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A word from the Editor

It may still be winter but there is plenty going on in the beer world. Winter beer festivals are running and pubs are there for you to enjoy. Tempting though it may be to curl up in front of the telly and wait for Spring, your Local needs you so wrap up warm and get out there to sample some of the great beers available in our local pubs. Without your support, they may not be there in future!

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Chairman's Report



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Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

I'm writing this report just before Christmas and am looking back at a successful 2019 for the branch with an excellent beer festival and great participation from our active branch members. In particular I would like to thank those who took part in voting for the **Champion Beer of Britain**. It really does help our local brewers get recognition for the excellent beers they produce.

We have continued to hold our **monthly meetings** which are very well attended and we are continuing our policy of holding them in as many of our pubs as can realistically offer us meeting facilities. If you would like to host a meeting please get in touch and we will discuss arrangements with you. The only thing we ask is that, as it is a meeting, we need to be able to ensure that there is an area without musical or other interference so we can conduct our business effectively.

It's good to see that many publicans are continuing to invest in their pubs and it was particularly pleasing to see the reopening of the **Farmers in Baycliff** following its extensive refurbishment, and the opening of a magnificent function room at the **Sun Inn** in **Ulverston**.

I was also pleased to see the expanded brewing facility of **Hawkshead Brewery** in **Flookburgh**, with more to come, and was heartened to hear that brewing will continue to be done at **Staveley** and that their **Beer Hall** will continue to be a flagship for the brewery. I also heard about the success that **Stringers Beers** are having in getting their beers established in other parts of the country through beer swapping arrangements

with other brewers. Under a swapping arrangement, casks that would otherwise be returned empty to the owning brewer are filled with beer from the brewer with whom the arrangement has been made. This increases choice in our own area, as well as being environmentally friendly.

Looking forward to **2020**, I hope that as many of you as feel able will **support your local pub**, especially in the post Christmas period when many of them will be feeling the pinch.

Finally, a word to every pub landlord. **CAMRA** maintains a web site called "**What Pub**" (<https://whatpub.com>) in which details of your own pub are listed. Whilst we endeavour to keep this information up to date, it isn't practical to visit all of the several hundred establishments in our branch area, so please check your own entry and let us know anything incorrect or misleading (or indeed if we're missing something you want to say about your pub).

I wish you all the best for 2020.

Dave Stubbins

This was recently issued by Dave as a release on Facebook and Twitter:

"In my capacity as **CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer** for **Hawkshead Brewery** I met with the team at the new brewery in **Flookburgh**. I was delighted to hear of the company's plans to develop the capacity at **Flookburgh** and equally delighted to hear that brewing operations at **Staveley** are to be maintained and that the **Beer Hall** will **continue** to be the flagship for **Hawkshead** beers.

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The Old Friends, Soutergate, Ulverston



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by Terry Ridal - Branch Member



and was getting very dog-eared and tired. The Wilson family moved in and to say it was a bit daunting is an understatement as there was no gas, no heating or hot water but after a period when fan heaters ruled (it was November) things slowly improved. Robinson's maintenance team were a great help and the pub started to come alive again.

Three years of relentless hard graft followed. Apart from working full time Graham had his work cut out bringing the old premises into shape. Despite this workload Graham still harboured a strong **urge** to **brew his own beer** and after finally **buying** the property from **Robinson's** breweries in **2014** which made the **Old Friends** a **Free House**, he left his lecturing job to become a full time publican and following his heart he

If you stand with your back to the cross in **Market Street** in the middle of **Ulverston**, then walk North along **King Street**, then angle left up **Soutergate** for a couple of hundred meters, you will arrive at a jewel of a pub, "**The Old Friends**".

Back in 2011 **Graham Wilson** was a lecturer in engineering. After discussions with his wife **Andrea**, they decided to take a leap of faith to take on the management of the **Old Friends** for Robinson's breweries with **Andrea** as the licensee and **Graham** in supporting role whilst still working full time.

The pub at that time was an old fashioned local with a limited clientele

designed some beers that he wanted to make. With the help of **Stuart** at **The Ship at Greenodd** he began to put his beer designs to the test whilst tweaking the brew here and there. He continued brewing in **Stuart's** set up until it became difficult to fit his brewing in with the **Greenodd** brewing, so he went to **Bowness Bay Brewing Company** and perfected his recipes there until he was able to source a brewing plant of his own.

In **2019** a **three barrel** brewing plant was installed in the barn at the **Old Friends** which relatively quickly came on line and after a few more tweaks his **Old Pals Porter**, **New Acquaintance** and **Best Friends** went on sale from the

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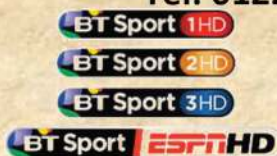
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The Old Friends, Soutergate, Ulverston



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by Terry Ridal - Branch Member

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onsite brewery which currently can just about keep up with demand. Graham also has one or two other recipes up his sleeve to try when time permits. So we look forward to those.

The Old Friends is a **charismatic, atmospheric, friendly, traditional pub** with an agreeable modern slant. The modern and traditional sit in harmonious juxtaposition. Although the sports TV is in pole position at one end of the larger room it does not obtrude into the bar snug where a real fire adds to the cosy atmosphere.

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This success story was only possible by Graham and Andrea having a clear idea of their goal and working hard to achieve what they wanted. Staunch support from the staff Gail, Bart (the co-brewer) and Simon help to achieve what the Old Friends has become today.

Congratulations to Graham and Andrea.



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Beer Festival Workers' Trip



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by some of the Festival Workers

Alan Clark - Branch Member

We knew the **Beer Festival Workers Trip** was to be round and about the Kendal area and as the coach sped past the road leading to **South Kendal** we thought we might be heading to either the **Water Mill at Ings** or **Hawkshead**



Brewery (Staveley). When we took the **Staveley** road we stopped guessing. In the yard The bus driver decided not to try and follow the arrows for parking as I believe the coach hadn't fitted under the height restriction last time we tried and hadn't got any shorter. I think it is safe to say most people on the bus had been to the brewery before but for one or two it was a pleasant first visit and there was the usual fine selection of **Hawkshead Cask** and **Craft (Keg)** beers, everything from a **Brown Bitter** to a **Chilli Stout**, my favourite was the **Brodie's Prime**. After a short stay it was back on the bus and turning left out of the yard (ruling out the Water Mill) another left had us heading for **Bowston Bridge** and **Handsome Brewery**.



The driver dropped us at the door though how far he had to drive down the road to turn round I don't know. **Two beers** on the bar, **Hound & Top Knot** both very nice although the conversation in the group I was with was about the stemmed pint glasses. Back on the bus and into Kendal. First stop the **New Union**, welcoming and busy, and, a pleasant surprise, a **new beer** on the bar, **brewed in London** by two locals, **Kendolians**, (I might have made this word up) who were in the pub, their beers being available in a few select pubs in **Kendal** over the weekend. I think it might have had more to do with the **Kendal Mountain Festival** than our trip.



Back on the bus and we parked up within walking distance of three great bars, **The Factory Tap**, **Fell Bar** and a new one to most of us the **Barrel House** aka **Bowness Bay Brewery Tap**. The Barrel House were expecting us, pleased to see us and had reserved us some seats so we could sit down and eat. I didn't go to the **Fell Bar** as I have been before and it was raining but in the **Factory Tap** we bumped into the **Gan Yam Brewers** again and a few of us finished off the trip trying there **Kendal Mint Cake Stout**, by this stage in the day the mint



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by some of the Festival Workers

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was a bit subtle for me but it was a nice stout deceptively easy to drink at 7%. A great trip well organised and managed with a few surprises in the form of new beers and bars for even the, lets say, more experienced Members.

Ken Parr - Branch Member

After a successful 2019 Ulverston Beer Festival a number of the workers there set out recently for a "Beer Workers Trip". The coach was booked, and the Itinerary was organised by our Festival Organiser, Dave Wilson. Although people knew we were going to the Kendal area the actual locations were unknown until we arrived at the destinations. The first stop was **Staveley** which contains the **Eagle and Child** pub and the **Hawkshead Beer Hall** where the **Hawkshead** beers are showcased, some in **casks** and others in their **keg** versions.

I'd been served that they had a **CAMRA Discount** in place. You win some you lose some. I would have loved to try some of their other beers, their **Hawkshead Iti** being a favourite of mine, but in order to meet our schedule the day had time restraints so after a 45 minute stop it was back on the coach to our next location.

Your Editor

I can't add anything to the above reports but Ann (your pubs officer) and I were the only ones to make it into the **Eagle and Child** in **Staveley** and I am happy to report that the beers we tried were in good condition and the pub was very comfortable, so much so that we actually missed the visit to **Hawkshead Beer Hall**!

The weather wasn't great so I think we were the only ones to make it to the **Fell Bar**, but I may be wrong but no-one else mentioned it. That is where I tried the **Gan Yam Kendal Mint Cake Stout**. Nicely subtle and not at all as expected. Unfortunately, at 7% abv it was not exactly what I would call a session beer. Rejoining some of the rest, we went to the **Barrel House** where we managed to eat something and try their excellent **Raven Red** which doesn't seem to have made it down to Ulverston but I hope it does. We finished the day off at the **Tap** where I had to have another **Kendal Mint Cake Stout**, it seemed rude not to.

Kendal seems to have raised the bar (no pun intended) in recent years and there is now a good selection of excellent watering holes. On top of that, the **X6** bus runs past my house on its way to Kendal so there is no excuse to miss out on the odd day trip!

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HAWKSHEAD LAGER 5%	3.70	MY STONE STOUT 4.5%	3.70	JESTER	3.70
CHUCKLEBERRY 5.0%	4.00	CHUCKLEBERRY 5.0%	3.80	CHERRY TOMIA SOAK	5.50

They have so many styles of beer, there is something for everybody. The main core beers from **Hawkshead** are now brewed in their new plant in **Flookburgh** but their **Tap at the Beer Hall** has not been neglected and is very popular for food as well as drink. In all my visits to the Beer Hall I have never had a beer that wasn't in top condition and this time my choice was **Hawkshead Jester** a 3.7% session beer named after the Jester hop, again in excellent condition and very moreish. Unfortunately, I made a "schoolboy error" forgetting until after

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All of this is done on a totally volunteer basis because we believe in what we do and want to make sure that everyone can get access to quality beers, ciders and perries. Apart from the actual cost of printing, this magazine itself is produced entirely by volunteers (well, mostly me actually). All of this takes time and personal sacrifice but we wouldn't do it if we didn't want to.

So, if you are a **CAMRA member**, or are thinking of **joining** us, remember that particularly for the **Beer Festival**, we welcome new volunteers to help ease the burden.

If you want to know more, come along to one of our Branch Meetings (see page 35) and discover more, including how to score beers to help us keep up to date with what goes on in our pubs.

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Where to find local beers in the region



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 Campaign for Real Ale



The following pubs are listed in WhatPub as serving local ale on a regular basis This list was compiled in December 2019. If you think something needs changing or you know of another pub in our area that should be included, please let the Editor know.

Promoting pubs that sell locally brewed real ale, reducing the number of 'beer miles', and supporting local breweries.

CAMRA LocAle is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues.

There are currently over 125 CAMRA branches participating in the **LocAle** scheme which have accredited hundreds of pubs as **LocAle** pubs which regularly sell at least one locally brewed real ale.

Definition of Local

The Sustainable Communities Act, which **CAMRA** strongly supports, provides a definition of local as up to 30 miles from the point of sale. **CAMRA** recommends that the distance is calculated from the pub to the brewery and should be based on the shortest driving distance. Real ales from regional and national breweries as well as from microbreweries can be regarded as 'local' if they are brewed within what the branch has decided as being the local area.

The Furness Branch definition is as follows:

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

This definition more accurately reflects our low density population. In reality, the vast majority of our **LocAle** pubs serve beers which are brewed very close to home - especially from our own 18 branch breweries!

Allithwaite	Pheasant	Hawkshead	Kings Arms
Askam	Railway		Red Lion
	London House		The Sun
Bardsea	Ship	High Newton	The Crown
Barngates	Drunken Duck	Holmes Green	Black Dog
Barrow	Ambrose Hotel	Kirkby	Burlington
	Duke of Edinburgh	Kirksanton	King William
	Furness Railway	Lindal	The Railway
	Kings Arms, Hawcoat	Loppergarth	Wellington
	Ship, Piel Island	Lowick Bridge	Red Lion
Bouth	Townhouse	Millom	Devonshire
Broughton	White Hart		Bear in the Square
	Black Cock	Near Sawrey	TowerBank Arms
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	Old Kings Head		Huntsman
Cark	Engine		The Swan
Cartmel	Kings Arms	Newton	Village Inn
	Royal Oak	Oxen Park	Manor House
	Uplands Hotel	Penny Bridge	Britannia
	Unsworth's Yard	Piel Island	The Ship
Coniston	Black Bull	Rusland	Rusland Pool
	The Sun	Satterthwaite	Eagles Head
	Yewdale	Seathwaite	Newfield Inn
Dalton	Brown Cow	Silecroft	Miners Arms
	Chequers	Stainton	Stagger Inn
	Red Lion	Strawberry Bank	Masons
Far Sawrey	Cuckoo Bow	The Green	Punchbowl
Foxfield	Prince of Wales	Torver	Church House
Greenodd	The Ship		Wilson Arms
Grange-O-S	The Commodore	Ulverston	Devonshire
	Keg and Kitchen		Farmers Arms
Grizebeck	Greyhound		King's Head
Haverthwaite	Anglers		The Mill
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			Old Friends
			Stan Laurel
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How cold do you like your beer?



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by The Editor

We British are often accused of drinking **warm beer** as if it is somehow wrong!

Warm is a somewhat relative word and in the beer world, warm is not actually a great description (warm food, warm tea, warm day??)

Now it is true that **cask ale** is generally served at

'cellar temperature' which is theoretically the temperature of a good pub cellar. Of course, you have to be a bit fortunate to actually have a cellar that is kept at a constant temperature regardless of the season without some help from technology.

Different beers have **different serving temperatures** but it is only relatively recently that **cooled beers** have appeared in Britain (relative, that is, to the time ales have been brewed here!). Most of the large commercial products are now served **cooled** or **hyper-cooled** and that seems to be regarded as the normal state for all beers but that is not correct. Listed below are the various recommended/common temperatures for beers served in Britain:

Cask Ales

11-13 degrees C
(although can be served cooler if the brewer recommends it)

Standard Lagers and Keg Beers

5-8 degrees C

Extra Cold

0-5 degrees C

Bottles

4-6 degrees C

There are reasons for the various temperatures. The **cooler the beer**, the **less carbon dioxide** is released and therefore the **less aroma** the beer gives off. The same applies to taste so cold beer **does not release** all of its **flavour** at **low temperatures**. With some beers, this may be advantage (!) but appreciating a good beer is a **balance** between **flavour** and **refreshment**.

A **really cold beer** may seem refreshing but there probably won't be much in the way of taste released while a warmer (less cool) beer should be full of flavour though, depending on how you define 'refreshing', may not appeal to some drinkers.

Many years ago, a famous **Irish Stout** (no prizes) was served at **cellar temperature** and took **ages** and **skill** to pour; in fact in a lot of bars, they poured pints **in advance** so they could just top up before handing the beer over to save the thirsty customer some waiting time. Then a new innovation appeared - **cooled Irish Stout**. This was a lot simpler to pour as the head was **late-forming** and the customer could get the beer quicker. Then an '**ice cold**' version appeared - simple to pour, just **click to tap** and wander away then come back a short while later to '**finish the pint off**' (with a shamrock shape if you were unlucky!!!). However, since the stout was extremely cold it really needed time to warm and release the flavour. So, was the extreme cooling there for the **customer** or for the **server**?

Make up your own mind on that one.

Thermometer

Deg.C
- 20
- 18
- 16
- 10
- 8
- 6
- 4
- 2
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Although it was a lifetime ago, there still seems to be a memory of beer in **wooden barrels** on the **bar at room temperature** serving beer directly into the glass at whatever temperature the bar was experiencing. Great, just when **hot weather** arrived, your beer was at 30 degrees C and not that refreshing if you preferred your drinks cooler. On top of that, **cask beer at 30 degrees** doesn't have much of a chance of lasting through the week in good condition so you can understand some of the reason why cooled beers came into fashion.

Mind you, there are still bars that serve **beer from the wood** but hopefully at an acceptable temperature and in good condition. (See <https://www.spbw.beer> for more information about beer from the wood now).

Of course, the **temperature** of your beer is a **personal choice** and whether you like **extra cold** or **cellar temperature** beers is up to you. However, it is worth knowing why your beer is served the way it is. The colder the beer, generally, the easier it is to serve and possibly the longer shelf-life it has. While not suggesting that extra cold beers don't have a good flavour, it can be interesting to allow such a beer to **warm to room temperature** and see what it tastes like then. That is one of the facts of life; you can always let a cold beer warm-up but you can't let a warm beer cool down naturally (unless you are in very cold room). If you could serve a beer intended to be served at cellar temperature at, say, 5 degrees you would certainly notice the difference.

Interestingly, at the **Ulverston Beer Festival**, we have had a beer served directly from the cask at around **13 degrees C** and at the same time, from a **KeyKeg** cooled to around **6 degrees C**. Some customers trying both said they preferred the cold version and others the 'warmer' version. Indeed, some who preferred the colder version changed their minds when their glass had warmed up. This just goes to prove that

temperature is a personal choice. However, it is still worth knowing why your beer is at the temperature it is.

Tastes change over the years, as we have seen with both beer types and the way in which beers are served or sold. However, not all changes are for the benefit of the customer - it is a commercial world after all - so enjoy your beer in whatever form you like.

Next time, at home when you reach into the 'fridge for a beer, whether it is in can or bottle, have a think about how you would like to enjoy your drink and have a thought for what is in the can/bottle. Is it a stout? Maybe you should **wait a bit** for it to warm up a little. Maybe it is a continental lager, ideally unfinned, so see what that is like as it comes up to room temperature.

Is your bottle or can too warm? Maybe you should get a new 'fridge!

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A Road to Nowhere In Particular



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by Allan Purcell - Branch President

Number Three - Take your time

The clocks had just been returned to Greenwich Meantime again and the promise of dark nights and, even more unpleasant a prospect for those who have to get up early, seemingly even darker mornings.

From somewhere off to one side of me in the popular downtown Barrow pub I was in at the time, I just happened to overhear a snatch of conversation that was developing around the very subject of time and how we manipulate it.

Oh, I know, and it's been said many times, I seem to spend a disproportionate amount of my time eavesdropping on the surrounding chatter in the pubs I frequent, but I have to say that I find it a rich source of material, and I always try to keep things anonymous for both the people and places involved.

"I know one thing, the Scots aren't happy about the idea of doing away with it altogether and just sticking with British Summer Time," one person said.

"Oh, and why's that then?" another queried.

"Something about the farmers and long, dark nights, and kids coming home from or going to schools in the dark and such like"

"Well, a lot of these decisions are made by people living in the South-East of England who think the civilised world ends at Watford and Reading," came the disgruntled response. I screened out the general moaning about London-centric legislation generally, and how we weren't even a united England, let alone a united kingdom, and only re-tuned when someone said, "There was even a

suggestion that Scotland could have its own time zone," which then fired off a barrage of objections.

"You can't have two different time zones in a country this size," someone then said, with what at first sounded like a legitimate objection, and then added, "You'd have people nipping across the border just to get in an hour's extra drinking for instance."

"Well, I was doing that for half my life when I lived close to the Scottish border years ago, and earlier still in Wales when some counties were dry on a Sunday."

"What about the Iberian peninsula?" someone chipped in to ask.

"What about it?" another questioned.

"Well, if you go on holiday to Spain you set your watch forward an hour, right?"

"Got that, but so what... that's continental time?"

"Ah, but if you're bound for Portugal you stick with British time, so how about that, then, and they share the same Iberian peninsula?"

"Neat, if it's New Year's Eve and you live near the border...you get to celebrate it twice," someone else chipped in to add a touch of humour to the debate.

I was happily warming to the chatter when a colleague came in and I had to disengage with it, but some time later I threw the overheard conversation into our own general chatter, and an even broader take on the subject ensued.

With the subject of time firing up my expanded company, the following gems cropped up as the chatter took hold.

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Returning to the notion of two New Year celebrations, one member of our group told us that he once crossed from America's Eastern time zone and into the next state to the West so that he and his pals could celebrate New Year twice. This was then capped by someone else telling us that he and his wife were on a Pacific cruise once, where the main feature was to weave a course between two islands that lay on separate sides of the international date line.

"We celebrated New Year on one island and the guide said, "If you look over to the East on the midnight hour you can see into last year because it will be the morning of December 31st over there. When we set sail for that very neighbouring island during the early hours of the new year, after seeing in the baby year over here, you'll wake up to yesterday...only it'll be today when we get there," he tried explaining, and then added, "D'you follow me?"

"Sort of...I think," one of the group tentatively replied. "So our guide told us, you can look back on this place and peer into next year, until we let in the new year over there, where the year will already be 24 hours old where we are now."

"I reckon you'd have to be there to get all this into your brain," another put in, and added, "yet, weird as it may seem this must be an ever-present reality for anybody regularly crossing the International Date Line."

"On the space station they do that sort of thing regularly, don't they?" someone then said, and added, "and they're on Greenwich Meantime, or whatever 'politically correct' name they're using for it these days."

Time...no pun intended...to let that one go you'd think, but no, there's always one amongst a group who has to try and cap it all.

"That means that if you were at the South pole for instance, the spin pole that is,"

"You mean there's more than one South pole?"

"Well, yes there's also the geographic pole and the magnetic one which is some way off, but the spin pole is where Mother Earth wobbles about a little bit in the same tight area, and where all the time zones home in on the one place."

"So you could run around the world in a few seconds, and whiz through the clock while you're at it?" someone laughingly chipped in to say.

"And have yesterday, today and tomorrow as many times as you could manage?" another said, which added even more levity to this brain-teasing subject.

"Mind you, you'd have to move pretty fast if you were to keep all of your bits intact, in a place that's ten and a half thousand feet high and has extremity-freezing temperatures at the best of times," was the chuckle-worthy last word on this whacky conversation.

Who said time travel contradicts logic?

There are conversations happening in pubs all over the four distinctive countries making up the United Kingdom that regularly challenge all logical analysis, and long may this continue to be the case.

Cheers, G.A. Purcell

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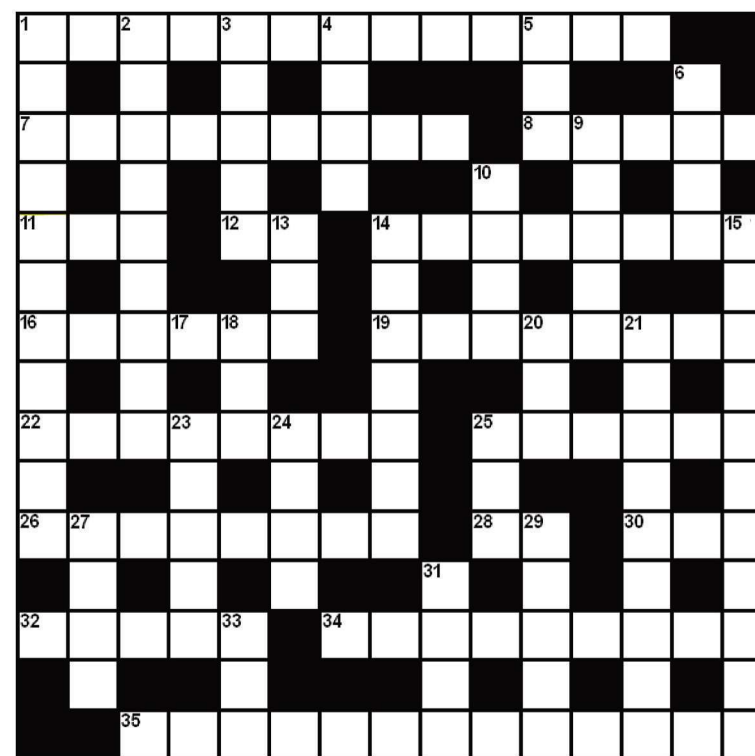
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Crossword No. 31 (answers on page 33)



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By PeeGee - Branch Member



Across

- 1 What you should do at Christmas. "It's later than you think" (5,8)
- 7 Rich stamps, not first postage, get moved around at this season (9)
- 8,10 Specimen I stir to cook season's delicacy (5,4)
- 11 It's twins, oddly (3)
- 12 You old people. Year ending, shortly (2)
- 14 In at the beginning, fifty follow Italian friends returned. Unfriendly (8)
- 16,27 Thought about vocal complaint concerning Christmas drink (6,4)
- 19 Looking back, the Church, not moving, was euphoric (8)
- 22 Good with figures, though insensible, tailless, and, er, estimated time of arrival back (8)
- 25 With backward snooty highbrow, it takes artificial intelligence to grow stunted trees (6)
- 26 In the middle of Christmas will you be prepared to be glugging? (8)
- 28 Married or not, she'll get the manuscript (2)
- 30 For heating this cooker, initially, anthracite generated abundance (3)
- 32 The poles represent a trap (5)
- 34 Excellent and small - e.g. Honda Jazz, Renault Clio? (9)
- 35 The Church involved in device to counter unwanted births (13)

Down

- 1 Dizzy exec smitten by season's jollifications (11)
- 2 At the season of His birth, the Jesu realm is ordered to be the place of His death (9)
- 3 You; standing in front of the pig house; frothy, obsolete (5)
- 4 ΩΩΩ. Short Lazenby film (4)
- 5 Majestic tree in danger, finally, of awesome evil doom (3)
- 6 In retrospect, aluminium and copper come together at American seat of learning (4)
- 9 Alternately, Limb and Piazza as holiday resort (5)
- 10 See 8 across (5)
- 13 Final included in trendy WordNet either way (3)
- 14 Diamonds found on German mountain calved from Greenland (7)
- 15 Crying over romantic Ali, all shook up (10)
- 18 Organ for hearing found within (3)
- 20 Flatworm's middle section as well, audibly so (3)
- 21 Conductor of opera back in Northern Ireland (9)
- 23 Great mathematician took on lubricator's job, we hear (5)
- 24 Seconds of jam, bread, milk and Edam. Very dry (4)
- 25 Hobo, the rear end of mankind (3)
- 27 See 16 across
- 29 It's rot, one might say. Throw away (5)
- 31 Grand. Looked up cooking instructions without hesitation (4)

Branch Diary plus Pub and Brewery Craic



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Information here is gleaned from numerous sources and while we hope it is all correct, we are providing it in good faith. If you know more then please let us know so that we may keep ourselves up to date.

Branch Diary

3 rd February 2020	Branch GBG Meeting	The Stan Laurel, Ulverston	7:30 pm
10 th February 2020	Branch AGM	Duke of Edinburgh, Barrow	7:00 pm
For latest details of Branch Meetings, see our website			
January 23 rd - 25 th	See their website for times	Manchester Beer and Cider Festival	Central Convention Complex, Manchester
* Check website or with branch for times if not shown			
Public Transport - see page 33 but being where we are, there probably isn't any for most of our locations. Check with the Branch first in case we have arranged something.			

Every effort is made to make sure the above information is correct but please check closer to the date for the latest information

Pub Craic

The **Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite**, has reopened under new management. It's part of the **Daniel Thwaites** group, with ales from their brewery complemented by home cooked food. It's family friendly, with pub games, quizzes and live music. We wish **Marie, Alan and Pippa** well!

The **Red Lion, Dalton-in-Furness**, has also reopened - it's now a **sister pub** to the **Brown Cow**, also in **Dalton**, owned by Charlie and Paul Bell. No food - it's only a

five minute stroll to the **Brown Cow** if you're hungry - but it has local ales, including **Loweswater Gold**.

The **Farmers Arms, Baycliff**, reopened in November. Now part of Chattaway Inns who have the **Farmers Arms** and the **Rose & Crown** in **Ulverston**, it has a classic pub food menu and beers from local breweries.

Brewery Craic

Halewood International, the owners of **Hawkshead Brewery** and **Sadler's Brewery**, have indicated that they will close their leased **Stourbridge** site and move production north, most probably to the new **Hawkshead Flookburgh** site but possibly to **Staveley**. **Sadler's** is famous for their **Peaky Blinders** range of craft ales. Official confirmation of this is not expected until the end of January 2020.

Coniston Brewery has been voted **Microbrewery of the Year 2019** by **Lux Life Magazine**. Their **No.9 Barley Wine** was a finalist in **CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain Bottle Conditioned Beer 2019** competition

Member Discounts in Furness



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Discounts other than the CAMRA membership Vouchers

How can I get a discount on my beer as a CAMRA member?

The pubs listed below offer their own discount schemes and these are listed on this page. You can also check our website for the latest information:
www.furness.camra.org.uk

Pubs in the Furness area that currently offer discounts to CAMRA members on production of their membership card:

Barrow	The Owl & Pussycat The Strawberry
Cartmel	The Kings Arms The Royal Oak Unworth's Yard Brewery
Coniston	The Sun The Yewdale Inn
Grange	The Commodore Keg and Kitchen
Near Sawrey	The Tower Bank Arms
Ulverston	Beerwolf (cask ales only) The Sun Hotel

Other discount schemes:

The Porterage Co. in **Greenodd** and **Bowness** offer 10% off 6+ bottles

The Prince of Wales at Foxfield offers discounted accommodation to CAMRA members.

If you are a **pub** and offer discounts but are not listed then let us have the details and we will publish in the next issue and also record on our **WhatPub** database.

Just let us know what the **discount** on a pint of real ale is (as a **percentage** or in **pence**) and when this discount is available (if not at all times).

Discount etiquette

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In addition to pubs offering discounts to **CAMRA** card holders, some pubs offer a **loyalty discount scheme** (usually instead!)

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:
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The magazine will be available approximately two weeks after the deadline.

Travelling to and from Furness

No. 6 bus runs between Barrow and Ulverston every 20mins during the day, less frequently in the evenings and Sundays

No. X6 runs from Barrow to Kendal via Ulverston, Greenodd and Grange-over Sands, every hour

Live bus times are available using the **Stagecoach** app on your phone.

Rail travel is along the Furness line from Lancaster to Barrow and Barrow to Carlisle along the coastal route. However, since the area is rural, most locations are generally accessible via car or taxi as public transport coverage other than on the main routes is poor. Check <https://www.journeycheck.com/northern> for latest timetable.

Answers to Crossword No. 31

Across

- 1 **Enjoy yourself** "While you're still in the pink"
- 7 **Christmas** Anag (get moved around) of Rich stamps, p removed
- 8,10 **Mince pies** Anag (stir) of Specimen I
- 11 **'Tis** Every odd letter of twins
- 12 **Ye**
- 14 **In + imica** (amici backwards) + I (fifty)
- 16,27 **Mulled + wine** Homophone (vocal) of wine
- 19 **Ec** (Ce back) + static
- 22 **Numb** without trailing b + er + ate (eta backward)
- 25 **Bonsai** **Snob** backwards + ai
- 26 **S** (central letter of Christmas) + willing
- 28 **Ms**
- 30 **Aga** Initial letters of anthracite generate abundance
- 32 **S + N + are**
- 34 **Supermini**
- 35 **Contra + ce + ption**

Down

- 1 **Excitements** Anag (Dizzy) of exec smitten
- 2 **Jerusalem** Anag (ordered) ODF Jesu realm
- 3 **Ye + sty** Old version of yeasty
- 4 **Ohms**
- 5 **Elm** Final letters of awesome evil doom
- 6 **UCLA** Reverse (in retrospect) of AI + Cu
- 9 **Ibiza** Alternate letters of Limb Piazza
- 10 See 8 across
- 13 **End** Hidden word, forwards and back
- 14 **Ice + berg**
- 15 **Lacrimation** Anag (shook up) of romantic Ali
- 18 **Ear** Hidden word
- 20 **Two** Middle letters of Flatworm.
- Homophone (audibly) of too
- 21 **Tosca + ni** (In back) + N(orthen) I(reland)
- 23 **Euler** Homophone (we hear) of oiler
- 24 **Arid** Every second letter
- 25 **Bum**
- 27 See 16 across
- 29 **'S + crap**
- 31 **Epic** Recipe backwards (looked up). Remove er

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