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BRANDON, Brandon, Suffolk	Royal Ginger (4.1% ABV)	A refreshing summer ale. The distinctive mix of malt and hoppy spice, balanced with a gentle but ginger flavour, results in a malty ginger finish.	
BRANDON, Brandon, Suffolk	Rusty Bucket (4.4% ABV)	Based on a traditional best bitter brew. This beer is smooth on the palate and is noted for its soft, but surprisingly fruity flavour.	
BRENTWOOD BREWING COMPANY, Brentwood, Essex	Best (4.2% ABV)	Traditional Bitter, with a reddish tinge and good balance of bitterness and hops, brewed using traditional English Hop varieties.	
BUFFY'S, Tivetshall St. Mary's, Norwich	Mucky Duck (4.5% ABV)		
BUFFY'S, Tivetshall St. Mary's, Norwich	Rogers Ruin (6.2% ABV)		
CHURCH END, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire	Grave Digger's Ale (3.8% ABV)	Dark black and red in colour, with a complex mixture of chocolate and roast flavours. The use of two different hops, gives the beer a complex feel and smooth finish.	
CHURCH END, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire	Stout Coffin (4.6% ABV)	Black, chewy and creamy. A first class example of what a stout should be.	
CHURCH END, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire	What's The Fox's Hat (4.2% ABV)	A full golden coloured beer with a soft hop flavour and finish.	
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Chittering, Cambridge	Darwin's Downfall (5.0% ABV)	Named in honour of Charles Darwin's link with the University City, the beer has been tried by a descendant who said Darwin would have approved! A blended ruby-golden coloured fruity flavour bitter with a tangy aftertaste.	
CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Amarillo (5.2% ABV)	The Amarillo variety has become one of our favourite hops - glorious smells and lasting spicy flavour.	
ELGOODS, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	Black Dog (3.6% ABV)		
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FAMOUS RAILWAY TAVERN, Brightlingsea, Essex	Crab & Winkle (3.7% ABV)		
FAMOUS RAILWAY TAVERN, Brightlingsea, Essex	Fireside (4.8% ABV)		
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Pucks Folly (4.2% ABV)	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 2	
FELSTAR, Felsted, Essex	Essex Spice (5.8% ABV)		
FRONT STREET, Binham, Norfolk	Callums Ale (4.3% ABV)		

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GREEN JACK, Lowestoft, Suffolk	Orange Wheat (4.2% ABV)	Light with grainy fruit, citrus and marmalade flavours, the big favourite of our regulars and locals.	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	Hartthrob (3.7% ABV)		
HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex	Parkeston Porter (4.5% ABV)	More heavily hopped robust porter in the new-world style. Influenced by US brewers, this porter combines the noble hops of Middle Europe with the best of US hops to create a smooth beer.	
HOLDEN'S, Dudley, West Midlands	Black Country (3.9% ABV)		
HOLDEN'S, Dudley, West Midlands	Galloping Major (4.6% ABV)		
HOLDEN'S, Dudley, West Midlands	Special (5.1% ABV)	A Dark amber premium beer with robust malty overtones and a bitter sweet full bodied taste. Brewed using the Finest English Maris Otter Malt and Goldings hops this big, beautiful malty monster is an industrial strength beer at it's best.	
ICENI, Ickburgh, Norfolk	Celtic Queen (4.0% ABV)		
ICENI, Ickburgh, Norfolk	Rasberry Wheat (5.0% ABV)	An American style ale, delicately flavoured with summer fruits. Made with Hersbrucker hops, wheat and lager malt	
JAMES GOODE BROWN, Ridgewell, Essex	TBA		
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Micawber's (3.5% ABV)		
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	Severn Bore (3.8% ABV)		
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Braintree Pride (4.2% ABV)		
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Essex Border (4.8% ABV)	A new golden beer from Nethergate, drinking more like a best bitter than its strength suggests. The fruity and spicy overtones are noticeable from the start on the nose and palate, whilst at the end the the sweet, soft orange notes return, resulting in a	
NETHERGATE, Pentlow, Essex	Umble Ale (3.8% ABV)	Freshly toasted coriander seeds are added to the grist and at the later stages of the boil, resulting in a festival of flavour and aroma. This delightful beer is a real thirst quencher, and is particularly good as an accompaniment to curry. Winner of num	
OLD CANNON, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk	Gunner's Daughter (5.5% ABV)	A well-balanced strong ale with a complexity of hop, fruit, sweetness and bitterness in the	

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PITFIELD, Great Horkesley, Essex	1850 London Porter (5.0% ABV)		
RED SQUIRREL, Hartford, 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.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Littlebury Lighthouse (4.4% ABV)		
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Muntjac (3.7% ABV)	Traditional medium copper coloured session bitter. Brewed with Crystal, Amber and Maris Otter malts along with Challenger and Fuggles hops to give floral notes in the aroma. Pleasantly bitter in taste with plenty of hop character and slight sweetness.	
SALOPIAN, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Abbey Gates (4.3% ABV)	A copper coloured best bitter with a distinctive floral aroma. Crystal and black Malt give rich body, and a triple hopping of Goldings and Styrian Goldings provides a fine flavour and finish.	
SALOPIAN, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Golden Thread (5% ABV)	A triple hopping of English First Gold gives powerful citrusy flavours and vinous aromas, however the malt grist of barley, wheat and lager gives plenty of body and sweetness which balances the assertive bitterness.	
SALOPIAN, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Lemon Dream (4.5% ABV)	A Wheat beer very much in the modern English style – served bright and top fermented. The recipe uses a small amount of fresh lemon to compliment the citrusy flavours produced by the wheat malt. Each of the Hops used, Goldings, Saaz and Cascade add fres	
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.	
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.	
SPECTRUM, Tharston, Norfolk	42 (4.2% ABV)		
SPECTRUM, Tharston, Norfolk	Black Buffle (4.5% ABV)		
ST. PETER'S, Bungay, Suffolk	Old Style Porter (5.1% ABV)	This fine beer is a blend of a mature old ale and a younger light beer – just as a true Porter should be. The marriage produces an extremely characterful brew which is dark in colour and complex in taste. CAMRA Champion Beer of Suffolk 2005 / Bronze meda	
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.	
WOLF, Besthorpe, Attleborough, Norfolk	Straw Dog (4.5% ABV)	Pale and refreshing, this clear wheat beer is brewed in the German style. Soft German hops added to the brew give a wonderful aroma and slightly sweet taste to leave the imbiber wanting more!	
WOODFORDE'S, Woodbastwick, Norfolk	Sundew Ale (4.1% ABV)	Subtle golden beer - pale in colour and light on the palate with the distinctive hoppy Woodforde's finish. Deliciously golden and refreshing	

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The Cider & Perry Bar			
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Orchard Express (6.5% ABV)		
DOUBLE VISION CIDER, Maidstone, Kent	Double Vision (7.4% ABV)		
DOUBLE VISION CIDER, Maidstone, Kent	Impaired Vision (7.4% ABV)		
GWATKINS, Abbeydore, Herefordshire	Dry Thorn (7.5% ABV)		
GWATKINS, Abbeydore, Herefordshire	Stoke Red (7.5% ABV)		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Haymaker (6.5% ABV)		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Two Trees Perry (5.5% ABV)		

