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| The Essex Bar | | | |
| CROUCH VALE, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex | Brewers Gold (4.0% ABV) | 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. | |
| FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex | A Drop of Nelsons 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 | Dark Horse (6.6% ABV) | | |
| HA'PENNY BREWING, Ilford, Essex | Gog Magog (5.0% ABV) | | |
| HA'PENNY BREWING, Ilford, Essex | Sixteen-String Jack (3.8% ABV) | A golden brown coloured, highly hopped IPA, gently bitter, a little malty and very refreshing. | |
| HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex | Hart of a Braintree Lion (4.0% ABV) | As it's name suggests this distinctive beer is perhaps the "king" of all ales. Full bodied for it's strength, this is a well balanced Premium Bitter with a glorious aroma of hops. With an ABV of 4.0% it follow the theme of CAMRA's 40th anniversary year. It is these attributes that make this Lion hearted ale such a roaring success. | |
| HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex | EPA100 (3.8% ABV) | Blonde, hoppy beer, with masses of late addition Centennial hops for a long lasting citrus finish | |
| HARWICH TOWN BREWING COMPANY, Harwich, Essex | Ganges (4.0% ABV) | Ruby red English bitter with orange notes from massive addition of Styrian Goldings | |
| MERSEA ISLAND, Mersea Island, Colchester, Essex | Gold (4.4% ABV) | Made using Lager Malt and Hops especially chosen for a Lager / Pilsner style of ale. This beer is very refreshing and makes a great addition to Barbeques and Parties. | |
| MERSEA ISLAND, Mersea Island, Colchester, Essex | Lion Bitter (3.9% ABV) | A pale amber Bitter with great nutty & caramel flavours. Made using a combination of 6 malts and delicate hopping to give a smooth finish on the taste. | |
| MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex | Morris Traveller (3.8% ABV) | A session bitter, with grassy hop flavours and a nutty, slightly sweet maltiness with a hint of chocolate. | |
| NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex | Lemon Head (4.0% ABV) | The intriguing union of Lemon and Ginger creates an unmistakable thirst quenching surprise. | |
| NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex | Mary Ruby Mild (4.5% ABV) | A deep ruby mild, the aroma is full to the brim with chocolate, smoke and malty notes with just a hint of hop. The palate is clear and clean, sweetness permeates through the overtones resulting in a warm Goldings finish. | |
| RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex | Fennec Fox (4.5% ABV) | | |

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| SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex | Littlebury Lighthouse (4.4% ABV) | Smooth Amber Ale brewed with Maris Otter barley, dark crystal and amber malts plus Torrified wheat. Boadicea hops help to create a soft mellow full flavour beer with hints of citrus and light floral aromas. | |
| SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex | Barnfield Bitter (3.8% ABV) | Light brown, produced using Golding hops to give a pleasantly drinkable bitterness. | |
| SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex | Levelly Black (4.8% ABV) | Winter stout, dark malty and smooth. | |
| STICKLEGS, Gt. Bromley, Essex | Nemesis (5.0% ABV) | Colchester 2010 Winter Festival winner with bags of flavour to match its strength | |
| STICKLEGS, Gt. Bromley, Essex | Old Forge Bitter (3.8% ABV) | A traditional bitter, brewed with Fuggles and Goldings hops. | |
| 'THE COMPASSES', Littley Green, Essex | Compasses Bitter (3.9% ABV) | A brewery so new, nobody knows quite what this will be. | |
| 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. | |
| WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex | Seasonal Special (4.1% ABV) | | |
| Pennine Aleway Bar | | | |
| BRASS MONKEY, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire | Golden Monkey (4.1% ABV) | As the name suggests, a pale hoppy bitter. Very popular using hops from the antipodes | |
| BRASS MONKEY, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire | Mandrill (4.2% ABV) | a luscious, hoppy amber ale, full tasting with a touch of caramel and a satisfying finish. | |
| BRASS MONKEY, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire | Silverback (5.0% ABV) | Not one for the faint hearted, but the regulars love it. A beast of a golden bitter, full of aromas with a citrus nose | |
| BRASS MONKEY, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire | Very Mild Monkey (3.6% ABV) | Rich and malty | |
| 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 | Challenger (3.9% ABV) | A truly traditional premium ale brewed to revive flavours enjoyed by our Victorian ancestors. Full-bodied and fruity with subtle hoppy undertones. | |
| COPPER DRAGON, Skipton, N. Yorkshire | Conqueror (3.6% ABV) | Conqueror is light amber in colour. A floral bitterness with citrus notes subsides to leave a fruity finish with a prominent grapefruit flavour. | |

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| 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. | |
| ELLAND, Elland, West Yorkshire | 1872 Porter (6.5% ABV) | Rich, complex and dark Porter from an original 1872 recipe, with an old port nose, and coffee and bitter chocolate flavours on the palate. | |
| ELLAND, Elland, West Yorkshire | Bargee (3.8% ABV) | Bargee is a full flavoured bitter brewed with three different malts and English hops. An ideal session bitter. | |
| ELLAND, Elland, West Yorkshire | Elland Best (4.0% ABV) | A dry and aromatic bitter made with Maris Otter malt and using hops from England and America. Strong on aroma with a bitter finish. | |
| ELLAND, Elland, West Yorkshire | Nettlethraasher (4.4% ABV) | Copper coloured traditional strong ale, brewed using six different malts and robust flavours from the combined use of English hop varieties. | |
| GOOSE EYE, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Barmpot (3.8% ABV) | A Pale golden additive free traditionally brewed fruity beer with a refreshing lingering taste of hops. | |
| GOOSE EYE, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Goose Eye Bitter (3.9% ABV) | | |
| GOOSE EYE, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Over & Stout (5.2% ABV) | A dark moreish stout with a slight hint of chocolate. | |
| GOOSE EYE, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Pommie's Revenge (5.2% ABV) | An extra strong single malt bitter. Very palatable without the heaviness of an old ale but with the same effect. | |
| NAYLORS, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Pinnacle Blonde (4.3% ABV) | This premium blonde beer, brewed using Optic malt along with a touch of wheat has citrus and spice flavours with a floral finish, provided by Hallertauer hops. | |
| NAYLORS, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Pinnacle Mild (3.6% ABV) | A dark Mild, using lots of Crystal malt to give a sweet, malty flavour, balanced by bitterness and aroma from Progress and Goldings hops. | |
| NAYLORS, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Pinnacle Porter (4.8% ABV) | Chocolate malt and roasted barley give flavours of coffee and cacao in this rich, dark beer. Generous use of hops balances the flavours to deliver a smooth satisfying pint | |
| NAYLORS, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Pinnacle Stout (4.1% ABV) | | |
| OLD BEAR, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Black Mari'a (4.2% ABV) | A wholesome jet black stout, smooth on the palate, brewed with Yorkshire malt and roasted barley and blended with two English hops, producing a strong roast malt flavour with a fruity finish. | |
| OLD BEAR, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Bruin (3.5% ABV) | A true Yorkshire mild beer. A mix of three malts, one being dark chocolate, giving a soft bronze colour. The combination of English goldings and fuggles hops, gives off a sharp wild blackcurrant after taste with a smoothness to follow. Worthy of the great tasting old style milds. | |
| OLD BEAR, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Goldilocks (4.5% ABV) | This is a light golden ale, refreshingly enticing with a pungent hoppy taste but with a lemon tangy fruit aroma which comes from the complex blend of four hops, one being northern brewer, leaving a clean wheaty citrus flavour on the palate. | |

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| OLD BEAR, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Great Bear (3.9% ABV) | A new session beer which has been added to the Old Bear range, this ale is a rich copper colour which comes from the use of 5 malts and has a good depth of flavour provided by the Saaz, Fuggles and Mount Hood hops. | |
| OLD BEAR, Keighley, West Yorkshire | Honeypot (4.4% ABV) | A Yorkshire ale made with Yorkshire honey. The straw colour comes from the finest maris otter malt enhanced with the golden honey which adds to the amber glow. A single delicate hop added to the honey gives both aroma and taste creating a perfect balance to this truly refreshing ale. | |
| Speciality Bar | | | |
| COACH HOUSE BREWING, Howley, Warrington | Blueberry (5.0% ABV) | A traditional brewed beer but with the addition of fresh Blueberries. The beer is a wonderful golden colour with a light hoppy aroma and a distinctly fruity after-taste. SIBA National Gold Medal Winner 2011 now "Best Speciality Beer in the Country" | |
| COACH HOUSE BREWING, Howley, Warrington | Passion Fruit (5.0% ABV) | A traditional brewed beer but with the addition of fresh Passion Fruit. The beer is a wonderful golden colour with a light hoppy aroma and a distinctly fruity after-taste. | |
| COACH HOUSE BREWING, Howley, Warrington | Ginger & Lemon (5.0% ABV) | A traditional brewed beer but with the addition of fresh Lemon and Ginger. The beer is a wonderful golden colour with a light hoppy aroma and a distinctly fruity after-taste. | |
| LITTLE VALLEY, Hebden Bridge, W. Yorks | Hebden's Wheat Draught (4.5% ABV) | A white hazy beer with aromas of coriander and lemon. Hebden's Wheat is a refreshing drink with a fresh, classic finish. | |
| LIVERPOOL ONE, Liverpool, Merseyside | Mersey Mist (4.0% ABV) | A Pale cloudy wheat beer flavoured with oranges and lemons with a hint of coriander | |
| OSSETT, Ossett, W. Yorks | White Rose Wheat (4.5% ABV) | Brewed from pale wheat and barley malts, this brand new beer has a distinctive wheat beer character, without the cloudiness usually associated with that style. Low bitterness with a delicate floral/fruity hop aroma. | |
| PICTISH, Rochdale, Lancs. | Ginger Ale (3.9% ABV) | A pale amber coloured ale brewed with ginger for a powerful spicy flavour. | |
| SALTAIRE, Shipley, W. Yorks | Blackberry Cascade (4.8% ABV) | American style pale ale, hopped with Cascade and Centennial hops. Infused with a hint of Blackberries. | |
| SALTAIRE, Shipley, W. Yorks | Raspberry Blonde (4.0% ABV) | Refreshing blonde ale delicately infused with raspberry flavours. | |
| SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex | Springfield (6.0% ABV) | A refreshing, crisp, clean bitter made from a careful blend of wheat and barley malt with plenty of fizz, ideal for an afternoon in the beer garden. | |
| Other Beer | | | |
| O'HANLON'S, Whimple, Devon | Firefly Bitter (3.7% ABV) | Citrus fruit balanced with a well-crafted sense of biscuity maltiness - most refreshing. A good session beer. | |
| RED SQUIRREL, Hertford, Hertfordshire | Red Tail Citra (3.6% ABV) | Dominant Citra hop aroma producing a floral fresh style, with citrusy overtones & a smooth satisfying mouth feel. | |
| Cider & Perry Bar | | | |
| BROADOAK, Clutton, Somerset | Perry (7.5% ABV) | Sweet, liquid pear drops | |

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| CARTER'S, Colchester, Essex | Cider (7.0% ABV) | A scrumpy like still medium-dry cider made from Spartan apples grown in a nearby organic orchard. | |
| CROMWELL, Huntingdon, Cambs | Oliver's Sweetheart | As its name suggest is the sweetest in our range. | |
| DELVIN END, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham | Pheasant Plucker (7.0% ABV) | Medium dry, fruity and cloudy | |
| EVERSHED'S, Odell, Bedfordshire | Falstaff (SV) | | |
| GREEN VALLEY CYDER, Exeter, Devon | Cider | | |
| GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff | Two Trees Perry | | |
| JOLLYDALE CYDER, Stamford, Lincolnshire | Cider (6.0% ABV) | | |
| MOORES PERRY, Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire | Perry (6.0% ABV) | | |
| ROSS ON WYE, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire | Cider | | |

