

Issue 74 - Spring/Early Summer 2020

Following the unprecedented series of events surrounding Covid-19

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A word from the Editor

A small change this issue - since the issues tend to be available straddling the seasons, the issue name now says 'Spring/Early Summer 2020' and from now on each issue will be like this as it better describes the season when the magazine will be available. This issue is online only following the Covid-19 crisis.

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LocAle

Disaster recovery and other options



Furness Campaign for Real Ale **CAMRA** supports you!

Covid-19

As you are all aware, all pubs clubs etc are closed for the foreseeable future. However, some pubs are now offering a mail-order or delivery service and quite a few breweries are supplying by mail order. If you can, please avail yourself of these as you will be their lifeline until this crisis ends. We don't have a definitive list as things are changing all the time so check out our Facebook and Twitter feeds where we will try and keep you all informed when we know ourselves.

Adverts in this issue

With the current situation, opening times shown on adverts are based on what the pub thought they could manage at the time the advert was created. We currently do not know when any of these pubs will re-open or what will happen to events that are scheduled for the future. You should check with either the pub's or our social media feeds to get the latest information.

Let's all **Pay it Forward** for the future of British pubs and breweries

CAMRA will also be working with **Crowdfunder** to promote opportunities for the brewing and pubs industry to tap into local funding during the period of crisis to tide them over. The idea is simple, breweries and pubs that will be suffering from closure and drastically reduced trade about their future can setup a **Pay it Forward** campaign offering customers the option to pay for pints, meals and tickets now, which can be redeemed in the future.

Stay in touch https://www.camra.org.uk

How does it work?

It's simple! Small business, who may be worried about their future due to COVID-19, can set-up a **Pay it Forward** campaign offering customers the option to book meals, a room for the night or a ticket to an event now, based on a promise to deliver in the future.



The next issue of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide should appear in the Autumn but in the meantime, why not get yourself a copy from CAMRA? Alternatively, why not get the mobile app. for your iPhone or Android. That way, you will always have it to hand when looking for a pub near you

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Furness Branch Chairman's Report



Furness Campaign for Real Ale

by Dave Stubbins - Chairman

Obviously the most significant thing to report this quarter is the devastating impact the coronavirus Covid-19 is having on all our activities. Because our pubs are currently closed and to minimise our own members' movement we have decided that this issue of the InnQuirer will not be printed. We did however feel that it is important to continue to communicate as far as possible so this issue will be in an on line version only.

We as a branch are of course following **CAMRA's** national instructions and all meetings are cancelled in the immediate future. You may be aware that CAMRA's flagship event, the Great British Beer Festival, scheduled to take place in August this year, has been cancelled. The decision had to be taken early as the detailed planning involved is significant.

We are fortunate that, because we have several years' experience of running our own Ulverston Beer and Cider Festival, we can wait a few more weeks to see how the virus situation develops before we need to decide whether we can proceed with the festival.

CAMRA has teamed up with the Society of Independent Brewers ("SIBA") and Crowdfunder to launch a campaign entitled "Pulling Together". Details of this Campaign are contained on page 10 of this magazine. Suffice it to say it's desperately important that we do all we can to help our pubs in any way we can at this difficult time.

We are aware that at least two of our brewers, Hawkshead and Stringers, are offering delivery services for bottled beer. Contact details and arrangements for delivery can usually be found on their Facebook. Twitter or web pages (what we know so far is on page 12). I know other brewers are making plans too. At this time please follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts as we post any information we get on a regular basis. Cumbria CAMRA and our fellow Cumbrian branches are also posting information and it's a good way to keep up to date.

On a positive note, just before the clampdown on pubs occurred we were able to make presentations to our branch Pub of the Year, the Old Friends in Ulverston and our branch Club of the year. Congratulations to both on their fine achievement and to the Wellington at Loppergarth, our Cider Pub of the Year. As soon as conditions permit, we will make further presentations as our Pub of the Season is ongoing.

The most important thing is to follow the Government's advice and please keep safe

and we'll see you on the "other PULLING side" of TOGETHER pandemic. CAMRA.ORG.UK/ PULLINGTOGETHER

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Furness Campaign for Real Ale by Ann Summers-Glass Beer Festival General Dogsbody

Thoughts about the Ulverston Beer Festival in the past

Planning for this has started in earnest! This year, it's open from **Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th September**, although actual set-up will start on the previous Monday and we'll dismantle everything in time for a late lunch on the Sunday. It's at the **Coronation Hall in Ulverston** again, but that wasn't always the case......

We've been reminiscing about the Olden Days and thought it might be fun to share some of our **memories**. Although this is the **32nd** Ulverston Festival, the first festival our branch held was actually in **1983!** The **first two** were held in the **Coro'**, but we moved to the **Rydal Suite** in the **Civic Hall** in **Barrow** in **1985**. The festival was held there for a few years until the Civic Hall was closed to be **redeveloped** into **Forum 28**.

So - where to next? We couldn't use Barrow Town Hall - there's a parquet floor there and beer spillage wouldn't do that any good! **The Travellers Rest Club** (next to Cookes and the Duke of Edinburgh in Abbey Road - long gone now) became our home for a couple of years, then Eddysons off Cornwallis Street, and Geronimos nightclub next to the rugby ground. (They might have been in a different sequence - it was a long time ago, none of us are getting any younger, and a lot of beer has flowed since then!)

One year we held a **cider only** in a **Barrow** pub - but no-one can remember which one! If you know, please let us know via our **Facebook** or **Twitter** pages. This was the first ever cider only event held by **CAMRA** so we're trailblazers -yay!!

We then returned to the **Coro**' where we've been **ever since**. See you there this year?

(More history next issue where we'll have some anecdotes, a look at why our glasses and t-shirts couldn't decide whether it was the **Ulverston** or **Furness** festival - and sometimes were different for the same year - and an update on our preparations.)

Please Read this - Covid-19

The **Great British Beer Festival** in London has been **cancelled** this year. In the light of this, it is even more important that you check our social media feeds for the latest information about the Ulverston Festival.

At the time of writing things are not looking at their best. Meetings to plan a festival cannot be held face-to-face and on top of that, supply of cask ales is looking to be uncertain. At the time of writing this, there are five months to go but given that the **GBBF** was only a few weeks ahead of ours, that does not mean we can just assume that everything will be sorted by then. Planning our Festival takes time and effort and at the moment we have no idea how we are going to achieve this and even if we do, getting people through the doors in sufficient numbers to make it viable would be the key and that is an unknown.





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CAMRA 'Pulling Together' campaign



Support the pubs and brewers

CAMRA launches new campaign to help support the pub and brewing industry

continue trading once this crisis passes - while adhering to Government advice and guidance regarding social distancing measures.

CAMRA is working with **SIBA** and Crowdfunder to launch a new campaign called **#PullingTogether** which aims to support the beer and pub trade during these difficult times.

The campaign promotes pubs and breweries looking to innovate their business to continue trading during these times, such as by offering delivery services, or helping with the Covid-19 response in their community. All initiatives are easily searchable using CAMRA's WhatPub database, and a list of brewery initiatives is online at:

camra.org.uk/pullingtogether/

We'd encourage all beer lovers during this period to support local businesses to ensure they are able to re-open and We also realise the devastating impact that the current lockdown will have on many people's mental health and wellbeing. Pubs have always played a pivotal role in tackling loneliness, and without access to those venues we've launched an online pub and Facebook community. These measures will never be able to replace our beloved locals, but can help you stay connected with others, share beers and chats in lockdown and enjoy virtual events like pub quizzes and socials.

To join the Facebook group, please visit:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ pullingtogetherforpubspintsandpeopl e/



If you are a pub or brewery and have made arrangements for delivery, let us know and we will add it to our social media feed and if enough of you contact us, we will put a list on our website.





Deliveries during the pandemic



Furness Campaign for Real Ale What we know so far

The Sun Inn in Ulverston is offering a delivery service at weekends - Friday and Saturday 4-8, Sunday 12-7 (including delivered Sunday dinners). This may be in Ulverston only, so check with them before placing an order. They are offering hot food, drinks and essential items and running this service on minimum staff so delivery is very limited. You must order in advance to secure the delivery time and day you require - PM your order via their Facebook page or text 07487357848 anytime. Payment is via card over the phone (they will contact you) or BACS.

Hawkshead Brewery (https://www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk) delivers to mainland England, Wales and Lowland Scotland only. Delivery is normally within 5 working days (Monday – Friday between 8am and 4pm).

Fell Brewery will open an on-line shop - check their Facebook or Twitter pages for updates.

BeerGB now has an online shop

Beerwolf in Ulverston will be opening an online shop in early April

The Manor Arms, Broughton has been delivering but check with them for the current situation

We believe all other breweries in our branch area have gone into hibernation. Again, **check their web page, Facebook or Twitter** accounts to find out more.

Furness CAMRA's website will attempt to list online shops but of course if noone tells us then we won't know!

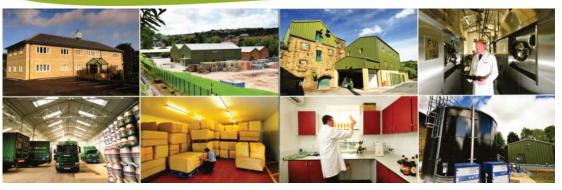
In the current situation, no list can be expected to be wholly accurate as circumstances are changing almost on a daily basis. If we are able to grow this then it will be worth adding a page to our website but there is not much we can do in InnQuirer once it has been published!

We obviously want our breweries and pubs to survive but that does not mean that we can ignore the rules. Everyone is trying to come up with a system to allow them to stay afloat and return once this crisis is over. It is everyone's duty to be sensible in this and do everything they can to put a halt to this virus so please be careful and safe and **don't** flout the rules but work within them. The breweries are trying their best to balance their need to trade with their need to keep everyone safe so if you have access to Twitter, Facebook and the web in general, keep checking to see what is the latest situation

Visit to Timothy Taylor's before the crisis!



Pictures from the day



Thanks to Timothy Taylor's for allowing us to publish the above images



The Intrepid Visitors to Timothy Taylor's and no, they didn't get to take home the casks!

Left to right: Dave Stubbins (Furness CAMRA Branch Chairman) and from The Engine, Cark: Mike Wilkinson, John(?) and John Collins (customers), Kayleigh Walker (barstaff), Johathan Farrar (landlord), Paul (customer) and Janet Miller (barstaff)

Visit to Timothy Taylor's before the crisis!



by Jonathan Farrar - from the Engine

In February this year, **The Engine Inn in Cark-in-Cartmel** took a small party of staff and customers including **Dave Stubbins**, **Furness CAMRA Chairman**, to visit **Timothy Taylor's** at their Knowle Spring Brewery in **Keighley**, Yorkshire. Setting off from the pub in a mini-bus at 8.00am, the journey went well until we met road works and a log jam of local traffic just outside Keighley, which was frustrating as we were all in need of sustenance and at least a coffee by then!

The Brewery itself is hard to find, but with the aid (or hindrance?!) of SatNav which took us all around the houses, we got there just in time for our appointment. Greeted by the Chief Executive Tim Dewey, we were welcomed with much needed tea or coffee and given the company background and history, dating back to 1858. It is reassuringly still family owned, and still adhering to the founder's principles of quality at all times.

There followed a tour of the Brewery led by **Mr Dewey** himself with explanations of all they do to make their exceptional beers. Firstly, we had to don lab coats and special footwear to preserve the high standards of hygiene applied across the whole site. There are many unique points in their brewing process which make Timothy Taylor's beers special, possibly too many to list here.

Jonathan Farrar, Landlord of **The Engine Inn**, commented: "I have visited many breweries all around the country from Kent to Cumbria over the years, but none has impressed me more than Timothy Taylor's. Their attention to detail is admirable, and of course their beers are second to none!"

Following the Brewery Tour, we were treated to lunch at one of the Brewery's own pubs, **The Brown Cow at Bingley**, where we were able to sample the whole core range of Timothy Taylor's beers – Knowle Spring Blonde, Landlord Dark (otherwise known as **Ram Tam**), **Golden Bes**t, **Boltmaker**, **Dark Mild**, and of course, Landlord.

There followed much discussion over which beer was preferred on the journey home and continued long into the night on our return to The Engine Inn later that day.

All in all, a great day out and many thanks to Timothy Taylor's

Some interesting facts about Timothy Taylor's:

- 1. They used to have their own malthouse but now only use Golden Promise Malt for its consistency and quality.
- 2. They use only whole leaf hops and a 'hop back' system for added flavour.
- 3. All fresh water is drawn from the Knowle Spring on site.
- 4. All 5 brewers on site are Herriot Watt trained to the highest standards.
- 5. Each and every cask is checked before refilling using a high tech system looking for potential impurities.





FURNESS CAMRA CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR 2017 HOME OF THE FOXFIELD BREWERY AND OWNERS OF TIGERTOPS BREWERY

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Volunteers - why do we do it?

Although **CAMRA** is a national organisation, the heart of the organisation is in its **volunteers**. If you have been to a **beer festival** or any other **CAMRA** event, you may think that we all get paid for our work. **Wrong**! The only way CAMRA can operate is through its volunteers at local level. If you visited the recent **Ulverston Beer Festival** in the **Coronation Hall** in **September** then you couldn't have missed the 'orange army' of volunteers, not just working the bars but manning the desks, washing glasses and stewarding the Festival. A number of these, including your Editor, worked for the whole week, from the **Monday** right through to the **Sunday**, physically building the racking and setting up and racking the beers, making sure the glasses are washed, producing the beer lists, labels and the computer system, including the online beer list.

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.

CAMRA's Key Campaigns

What is CAMRA all about?

Stop Tax Killing Beer & Pubs	Secure an Effective Government Support Package for pubs
Encourage People to try a Range of Real Ales, Ciders & Perries	Promote Pubs & Pub-Going

CAMRA is a campaigning organisation with the above four main campaigns. If you want to help us achieve any or all of the these goals then why not join us?

If you are already a member, find out more at https://members.camra.org.uk/group/ guest/key-campaigns

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Cider of the Festival Presentation (almost)



Furness Campaign for Real Ale By Terry Ridal - Branch Cider Rep.

Cider of the Festival

Benedictine monks of **Ampleforth**

Abbey have had an apple orchard on the foothills of the North Yorkshire moors for over 200 years. Initially the apples were for food but as supply overtook demand the monks tried their hand at making cider with the surplus. As subsequent monks took on cider making duties different varieties of apple were planted on their 7 acre site. There are now over 50 varieties and 2000 trees on their site

Tom Saxby heads the cider making team assisted by amongst others, Steve. Together they produce a range of award winning ciders (Abbey Premium cider and Ampleforth Abbey cider) and cider based liqueurs (peach pear, cherry brandies and apple liqueur) which are rated superb.

There is also a brewery (for beer) in Hebden Bridge belonging to and run by friars of the abbey. "The Little Valley Brewery" produces a small range of award winning beers, such as Abbey Dubbels Revival, based on a well-kept secret recipe from history. The masterminds for beer production are Friars Win and Wulstan and they use only traditional methods and ingredients.

Ampleforth Abbey Cider was voted Cider of the Festival at our Beer and Cider Festival in September 2019. Their award winning certificate was due to be presented to them personally by the Furness Branch Cider Representative and branch members but due to the current coronavirus outbreak the certificate had to be **posted** to them. The commercial manager Mr Slingsby sent a photo for our magazine

I feel a trip to Hebden Bridge coming on in happier times because these wares must be sampled.



Actually, a picture of Terry holding the Certificate before it was posted - we are still awaiting a picture from Ampleforth. Couldn't find him a Monk's Habit in time!

Furness CAMRA Presentations

Recent awards to pubs and clubs





On the right we see Branch Chairman Dave Stubbins and Regional Director Angela Aspin presenting the award for Coniston No. 9 as a Finalist in the National Champion Bottled Beer of Britain awards. Ian Bradley looking very pleased with the award and it is not the first time that this excellent Barley Wine has achieved fame within CAMRA.

It is not the easiest beer to get hold of as it is only brewed once a year so count yourself fortunate if you can get your hands on some! Try the **Black Bull** in **Coniston**, next to the brewery - you might be lucky! On your left you see **Dave Stubbins**, Branch Chairman, presents the award for **Furness CAMRA Pub of the Season Autumn 2019** to Mandy and Laura at the **Brown Cow** in **Dalton-in-Furness**.

The Brown Cow is just a few minutes walk from the main street and along with excellent beers is famous for its food. It is also only a short stroll from the **Red Lion** which is also run by the same owners.



One pub we couldn't manage to present the award to was **The Wellington**, **Loppergarth.** For the second year running, 'The Wellie' has been voted Furness Branch **Cider Pub of the Year** (this time of course it was 2020!). Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 crisis lock-down came just as we were planning to visit Darran (the landlord) to present the certificate We can't wait for better times when, hopefully, things will return to some version of normality.



Furness Campaign for Real Ale



In the right-hand picture, Dave Stubbins presents the award for Furness CAMRA **Club of the year 2020** to Paul and Lorraine Bibby of the **Roe Island Boat Club**. A really popular venue with a number of hand pumps serving beer from their own nano-brewery together with local and other cask ales including Ulverston.



Furness CAMRA Pub of the Year 2020 goes to **The Old Friends in Ulverston**.

Here, Graham and Andrea receive their certificate from Dave Stubbins. One of the features of the Old Friends is their own brewery attached to the pub. A number of their ales are usually available along with those from other breweries.



In the left-hand picture, Angela Aspin, CAMRA Regional Director and Dave Stubbins, Branch Chairman presenting the award for Laughing Gravy as Joint Bronze winner in the 2019 CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain (Bitters Category). Paul Swan looks very pleased with the award as he should be - quite an achievement for another of our local breweries.





Finding beers brewed in and around Furness



or what we call Campaign for Real Ale



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 and listed below are the pubs in our region that have at least one locally sourced beer regularly available.

Allithwaite	Pheasant	Dalton	Brown Cow	Newton	Village Inn
Askam	Railway		Red Lion	Oxen Park	Manor House
	London House	Far Sawrey	Cuckoo Brow	Penny Bridge	Britannia
Bardsea	Ship	Foxfield	Prince of	Roe Island	Boating Club
Barngates	Drunken Duck	Grange-O-S	Wales The	Rusland	Rusland Pool
Barrow	Duke of Edinburgh		Commodore	Satterthwaite	Eagles Head
	Eurness		Keg and Kitchen	Seathwaite	Newfield Inn
	Railway	Greenodd	The Ship	Silecroft	
	Kings Arms,	Grizebeck	Grevhound		Miners Arms
	Hawcoat	Hawkshead	Kings Arms	Strawberry Bank	Masons
	Ship, Piel Island	nawksneau	Ū	The Green	Punchbowl
	Tailor's		The Sun	Torver	Wilson Arms
	Townhouse	High Newton	The Crown	Ulverston	Devonshire
Bouth	White Hart	Holmes Green	0		Farmers Arms
Broughton	Black Cock	Kirkby	Burlington		King's Head
	Manor Arms	Kirksanton	King William		The Mill
	Old Kings	Lindal	The Railway		Old
	Head	Loppergarth	Wellington		Farmhouse
Broughton Mills	Blacksmith's Arms	Lowick Bridge	Red Lion		Old Friends
Cark	Engine	Millom	Devonshire		Stan Laurel The Sun
Cartmel	Ū.	MIIOIII	Bear in the		The Swan
Cartmer	Kings Arms		Square	Walney	Queen's.
	Royal Oak	Near Sawrey	TowerBank	wantey	Biggar
	Uplands Hotel		Arms		King Alfred
	Unsworth's	Newby Bridge			
	Yard		Huntsman		
Coniston	Black Bull		The Swan		
	The Sun Yewdale				

The above list is meant as a guide to finding locally brewed ales in Furness. If you know of any pubs/clubs that do serve local ales and are not in the list, please let us know.

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"



A Vision for 2020

Furness Campaign for Real Ale

by Allan Purcell - Branch President

An article on the back page of the **December 2019** issue of "**What's Brewing**" by **Myles Pinfold** caught my attention because I agree with so much of it. Essentially, his overview of the current positioning of "Real Ale" or traditional, cask conditioned beer, on bar counters comes to the conclusion that our stance on the product in today's market needs a fairly considerable re-think.

Certainly, we have arrived at a point where "Real Ale" has become widely recognised as a truly fantastic, flavoursome and wholly satisfying drink which, at its best can pretty much outsmart the competition in an open and fair contest. Yet why is it that I find, time and time again, our favoured style playing second fiddle on bar counters to those products that are displayed and dispensed via eye-catching, well lit fonts. Oh. I can imagine many of you rearing up in protest and vigorous defence of the beloved hand pump, but just take a moment the next time that you are in a popular bar, have a good look around, and you have to admit that in very many cases. even when the pumps are centrally placed and flanked by those well-lit fonts, thus providing the cask beers with centre stage advantage, they are frequently overlooked or marginalised.

Dare I say it, our beloved hand pumps, nationally accepted symbols of the cask beer we have fought so hard retain, can sometimes seem almost apologetic for being there at all in the eyes of the casual, non-committed drinker compared to their well-marketed competitors. Am I suggesting that they should be replaced altogether, and if so, with what? No immediate, smarty-pants answer springs to mind, but I feel sure it is not beyond the inventive wit of those in the brewing and marketing business to come up with ways of making the dispensing of our favoured product more attention-grabbing. What I do think is that now Myles Pinfold has brought the situation to our attention. we should, as an organisation, give it some really serious consideration.

Now, while we are in the business of looking critically around our hypothetical bar, why is it, after **fifty years** of hard slog in order to bring **cask ale** to the happy position we now find it in, that when I look around at the drinkers in the place, and take note of what they are drinking I find that at best two out of every five of them are drinking traditional cask beer, and frankly much more often, I'm sad to say, the ratio is a lot more tilted in favour of non-cask alternatives?

This current situation is, I hasten to add, not a practice confined to the young, far from it, and it is always **heartening** to see the **18 to 25** group enjoying **good ale**.

What concerns me far more are the very many who are well past their youth who quite happily and wilfully it seems, opt for non-cask drinks.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not a Real Ale or nothing drinker, and those of you who have clocked me enjoying drinking the delicious **Belgian** "Heverlee" beer in "Tailor's Bar" in central Barrow can testify to that! However, I am very concerned that after almost fifty years of relentless campaigning, and at a time when the variety and availability of cask ale has never been better, that our favoured 'Real Ale' is where it is on the beer stage, as we roar into the twenties.

Is the current state of play on the drinking scene the best that we can hope to achieve, and should we simply accept things as they are and continue to direct our campaigning towards maintaining the ratio of cask beers to the alternatives? In a nutshell, where do we go from here, active **CAMRA** members?

Should our **campaigning energies** be directed in future towards the task of raising the profile of cask ale and making the product more noticeable? There are many punters out there who, while readily acknowledging the supremacy of the style when it is in top form, still seem to default to the alternatives when it comes down to ordering their drinks.

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A Vision for 2020



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I think that the key to this problem lies with the words, "When it is in top form.", because we all know that our favoured beer style's one great weakness is in its potential for variability and inconsistency. It is, after all, a highly perishable product that needs to be skilfully handled, if it is to arrive in the punter's glass in anything like an acceptable condition.

We are mindful that there are many reasons why cask ale can be so variable, and as regular drinkers of the product we will have encountered them all as we go about our campaigning. For instance, we are aware of the situation where, following a busy weekend, a bar manager will find his or herself with the very real headache of having **casks standing virtually idle** until the next big surge in demand comes along, and having to manage the throughput and storage of those casks in the cellar.

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and select the 'shop' link. There you will find quite a range of interesting and useful books including those shown here! Over and above all things, it is the shear variability in the quality of the ale in the glass that seems to be the one big deciding factor, and as the style proliferates, it is clearly a problem we, as campaigners, must give our undivided attention to.

It's all very well for us to continue loudly proclaiming the virtues of cask ales but, as is still so often the case, we regularly find it varying so widely in quality not only from place to place, but in the same place in the course of just one day.

From my own experience I can say, without any doubt, that this is the one single reason why our favoured beer style so often gets a bad press, and why so many discriminating punters continue to opt for the consistency of the alternatives.

Cheers, and I trust that you will have a fulfilling new year and decade ahead.

G.A. Purcell



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2. If you have the **Good Beer Guide app**. Installed on your phone or tablet then you can do the same from there. If you are an avid mobile phone user then you might find this option the easier.

Remember that you are rating the **guality** of the beer and not if it is one of your favourites or you particularly like that type of beer. There are other non-CAMRA apps and websites where you can rate whether or not you like the beer and even make notes on what the beer tastes like. These are very helpful for checking out beers but are not really helpful when we are trying to find pubs that look after their cask ales.

The more people score the beers then the more accurate is our understanding of the particular pub and how well it looks after its cask ale. Once you start, I bet you'll find it fun.



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Don't forget our Branch Website on: www.furness.camra.org.uk

CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2019



Presentation a The Bell, Aldworth

The Bell at **Aldworth**'s owner, **Hugh Macaulay** receives the award for **CAMRA** National Pub of the Year 2019 from **CAMRA's** National Chairman, **Nik Antona**. Watched by Hugh's Mother, **Heather** and out of shot, a substantial gathering of the locals as well as representatives from the national press/TV.



Just to prove the point, below is a photo of Hugh being interviewed behind the bar for the TV





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CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2019



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Your Editor was there!

For the second year running, I was able to visit the **CAMRA** National Pub of the Year presentation. IN 2018 it was the excellent Wonston Arms, not far from Winchester and not too far away, this year the award went to **The Bell at Aldworth** which is not too far west of Reading.

Again, this year, a village pub picks up the prize, and this time it was quite an event. Ann and I had been there before so we knew what a special pub it was - a free house that has been in the hands of the **Hunt, McGuhae and Macaulay** family since the **18th century**. The pub itself still has that 'heritage' feel about it and even has an outside 'Gents' painted in a virulent blue where you can contemplate the stars while you are....well, you know what I mean. The Ladies, fortunately, is a bit more palatial so I am told (well it is indoors).

The pub is small and friendly; the bar area is almost like a large telephone box with a hatch. However, there are hand-pumps fitted in 1902 so I am told and still working serving a good variety of local and other



beers in top-condition. I know, I tried them all!

The Bell is not a food pub but they do sell rolls and the like and what they do provide is extremely good. The is a roaring fire in the winter and plenty of memorabilia on the wall to entertain while enjoying your beer.

The previous time I was there, it was extremely cold and damp but the pub was full of local cyclists warming up after a ride. For those who have never been there it should be pointed out that Aldworth is a very small village with a tremendous village atmosphere and the car park for the pub is big enough for its needs. No fancy hotels but there is a very helpful taxi service in the next village so you don't need to feel cutoff.

The fact that the last two Pubs of the Year have been in villages is, to me, a good sign as a lot of village pubs are gone and it is rumoured that town-centre pubs are the most likely to survive. Don't you believe it. As long as there are pubs like The Bell out there and the residents support them, I feel confident that the best pubs will survive, with your help of course.

Now, just a quick reminder in the current pandemic. Plan for a visit when all of this is over. Make a note in your diary for the future. Don't try and go there now as it will be closed until such time as the restrictions are lifted. Then you can check that they are open and plan a visit. Maybe do a mini-crawl of The Bell and The Wonston, they are not that far apart.

Let's hope things get back to normal before too long.

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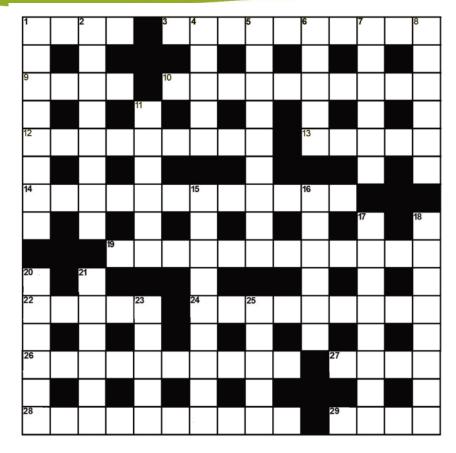
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Crossword No. 32 (answers on page 37)



by PeeGee - Branch Member



Across

- existential question ... but with hesitation (4)
- 3 Arab steins ordered? Unlikely to appeal to this group (10)
- 9 Brinkman's limit; in the end agree, oddly (4)
- 10 Lovers agreement on meeting of enemies (10)
- 12 Sea python wriggles into underwear! (9)
- 13 Tibetan capital has a self-referencing secret (5)
- 14 Support ET describing drunken revelry, we hear (12)
- 19 Chairman's son shudders at chronological errors (12)
- 22 In Ulverston I cooled my gin by adding a mixer (5)
- 24 Red sparkling wine straddles great distance for dreadlock wearer (9)
- 26 Stingy headless heather, replete without length, but significant (10)
- 27 And so it appears, initially, on this continent (4) 28 Young people in 27 Across are said to favour assisted
- dving (10)
- 29 When, upon a time, did a refusal get back to the Church (4)

Down

- CAMRA's existence depends upon the essence of Hamlet's 1 Webs burp and bubble in inns that produce their own ale (8) 2 Menu egg ennui acts evenly on selective human breeding
 - 4 Good French try at a pair of drums (5)
 - 5 Representative person that goes from place to place (9)
 - 6 Perfect solution: I dole out the cards (5)
 - 7 Mothers following east-north-east used to ease blockages (6)
 - 8 Confused at vans being misdirected by such a device (6)
 - 11 Acidity marker in middle of laughing animal without a (6)
 - 15 Returning in vehicle on Italian water (9)
 - 16 AA seen reorganising Virgil's Trojan hero (6)
 - 17 Murderer of a couple of idiots at home (8)
 - 19 Guess within the best climate, but 150 missing (8)
 - 20 Yes, Tim, Play, and block it (6)
 - 22 At home with sensitivity; and whole (6) 24 Country crockery (5)
 - 25 South Africa on Unilateral Declaration of Independence? No.
 - a country farther north (5)

Branch Diary with Pub and Brewery Craic



FurnessInformation here is gleaned from numerous sources. WhileCampaign for Real Alewe hope it is correct, we are providing it in good faith.

Branch Diary

There are no entries at present. All meetings and trips are **cancelled** for the duration of this crisis.

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The **CAMRA** discount voucher scheme is entirely unrelated. For more information on the **Voucher Scheme**, please go to the main **CAMRA** website on:

https://camra.org.uk/join/membership-benefits/camra-voucher-scheme/

Listed below are puns in our area that are currently offering their own **CAMRA** discounts for members:

Barrow	The Owl & Pussycat The Strawberry	If you are a pub and currently offer discounts to CAMRA members but are not listed
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Coniston	The Yewdale Inn	
Grange	The Commodore Keg and Kitchen	Just tell us the amount of discount you offer on a pint of cask ale/real ale either as a
Near Sawrey	The Tower Bank Arms	percentage or in pence and any timing restrictions you may
Ulverston	Beerwolf (cask ales only) The Sun Hotel	have for giving the discount (e.g. Sundays, after 2pm, all
		day etc)

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If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either: chairman@furness.camra.org.uk or innquirer@furness.camra.org.uk

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Crossword No. 32 - Answers and Why?

Across

1 Be + er 3 Abstainers Anag (ordered) of Arab steins 9 Edge Every odd letter of end agree 10 Engagement 12 Pantyhose Anag (wriggles) of Sea python 13 Lhasa Hidden word in capitaL has a 14 Bacchanalian Homophone of Back an alien 19 Anachronisms Anag (shudders) of Chairman's son Hidden word (in) Ulverston I cooled 22 Tonic 24 R + asti straddling afar 26 Meaningful Mean + Ling (L removed) + fulL (L removed) 17 Ass + ass + in 27 Asia Initial letter of And so it appears 28 Euthanasia Homophone (are said) of Youth in Asia Reverse of nO + ce 29 Once

Down

1 Brewpubs Anag (bubble) of Webs burp 2 Eugenics Even letters of Menu egg ennui acts acts 4 Bongo 5 Traveller 6 I + deal 7 Ene preceding mas 8 Satnav Anag (Confused) of at vans 11 Hyphen Hyena without "a" holding ph 15 Nicaragua Ni (iN returning) + car + agua 16 Aeneas Anag (reorganising) of AA seen Hidden word in best climate, cl removed 19 Estimate 20 Stymie Anag (Play) of Yes, Tim 22 In + tact 24 China 25 SA + UDI

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

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