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BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Devine (5.1% ABV) Premium	Perfected over six generations of master brewers, this ale is a nod to a classic Ridley's recipe. A festival of English flavours featuring spice, nuttiness and caramel, nicely balanced with a mellow hoppiness. Pours dark amber with a deliciously dense creamy head and a warming malt aroma. Devote your senses to this worthy brew.	
BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Revelry 17 (4.5% ABV) Golden	With hops packed in like tents at Glastonbury, Revelry is a full-bodied, boisterous festival of a beer. It doesn't matter if the sun isn't shining at this Summer bash. We've got the tropical passionfruit flavours of New Zealand hop Rakau with the refreshing citrus twist of British Archer hops. You just bagged the last deck chair.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	AKA Pale (4.2% ABV) Pale Ale	1900s pale ale, mildly hopped. Fresh, fruity and very easy drinking.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Sweeney Todd (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A full flavoured best bitter with a deep red hue. Roasted malt flavours and a subtle dry spiciness provided by crystal rye. Delicate hop flavours from late additions of U.S Willamette hops.	
FALLEN ANGEL BREWERY, Writtle, Essex	Angry Ox (4.8% ABV) Bitter	Smooth pale ale style bitter with hints of chocolate and caramel. Medium amber in colour. Smooth on the palate but full of strength and flavour.	
FALLEN ANGEL BREWERY, Writtle, Essex	Cow Girl (4.2% ABV) Copper Ale	Traditionally styled Copper Ale. A full flavoured hoppy copper ale with a smooth taste and finish. Made with East Kent Goldings hops to give a slightly fruity quaffable beer.	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Ark Royal (5.2% ABV) Bitter	TBA	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Ella (3.9% ABV) Golden	A tribute to the jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, but it's the Australian hop Ella that's the star of the show here. A golden ale with peach and tropical aromas.	
FOX MEADOW, Braintree, Essex	510 Bitter (5.7% ABV) Bitter	Strong traditional bitter ale. Deep Copper Colour	
FOX MEADOW, Braintree, Essex	Goldmine (4.3% ABV) Golden	An easy drinking light golden ale with flavours of citrus, passion fruit, orange, ginger and pine	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	IPA (3.5% ABV) Bitter	TBA	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Arbor Gold (3.7% ABV) Golden	Floral and fruity aromas. Smooth with slight malt and green hop finish	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Mad Men (4.2% ABV) Bitter	Gently hopped, amber ale with a malty sweet finish	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pale Oktober (3.8% ABV) Golden	Originally brewed for the Green Man's Oktoberfest in 2016, this pale golden ale is brewed from a combination of English pale malts and Munich malt to give a light and crisp base that highlights the distinct citrus and tropical fruit notes coming from U.S Chinook and Cascade hop varieties. It has proven to be popular with local drinkers in any month of the year and is now brewed on a regular basis.	

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PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pumphouse Bitter (3.6% ABV) Bitter	Easy-drinking session ale brewed from English Maris Otter malted barley. Amber in colour, it has a clean maltiness and moderate bitterness that is balanced with a distinctive hoppy aroma from a combination of UK-grown hops.	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Coggeshall Gold (4% ABV) Golden	A very light golden beer with a small percentage of wheat. With an intense aroma and flavour of Lemons, Grapefruit and Lychee..	
RED FOX, Coggeshall, Essex	Wolf (4.5% ABV) Golden	TBA	
ROUND TOWER, Chelmsford, Essex	2 MT (4.4% ABV) Golden	Named after the call sign for the radio broadcasts from Writtle, this refreshing pale ale is hopped with Simcoe and Summit.	
ROUND TOWER, Chelmsford, Essex	Stout (4.3% ABV) Stout	Made with 8 different malts, this stout is rich, complex and quaffable	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Levelly Gold (4% ABV) Golden	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	Shalford 1319 Mild (3.7% ABV) Mild	Roast malt and delicate chocolate sweetness with a slight bitter finish.	
SILKS BREWERY, Sible Hedingham, Essex	Centenary Gold (4.0% ABV) Golden	A lion coloured celebration ale. Roaring with 5 of the finest East Anglian malts and pawfuls of Goldings and Challenger whole UK hops. With a biscuity and sweet malt taste followed by a spicy bitterness leaving your mouth feeling king of the jungle - Festival Beer 2017	
SILKS BREWERY, Sible Hedingham, Essex	Molly's Jolly Mild (4.0% ABV) Mild	A dark and delicious mild with smooth chocolate and roasted coffee for a moreish, mellow flavour.	
WITHAM BREWERY, Witham, Essex	Beer With No Name (4.3% ABV) Bitter	TBA	
BEXLEY, Erith, Gtr London.	Golden Acre (4.0% ABV) Golden	Our golden ale, named after the small green next to St Johns Church in Bexley Village. A single malt golden ale made from Maris Otter barley and combined with US and Australian bittering hops to produce a refreshing ale with a zesty citrus flavour.	
BEXLEY, Erith, Gtr London.	Redhouse (4.2% ABV) Bitter	Named after the famous Red House in Bexleyheath, home of William Morris, one the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement. REDHOUSE is a darker Pale Ale combining Crystal malts with English Goldings hops for a richer flavour. This ale has a very clean finish and late-hop bitterness.	
BINGHAMS, Ruscombe, Berkshire.	Brickworks Bitter (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A malty 4.2% ABV bitter which is chestnut in colour with a slightly nutty hint. Hops balance the maltiness to provide a well rounded best bitter.	
BINGHAMS, Ruscombe, Berkshire.	Chilli Hot Dog Stout (5.0% ABV) Stout	First developed for Bonfire Night 2011, this stout has a warming chilli afterglow. It aims to have just enough chilli to produce a pleasant aftertaste, without having so much that it will have you dashing for some water to put the fire out on your tongue!	

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BINGHAMS, Ruscombe, Berkshire.	Space Hoppy IPA (5.0% ABV) Golden	Space Hoppy IPA is a pale golden ale and the hops impart a citrus flavour to make this beer hugely refreshing and ideal for accompanying most foods. The citrus hop character cuts through fatty or spicy foods allowing it to be equally as refreshing with food from the barbeque, or even with a curry!	
THE DARTFORD WOBBLERS BREWERY, Dartford, Kent.	Country Wobbler (4.8% ABV) Bitter	Our newest and strongest beer has been very popular with our customers, it provides bold flavours of malt and hops with a long clean and dry finish.	
THE DARTFORD WOBBLERS BREWERY, Dartford, Kent.	Curiously Dark Mild (3.6% ABV) Mild	A dark mild with a roasted malt flavour and some background fruit notes, leading to a dry after taste.	
THE DARTFORD WOBBLERS BREWERY, Dartford, Kent.	Golden Wobbler (4.1% ABV) Golden	A pale, golden malty beer with complex citrus and lightly-spiced flavours. It can be drunk a little on the cold side.	
LODDON, Dunsden, Oxon	Ferryman's Gold (4.4% ABV) Golden	Brewed using Slovenian Stryian Golding hops which impart a zesty Lime flavour. The mix of Cara malt and Wheat malt give a smooth, creamy body to the beer.	
LODDON, Dunsden, Oxon	Forbury Lion (5.5% ABV) Bitter	An IPA as an IPA should be: packed with a full malty flavour and a strong complex hop finish imparted by Styrian Goldings and Fuggles.	
LODDON, Dunsden, Oxon	Hoppit Bitter (3.5% ABV) Bitter	The predominant hops in Hoppit are East Kent Goldings which traditionally have a Seville Orange marmalade flavour. As well as Pale Ale malt, Hoppit also contains dark Invert Sugar which gives the beer its smooth taste.	
NEW RIVER BREWERY, Hoddesdon	Blind Poet (4.5% ABV) Porter	Dark porter; lightly smoked aroma, smooth chocolate malt flavour	
NEW RIVER BREWERY, Hoddesdon	Twin Spring (4.0% ABV) Golden	Mellow golden ale, kiwi hops	
PORTOBELLO, London.	Market Porter (4.6% ABV) Porter	This blend of six malts, five hops & roasted barley speaks to the diversity that has characterized the Portobello Road for almost a hundred years. Expect coffee & chocolate notes with warming alcohol on the finish	
PORTOBELLO, London.	American Pale Ale (5.0% ABV) IPA	Portobello American Pale Ale uses six different hops to create a fruity, clean & refreshing beer with citrusy notes of orange and pink grapefruit. Absolutely packed full of flavor... freedom for your taste buds!	
REBELLION, Marlow Bottom, Bucks	Angel (4.2% ABV) Bitter	This red ale combines classic British hops with a speciality German malt. The hops impart a gentle floral character, in the style of a traditional bitter. The Carared malt adds a gentle sweet maltiness, as well as the deep red colour.	
REBELLION, Marlow Bottom, Bucks	Rebellion Blonde (4.3% ABV) Golden	A light golden Summer beer, with a citrusy hop character. Serve it slightly cooler than usual for an ale, to enhance its refreshing quality.	

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SIGNATURE, Leyton, London.	Session (4.0% ABV) Bitter	Session is our homage to the humble session musician, slaving away for much less credit than their skill deserves. Brewed to stand the test of time, a solid 4/4 studio band playing perfectly on the beat that will impress you without you even noticing. It won't throw your tastebuds out of a hotel window, but it will keep you coming back. It encompasses the finest British Malts with some New Zealand hops that give a mouthfeel and taste that makes for the most interesting bitter you've ever had four of, and you'll probably be able to still lay down that bass hook afterwards.	
SIGNATURE, Leyton, London.	Backstage IPA (5.6% ABV) Bitter	Expect big hop hits on a solid malt base. Hops - Centennial, Columbus, Chinook, Cascade	
WINDSOR & ETON, Windsor, Berks.	Knight of the Garter (3.8% ABV) Golden	A flaxen-coloured, easy drinking Golden Ale, brewed with American Amarillo whole leaf hops giving a distinctive fresh citrus aroma reminiscent of cut grapefruit.	
WINDSOR & ETON, Windsor, Berks.	Conqueror Black IPA (5.0% ABV) Black IPA	This beer is brewed in the IPA style ie strong, dry and hoppy (historically all features to cope with the arduous journey to India) but it certainly isn't pale. But even in Victorian times, these dark IPAs were around and described as 'a dark beer of the Burton style'. The blackness of Conqueror is produced using a blend of 5 malts including Chocolate, dark Crystal, Carafo and Smoked malt.	
XT BREWING, Long Crendon, Bucks.	XT1 Blonde (4.2% ABV) Golden	Citrus and fruity hops flirt with reserved English barley and some very naughty Bohemian malts to make a characterful blonde ale that you'll want to meet again.	
XT BREWING, Long Crendon, Bucks.	XT15 English IPA (4.5% ABV) Bitter	Brewed to celebrate the new varieties of English Hops. This is an English IPA triple hopped, pale amber ale with caramel malt notes, lasting floral, hop character.	
XT BREWING, Long Crendon, Bucks.	Simian (4.6% ABV) Red	A rich red ale hopped up to give a special extra hoppy finish. Part of the Animal Brewing series	
The Cider & Perry Bar			
APPLE COTTAGE, Hertfordshire	F.T.J. Filthy Tramp Juice (6.7% ABV) Cider		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	Galanthus Perry (5.0% ABV) Perry		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	OBSession (4.5% ABV) Cider		
BIG BEAR, Essex	Cider (5.6% ABV) Cider		
BURNARD'S, Norfolk	Scrumpy (6.4% ABV) Cider		
CARTER'S VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Essex Cider (6.5% ABV) Cider		
CASSELS, Cambridgeshire	Bourn Bounty (7.0% ABV) Cider		

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DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Summer Festival (6.5% ABV) Cider		
DELVIN END CIDERY, Delvin End, Sible Hedingham	Waltzing Wasp (7.0% ABV) Cider		
DUDDA'S TUN, Kent	Pear o Duddas (5.5% ABV) Perry		
DUXFORD SCRUMPY COMPANY, Cambridgeshire	Core Activity (6.3% ABV) Cider		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Black Dragon (7.2% ABV) Cider		
GWYNT Y DDRAIG, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff	Two Trees Perry (4.5% ABV) Perry		
SHEPPYS CIDER, Taunton, Somerset	Farmhouse Sweet (6.0% ABV) Cider		
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Bacchus (12.0% ABV) Wine	White, Dry	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Reichensteiner (12.0% ABV) Wine	White, Med. Dry	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Reserve (10.5% ABV) Wine	Red	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Rose (11.5% ABV) Wine	Rose	

