

# THE SUN INN



## DRINKS LIST

2019

## IN THIS LIST

### **ON TAP**

... ever changing beer and cider on tap.

### **BEER & CIDER BY THE BOTTLE**

... lots of ale including bottle conditioned, lager, cider, Perry and stout.

### **FINE SPIRITS**

... a carefully created selection whatever the time of day.

### **SOFT DRINKS**

... from juices to pressés.

### **COFFEE**

... from farmers who are paid 50% more than Fair Trade prices.

### **JING TEA**

... handpicked from people fanatical about tea.

### **BAR SNACKS**

... crisps, nuts, olives and more.

## ON TAP

### REGULARS

|   | £/pint | £/half | abv  |
|---|--------|--------|------|
| <b>3Point8 Lager, Calvors Brewery</b><br>Light, crisp and refreshing with excellent flavour despite the low abv             | 3.70   | 1.85   | 3.8% |
| <b>Blackshore Stout, Adnams Brewery</b><br>Dry with chocolate & coffee and hints of raisin and liquorice.                   | 4.50   | 2.25   | 4.2% |
| <b>Aspall Cyder, Suffolk</b><br>Light and summery with pear like freshness  | 3.80   | 1.85   | 4.5% |
| <b>Brewers Gold, Crouch Vale Brewery</b><br>A true Champion ale, pale, refreshing, extravagantly hoppy with tropical fruits | 3.80   | 1.90   | 4.0% |
| <b>Vale Bitter, A Sun Inn-Crouch Vale Collaboration</b><br>Crisp, malty, red-brown ale.                                     | 3.70   | 1.85   | 3.8% |

### GUESTS

We have guest ale, lager and keg ale taps all change on a weekly, sometimes daily basis. The beers come from small, independent brewers throughout East Anglian, the UK and sometimes the World! We seek beer with original flavours, high quality and are not afraid to list something with a higher abv than normal. The choice is certainly not 'indifferent'. These fine beers are distributed by the likes of Adnams Brewery, Crouch Vale Brewery and our beer merchant Caves Direct and include beer from:

|              |               |                 |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Magic Rock   | Skinnners     | West Berkshire  |
| Thornbridge  | Kelham Island | Titanic         |
| Green Jack   | RCH           | St Peter's      |
| Earl Soham   | Burton Bridge | Wentworth       |
| Dark Star    | Fat Cat       | Oakham          |
| Brewdog      | Rudgate       | Tryst           |
| Cliff Quay   | Milestone     | Acorn           |
| Saltaire     | Tring         | Purple Moose    |
| Tiny Rebel   | Beavertown    | Lost & Grounded |
| Wild Beer Co | Gypsy Hill    |                 |
| Paulaner     | Bavo          | Hacker-Pschorr  |

## IN BOTTLE | CAN

|  | £    | ml                 | abv   |
|--|------|--------------------|-------|
| <b>ALE</b>   |      |                    |       |
| <b>Amarillo, Crouch Vale, South Woodham Ferrers</b><br>Golden ale, aromas of hops and a lasting spicy and orangey flavour.                         | 5.50 | 500                | 5.0%  |
| <b>Beatnik Pale Ale, Gypsy Hill Brewing, Herne Hill, London</b><br>A cunningly light, crisp pale ale, tropical hop notes above a Maris Otter base. | 4.75 | 330                | 3.8%  |
| <b>Session IPA, London Beer Lab, London</b><br>Smooth, easy drinking with a bitter edge.   | 4.50 | 330                | 4.2%  |
| <b>Tzara Kolsch Style, Thornbridge Brewery, Derbyshire</b><br>Fruit palate, bready notes, hints of vanilla   | 4.50 | 330                | 4.8%  |
| <b>STOUT &amp; PORTER</b>  |      |                    |       |
| <b>Sayer's Stout, London Beer Factory</b><br>Sessionable, hoppy and rich coffee  | 4.50 | 330                | 4.5%  |
| <b>Chopper Stout, Six Degrees North</b><br>Dark, rich, sultanas & bourbon bickies  | 5.00 | 330                | 4.1%  |
| <b>Black Perle Stout, Weird Beard Brew Co</b><br>Sweet, coffee, chocolate, contains lactose  | 5.00 | 330                | 3.8%  |
| <b>BELGIAN</b>   |      |                    |       |
| <b>Westmalle Dubbel</b><br>Rich, fruity, notes of ripe banana and spice  | 5.00 | 330                | 5.0%  |
| <b>St Bernardus Pater 6 Trappist Beer</b><br>Unfiltered Abbey style, very fruity with notes of melon and banana                                    | 5.00 | 330                | 5.0%  |
| <b>LAGER</b>   |      |                    |       |
| <b>Hells Lager, Camden Town Brewery, London</b><br>Malt, grainy sweetness with a touch of grass  | 3.90 | 330                | 4.6%  |
| <b>Menabrea 1846, Italy</b><br>Malt, grainy sweetness with a touch of grass  | 3.40 | 330                | 4.8%  |
| <b>LOW ALCOHOL</b>   |      |                    |       |
| <b>Bitburger Drive, Germany</b><br>Actually tastes of beer.  | 3.00 | 330                | 0.05% |
| <b>Ghost Ship Alcohol Free, Southwold</b><br>Actually tastes of beer.  | 3.00 | 500                | 0.50% |
| <b>CIDER &amp; PERRY</b>   |      |                    |       |
| <b>Perronelles Blush, Aspall, Debenham</b><br>A fresh, fruity, kir style cider   | 5.10 | 500                | 4.0%  |
| <b>Rosie's Pig Flat Tyre, Weston's, Herefordshire</b><br>Cloudy with rhubarb, fruit with a tart finish.  | 4.10 | 330 <sub>can</sub> | 4.0%  |
| <b>Original Cloudy Scrumpy, Sheppey's, Herefordshire</b><br>Medium sweet with a crisp & fruity flavour   | 4.50 | 330 <sub>can</sub> | 4.5%  |

# GIN

£  
35ml 50ml  
with tonic

## CRIPS & DRY

### Gordon's London Dry, London

Our house gin, refreshing, strong juniper & botanicals  
MIX: Indian Tonic, Lime

4.30 4.80

### Hayman's London Dry, Essex

Citrus & juniper, rounded & full flavored  
MIX: Aromatic Tonic, Lemon

5.30 6.00

### Conker, Dorset

Juniper led, notes of elderberries, samphire & handpicked gorse flowers  
MIX: Indian Tonic, Lime

7.30 8.45

## AROMATIC

### Hendrick's, Ayrshire

Infused with cucumber & rose petals, herbal  
MIX: Indian Tonic, Cucumber

6.55 7.50

### Little Bird, London

Notes of ginger, orange & grapefruit, sharp & forward  
MIX: Mediterranean Tonic, Orange

6.45 7.40

### Hoxton Pink Gin, London

Rosehip, gunpowder, tea, rose & bergamot botanicals with attitude!  
MIX: Premium Indian Tonic, Orange

7.15 8.25

## WEIRD & WONDERFUL

### The Botanist, Islay

Distinctive, complex, floral  
MIX: Indian Tonic, Rosemary

6.75 7.80

### Ableforth's Bathtub, Kent

Warm citrus & juniper, waxy, gentle cardamom  
MIX: Mediterranean Tonic, Lime

6.70 7.75

### Hepple, Northumberland

Complex, saline, undertones of Douglas Fir, real soul.  
MIX: Naturally Light Tonic, Lemon

7.15 8.25

## FINE SPIRITS

£  
35ml 50ml  
with tonic

### VODKA

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Wyborowa, Poland</b><br>Our house vodka, refreshing, strong juniper & botanicals<br>MIX: Indian Tonic, Lemon   | <b>4.65</b> | <b>5.25</b> |
| <b>Chase Original, Herefordshire</b><br>Created from seed to bottle on the farm, pepper spice, earthy, oily<br>Best served neat or<br>MIX; Elderflower Tonic, Lemon | <b>7.00</b> | <b>8.05</b> |
| <b>Sacred, London</b><br>Aromatic & spicy with herbal notes, best as a Martini or...<br>MIX; Tonic Water, Orange  | <b>5.25</b> | <b>6.20</b> |
| <b>Konik's Tail, Poland</b><br>Spelt, rye & wheat grains, complex & well balanced<br>Best served over ice with lots of ice  | <b>5.25</b> | <b>6.20</b> |

### MALT & SPECIALITY WHISKEY

We have a large number of malts, come up to the bar and have a look.

### COCKTAILS

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Aperol Spritz    | £4 <sup>15</sup> wine   £6 <sup>00</sup> Prosecco                                      |
| Negroni          | £6 <sup>50</sup> gin, Campari, sweet vermouth  |
| Old Fashioned    | £7 <sup>25</sup> Rye or Kentucky Bourbon, brown sugar & Angostura Bitters, orange peel |
| Bloody Mary      | £5 <sup>40</sup> Wyborowa Vodka with Big Tom   |
| Espresso Martini | £7 <sup>50</sup> a heady mix of vodka, Kahlua, espresso & Frangelico                   |
| Seedlip Spritz   | £6 <sup>50</sup> non-alcoholic with elderflower tonic, lemon & mint                    |

### EAU DE VIE

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Grappa di Pinot Grigio, Tosolini         | <b>3.65</b> | <b>5.25</b> |
| Armagnac, Baron de Sigognac, 10-year-old | <b>4.50</b> | <b>6.30</b> |
| Cognac, Maxime Trijol Elegance           | <b>4.70</b> | <b>6.85</b> |
| Calvados, Henry de Querville             | <b>3.50</b> | <b>5.25</b> |
| Limoncello                               | <b>2.50</b> | <b>3.25</b> |

## SOFT DRINKS

£

COCA COLA + DIET COCA COLA 2.85

FEVER TREE MIXERS 2.00

At Fever Tree, it's all about taste. Which is why co-founders Charles and Tim have travelled to some of the most remote, beautiful and sometimes dangerous regions of the world to source the highest quality natural ingredients from small specialist suppliers. Following a 'tonic tasting' on the US market, Charles Rolls - who built his reputation running Plymouth Gin - joined forces with Tim Warrillow, who had a background in luxury food marketing, to analyse the composition of mixers. They discovered that the majority were preserved with sodium benzoate or similar substances, while cheap orange aromatics such as decanal and artificial sweeteners (such as saccharin) were widespread. And so started a 15-month journey. Days in the British Library researching quinine sources from as far back as 1620, trips to find the purest strains of this key ingredient and 5 iterations of the recipe were tasted before Charles and Tim were happy with the result and the first bottle of Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water was produced in 2005.

Tonic / Slim Tonic / Elderflower Tonic / Mediterranean Tonic / Soda Water  
Lemonade / Ginger Ale / Ginger Beer / Bitter Lemon

FOLKINGTONS 100% FRUIT JUICE 3.25

All their drinks are 100% natural and are made from wonderful pure juices (not from concentrated juice), and are free from unnecessary artificial additives. Those blessed with a discerning palate as well as a keen eye say they taste as good as they look. And look as good as they taste.

Orange / Cranberry / Mango

JAMES WHITE JUICES 3.00

Since 1991 James White juices have been based on Whites Fruit Farm in Ashbocking just north of Ipswich. Originally a cider factory, Lawrence Mallinson bought the assets to James White and began to explore a love of pressed fruit and vegetable juices. They offer a range of English apple juices as well as blends of other fruits and vegetables. This includes Big Tom Tomato juice.

Apple / Pear & Raspberry / Apple & Elderflower / Apple & Cherry / Pear / Big Tom

FENTIMANS 3.25

Ginger Beer / Rose Lemonade / Orange Jigger/ Elderflower

MINERAL WATER

Our water is finely purified here on the premises to produce the freshest, cleanest water possible. We have taken this step to help our carbon footprint by reducing our dependency on pre-bottled water. Fewer lorries on the road, fewer bottles in the bin. Thank you for your support. There is no charge for still water but for sparkling it is £2 per 750ml bottle or 50p per 12oz glass.

CORDIALS

Britvic - Lime, Blackcurrant, Orange 30p

Belvoir - Elderflower, Lime & Lemongrass, Raspberry & Rose 90p

## COFFEE

We buy our coffee from Tate Gallery organized by their Head of Coffee, Thomas Haigh, who deals direct with growers and pays them 50% more than fair trade prices. Thomas and his team only source single origin coffee from a variety of female and male producers from various countries. This means our espresso beans change seasonally depending on what they chose to source. Their small team of specialists focus on sourcing and roasting the highest quality and sustainable coffee.

By dealing direct with the farmer they can guarantee the producer receives a greater reward for coffee that tastes amazing making the minimum price at least 50% higher than the fair-trade minimum. This said, the commitment to Direct Sourcing is much more about the quality of the coffee than it is about anything else. We believe that quality coffee comes from long standing relationships based on trust and a mutual commitment to make each coffee taste as truly awesome as it can. By returning to a producer year after year, they can feel confident in us, secure enough to make the continued investment into their farms needed to produce coffee at the very highest level. By doing so, securing their position in the speciality coffee market well into the future.

Every coffee drunk is a combination of hard work between farmer, roaster and you the barista. It is our firm belief that quality can only improve the more transparent this chain becomes. Please ask a member of our team as to what beans we currently stock.

|                 | £    |
|-----------------|------|
| Single Espresso | 2.20 |
| Double Espresso | 2.50 |
| Americano       | 2.50 |
| Latte           | 2.50 |
| Cappuccino      | 2.50 |
| Mocha           | 2.50 |
| Macchiato       | 2.50 |

## HOT CHOCOLATE

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| Van Houten | 2.50 |
|------------|------|

## JING TEA

Jing is a Mandarin word meaning essential foundation. Whilst tea is ubiquitous and can be mass produced, the world's great teas are as outstanding in taste as the finest wines and the rarest whiskeys. Jing offers definitive examples of Asia's greatest teas, grown in time honoured gardens, skilfully hand-processed then vacuum-packed as source for unmatched freshness.

Jing is a young and innovative tea company run by Edward Eisler and his team. By building relationships with the world's finest tea farmers in China, India, Sri Lanka, Japan and Taiwan, Jing hand sources not only the finest teas and herbal infusions, but also special, rare teas which are seldom seen outside their country of origin. Jing makes many quality assessments in respect to the quality of the tea leaf and the way it is processed by observing and smelling the dry and wet leaf and tasting the infusion. Jing also visits its producers regularly to oversee picking and production to ensure its quality standards are met.

### JASMINE SILVER NEEDLE

Super delicate flavours in which light and understated orchard blossom sweetness combines with fragrant jasmine to soft, vanilla effect.

### ASSAM BREAKFAST

A comforting and full breakfast classic, with rich malty sweetness and vivid ruby coloured infusion.

### EARL GREY

Refreshing and sweet, with lifted citrus charm freshening the structured tenacity of the Ceylon leaf. Jing uses a base of exceptional whole leaf Ceylon tea, scented with bergamot and sprinkled with cornflowers.

### WHITE PEONY

Refreshing and sweet, with lifted citrus charm freshening the structured tenacity of the Ceylon leaf. Jing uses a base of exceptional whole leaf Ceylon tea, scented with bergamot and sprinkled with cornflowers.

### WHOLE PEPPERMINT LEAF

Insistent, deep and full mint flavours with an almost oily mid-palate subsiding cleanly towards and intensely perfumed finish.

### ORGANIC WHOLE CHAMOILE FLOWERS

Bright, full, mellow floral depths with soft, refreshingly bitter vegetal complexities in the finish. Sweet yet austere – the definitive chamomile combination.

### BLACKCURRANT & HIBISCUS INFUSION

Vivid, intense and lively, with a rich spectrum of berry fruits, bright supporting acidity and a sweet, perfumed finish. Refreshing, even bracing and full of charm.

£2.50

## BAR SNACKS

### PIPER'S FARM CRISPS

The Pipers story began in 2004 when three Lincolnshire farmers – Alex Albone, Simon Herring and James Sweeting – joined forces to produce great tasting, quality crisps using local potatoes. They work with carefully selected flavour partners who care as much about their produce as the farmers do about theirs.

Anglesey Sea Salt

Lye Cross Cheddar & Onion

Atlas Mountains Thyme & Rosemary

Burrow Hill Cider Vinegar

Karnataka Black Pepper & Sea Salt

All £1.10

### OTHER SNACKS

|                                       | £    |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Doremen's Cashews or Pistachio        | 2.50 |
| Pork Scratching's                     | 1.75 |
| Doremen's Peanuts                     | 1.00 |
| Nocellara del Belice Marinated Olives | 3.00 |

## INFORMATION

### THE SUN INN

We have seven en-suite guest rooms with seasonal packages available throughout the year which at times include cream tea, bike hire or a six course tasting meal. Our menu, inspired by Italy, changes throughout the week with a complete change each month. There is a bar menu with sandwiches and platters and on Sunday we roast a couple of joints of meat. There is a children's menu available at weekends and school holidays and we are able to cater for most allergies and diets. We have lots of bar snacks available throughout the day and are open for breakfast to non-residents on Saturday and Sunday 8.15am – 9.45am.

### OUR PRODUCTS

Everyone bangs on about local this and that these days, it almost goes without saying! We are no different but first and foremost, the product has got to taste great. If it is and is local, we buy it, if not we seek further afield. But most of our menu ingredients come from local (25 miles) farmers and growers and fish from in-shore day boats on the Essex, Suffolk and south coasts. This matters because it means we get the produce as soon as possible from when it is harvested or caught. Our beer, wine and other beverages are no different; we want to provide great tasting drinks from people who are as passionate about what they do as we are.

### OUR TEAM

Our front of house operations are run by Emma Anson, Sam Griffiths and Alice Simpson. The kitchen is headed up by Jack Levine with Emil Stycznski his second-in-command. These individuals are ably supported by a group of people who have been hired because they want to give great hospitality. The Sun Inn has been owned by me Piers Baker since 2003 and I also own Church Street Tavern in Colchester which opened in early 2014.

### CHURCH STREET TAVERN

We opened our second venture in February 2014. Church Street Tavern has a ground floor bar and lounge and first floor dining room. Open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday and dinner Wednesday to Saturday serving a full menu alongside quick light dishes at lunch. A children's menu is available at weekends and school holidays. Feast day specials, Sunday roast joints too. A private dining room is available for hire and online bookings are taken. Colchester has got lots of wonderful attractions and things to do such as Colchester Castle, First Site Contemporary Art Gallery, the Mercury Theatre and Colchester Arts Clubs and excellent shopping. So when you seek a slightly more contemporary take on The Sun Inn, visit Church Street Tavern where you will be looked after by Charlotte Green out front and Head Chef Ewan Naylor in the kitchen. Full details are:

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### PRIVATE HIRE

Both our venues are available for private hire whether it be private dining or drinks. We also can cater for Cream Tea and on site catering. Please speak to one of our managers for further information.