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BLUE SHACK, Chelmsford, Essex	Blue Shack Bitter (3.8% ABV) Bitter	A slightly hazy copper brown bitter. Aroma of biscuit, caramel, malt, hop and fruit. Medium sweetness, moderate but developing bitterness.	
BLUE SHACK, Chelmsford, Essex	Blue Shack Pale Ale (3.8% ABV) Golden	A pale gold with an aroma of hop, citrus, grass and straw. Medium sweetness, light bitterness.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Bearded Lady (4.4% ABV) Golden	The latest in the Freak Show theme. A golden bitter with slightly malty sweetness to complement the spicy, herbal and floral flavours and aromas from US hops Chinook and Mount Head.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Jack Spitty's Smuggler's Ale (4.0% ABV) Golden	A golden ale with a hoppy finish	
FARMERS ALES, Maldon, Essex	Born to be Mild (4.7% ABV) Mild	The Easy Riding full bodied and smooth Mild is back. Not your usual mild, Born to be Mild is stronger at 4.7%, and full of rich liquorice and roasted flavours.	
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.	
HART OF STEBBING, Stebbing, Essex	Hart IPA (3.5% ABV) Bitter	Tasting notes not available.	
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 Mild	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Whirligig (4.5% ABV) Brown Ale	A brown ale, with a crisp, mild coffee, nutty character with hints of caramel, and a pleasant pine, cedar and honey hop finish.	
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	Dirty Dog Stout (4.2% ABV) Stout	Rich bitter stout with hints of vanilla and fruit with a tangy hop finish.	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pumphouse Jenny (4.0% ABV) Bitter		
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Golden Pride (4.2% ABV) Golden	Festival Beer 2018.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Agnes Waterhouse (5.2% ABV) Porter	A coffee porter brewed with chocolate and dark crystal malts to give rich aromas of molasses & coffee.	
SAFFRON, Henham, Stansted, Essex	Flying Serpent (4.5% ABV) Brown Ale	Deep reddish brown ale. A rich velvety smooth beer with hints of roasted nuts and fruity floral aromas	
SHALFORD, Shalford, Essex	Draught Horse (3.8% ABV) Bitter	Specially brewed light brown bitter reins in at 3.8%. Reliable and full of character.	
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.	

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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.	
SILKS BREWERY, Sible Hedingham, Essex	Old Man Shirv (4.5% ABV) Bitter	Like the legend this copper coloured ale is full of character. A smooth and fruity ale using classic Fuggle and Challenger hops, it has a rich malty aroma that leaves a lasting impression.	
VENDETTA BREWING COMPANY, Southend-on-Sea, Essex	Irish Red Ale (5.0% ABV) Red Ale	Wonderfully traditionally crafted, complex tasting yet balanced beer using 6 grain varieties.	
VENDETTA BREWING COMPANY, Southend-on-Sea, Essex	Vendetta Gold (4.0% ABV) Golden	Classic easy drinking light session gold with a nice tropical fruit and pine hop aroma using German & American hop varieties.	
THE WHITE HART BREWERY, Halstead, Essex	Hill Climber (4.6% ABV) Bitter		
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.	
WIBBLERS, Mayland, Essex	Triple N - Nutty Nettie's Nectar (6.5% ABV) Golden	Well balanced melon - citrus with pine and malty aroma. Finish is spicy and slightly resinous with a bitter finish.	
GREEN JACK, Lowestoft, Suffolk	Orange Wheat (4.2% ABV) Wheat/Fruit	Light with grainy fruit, citrus and marmalade flavours, the big favourite of our regulars and locals.	
TURPINS, Pampisford, Cambs.	Strawberry Haze (3.9% ABV) Wheat/Fruit	Aromas: citrus, blueberry and strawberry. Flavours: tropical fruit, pine and a hint of strawberries	
ALLENDALE, Allendale, Northumberland	Wagtail Best Bitter (3.8% ABV) Bitter	A traditional Best Bitter. Superbly balanced with a floral hop aroma from Goldings and Fuggles hops.	
ALLENDALE, Allendale, Northumberland	Golden Plover (4.0% ABV) Golden	Blonde beer with delicate floral aroma with hints of citrus.	
AYR, Ayr, Ayrshire	Leezie Lundie Pale Ale (3.8% ABV) Golden	The nose has Grapefruit and Pine which slowly opens up to give a delicate sweet maltiness. The palate is full and creamy with a long refreshing finish.	
AYR, Ayr, Ayrshire	Jolly Beggars Best Bitter (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A traditional Best Bitter style beer with a malty backbone and the flavours of toffee, fruit and citrus hops. Hopped with German Brewers Gold.	
AYR, Ayr, Ayrshire	Rabbies Porter (4.3% ABV) Porter	A robust and full bodied Porter style beer with a rich flavor of dark treacle and fruits and a slightly smoky edge. Hopped with UK Challenger and Progress.	
BUSHY'S, Douglas, Isle of Man	Ruby 1874 Mild (3.5% ABV) Mild	An authentic 100% malt brewed mild with a fine aroma of crystal malt and fuggles and challenger hops. Deep red in colour, the flavour is well balanced creating a popular session beer.	
BUSHY'S, Douglas, Isle of Man	Manx Bitter (3.8% ABV) Bitter	An aroma of pale malt and hops introduces you to a beautifully hoppy bitter beer, despite the predominant hop character, malt is also evident, fresh and clean tasting.	

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DRYGATE, Glasgow	Seven Peaks IPA (5.0% ABV) Bitter	A Mosaic hop IPA with bold and incredibly complex hop aromatics and a crisp dry malt backbone.	
ENNERDALE, Frizington, Cumbria	Darkest (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A dark bitter, remarkably quaffable beer with a rich, velvety texture, a definite chocolate flavour and a creamy head.	
ENNERDALE, Frizington, Cumbria	Wild Ennerdale (4.2% ABV) Golden	A golden amber coloured real ale, well-hopped with two varieties of English grown hops, yielding a good hop aroma and well rounded bitterness. Brewed in association with the Wild Ennerdale Partnership which aims to allow the Ennerdale landscape to evolve	
HAWKSHEAD, Staveley, Cumbria	Hawkshead Bitter (3.7% ABV) Bitter	A pale, hoppy and bitter ale: a slight elderflower aroma from Slovenian "Celeia" hops, followed by long bitterness. The hikers' favourite -- the perfect thirst quencher after a day on the Fells. A great session bitter.	
HIGH HOUSE FARM, Matfen, Northumberland	Nel's Best (4.2% ABV) Golden	Golden coloured premium ale, single hopped with Goldings. An easy drinking ale which is not overly bitter and has a slight dry finish.	
HIGH HOUSE FARM, Matfen, Northumberland	Black Moss (4.3% ABV) Porter	A dark full bodied quality porter with a lightly roasted aroma, and a smooth bitter chocolate finish. The ale is named after one of the collie dogs that used to work on the farm. It has an ABV of 4.3% and is brewed with farm grown malt, Northumbrian water	
HIGH HOUSE FARM, Matfen, Northumberland	Matfen Magic (4.8% ABV) Bitter	Brown in colour and hopped with a combination of Fuggles and Bramling Cross, this traditional premium ale has a beautiful aroma of blackcurrants and autumn fruits with malty/chocolate overtones.	
HOODED RAM, Douglas, Isle of Man	Jack the Ram Stout (4.7% ABV) Stout	This is a classic stout named after my mums dad Jack has rich chocolate coffee aromas and is silky smooth to taste	
KELBURN, Glasgow	Pivo Estivo (3.9% ABV) Bitter	A pale, dry, citrus, hoppy session ale. Its name is derived from the Czech for Beer and the Italian for Summer.	
KELBURN, Glasgow	Red Smiddy (4.1% ABV) Red	Red Smiddy is a smooth, dry ale with a unique spicy aroma and flavour. Its reddish hue, warm glow and tight head gives it a presence that makes it stand out.	
KNOPS, Dirleton, E. Lothian	East Coast Pale (3.8% ABV) Golden	A straw coloured balanced and light sessionable pale ale. Fuggle hops are used for bittering while the more delicate Bobek and Hersbrucker hops are used for aroma and flavour.	
KNOPS, Dirleton, E. Lothian	California Common (4.6% ABV) Golden	A deep golden coloured, light easy-drinking beer brewed with California ale yeast it has a balance of malty/toffee sweetness and a hop bite which is refreshing rather than overwhelming.	
STEWART, Edinburgh, Lothian	Crossfire APA (4.3% ABV) Golden	A New World hopped golden IPA. Pine and citrus aromas on the nose with a distinct malt profile and a crisp bitterness. A highly hopped IPA which is both easy drinking and complex in its flavour profile.	
STEWART, Edinburgh, Lothian	Stewart's 80/- (4.4% ABV) Bitter	A classic 80/- recipe producing a full bodied, full flavoured auburn coloured beer. It is easy drinking with a malty aroma, light hop and fruity characteristics and a smooth and creamy texture.	

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STRATHAVEN ALES, Lanarkshire	Craigmill Mild (3.5% ABV) Mild	A homage to the brewery which is located in a 17th century flourmill this is a typical dark mild beer of that era. A well balanced dark mild with a rich chocolate aroma. A blend of American hops give this ale a subtle lingering orange zest aftertaste.	
STRATHAVEN ALES, Lanarkshire	Old Mortality 80/- (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A blend of five different types of malt gives this dark chestnut coloured ale a rich dried fruit flavour which is beautifully offset by spicy American hops.	
STRATHAVEN ALES, Lanarkshire	Ebony Oatmeal Stout (4.4% ABV) Stout	A dark inviting oatmeal stout, with a rich chocolate, coffee aroma, hints of dried fruit, with a deep satisfying hoppy finish.	
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APPLE COTTAGE, Hertfordshire	Ratter (6.7% ABV) Cider		
APPLE COTTAGE, Hertfordshire	Special Branch (7.0% ABV) Cider		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	Galanthus Perry (5.0% ABV) Perry		
BERTIE'S, Braintree, Essex	OBSession (4.5% ABV) Cider		
BIDDENDEN, Kent	Stronghold (8.0% ABV) Cider		
C.J.'S, Penrhos, Monmouthshire	Wench (6.0% ABV) Cider		
CAMBRIDGE CIDER CO., Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire	Angry Wasp (6.5% ABV) Cider		
CHRIS' BLEND, Great Chesterford, Essex	Cider (6.9% ABV) Cider		
CROMWELL CIDER, Huntingdon, Cambs	Cavalier Perry (6.7% ABV) Perry		
CROMWELL CIDER, Huntingdon, Cambs	Oliver's Sweetheart (6.4% ABV) Cider		
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		
HECKS FARMHOUSE CIDER, Street, Somerset	Perry (6.5% ABV) Perry	Medium Dry	
MISS TERRY, Great Chesterford, Essex	Cider (6.4% ABV) Cider		
UDDERS ORCHARD, Huddersfield, Yorkshire	Whisky Cask (6.5% ABV) Cider		
VILLAGE GREEN (SUSSEX), Turners Hill, Sussex (West)	Cider (5.7% ABV) Cider		

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DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Bacchus (12.0% ABV) Wine	White, Dry	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Colchester Oyster (12% ABV) Wine		
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Reserve (10.5% ABV) Wine	Red	
DEDHAM VALE VINEYARD, Boxted, Essex	Rose (11.5% ABV) Wine	Rose	

