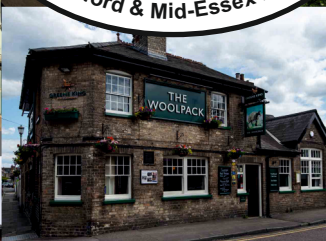




# Chelmsford & Mid-Essex RECOMMENDED PUB GUIDE



## What?Pub

[www.chelmsford.camra.org.uk](http://www.chelmsford.camra.org.uk)



Campaign  
for  
Real Ale

Welcome to the Chelmsford & Mid - Essex CAMRA branch area which includes the towns of Braintree and Witham as well as villages around the city of Chelmsford.



This guide highlights fantastic pubs in our branch area which have been selected for the quality of their real ale, features and attractiveness. Details of the CAMRA Criteria for judging pubs are on Page 21.

All are surveyed and updated by local CAMRA members on [whatpub.com](http://whatpub.com) throughout the year. To establish the quality of the beer available throughout the year please score the beers you drink at the pubs using the **National Beer Scoring System** on [whatpub.com](http://whatpub.com) or the GBG app. Scores can also be handed in at Branch or Committee meetings.

You may include half scores and add in the name of your beer if it is not listed on the drop down menu. See page 20/21 at the back of this guide. We use these scores to aid in the selection of pubs for the Good Beer Guide and our Recommended Pub Guide.

In recognition of the achievement of having been selected for our branch **Recommended Pub Guide** each is awarded a plaque to proudly display. See how many you spot which have been in our RPG since the first one in 2009.



Maps and bus routes are there to guide you but please research your journey to the pubs and getting home.

Public transport information for Essex is available from [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) or 08712 002233.

The entries vary from small locals, traditional village inns, a micro pub and large town centre pubs offering a selection of British Real Ales in excellent condition, often **LocAle** from Essex breweries. More details online at [whatpub.com](http://whatpub.com)

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**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VOTE FOR THE BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR By 28th February to [puboftheyear@chelmsford.camra.org.uk](mailto:puboftheyear@chelmsford.camra.org.uk) stating your CAMRA membership number**

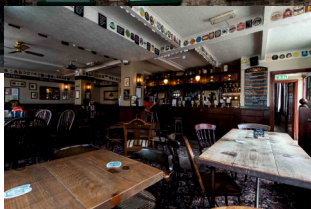
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Every January, Chelmsford & Mid-Essex CAMRA branch members are invited to vote for their “Pub of the Year” using the CAMRA Criteria for Judging Pubs.

We use the criteria for judging the Cider Pub of the Year and for subsequent rounds in the National competitions for Pub of the Year (POTY) for Essex, East Anglia and Super-Regional round as judged by CAMRA members.

## BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR : Woolpack, Chelmsford





## CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR The Hop Beer Shop, Chelmsford



## MOST IMPROVED PUB OF THE YEAR Cross Keys, Hatfield Peveral



The Voting Info for 2020 is on page 21.



## Bicknacre, White Swan

Main Road CM3 4EX (01245) 222826



[thewhiteswanbicknacre.co.uk](http://thewhiteswanbicknacre.co.uk)

*Opening hours: 17:00-23:00 Mon; 12:00-14:30, 17:00-23:00 Tue; 17:00-23:00 Wed; 12:00-14:30, 17:00-23:00 Thu; 12:00-14:30, 17:00-01:00 Fri; 12:00-01:00 Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun*

**Wibblers Dengie Gold, Greene King IPA, Adnams Ghost Ship**

Food times: closed Mon; 12:00-14:00 Tue; 18:00-20:30 Wed; 12:00-14:00, 18:00-20:30 Thu-Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun

Bus: 36 100m

The oldest part of pub is over 100 years old and has been extended and modernised, but has a traditional feel and look. It has a large bar area with ample seating. Fruit and quiz machines plus dart board. Large car park. Hot food is available every day except Monday. The menu is small but varied, the food is substantial and reasonably priced. Sunday lunch available 12-4. There is a Chinese restaurant/take away attached to the pub. Live band most Saturday evenings, quiz night every Thursday, open mic. night every other week and Jam Night first Tuesday of the month.

## Black Notley, Vine Inn

105 The Street CM77 8LL (01376) 324269



[www.vineinn.co.uk](http://www.vineinn.co.uk)

*Opening hours: closed Mon; 16:00-22:00 Tue - Thu; 12:00-23:30 Fri-Sat; 12:00-20:00 Sun*

**3 Changing beers**

Bus: Stephenson's: 21 (from Braintree) 50m

16th century open-plan free house with a central bar, large area to the left and restaurant area to the right. The bar end has a real fire. There is also a small enclosed patio at the back. Home cooked food.

## Blackmore, Leather Bottle

The Green CM4 0RL (01277) 821891



[www.leatherbottle.pub](http://www.leatherbottle.pub)

*Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 11:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun*

**Adnams Ghost Ship, Adnams Southwold Bitter, Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter, Sharp's Doom Bar. 2 Changing beers often local. Westons Old Rosie Cider.**

Food times: closed Mon-Tue; 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:00 Wed-Sat; 13:00-18:00 Sun

Bus: First: 32, EOS: 61 100m

Large village pub refurbished and renovated to a modern open plan room with a real fire at one end. Welcomes children, dogs and ramblers. A conservatory leads to an enclosed garden with picnic tables. This large village pub has a smallish flagstone-floored snug with comfortable seating and a real fire in winter. Four real ales and a cider are always available. Most of the pub is taken up by a high quality restaurant serving freshly cooked local produce. A conservatory leads to an enclosed garden with picnic tables.

## Boreham, Lion Inn

Main Road CM3 3JA (01245) 394900



[www.lioninnhotel.co.uk](http://www.lioninnhotel.co.uk)

Opening hours: 11.30-11; 11.30-11 Sun

**Chelmsford Brew Co Blue Shack Bitter & Pale Ale. 3 Changing beers 1 local 1 national & 1 seasonal**

Food times: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-21:00 Mon-Fri; 11:30-21:00 Sat; 11:30-20:00 Sun

Bus: First: 40, First: 71, First: 73 100m

A large modern bistro pub offering an excellent range of food served at lunchtime and evening. Long L-shaped bar with stools and armchair and sofa seating area for drinkers. Open plan dining with a function room, conservatory and accommodation in the Hotel. BBQs in summer and monthly comedy nights. Outside courtyard area.

## Boreham, Queen's Head

Church Road CM3 3EG (01245) 467298

On lead  
in bar



[www.grayandsons.co.uk/QueensHBoreham.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/QueensHBoreham.htm)

Opening hours: 15:00-22:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-00:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-00:00 Sun

**4 Changing beers**

Food times: closed Mon-Tue; 12:00-14:00, 18:00-21:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-14:00 Sun

Bus: First: 40, First: 71A, First: 71C 100m

In the same family for over 20 years this friendly pub, dating from the 16th century, is tucked away behind houses just past the church. Two contrasting bars, one with bench seating, where darts, dominoes and crib are played, the other is for dining. In the warmer months the garden is a lovely area to sit at one of the picnic benches and enjoy drinks and food in a tranquil setting in view of the village church. Home-cooked food served Wednesday to Sunday. Beer festivals over the Bank Holiday weekends of Easter and August.

## Braintree, King William IV

114 London Road CM77 7PU (01376) 567755



[www.kingwilliamiv.co.uk](http://www.kingwilliamiv.co.uk)

Opening hours: 15:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-00:00 Sun

**4 Changing beers, usually includes a Moody Goose beer brewed at the pub, and other Locales, 3-5 ciders/perry.**

Bus: First: 42, First: 70, First: 352, Stephensons: 950m

An interesting selection of four or five ciders. There is a main bar and a small back bar. A large patio area with picnic tables and extensive gardens are used to host many events throughout the year including Beer Festivals and Musical Events. This free house is a traditional drinking pub that does not offer cooked meals.

# Broads Green, Walnut Tree

Broads Green CM3 1DT (01245) 360222



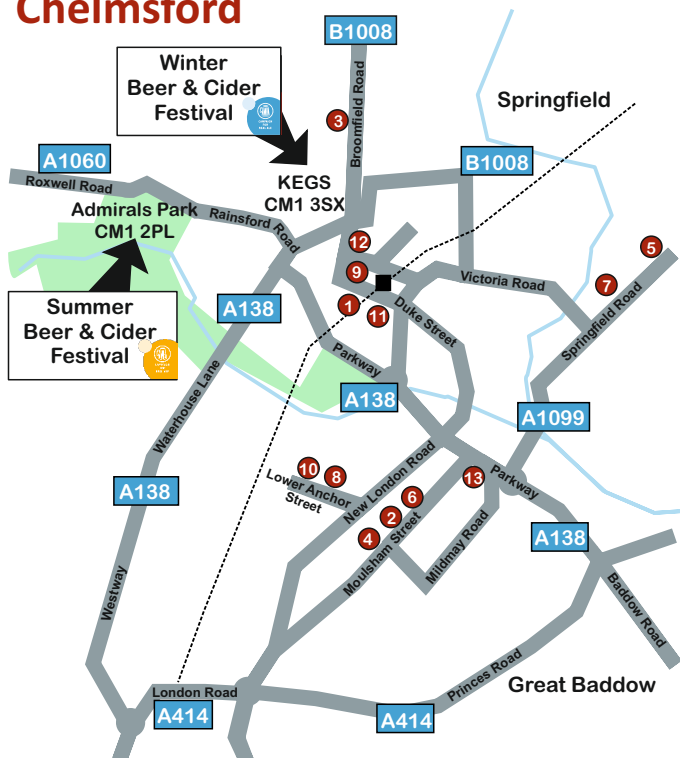
Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Timothy Taylor Landlord, Bishop Nick Ridley's Rite. 1 Changing Beer.**  
**Westons Old Rosie & Rosie's Pig Ciders.**

Bus: 42a 1200m

In CAMRA National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors this Victorian brick-built pub overlooks the village green. The front door opens directly into what was once the bottle and jug but with the passing of time it now serves as a small snug. To the left is the wood-panelled public bar, little changed since it was built in 1888. To the right is a saloon bar originally converted from the landlord's front parlour and further extended in the 1980s. The half-cellar is accessed from behind the bar with Cask Marque quality beers being served on gravity. Outside, seating in front of the pub with a children's play area and a large family garden to the side and rear. An outside Gents, which is still in use, adds to the pub's authenticity. No meals available. Primarily a conversation pub, with traditional pub games and an antique piano.

## Chelmsford



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| ① Ale House   | ⑥ Hop Beer Shop   | ⑪ Railway Tavern |
| ② Black Horse | ⑦ Oddfellows Arms | ⑫ Ship           |
| ③ Compasses   | ⑧ Orange Tree     | ⑬ Woolpack       |
| ④ Cricketers  | ⑨ Plough          |                  |
| ⑤ Endeavour   | ⑩ Queen's Head    |                  |

## 1. Chelmsford, Ale House

24-26 Viaduct Road CM1 1TS (01245) 260535



[www.the-ale-house-chelmsford.co.uk](http://www.the-ale-house-chelmsford.co.uk)

Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 11:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

**12 Changing beers. Changing range of 12 ciders/perries.**

(Chelmsford bus/railway station) 50m

A unique bar in Chelmsford, located under the arches at the railway station. One of the widest ranges of continuously changing beers in Essex, always including dark and stronger beers, eight craft kegs and 12 real ciders. There are also imported lagers on tap and a wide range of bottled beers from around the world. No food but customers are welcome to bring their own or order a takeaway; plates and cutlery can be provided. Quiz on last Sunday of each month and regular beer festivals/ Tap Takeovers.

## 2. Chelmsford, Black Horse

165 Moulsham Street CM2 0LD (01245) 492954



[www.blackhorse2017.co.uk](http://www.blackhorse2017.co.uk)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

**Sharp's Doom Bar, Timothy Taylor Landlord. 2 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-15:00 Mon-Fri; closed Sat; closed Sun

Bus: First: 42, First: 42a, First: 100 300m

Single room, traditional pub, refurbished 2018. Regular live music plus karaoke every Friday, and BT Sport is shown. Lunchtime menu in the week plus a burger bar in the garden when weather permits. There is a pool table and mens' and womens' darts teams.

## 3. Chelmsford, Compasses

141 Broomfield Rd CM1 1RY (01245) 292051



[www.thecompasseschelmsford.com](http://www.thecompasseschelmsford.com)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-10:30 Sun

**Adnams Southwold Bitter, Mighty Oak Captain Bob, Timothy Taylor Landlord. 1 Changing beer**

Bus: Several 0m

Family friendly pub with a spacious saloon bar featuring glass partitions, wooden panelling and tiled Victorian fire place furnished with sofas, tables and chairs. The Public Bar has a pool table, darts board, various board and card games. New members are welcome to join the pub teams in leagues for pool, darts, dominoes and crib. Sports TV and Sky Sports. The Kids' Games Room is stocked with board games and TV. Free Function Room hire. Five chalets at the rear, outside seating areas and car park. Regular live music events, as well as DJ nights including Soul and Ska. Various charity events. Quiz nights on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Full kitchen service due from February 2020 including Sunday roasts.



## 4. Chelmsford, Cricketers

143 Moulsham Street CM2 0JT (01245) 268211



[www.thecricketers.biz](http://www.thecricketers.biz)

Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 11:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 11:00-23:00 Sun

**Greene King Abbot, Bishop Nick Ridley's Rite. 3 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-14:30, 17:00-20:30 Mon-Fri; 10:00-14:00, 17:00-20:30 Sat; 12:00-17:00 Sun

Bus: 42, 100, 351 200m

Traditional Victorian corner Pub with two bars, a front bar with a games room off of it and a quieter back bar ideal for relaxing which is also available for private functions and club meetings. At least 5 cask ales are always available and food is on offer 7 days a week including Sunday roasts, a full pub classics menu and up to six home-made pies to choose from. Pie & pint deals on Thursday. Outdoor patio area and seating in front of the pub. There is a popular quiz night every Wednesday and a monthly soul night on the third Saturday of the month.

## 5. Chelmsford, Endeavour

351 Springfield Road CM2 6AW (01245) 257717



[www.grayandsons.co.uk/Endeavour.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/Endeavour.htm)

Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Adnams Ghost Ship, Mighty Oak Maldon Gold, Mighty Oak Captain Bob, Wibblers Dengie IPA, 1 Changing Beer**

Food times: 12:00-15:00, 17:00-21:00 Mon-Fri; 11:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun.

Bus: Several (54, 71c, 73) 100m

Busy and friendly pub comprising three rooms. Serving sandwiches all day Mon-Sat and cooked meals available Mon-Fri lunch times and evenings, and all day Sat. Roast on Sundays 12-4 please book ahead, not available in the summer. All food is good value, locally sourced and home cooked. A true community pub with darts and crib teams and regular charity events. The pub also shows BT Sports and has an attractive courtyard garden.

## 6. Chelmsford, Hop Beer Shop

Winner  
2019

173 Moulsham Street CM2 0LD (01245) 353570



[www.thehopbeershop.co.uk](http://www.thehopbeershop.co.uk)

Opening hours: closed Mon; 12:00-21:00 Tue-Sat; closed Sun

**4 Changing beers & 4 ciders & a perry.**

Bus: Several (42, 100, 351) 300m

Essex's first micropub. Four beers are served by gravity, and always include local breweries as well as interesting beers from around the country, with usually a stout or porter and a golden beer. In addition there are craft kegs, around 100 bottled beers from local and international breweries, and bottled cider, which may be drunk there or purchased to take home. The atmosphere is one of a traditional pub where people can meet and talk. Branch Pub of the Year 2016 and 2017 and Cider POTY 2018 and 2019.

## 7. Chelmsford, Oddfellows Arms Smokehouse

195 Springfield Road CM2 6JP (01245) 490514



[www.theoddfellowsarms.com](http://www.theoddfellowsarms.com)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Wed; 12:00-00:00 Thu-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Wibblers Dengie IPA , Dark Star Hophead, Bishop Nick 1555, St Austell Tribute. 1 Changing beer**

Food times: 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:00 Mon-Fri; 12:00-21:00 Sat; 12:00-21:00 Sun

Several (54,56,73) 100m

A pub with a modern wood interior but maintaining the feel of a local. There is a large U-shaped bar area with a back room containing a pool table leading out to the attractive decked garden/smoking area. Beer festivals are held annually. Extensive home-made food is served lunchtimes and evenings weekdays, and all day at weekends up to 9pm with 2 for 1 food offers Monday-Wednesday. New BBQ real wood smoker serving brisket, ribs and pulled pork (also available for home delivery). There is monthly live music and poker nights are held every Tuesday and Thursday.

## 8. Chelmsford, Orange Tree

6 Lower Anchor Street CM2 0AS (01245) 262664



[www.the-ot.com](http://www.the-ot.com)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri; 12:00-23:30 Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Mighty Oak Oscar Wilde. 7 Changing Beers**

Food times: 12:00-14:30 Mon-Wed; 12:00-14:30, 17:00-21:00 Thu-Fri; 10:00-21:00 Sat; 10:00-17:00 Sun

Bus: Several (42,100,351) 200m

The Orange Tree is one of the best real ale pubs in Chelmsford and was voted branch Pub of the Year in 2014 and 2015. A place for conversation and meeting friends. A refurbishment in 2015 has made the separate public and saloon bars both much larger. A great range of beers is served, always something dark. All Day Breakfast is served on Saturday and Sunday from 10am. Lunchtime food is served, including Sunday roasts, with a steak and curry night on Thursday evening. Quiz on Tuesdays.

## 9. Chelmsford, Plough

28 Duke Street CM1 1HY (01245) 250145



[www.theoriginalploughchelmsford.co.uk](http://www.theoriginalploughchelmsford.co.uk)

Opening hours: 9:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 9:00-23.30 Fri-Sat; 9:00-22.30 Sun

**Fuller's London Pride, Sharp's Doom Bar. 4 Changing Beers**

Food times: 9:00 -22:00 Mon-Sat; 9:00-22:00 Sun

Bus: Many 50m

Conveniently located close to both railway and bus stations this pub is now one of M&B's Oak Tree brand. 6 handpulls & 5 craft fonts. Disabled toilets on ground floor. Good value pub food is available all day, starting with breakfast. Large screens show news and sporting events. Outside heated patio area with glass canopy. Various meal and drink deals.

## 10. Chelmsford, Queen's Head

30 Lower Anchor Street CM2 0AS (01245) 265181



Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-23:30 Fri-Sat;  
12:00-23:00 Sun

**Crouch Vale Brewers Gold, Crouch Vale Essex Boys Best Bitter. 5 Changing beers**

Bus: Several (42,100,351) 300m

Crouch Vale Brewery's first pub, the Queen's Head, sells three of its beers permanently, with four guests which may include a Crouch Vale seasonal and always include a dark beer. The Victorian L-shaped pub has bare board flooring and comfortable bench seating. Two fires make it cosy in winter. This popular local can be busy when there is a match at the nearby county cricket ground. Bar snacks only. The Essex Beard Club meets here once a year in February.

## 11. Chelmsford, Railway Tavern

63 Duke Street CM1 1LW (01245) 280679



[www.grayandsons.co.uk/RailwayTavernhtm.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/RailwayTavernhtm.htm)

Opening hours: 10:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 10:00-23:30 Fri-Sat; 12:00-20:00 Sun

**Red Fox IPA, Greene King Abbot. 5 Changing Beers**

Food times: closed Mon; 10:30-14:00 Tue-Sat; closed Sun

Bus: Several 50m

A tardis-like corner pub right outside Chelmsford station, more visible now due to nearby development. Not surprisingly a railway theme dominates. Refurbished in February 2017, a long narrow pub with banks of handpumps at opposite ends of the central bar counter. There is even a small enclosed garden where you can listen to the station announcements and marvel at the ever changing mural. May stay open later on Sundays in the summer. This traditional pub also sells craft beers and over 50 different gins. CME branch POTY 2018.

## 12. Chelmsford, Ship

18 Broomfield Road CM1 1SW (01245) 265961



[www.theshipchelmsford.co.uk](http://www.theshipchelmsford.co.uk)

Opening hours: 10:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 10:00-01:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Greene King Abbot, Greene King IPA, Bishop Nick --varies-- 4 Changing Beers**

Food times: 10:00-15:00, 17:30-21:00 Mon-Fri; 10:00-21:00 Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun

Bus: Many 300m

Traditional medium-sized pub with a comfortable interior and some outside seating in front. The decor is very nautical with dark brown panelling, portholes, masts, rope, rigging and other maritime artefacts. The pub has been run since 1970 by three generations of the same family. Close to rail and bus stations with a public car park at the rear. A wide range of food is offered with daily specials. There is a juke box but no live music on a regular basis. Sport is shown on the TV.

## 13. Chelmsford, Woolpack

Winner  
2019

23 Mildmay Road CM2 0DN (01245) 259295

[thewoolpack.wix.com/woolpackchelmsford](http://thewoolpack.wix.com/woolpackchelmsford)

Opening hours: 16:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Hardys & Hansons Bitter, Greene King XX Mild, (unless another mild is a guest.) 7 Changing beers. 2 changing ciders.**

Food times: 18:00-21:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:00 Fri-Sat; closed Sun

Bus: Several 100m

It is an easy walk from the town centre to this award-winning friendly, Victorian local. There are three rooms with a lounge area overlooking the large garden. Darts and a pool table are in a smaller room. Pub grub is served, specialising in different flavoured sausages, with light snacks until 11pm. Food also available on the first Sunday of the month for Jazz Night. Quiz on Tuesdays. Beer festivals at Easter and August bank holiday with up to 80 beers, ciders and perries. Smaller festivals at Halloween and December. Local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010, 2011 and 2019. Three key keg lines are a recent addition.

## Danbury, Bakers Arms

7 Maldon Road CM3 4QH (01245) 227300

[www.grayandsons.co.uk/Bakers%20Arms.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/Bakers%20Arms.htm)

Opening hours: 14:00-23:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-23:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-20:00 Sun

**Adnams Ghost Ship, Woodfordes Wherry. 2 Changing beers**

Food times: 15:00-21:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-21:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-16:30 Sun

Bus: 31, 36 150m

200 year old pub with a warm welcome. Parts of the current building date from the 1820s and there is a history of the site from 1799 displayed in the pub. 2 bar areas 1 with a comfy sofa area, the other a restaurant area which can be hired free for meetings or events. The pub is renowned for its fish and chips and create your own pizza, both eat in and take away. Pub holds a beer festival at the end of May. Poker nights every Wednesday and bonus ball competition each week. Changing beers are often Locale.

## Danbury, Cricketers Arms

Penny Royal Road CM3 4ED (01245) 222022

[www.shepherdneame.co.uk/pubs/chelmsford/cricketers-arms](http://www.shepherdneame.co.uk/pubs/chelmsford/cricketers-arms)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-18:00 Sun

**Shepherd Neame Master Brew, Shepherd Neame Spitfire, Shepherd Neame Whitstable Bay Pale Ale. 1 Changing beer**

Food times: 12:00-14:45, 18:00-20:45 Mon-Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun

Bus: 31, 36 700m

Building is 400 years old and has been a pub for about 200 years. Traditional public bar, with games, main bar, lounge and dining room areas. Summer beer festival. Near NT Danbury Common & Lakes. Towels & Bark snacks for dogs. Monthly quiz night, Magic circle meet on a Tuesday. Occasional live music and charity events.

## Felsted, Chequers

Braintree Road CM6 3DL (01371) 820226



Opening hours: 18:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 14:00-23:00 Fri;  
12:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

### Sharp's Doom Bar. 2 Changing beers

Food times: closed Mon-Thu; 17:30-19:00 Fri; closed Sat; closed Sun

Bus: Stephenson's: 16, Arriva: 100m

Traditional village local with public bar, a smaller lounge bar and another room with pool table and dart board which can be reserved for functions. A mixture of local residents, and staff and parents from the nearby public school use the pub. The rear patio overlooks the school cricket pitch and playing fields. The TVs show most sporting events. Cricket photos abound. The licence has been in the same family for over 60 years. Fresh fish and chips on Friday early evening. May open weekday lunchtimes - phone to check.

## Fuller Street, Square & Compasses

CM3 2BB (01245) 361477



[www.thesquareandcompasses.co.uk](http://www.thesquareandcompasses.co.uk)

Opening hours: 11:30-23:00 Mon-Fri; 12:00-00:00 Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

### 3 Changing beers. Local Berties cider & perry

Food times: 12:00-14:00, 18:30-21:30 Mon-Sat; 12:00-18:00 Sun

Bus: 70, 352 2600m

17th century free house known locally as the Stokehole. Set in attractive countryside and handy for the Essex Way long distance footpath this is a small well looked after country pub. There are exposed beams throughout with two wood-burning stoves in inglenook fireplaces. Old local woodworking tools adorn the taproom bar. Up to three real ales and local Berties cider are served. Fresh locally sourced home-cooked food is available daily including game from the surrounding estates (no food Sunday evenings). Upstairs function room.

## Galleywood, Eagle

Stock Road CM2 8PS (01245) 269361



Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon -Thu; 12:00-01:00 Fri-Sat;  
12:00-22:00 Sun

### Sharpes Doom Bar. 3 Changing beers

Food times: 12:00-19:00 Mon- Fri ; 12:00-17:00 Sat-Sun

Bus: Several 100m

Grade II-listed building recently refurbished with the cellar and kitchen also updated. The L-shaped bar has a mainly wooden floor with seating at the bar and at tables and in alcoves. There is a separate pool room. Freshly prepared home-cooked food is served with a seniors' lunch club on weekdays. Children eat free at weekends 1 child per adult. Quiz evenings are held every Thursday, with karaoke last Friday of the month and singers/groups on Saturdays. Outdoor Patio and Garden with childrens play area.



## Galleywood, Horse & Groom

The Common CM2 8PL (01245) 261653



[www.grayandsons.co.uk/H&G.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/H&G.htm)

Opening hours: 11:30-15:00, 18:00-23:00 Mon-Fri; 12:00-00:00 Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

**Sharp's Doom Bar, Greene King IPA. 3 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-14:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-14:00, 19:00-21:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-14:00 Sun

Bus: 42, 100 400m

Traditional pub, tucked away on Galleywood Common overlooking the old racecourse, ideal for walkers, with two bars with home cooked meals. 1 quiet bar and 1 with music, pool table and darts board. Many photos of Old Chelmsford on walls, in particular of the old racecourse; also a 1908 map of Essex. Various car and biker clubs meet at the pub, often with outside BBQs available. Holds a winter beer festival and there is occasional live music. Outside seating at the front & large rear garden and patio.

## Great Waltham, Rose & Crown

Minnows End, Chelmsford Road CM3 1AG (01245) 360359



[www.roseandcrowngreatwaltham.co.uk](http://www.roseandcrowngreatwaltham.co.uk)

Opening hours: 11:30-00:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-01:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-00:00 Sun

**Bishop Nick 1555, Greene King IPA. 1 Changing beer.**

11:30-14:00, 17:30-21:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-14:00, 17:30-21:00 Fri; 12:00-21:00 Sat; 12:00-20:00 Sun

First: 10, First: 42, First: 42a 50m

A rural pub with a traditional bar, a separate snug seating 10 people and a small function room "The Office" and a 22 seater restaurant serving home cooking from mainly local produce. 10% discount on food for NHS workers with NHS ID. Patio area and new outside decking area. Jazz nights on the last Wednesday of each month and open MIC night on the 3rd Monday of the month.

## Hatfield Peverel, Cross Keys

Most  
improved  
2019

The Green CM3 2JQ (01245) 633339



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Opening hours: 15:00-00:00 Mon; 12:00-00:00 Tue-Thu; 12:00-01:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-00:00 Sun; Bank holiday Mondays 12:00-23:00

**Darkstar Hophead, Mighty Oak Captain Bob. 2 Changing beers, 1 Nene Valley, 8 Ciders**

Bus: 73 100m Station 1600m

A traditional, open-plan country pub with a friendly welcome, serving the local community with social & fundraising events. Secure garden with covered seating areas and modern furniture, available for hire. Pub games & new skittle alley with traditional Gloucester skittles. Free pool on Thursday. Quiz every Sunday lunchtime. Occasional karaoke. Beer festivals in Summer and Christmas. Food available for events when pre booked

## Hatfield Peverel, Wheatsheaf

The Green CM3 2JF (01245) 380330



[www.thewheatsheafhatfieldpeverel.co.uk](http://www.thewheatsheafhatfieldpeverel.co.uk)

Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-21:00 Sun

**Greene King IPA, 2 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-15:00 Mon; 12:00-15:00, 17:30-20:45 Tue-Sat; 12:00-16:30 Sun

Bus: 73 200m Station 1600m

Traditional country pub with one bar and a restaurant serving locally-sourced, home-cooked food. Quiz night every Tuesday. Themed food and social events.

## Howe Street, Green Man

Main Road CM3 1BG (01245) 408820



[www.galvinggreenman.com](http://www.galvinggreenman.com)

Opening hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 11:00-23:30 Fri-Sat; 11:00-21:30 Sun

**Adnams Ghost Ship, Truman's Runner. 1 Changing Beer**

Food times: 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-14:30, 17:30-22:00 Fri-Sat; 11:30-18:00 Sun

Bus: 42a 0m

The Green Man, one of the oldest pubs in Essex, was completely refurbished by the Galvin Brothers carefully keeping its traditional feel with cosy sofas and tables for enjoying a drink or food from the up market restaurant. A bar

snack menu is also available when the restaurant is not open. The new modern restaurant extension looks out onto a large garden with benches and outside bar, BBQ and countryside views over the river Chelmer. Private dining rooms available, occasional live music, Quiz night last Wednesday of the month and movie nights 2nd Monday of the month. CAMRA discount 15% off real ale, Waltham Parish 20% discount, NHS 20% off food. Dogs welcome in the pub terrace and garden, but not the restaurant.

## Ingatestone, Star Inn

High Street CM4 9DU (01277) 356441



[www.thestar.uk.com](http://www.thestar.uk.com)

Opening hours: 16:00-23:00 Mon; 11:30-23:00 Tue-Thu; 11:30-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-22:00 Sun

**Adnams Southwold Bitter, Mighty Oak Jake the Snake, 1 Changing Beer**

Food times: closed Mon; 12:00-15:00, 18:00-21:00 Tue-Thu; 12:00-21:30 Fri-Sat; 12:00-18:00 Sun

Bus: 351 50m

Grade II listed pub with a modernised interior and bar and snug areas. A warm relaxed atmosphere. A log fire on chilly days and candle lit tables in the evening. Outside is a courtyard garden with flower borders and modern furniture. Lunchtime and evening meals available throughout the week, a la carte Saturday evening, roasts on Sunday. Quiz and curry night first Monday

of the month and every Friday is tapas night. Occasional live music. Beer and Gin festival August bank holiday.

## Little Waltham, White Hart

107 The Street CM3 3NY (01245) 360205



[whitehartessex.co.uk](http://whitehartessex.co.uk)

Opening hours: 09:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 09:00-23:30 Fri-Sat; 09:00-22:30 Sun

**4 Changing Beers. 1 changing cider.**

Food times: 09:00-21:30 Mon-Sat; 09:00-20:00 Sun

Bus: 70,352,52 100m

This village pub has been revived as a very popular gastropub which still welcomes those who just want a drink. Grade II listed, the outside has been attractively refurbished while a complete renovation has produced a modern, light and airy interior. Two areas are reserved for those having meals but the bar area is not. Five handpumps normally supply four beers and one cider. The beers change regularly with at least one local ale. Meals start at 9am with breakfast, and include dairy-free and gluten-free options. Two for one food deals on Monday (roasts), Tuesday (fish) and Wednesday (burgers). Occasional music, quiz and themed nights on Thursdays.

## Littley Green, Compasses

Littley Green CM3 1BU (01245) 362308



[www.compasseslittleygreen.co.uk](http://www.compasseslittleygreen.co.uk)

Opening hours: 12:00-15:00, 17:30-23:30 Mon-Wed; 12:00-23:30 Thu-Sat; 12:00-23:30 Sun

**Crouch Vale Essex Boys Best Bitter, Bishop Nick Ridley's Rite. 3 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-14:30, 18:30-21:30 Mon-Fri; 12:00-16:00, 18:30-21:30 Sat; 12:00-20:30 Sun

Essex Pub of the Year 2012 and 2013 and East Anglian Pub of the Year 2012. Formerly Ridley's Brewery tap this is a picturesque Victorian country pub in a quiet hamlet. A wood-panelled bar has benches around the walls and a tiled floor. Beers are drawn direct from casks in the half-cellar. Branch cider POTY 2017. Renowned filled huffers (giant baps) are available lunchtimes and evenings, plus other traditional dishes. Seats and tables outside and in the large gardens. Five high quality rooms available Easter Steam Up, Hopstock Beer Festival mid August, Yule Fest Christmas Week **PLEASE NOTE Closed for refurbishment 27/01/20 relocating to EYFC Barn Chatham Green, CM3 3LQ.**

## Pleshey, Leather Bottle

The Street CM3 1HG (01245) 237291



Opening hours: 12:00-23:00 Mon-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**3 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-15:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-21:00 Wed-Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun

Arrow Taxis: 10 200m

Grade II-listed village pub with two rooms. To the right is the older part of the building (single-storey and believed to date back to the 15th century) with tables, chairs and a cushioned bench along one wall. On the left is another

room which is part of a later two-storey house. This has the bar, an open fire and more chairs and tables. Crib poker and roulette on Friday evenings. Occasional live music at weekends. Garden with children's play area.

## Roxwell, Chequers

**The Street CM1 4PD (01245) 248240**



*Opening hours: 17:00-21:00 Mon; 17:00-23:00 Tue-Fri;  
12:00-14:30, 18:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun*

**Greene King IPA. 2 Changing beers**

Bus: First: 46 100m

An olde worlde village pub with many low beams and brassware in a Grade II listed building dating from the early 17th Century. A single bar with some very comfortable seating and a real fire. Pool table in a separate room and a piano. Occasional live music and karaoke. Opening times may vary but pub will open on request. New owners have plans to offer food; at the moment they have a occasional supper nights.

## West Hanningfield, Three Compasses

**Church Road CM2 8UQ (01245) 400447**



*Opening hours: 11:30-15:00 Mon; 11:30-15:00, 18:00-23:00  
Tue-Sat; 12:00-15:00 Sun*

**Bishop Nick Ridley's Rite. 1 Changing beer**

Food times: 12:00-14:00 Mon-Tue; 12:00-14:00, 19:00-21:00 Wed-Sat;  
12:00-14:00 Sun

Bus: 13, 13a 200m

A delightful small country pub dating from 1425 (the landlords from 1758 are listed inside). A timber-framed and plastered Grade II-listed building with many low beams, two bars and bench seats in front of the windows. Ideally situated for country walkers and cyclists with outside seating. A free house with a very experienced landlady (who has been there since 1971; her son is now joint licensee). Home-cooked food available every lunchtime and some evenings. On Sundays in summer is additionally open during the evenings from 7.00 to 10.30

## White Notley, Cross Keys

**1 The Street CM8 1RQ (01376) 583297**



[www.ckwn.co.uk](http://www.ckwn.co.uk)

*Opening hours: 12:00-15:00, 17:00-23:00 Mon-Fri; 12:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-22:00 Sun*

**Adnams Southwold Bitter. 3 Changing beers**

Food times: 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:30 Mon-Sat; 12:00-17:00 Sun

Traditional beamed pub, Grade II listed, dating from the 1700s. Two wooden floored bars, one small and another medium sized, plus a separate area which is used as restaurant or occasional function room. Some interesting historical artworks and photos on the walls with an intriguing comic history of the village on a frieze in the back corridor. Tastefully refurbished inside and out in 2016.

## Witham, Battesford Court

100-102 Newland Street CM8 1AH (01376) 504080



Opening hours: 08:00-00:00 Mon-Thu; 08:00-01:00 Fri-Sat;  
08:00-23:00 Sun

**Greene King Abbot, Ruddles Best Bitter, Sharp's Doom Bar. 5 Changing beers .  
1-2 Ciders or perries**

Bus: 38,71,90 50m

Large Wetherspoon conversion of a former hotel of the same name. The 16th Century building was previously the courthouse of the manor of Battesford. It has distinct areas with wood panelling and oak beams. There is a family area. Up to five regional beers are served including something local, usually from Bishop Nick or Wibblers, plus up to two ciders and perries, usually from Westons and Gwynt Y Ddraig. The standard Wetherspoon food offering is available.

## Writtle, Chequers

11 Chequers Road CM1 3NG (01245) 420399



[www.thechequerswrittle.com](http://www.thechequerswrittle.com)

Opening Hours: 11:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

**St Austell Cornish Best Bitter, St Austell Tribute, 1 Changing beer**

11:00-21:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-18:00 Sun

First: 45 50m

Large open modern bar area with traditional features; low ceiling and exposed beams and bricks with wooden panelling. Tables for dining and stools along long bar with a few armchairs near flame effect fire place. Reasonably priced home cooked food, Sunday roast, and 3 course special menu. Modern outside enclosed patio area with a variety of wicker furniture. Ramps for disabled access but awaiting planning permission for disabled toilet. Live music every month

## Writtle, Wheatsheaf

70 The Green CM1 3DU (01245) 420672



[www.thewheatsheafwrittle.co.uk](http://www.thewheatsheafwrittle.co.uk)

Opening hours: 11:00-23:30 Mon-Thu; 11:00-00:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-23:00 Sun

**Adnams Broadside, Adnams Southwold Bitter, Maldon Drop of Nelson's Blood, Mighty Oak Maldon Gold, Mighty Oak Oscar Wilde, Wibblers Dengie IPA. 2 Changing beers**

Food times: closed Mon; 12:00-15:00 Tue-Sat; closed Sun

Bus: Several (32,45,46) 100m

Traditional village pub built 1813 with a small public bar, an equally compact lounge, and a covered patio by the road. A long-time favourite of the branch and voted East Anglian Pub of the Year 2009. The atmosphere is generally quiet, with the TV switched on only for occasional sporting events. Traditional lite bites & pub food served Tuesday to Saturday lunch times. Note the old Gray's sign in the public bar.



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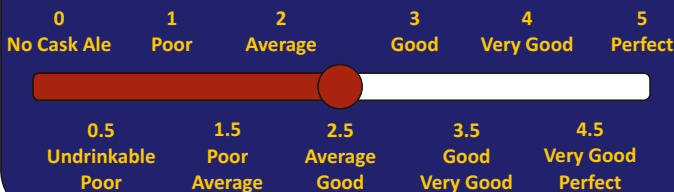
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Category	Mark out of 10	Factor	Score
Quality of Beer/Cider/Perry		x2	
Style/Decor/Furnishing/Cleanliness		x1	
Service, Welcome & Offering		x1	
Community Focus & Atmosphere		x2	
Alignment with CAMRA Principles		x1	
Overall Impression		x1	
Total Scores			

## Comments

**NB :** Cider pubs are judged on an extra category :  
Knowledge/Promotion of the product with different factors

## MY VOTE FOR CME CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR 2019 IS...

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26 Hatfield Road, Rayleigh, SS6 9AR

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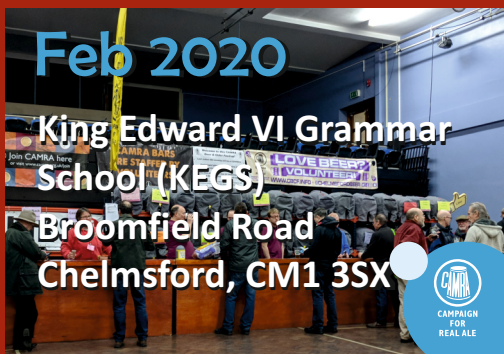
# Chelmsford & Mid Essex CAMRA

Winter

**Feb 2020**

**King Edward VI Grammar  
School (KEGS)**

**Broomfield Road  
Chelmsford, CM1 3SX**



# Beer & Cider Festivals

Summer

**July 2020**

**Admirals Park,  
Rainsford Road.**

**Chelmsford, CM1 2PL**



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