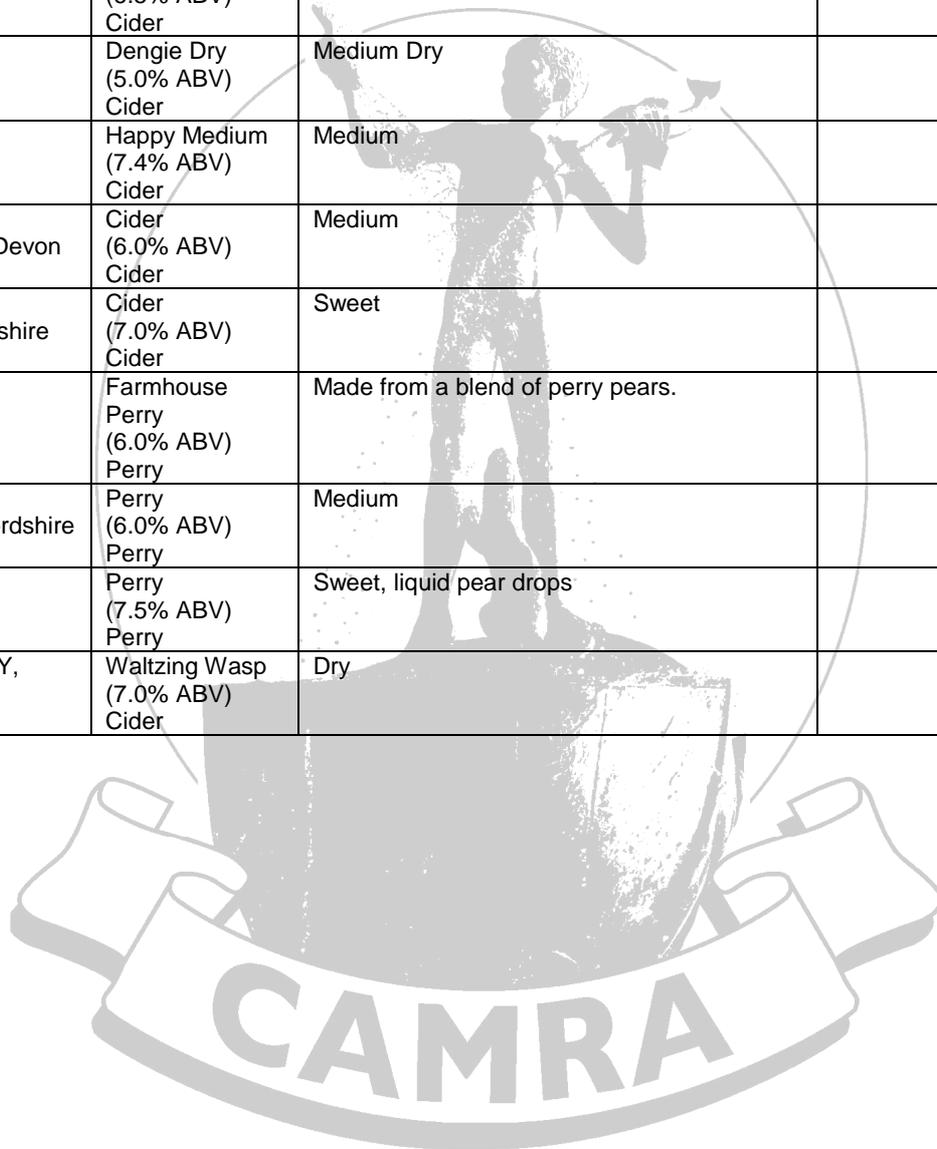
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DARK STAR, Haywards Heath, West Sussex	American Pale Ale (4.7% ABV) Golden	The yeast strain used for the brewing of this American style pale ale is specially imported from the USA, along with Cascade, Centennial and Chinook hops. The low colour Maris Otter malt provides a perfect light colour and dryness to complement the crisp taste and full aroma of the hops. SERIOUSLY FULL OF HOPS	
DARK STAR, Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Art of Darkness (3.5% ABV) Olde Ale	This is a low gravity beer with a big heart. A range of dark malts bring classic roasted flavours along with a hint of sweetness through the natural complex sugars. Warrior bittering hops are used, along with a blend of the finest aroma hops to add fruit and spicy flavours that are the perfect balance, making this a very drinkable ale.	
FRANKLINS, Bexhill on Sea, E. Sussex.	English Garden (3.8% ABV) Golden	At 3.8% this Ale is recommended for lovers of hops who want to drink more and more. Its rich hop aroma is balanced by biscuity malt with a slight sweetness and is wrapped up in a wave bright golden colour.	
FRANKLINS, Bexhill on Sea, E. Sussex.	Citra IPA (5.5% ABV) Bitter	This IPA is for serious beer lovers. As the name suggests this Ale is bursting with citrus flavours and aroma. The tropical notes of mango, lime, pineapple and orange bring home all the memories of a lush summer holiday.	
HAMMERPOT, Poling, W. Sussex.	Red Hunter (4.3% ABV) Bitter	A deep mahogany to ruby red bitter. Full bodied and slightly vinous malt character soundly balanced with the finest English hops. Celebrating the aircraft that broke the world speed record over Sussex 1953	
HASTINGS, Hastings, East Sussex.	Porter (4.5% ABV) Porter	A lovely dark beer that's on the lighter side of the porter style. All the flavours are there – chocolate, liquorice, deep-roasted coffee – but without the heaviness that normally confines darker beers to chilly winter nights. A true year-round porter.	
HASTINGS, Hastings, East Sussex.	Blonde (3.9% ABV) Golden	American hops meet European elderflowers in this floral, subtly sweet, bitter and hoppy beer. Refreshing on a balmy summer's day, or perfect to recapture that summery feeling at any time of year.	
HEPWORTH & CO, Horsham, West Sussex	Sussex (3.5% ABV) Bitter	A traditional pale ale at 3.6% abv with a full flavour and hoppy character. True Sussex Ale	
HEPWORTH & CO, Horsham, West Sussex	Pullman (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A First Class bitter with a crisp bite balanced with a silky finish. Brewed with Admiral & Golding hops, Pullman is a luxurious ale to be enjoyed on its own or with fine food.	
HEPWORTH & CO, Horsham, West Sussex	Iron Horse (4.8% ABV) Bitter	A premium bitter handcrafted from a complex grist of roasted malts and English hops. Densely flavoured and very satisfying. The crystal malt gives a caramel sweetness.	
HOGS BACK, Tongham, Surrey.	HOP (4.4% ABV) Golden	A malty, pale golden beer with hints of banana and pineapple, with a good balance of aroma and bittering hops giving a long dry finish with a sense of sweetness.	
KENT, Birling, Kent.	Enigma Black IPA (5.5% ABV) Dark Ale	A highly hopped dark ale with a soft malt body and balanced finish. A true Enigma...	
KENT, Birling, Kent.	Black Gold (4.0% ABV) Dark Ale	Rich and dark coloured with many of the flavours and easy-drinking qualities of a golden ale.	

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KING WJ, Horsham, W. Sussex.	Horsham Best (3.8% ABV) Bitter	This mid-brown coloured session bitter has a wonderful aroma of caramel, roasted malt with a hint of smokiness and dried fruit. This beer has a smooth and full mouthfeel whilst the initial taste is of intense nutty malt sweetness which then gives way to a distinct smokiness imparted by the crystal and dark malts. This is followed by and balanced with a long lingering spicy and pine hinted aftertaste chockfull of English hops.	
KING WJ, Horsham, W. Sussex.	Brighton Blonde (3.9% ABV) Golden	This golden, pale blonde ale has a distinctive hoppy aroma derived from use of Celeia hops late in the copper. The scents are reminiscent of fields of grass freshened by a short shower on a sunny summer's day. The taste is sharply hoppy and beautifully stimulates the underside edges of your tongue. There's the merest hint of malt to complement the hops. The aftertaste develops the hops further with an increasing dryness and straw bitterness to finish.	
LONG MAN, Litlington, E. Sussex.	Long Blonde (3.8% ABV) Golden	A light coloured golden Ale with a distinctive hoppy aroma and crisp clean bitterness on the finish. Smooth light and refreshing.	
LONG MAN, Litlington, E. Sussex.	Best Bitter (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Perfectly balanced with a complex bittersweet malty taste, fragrant hops and a characteristic long deep finish. A traditional Sussex style Best Bitter.	
PIN-UP BEERS, Stone Cross, East Sussex	Milk Stout (4.4% ABV) Stout	A Black Dark beer, Coffee and dark chocolate aromas. Roasted flavours and a spicy-ness from the whole leaf East Coast Golding hops, with a background sweetness from the milk sugars. Smooth creamy mouth feel from the lactose sugar, no need to say more, you just have to try this beer to blow away any illusions you may have of Milk stouts of old.	
PIN-UP BEERS, Stone Cross, East Sussex	Honey Brown (4.2% ABV) Brown Ale	A smooth brown ale. Notes of caramel from the malt and sweetness from the honey, with the hop flavour coming from the East Kent Goldings. Honey Brown is brewed to be a session ale that has attracted both lager and Ale drinkers since its launch.	
PIN-UP BEERS, Stone Cross, East Sussex	Pale Ale (5.1% ABV) Bitter	Bucket loads of whole leaf American Cascade hops are added throughout the brewing process along with other hops. With a strong malt back bone which balances the flavour of the cascade making this beer a great tasting complex pint.	
WHITSTABLE, Grafty Green, Kent	East of India (4.1% ABV) Bitter	Pale ales exported to India in the 19th century were highly hopped and our light refreshing Pale Ale is no different	
WHITSTABLE, Grafty Green, Kent	Native (3.7% ABV) Bitter	The deep amber colour and its nutty notes capture the ruggedness of a whitstable native. This is completed by honest malt flavours and aromas of Kent's garden hops.	
WHITSTABLE, Grafty Green, Kent	Pearl of Kent (4.5% ABV) Premium	Tropical fruits flavour distinguishes this light in colour and well rounded premium beer.	
SHEPHERD NEAME, Faversham, Kent	Master Brew (3.7% ABV) Bitter	Delicate and devilishly drinkable, this quintessentially Kentish ale lays the county's hallowed, herbaceous hops on a firm, biscuity bed of pale and crystal malt. Endowed with an inviting auburn-amber hue and a tantalising toffee-ish aroma, it's an enlivening English ale that, given its unassuming ABV, pleasures the palate with a remarkable fullness of flavour.	

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MCMULLEN & SONS, Old Cross, Hertfordshire	Advantage (3.7% ABV) Golden	Advantage is a light golden refreshing bitter made using East Anglian malted barley with a subtle blend of locally sourced caramalt, and also English whole leaf aroma hops giving subtle hints of fruit and berries.	
The Cider & Perry Bar			
CROMWELL CIDER, Huntingdon, Cambs	Oliver's Sweetheart (6.4% ABV) Cider	As its name suggest is the sweetest in our range.	
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Sailor's Ruin (7.0% ABV) Cider	Medium Dry	
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV) Cider	Medium dry, spiced and clear	
DENGIE CIDER, Mayland, Essex	Dengie Dry (5.0% ABV) Cider	Medium Dry	
POTTON, Potton, Beds	Happy Medium (7.4% ABV) Cider	Medium	
HANCOCKS, South Molton, North Devon	Cider (6.0% ABV) Cider	Medium	
DUNKERTONS, Leominster, Herefordshire	Cider (7.0% ABV) Cider	Sweet	
ROSS-ON-WYE, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire	Farmhouse Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry	Made from a blend of perry pears.	
OLIVERS, Ocle Pychard, Herefordshire	Perry (6.0% ABV) Perry	Medium	
BROADOAK CIDER, Clutton, Somerset	Perry (7.5% ABV) Perry	Sweet, liquid pear drops	
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Waltzing Wasp (7.0% ABV) Cider	Dry	



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