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Report from the Chair

Jack Summers-Glass

Well, a lot has happened since the last issue and as we move into the darker months, there looks like there is more to come.

On the up-side, the **Beer Festival** has come and gone and was a success thanks to the visitors and the volunteers. More about the Festival in this issue.

What a financial ride we are having and none of it helps our pubs (and clubs) what with everything going up in price and dwindling numbers of customers as we are all tightening our belts, not to mention the 'don't drink' campaigns that are around; hope you all will not forget your local and try and visit when you can. I am sure all of us want them to be around ready for next summer (if we get one).

CAMRA has had some success in persuading the Government and others to make changes that help the brewers and pubs alike but there is still much to be done. I won't go into detail here but, as **CAMRA** members (and even if you aren't), we have a good national website and if you read our press releases (<https://camra.org.uk/about/media-centre/press-releases/>) you can keep up-to-date with the latest information.

By the time you read this, there may have been changes to the regional structure in **CAMRA**, including our region, so when and if something happens, we will try to update you all via our social media channels and our Branch website.

With my **InnQuirer** Editor's cap on I would like to thank all of our **advertisers** in this issue, without whom we would be unable to produce the magazine. We are amongst the most reasonable branch publications for advertising, in fact the prices have not increased during the six years that I have been editing **InnQuirer**. Whether or not this can continue depends on two factors, how many adverts we get and how much the printing of the magazine costs us. Because we do not use third-parties for layout and production, we can keep our costs to the minimum but this winter is going to be difficult for both us and our contributors as costs everywhere are rising. Let's hope we all can continue and things will improve soon.

Support your pubs over the winter - if you don't, they may not be there next year!



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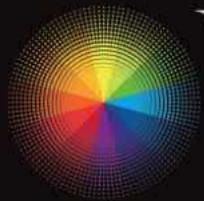
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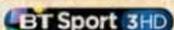
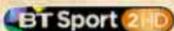
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Looking back at the Ulverston Beer Festival 2022

After 3 years, we finally managed to run the ever-popular **Ulverston Beer Festival** in the Coronation Hall in Ulverston at the beginning of September this year. It was hard work getting everything organised and even the planning was complex as so many changes have happened since 2019, not least of which was the Coronation Hall changing hands and becoming more 'commercialised' so nothing could be taken for granted this time.

Even remembering how everything worked was a challenge after 3 years absence! However, we managed and those of you who were able to attend this year will have, hopefully, enjoyed their visit. We had a good selection of cask ales, albeit a slightly reduced selection compared with 2019. The Keg Bar was popular and we almost ran out of beer but, thanks to Lakeland Brewhouse, we managed to get some top-ups for the Saturday.

Numbers attending were a little down on 2019 but beer sales were up so that made up for it. Although the Thursday and Friday did seem very busy throughout the day, Saturday was a little quieter than last time so that probably accounts for the reduction in visitors.

The move away from a cash-bar this year, for the first time, was a bit of a leap-of-faith but in the end, the token system that we introduced seemed to be generally popular. Of course, since this was the first time that we have tried this, we have learnt a lot and, assuming we are able to run the Festival in 2023, we can streamline the system. With a token system, there will always be issues with refunds/unused tokens etc. but I think in general, it worked pretty well for a first go at it.

We did, as always, have some comments about the 'head' on the cask ales but, as we have explained in the past, we do not have access to sparklers and even if we did, we would have to replace the glasses **every serve** (a legal requirement) and we do not have the resources to do this.

This time, we had a good number of volunteers and without these, the Festival just wouldn't happen. It may be worth emphasising that **no-one** at the Festival is paid with the exception of the bought-in services such as Security. Everyone running and working at the Festival is an unpaid volunteer (and no, they don't get paid in beer!) This time was the first attempt at a volunteer recruiting system and although it did work well, there are things that we could have done better and that will be taken on-board in the future.

In the next year, a lot of things look like they are going to change so at this early stage, we have no idea how the economy will affect our ability to run another Festival in the same way that we have been running it in the past but let's keep our fingers crossed that things will improve.

In the meantime, of course, there is a permanent 'beer festival, in the Furness region - it is called 'The Pubs' so enjoy yourselves while you anticipate next time!

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Presentations and Awards from the Ulverston Beer Festival 2022

Cask Ale of The Festival and Overall Beer of The Festival

These two awards went to **Roa Island Brewing Co.** for their **Daylight Robbery**, a cross between a mild and a session bitter at 3.6% abv with chocolate and coffee notes.



Here we see **Paul and Lorraine**

Here we see **Paul and Lorraine**

Bibby receiving their certificates from **Furness Branch Chair and Dave Stubbins**, CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer for Roa Island Brewing Co.

Beers in Membrane Containers, Beer of the Festival

In case you were wondering, a KeyKey is a membrane container and so is a PolyKey so since these are trade names, **CAMRA** identifies them as **Membrane Containers**

Here we see the award certificate for **Utown Peaches and Cream** being presented to **Kirsty Ridge**, (the owner),



and **John Kyme** (the Brewer) by **Furness Branch Chair and Terry Ridal**, CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer for **Lakeland Brewhouse**

Cider/Perry of The Festival

We had some pretty decent ciders and perries at the Festival but the overall winner was a local producer, **John Hibbert** from **Broughton Bank Cider and Perry** for his **Broughton Bank Medium Dry Cider**.



(Presentation too late for this issue so here is a picture from the 2022 Festival).

If you are wondering how we arrived at these awards, we had voting slips available throughout the Festival for our visitors to fill out based on what they thought was their favourite beer or cider.

Apart from checking for 'unusual voting patterns', **Furness CAMRA** didn't choose these awards, the visitors did so it is particularly interesting to us that all four awards went to local producers, despite there being an excellent selection from around the country!

On top of that, **Fell Brewery** has picked up an award at regional level.

(Picture of the presentation may be too late for this issue!)



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The Pub and You

by The Editor

If you are a **CAMRA** member then by now you will have probably got your hands on the latest Good Beer Guide. Actually, you don't have to be a member to get your hands on a copy, Amazon has them too and no doubt others.

The point of this is that in the back of the Guide, there is a list of the breweries that have closed since 2022 and that list is only at the date that the Guide was compiled! Not just one or two but over 100. Of course, not all of the closures were for the same reason, some brewers just retired but a lot of them just gave up as running a brewery is not a cheap option and things have got difficult for them to continue to be financially viable.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find an interesting article that highlights the problems that both the breweries and the pubs are facing in the current climate. Here, I am just trying to understand what it happening to the pub scene in general.

Times change of course and before the disappearance, in the main, of the industrial worker who, for example, worked in a foundry or mine, the 'local' was a place to socialise after a hard physical day's work. Back then, the whole model was different and the pub was the main focus of the beer-drinker rather than the 'can and telly' (or for the younger drinkers, the takeaway and social media) that has affected much of the pubs' business.

Pubs have had to change to meet the new view of the pub, to a great extent becoming restaurants with a bar attached rather than a bar with a

small selection of simple foods (remember the pie cabinet, still to be found in a very small number of pubs?). At the Prince of Wales in Foxfield (see the centre pages), Lynda and Stuart used to serve 'beer blotters' along with their selection of beers. How much beer you would need to blot given the portion sizes is another thing but you get the drift.

The number of 'wet-led' (beer mainly) pubs has significantly shrunk in the last few years but thankfully there are still plenty out there. However, they won't be unless they get customers.

So, what actually is your reason for going to the pub? If some media is to be believed, it is to get drunk. Sadly, there are people out there that would fit this description but these days, if this is the only reason to drink then there are cheaper ways to do it (at home) given the widespread availability of 'slabs' (bulk-buy packs) at supermarkets. All right, obviously that isn't a general case as there are plenty of reasons why you may want to drink at home, not just financial but for a lot of people, older and younger, meeting friends at the pub remains an attractive option.

Actually, landlords are responsible for the behaviour of their customers and should, legally, try and prevent drunkenness on their premises but that is another story.

So, what are we going to do about keeping our pubs open?

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to keep their doors open then we need to make an effort to support them.

These seem to be the barriers to going to the pub, no doubt there are others and maybe you don't agree with me but here goes:

Pubs not opening every day

In Furness, this is a common issue as I am sure that will be the case in most other areas. It is not uncommon to find pubs closed Monday and/or Tuesday as these seem to be the days with the least customers and at the moment, it makes no sense to open if no-one is there. Of course, you could say the opposite, if the pub isn't open then you won't go there but it seems that these days, the closer we get to the weekend, the more likely it is that we will go to the pub.

Getting to the pub

Of course, this has been the case for ages since the drink-drive laws have been tightened over the past 50 years or so. It was never a good thing to drive while drunk but maybe back then it was worth the risk given the lack of modern technology but now it is definitely a no-no. Now we have to walk or take public transport (remember that?) and that is not always practical. Given the rapid decline in village pubs, it is now getting to the stage when the only pubs available during most hours are in the towns.

Living in the country

This is a bit like the previous paragraph but it is a major issue that

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a lot of people who do not live here permanently don't seem to understand. We all know that in Furness the public transport is dire except in a few reasonably-served areas (like Barrow and Ulverston) but even then it is nothing like that in a major town.

Visitors coming to Furness are usually completely unaware of the situation. I spoke to a family a while back waiting for a bus to take them back to Windermere from Ulverston after having an evening out. When I explained that there were no bus services available until the following day and that they would have to try and get a taxi, they were stunned. They had paid for a return that they could now not use; you could say that they should have checked first but, as I mentioned above, they had not expected such a limited service in a holiday area.

Pubs changed into 'Eateries'

This has been a common change over the past few years and particularly following the Covid pandemic and lockdown. In order to make ends meet, a lot of pubs have increased their food offering to help make the pub viable. This has gradually changed in some pubs from a 'pub serving food' to an 'Eatery' (horrible term) with a bar. Seemingly, this move has seen the number of cask ales available shrink as diners do not always, or even often, choose cask beer over other options. Add that to the increasing prevalence of the 'big brewers' offerings over local breweries does nothing to encourage

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people to try something that they haven't tried before.

Now, obviously being a **CAMRA** related publication, we would like to see more people drinking live beer. We used to call it cask ale but these days, live beer is available not just in cask but in membrane containers (e.g. KeyKeg), bottles and cans. However, that doesn't mean we are so short-sighted that we don't know that a lot, and maybe the majority, of pub-goers actually drink big-brand keg beer. If that is what you like, who are we to criticise but of course we would like you to try some live beer. If you don't like one you may like another and these days, live beer, and in particular cask

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ale, is seen as 'green' in that it doesn't (usually) need coolers and gas to drive it to the tap. Yes, I do know that the brewery uses gas or electricity in the brewing process but so does everyone else.

Anyway, the point of this article really is to persuade you to go to the pub if you can and help support it over this winter as it is going to be a difficult time for us all and I, for one, would like my local to still be there in the spring.

While we are on the subject of the **CAMRA 2023 Good Beer Guide**, this is what it looks like!

See <https://camra.org.uk/about/publications/the-good-beer-guide-v1/>

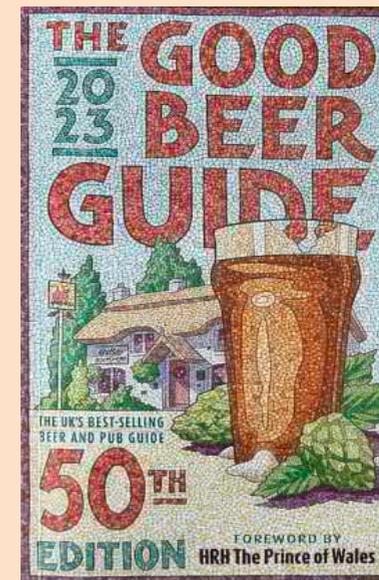
Christmas is on the way!

We presume you know that - it started in September but, joking apart, at this time of the year, many pubs are planning their seasonal menus and events. Check out your local paper, website or whatever to see what your 'locals' are doing and if you can, pay them a visit as we are sure that they would be delighted to have some more customers.

Everything seems to be changing here, almost daily, but don't let that be an excuse to forget your local pub or club. Even if you can't make it as often as you used to, every visit is a bonus to the pub and hopefully a pleasurable visit for you.

Whether you have a meal or just a drink (or two) every little helps at the moment.

Go on, you know you want to.....



The Prince of Wales Foxfield - Memories

As many of you already know, when **Lynda and Stuart** sold the **PoW**, there was a lot of optimism on how quickly it would re-open under new management. Since then, of course, we have had the Covid pandemic

2005



amongst other things and the current owners have now indicated that they want to sell it on. Unfortunately, having been unable to complete the

2016



work, the building is not in great condition as most of the work done

2016



has been related to structural changes that they decided were needed.

Looking at a map from the turn of the 19th

2018



century, a public house was shown opposite the rail station then so the importance of this pub cannot be over-emphasised.

Until we have any idea on what the future holds, here are some pictures taken over the past few years to help you remember what a great pub it was.

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The Prince of Wales Foxfield - Memories

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How Much?

Ann Summers-Glass - Pub Protection Officer

"Man goes into a pub..." - the start of many a joke... These days, when you go into a pub (or club) and ask for a pint, there's a good chance that you will say "how much?" in a pretty incredulous tone of voice. The cost of your beer or cider seems to go up regularly, and even if a Well Known Pub Chain does seem to keep their prices low, even they are not immune to the pressures affecting the whole hospitality trade. So what's happening?

Let's start in the pub. That's always a good place to start anything. With friends and acquaintances, and possibly strangers who will soon be your good mate, the pub is very much the glue that holds communities together. Why has your pint suddenly got so expensive?

Well, there's the running costs for a start. The cost of electricity has gone up (we know this from our bills at home), and businesses don't have the benefit of the energy cap. If they do food, they probably use gas, and that's gone up in price too. You want a clean pub, and the cost of cleaning materials has increased - that's not just a quick squirt of table top cleaner, there's line cleaner and all the other stuff used to make sure you get a good pint. CO2 has gone up as well; that's not just used to serve keg beers, it can be used in things like JetFlos which help push your cask beers from the cellar to the tap without actually touching the beer itself.

And then there's staff wages. Because there are less people able to do unsocial hours, the ones that can or are willing to work late night shifts are in short supply. So your landlord may be trying to keep his staff by paying them more than the pub next door. (I'm not saying bar staff don't deserve this - it's

a difficult job and they have higher costs as well!)

Then there's the actual price of beer. A totally independent pub can shop around at local breweries or at wholesalers like Eebria (but I'll explain what problems breweries have further on), and managed pubs just sell what the brewery or pub-owning company ("pubco") provides at a price decided by their employer. Tenanted and leased pubs must buy beers, and sometimes all their offerings, from the pubco or brewery list. They can be fined if they buy elsewhere even if the same beer is cheaper. This is one of the interesting things about the price of beer. A bigger brewery sells via their own managed pubs, to non-brewing pubcos, to their tenants and leaseholders, and directly to independent publicans. Fair enough, I hear you say - but there will be a different price for each and that goes a long way to explain why pubs next door to each other sell the same beer at different prices.

And of course these prices to the pubs have gone up as well, because breweries are not immune to the increased electricity, gas, business rates, etc, etc, costs. Gas and electricity tripled in price overnight for many of them in late summer, and diesel has gone up substantially (think delivery vans, not just for the end product but getting the raw materials from producer to brewery).

The big increases recently - prices have trebled, with some going five-fold - have been in cleaning materials (particularly caustic soda) and CO2. There have been lots of causes in why these have increased. A lot of this is imported (did you know the Russian Federation is the fourth biggest producer of caustic soda?) and there

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How Much?

Ann Summers-Glass - Pub Protection Officer

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are a lot of other countries trying to import these materials as well. There was an issue with the River Rhine being too low so ships couldn't transport bulk loads. There are problems with a lack of equipment (containers and tankers) at ports due to backlogs, a lack of staff at ports due to Covid, and the Russia/Ukraine war can also be considered partially to blame. To make caustic soda you need CO2 and that's in short supply too.

Why don't they steam clean their casks and kegs, and brewing equipment? Well, you have to heat water to get steam, and we're back to the increased costs of gas and electricity.

And we haven't even touched on the cost of stuff like barley, malts, hops and all the good stuff which is the basis of beer. Farmers are just as badly affected so they may find they can't get fertiliser to grow the barley and other grains (there are fertiliser manufacturers that are closed as they are energy intensive), maltsters need gas and electricity, hop harvests can be patchy because of the weather, and on top of that the big international brewing companies are likely to make a supplier an offer he cannot refuse for his entire crop so that smaller breweries find that they have to pay much higher prices for their supplies.

The Little Guys are the most vulnerable here - the independent pub where they can't afford to open every day, where the owner does all the work because they can't afford staff, the small local brewer cutting back because the pubs who sold his beer aren't open as much, the tenants and leaseholders who have to buy their beers from the Big Boys and can't negotiate a fair price (we've heard tales of tenants finding that they have to pay twice as much to the owning brewery as that brewery would charge an independent free house for the same beer!) and who just give up when they can break their tenancy or lease. They're the ones whose prices will be higher than the bigger managed pubs such as those in the Well Known Pub Chain mentioned above.

But if the small pubs and breweries shut they will probably never reopen. If you can, try to support them - one pint of locally brewed beer at £5 in your local free house instead of two pints at £2.50 in a massive chain pub where you have to walk miles to the loos isn't such a problem and might just help keep traditional brewing and pubs going.



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October was **Cider and Perry Month** - you missed it! However, does that matter - cider is available all year round and I'm sure that you don't just wait until it is cider month again to enjoy it. **CAMRA** is particularly interested in what we call '**real cider**' which means it is made from 100% fruit, fresh not concentrate. Of course, what you like may not fall into that description, how would you know when you buy it but it is worth seeking out real cider/perry. If you look at the cider you all voted for at the **Ulverston Beer Festival**, that was real cider (and local as it happens) so there must be something in it!

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Pub and Brewery Craic

A lot this time!

As a result of **CAMRA** and **SIBA** lobbying and encouraging members to write to their MPs, the recent mini-budget contained more details of the Alcohol Duty Review, including the extension of draught relief to include kegs of 20 litres and above, our plans for a technical consultation on the definition of cider for duty purposes, additional detail on the design of Small Producer Relief, and cancellation of the planned increase in the duty rates for alcohol.

However, In Section 9 of the draft legislation on repackaging qualifying draught products, it states that they would be classed as repackaged if they are transferred to other containers but not in the course of serving a beverage for "immediate consumption". To repack a beer authorisation has to be given under Section 37, which authorises producers of beer and without this a person would face fines and the confiscation of their beer and bar.

As the vast majority of beer that is delivered to pubs will be in qualifying containers, this means that pubs and bottle shops would need authorisation to package into smaller containers but are unlikely to be able to meet the requirements to be authorised as a producer. This would in all likelihood prevent them from being able to sell draught products in takeaway containers.

CAMRA is now working on securing cross-party support from MPs to push back within Parliament and **Nik Antona**, the National Chairman, has sent a joint letter with **SIBA** to the new Exchequer Secretary outlining our concerns over this approach.

Pub and Club News

Roa Island Boating Club has been voted **West Pennines Club of the Year 2022**. They now go forward to the National Final - the results are to be announced early in 2023. This competition is run jointly by **CAMRA** and **Club Mirror**. Congratulations to the Club, especially Lorraine and Paul, and good luck for the Final!

The Branch Chair and the Pub Protection Officer attended a public meeting on 29 September 2022 about the future of the **Prince of Wales, Foxfield**; As If By Magic (who bought it in July 2020) has told **South Lakeland DC** that they intend to sell. As there is an **ACV** in place, a small steering group has been formed in the local community to investigate the options available; the Parish Council intends to trigger the six month moratorium which would mean the community has this time to make an acceptable offer to buy. The building is a shell and total cost to bring it back into use could be around £400,000; there is a strong desire to bring the building into some kind of community use.

Other pubs in the area causing concern include the **Church House at Torver** (being used as a bunkhouse and caravan park) and the **Ship at Greenodd** where the building works to relocate the brewery are further delayed.

The Kings Arms at Haverthwaite is currently boarded up (October 2022); **Daniel Thwaites**, the brewery which owns this pub, is advertising for a new tenant and has said that it is to be refurbished.

It appears that the **Kings Arms in Hawkshead** may be purchased by Greene King who have now closed the pub with a major refurbishment (especially upstairs) to be carried out. It is expected to reopen at Easter 2023.

The Crown Inn in Coniston also closed at the end of October for refurbishment. It is scheduled to reopen in mid-March 2023.



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Robinsons Brewery is advertising for new lessees (5 year contracts) for the **Rose and Crown in Cark-in-Cartmel**, the **Hope and Anchor in Flookburgh**, and the **Ship in Coniston**.

Piel Island has a new King; the new landlord, local lad **Aaron Sanderson**, has been installed. New 'camping bothies' with up-to-date facilities are to replace the existing ones. Piel Ferry is now closed for the winter, so we'll need to wait until March 2023 to see all the improvements that are being made.

A planning application has been made to South Lakes District Council for the **Derby Arms in Great Urswick** to extend and reconfigure the pub, with the intention to reopen when the current restrictive covenant expires (believed to be in **2024**). The current owners purchased the pub (which closed in December 2018) from **Robinsons Brewery** in May 2021.

Brewery (and Cidery) News

You'll see on our Presentations page that **Roa Island Brewery's Daylight Robbery** was our cask beer and overall winner of the 32nd Ulverston festival, with **UTown's Peaches'n'Cream** our keykeg winner.

UTown is of course the sister brewery of **Lakeland Brewhouse**, and specialises in craft beers. (For the doubters, it's real ale – live beer but in a different type of container!)

Our cider of the festival was **Broughton Bank's Medium Dry**.

We're really proud that all our winners, as voted for by visitors from all over the country, were local producers – we had beers and ciders from far and wide, so this proves Our Guys are up there with the best! But we do need to support them all year!

We've been told that **South Lakes Brewing in Ulverston**, who brewed award-winning beers such as **Rakau** and **4 C's**, may have **closed permanently**. This is a sad loss for the local brewing fraternity.

Tarn Hows Brewery, based outside **Hawkshead** and famed for their multi-award winning **Blueberry and Vanilla Oatmeal Stout**, has reduced production substantially, and may suspend all brewing until the disruptions caused by lockdown have disappeared. Another sad loss.

We were hoping to have an update about our latest brewery, **Coastline in Walney**. We know they took delivery of new brew tanks at the end of July, but haven't been able to find out any more since then. If anyone knows anything, can they let us know!

Outside our immediate branch area, in **West Cumbria** next door, **Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company** has **closed Jennings Brewery in Cockermouth** and the entire site is for sale. They intend to continue brewing **Cumberland Cask in Burton-on-Trent**. (We wonder if this is the start of a world-wide trend – **Heineken** is closing breweries in the **Netherlands** and **Romania**, and have already closed **Caledonian Brewery** in Edinburgh, with these brands transferred to **Greene King** – and how many other breweries which are part of these international brands will disappear because of "rationalisation".)



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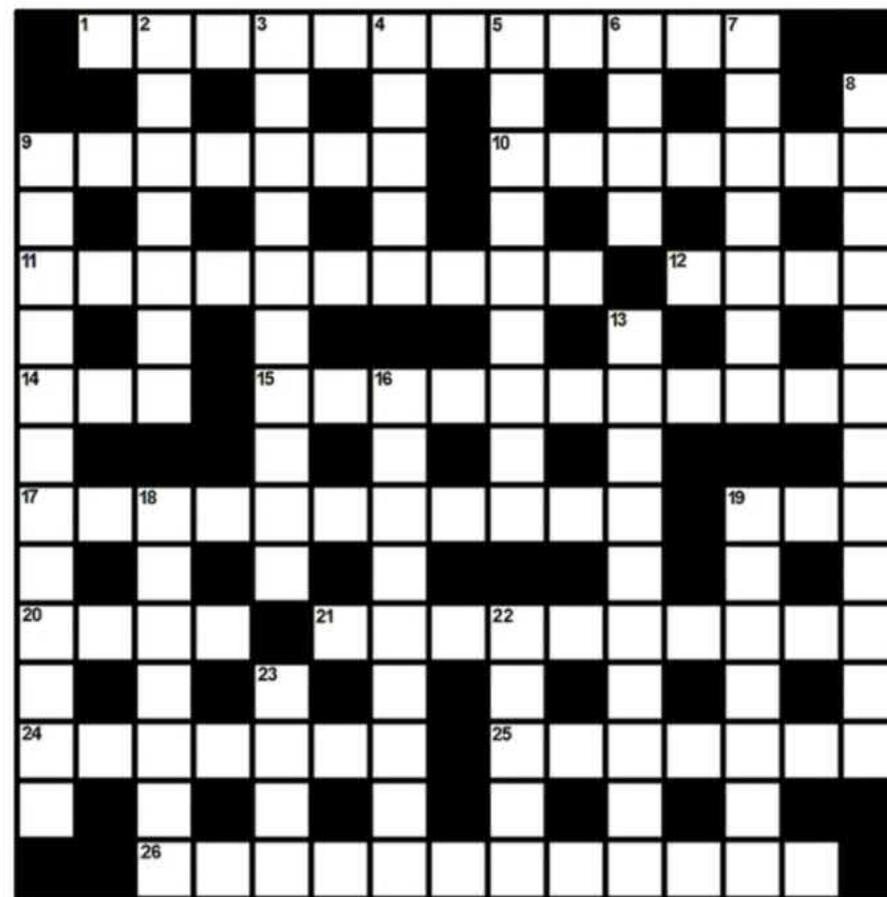
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Crossword No. 39

by PeeGee



Across

Down

- 1 "It's my age", thinks Mrs, correcting the landlord of this Cartmel establishment (3,5,4)
- 3 Benevolence towards 551 sheltering in head of family (7)
- 4 "My client steals nothing", the defence claimed (4)
- 5 Tight-lipped about finding his severe tic unsettling (9)
- 6 Control precipitation, according to the radio (4)
- 7 In every point of the compass (except the east), cancel time for evening drinks (7)
- 8 Sillier diets created where, eg, hooch is made (12)
- 9 Was this Furness pub a supporter of Richard II (3,5,4)
- 10 Olympian God in charge of doomed liner (7)
- 11 Some character in Greece is averse to Italian wine (7)
- 12 Michael, a Labour legend? (4)
- 13 Social restriction difficult if its dancing, dancing (10)
- 14 Short period belongs to us, we are told (3)
- 15 Not urinal; it needs cooking to become nourishing (11)
- 16 Because of no information technology, I dart back to the conventional (9)
- 17 Mother, say, is unequivocal about being LGBTQ+ (11)
- 18 Article given mixture from medieval dynasty (8)
- 19 In the audience, lateral thinking expression suggests an American mystery author (3)
- 19 Model for vocal WWII US General (7)
- 20 Lofty, verbal response to "Lo"? (4)
- 21 9 Across, rebuilt, not in charge ... city back in Ohio (10)
- 22 At last, magic dairy cream for you in Wales (5)
- 23 Charged atom said to flatten (4)
- 24 Did Othello play this board game? (7)
- 25 Young ladies without runs (in their stockings?) (7)
- 26 No French, trendy, but reportedly boring, man shows abstinence (12)

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HOWEVER, you should **not expect** or **demand** a discount **if the pub does not offer one** - but there is no harm in asking politely in case they do and we don't know about it or they want to participate but don't know that there is support for pubs offering a cask ale discount.

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:
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LocAle What is it?

The usual **CAMRA** definition of **LocAle** is for beer that is brewed up to 30 miles from the point of sale but here in **Furness**, because of our more remote location and low density of population, we define **LocAle** as:

"All beers brewed within Cumbria, plus those in North Lancashire as far south as Lancaster and Morecambe"

LocAle (short for Local Ale if you didn't guess) is a **CAMRA** national initiative to promote pubs that sell locally sourced beers. Not only does this encourage you to try a locally brewed beer but also to help reduce 'beer miles' - the number of miles your beer has to travel from the brewery to the pub. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues.

Furness is only one of 125 **CAMRA** branches taking part in the initiative. You can find a list of our LocAle pubs on the Branch website (www.furness.camra.org.uk) and occasionally in this magazine but as things are changing all the time, just look out for the LocAle sign in your, um! Local.

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Crossword Answers

Across

- The Kings Arms** Anag (correcting) of age, thinks Mrs
- Titan + ic**
- Chi + anti**
- Eyeglasses** Anag (moving) of Ya sees legs
- Foot** leg end
- Hrs** Homophone (we are told) for ours
- Nutritional** Anag (cooking) of Not urinal; it
- Trans + parent**
- Poe** Homophone (audience) for Po
- High** Homophone (verbal) for Hi
- Cincinatti** Anag (rebuilt) of Titanic + n + ic backwards
- Reversi**
- Maidens**
- Nonindulgent** Non + in+ homophone (reportedly) for dull + gent

Down

- Hat + reds**
- Kin + dli + ness**
- Nicks** Homophone for nix
- Secretive** Anag (unsettling) of secretive
- Rein** Homophone for rain
- Sundown** Undo in S, W, and N
- Distilleries** Anag (created) of Sillier diets
- The White Hart** The personal badge of K Richard II
- Distancing** Anag (dancing) of it's dancing
- Tradition** No + IT + I dart, all backwards
- Angevin** An + anag (mixture) of given
- Pattern** Homophone (vocal) for Patton
- Cymru** Last letters (At last) of magic dairy cream for you
- Iron** Homophone (said) for ion

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