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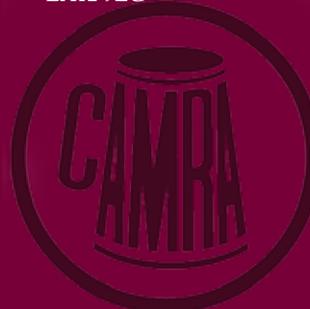
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Welcome to the InnQuirer

Welcome to the 53rd edition of the award winning Furness InnQuirer. At a recent presentation, at the Prince of Wales, Foxfield, the magazine received the Magazine of the Year award for the West Pennines region. Many thanks to Ray Jackson and Dave Stubbins who also presented the West Pennines Pub of the Year to the Prince of Wales itself.

Additional thanks must go to our advertisers and to this editions contributors - Dave Stubbins (From the Chair and Branch Awards), Dave Wilson (Midland Hotel, Appleby), Ken Parr (Good Beer in

Spain), Libby Norton (Black Sheep is Hartley's Hero), Jonathan Powell (A Good News Story), GA Purcell (A Few 'Mynah' Adjustments) and last, but not least, PeeWee for his 11th Crossword.

The next event of note is the Christmas social on Saturday 13th December at the Prince of Wales Foxfield from 1PM.

Finally, as ever, all articles, comments, letters and photographs most gratefully received.

Cheers,

Gary Thompson
Editor

In 2015 CAMRA's flagship National Winter Ales Festival will return to Derby for the second year running. With over 400 beers available the Festival will showcase some of the very best ales, ciders, perries, bottled world beers and mead in 3 separate areas.

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From the Chair

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

I make no apology this quarter for spending the bulk of my report talking about the exciting developments in our area on the real ale front.

Our annual Ulverston Beer Festival took place at the beginning of September and was a tremendous success. We had 83 different beers and 24 different ciders on offer and over 2,000 people visited over the three days of the Festival. Almost 90% of the beer we had available and almost all the cider was consumed, which is about our target because it means that we still have a decent range to offer all the way through. You voted and Healey's Golden won Beer of the Festival closely followed by Bad Medicine from Ulverston Brewing Company.

The annual Broughton Festival of Beer took place in October with more pubs participating than in previous years. I started in Millom this year at the new outlet on Millom Railway Station called Hardknott On Track. This is a pub started by David Bailey of Hardknott Brewery and, as well as being a tap for his own beers, a couple of interesting foreign beers were available. Most of the beers are keg with one served in cask conditioned form. On the day of my visit this was the excellent Continuum beer. I then called in at the Bear on the Square and spent a very pleasurable couple of hours chatting to Adam Coulson whilst trying several of his excellent range of beers. He explained to me how he was changing the drinking taste of lots of people in the town of Millom. It's really encouraging to see the development of a

quality drinking environment in this area. Also encouraging is the reopening of the Old Kings Head in Broughton itself and the purchase by a local person of the Punch Bowl at the Green, which seems to have a secure future at long last. One of our members has written an interesting article on the Punch Bowl in this issue.

Slightly further afield it is pleasing to see the refurbished Railway at Ireleth open again, and the Britannia at Penny Bridge after 8 years! We also have the completion of the purchase from Robinsons of the Red Lion at Lowick Bridge and the Old Friends in Ulverston, all of which will hopefully provide further outlets for the excellent local brewers we have in Furness. On that note, it was good to meet up with David Taylor of Beckstones recently and see that he is brewing again.

In order to allow our members to visit the new hostelrys in our area, we have scheduled a branch meeting in February next year on a Saturday lunchtime. The date is the 7th February and we will organise a coach to take us to the Red Lion at Lowick Bridge for the meeting followed by a visit to the Millom area returning via Penny Bridge. Further details will be posted on our web site www.furness.camra.org.uk which also contains details of all our branch activities. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

As we were about to go to press we heard of the historic defeat of the government over the beer tie for which CAMRA has been campaigning for years. We have accordingly revamped this magazine to report on this development. We watch with interest to see what happens next.

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On Saturday 15th November CAMRA members from our own branch, West Cumbria branch and further afield met at the Prince of Wales, Foxfield to make two presentations.

The first was to Lynda and Stuart Johnson of the Prince of Wales itself in recognition of it becoming West Pennines Pub of the Year.



The second was to Gary Thompson, editor of this magazine, in recognition of the InnQuirer being voted West Pennines Magazine of the Year.

Photos here show the presentations being made. Lynda had prepared some wonderful snacks for us to enjoy and a great time was had by all. Both the pub and the magazine now go forward to the Super Regional stage of their respective competitions and we wish them well in that stage.



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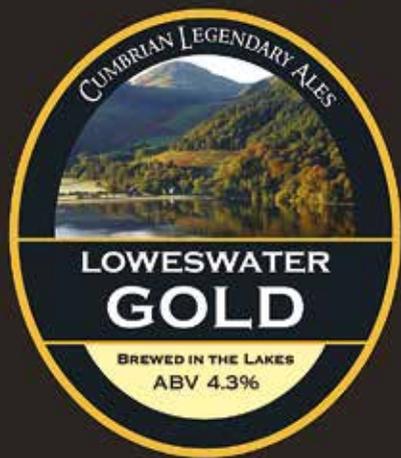
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Midland Hotel, Appleby

by Dave Wilson

Beer Festival, 15 – 17th August

The lure of a few pints in Westmorland Branch's Pub of the Year proved too great when they arranged a beer festival. So four of us set off on Saturday morning to travel to Appleby to visit the Midland Hotel.



We decided to call somewhere en route so chose The Butchers Arms at Crosby Ravensworth which is a Co-operative pub owned by the locals. A pint of Yates's and a nice sausage sustained us for the journey. We got to Appleby and checked into our pub, (we won't dwell on it) then straight up the hill to the Midland Hotel, across the road from the Railway station which is on the Settle to Carlisle route. The pub has been done out in a clean but plain style which I found relaxing. They had 3 ales on hand pump on the bar and about 16 on stills in the side room. There were also Ciders and Perrys

available. The beers I believe had been selected by Clive, a local CAMRA man. Also in Keg are Punk IPA, Brooklyn Lager and Fruli Strawberry Beer, as well as several "craft beers" in bottles, mainly from Eden brewery.

I went straight for one I knew and loved, CLA's American Dry Hopped Pale Ale and it did not disappoint. We then worked our way through most of the beers which were generally very pleasant. Hawkshead's Great White Wheat Beer did not taste like any wheat beer I have had before!! The nicest of the rest was Marie Jaune from Ilkley a 4.5% pale ale made with French hops to commemorate Le Tour starting in Yorkshire.



The festival was small and friendly and not too crowded with a patio out front and a beer garden out back and a nice mix of good beers. A good afternoon was had by all, and the Midland Hotel is highly recommended.



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CAMRA Discounts

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

Those of you who are CAMRA members will already be aware of the extensive range of benefits available on membership. Of these, probably the most widely used are the 50p off a pint vouchers issued by Wetherspoons.

However, we are aware that a number of pubs in our area offer discounts on beer and accommodation so have put together a list of such establishments. Details will also be on our web site - www.furness.camra.org.uk.

Discounts are available to CAMRA members on production of their membership card.

Please accept our apologies if we have missed you off our list and let us have the details which we will publish in the next issue and record on our WhatPub database.

In order for this list to be as complete as possible we are asking all pubs that offer discounts to get in touch and let us know the discount offered, whether or not you think we already know.

The information we are seeking is-

- The discount on a pint of real ale, whether % or in pence
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The Yewdale Hotel, Coniston

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

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, Dave Stubbins



Good Beer in Spain

by Ken Parr

The idea of a forthcoming holiday to Spain had many plus points but as a real ale drinker the prospect of what lies ahead for imbibing is not one of them.

We had enjoyed a previous holiday in the region, where we had some excellent meals but the choice of good beer was few and far between. This year, 2014, we were going to a small picturesque village called Frigiliana in Andalucia, about an hour's drive east from Malaga, so it was a real surprise to find that in the village near to where we were staying there was a homage to good beer. It is more of a beer shop than bar but you can sit and drink a glass of beer there while you survey the large selection of bottle beers available for purchase.

It is called La domadora y el león, located on Calle de San Sebastián in the centre of the village and owned by husband and wife team Javier Leon and Charo Barco.

Charo is a sociologist and marketing researcher and her husband says the brains behind the project. Javier who is the face of the business has a bachelor in Art and History, and also a photographer and beer lover for the last 20 years. They both plan to develop the business, through steps and strategy for the next 5 years. They hope to persuade a number of restaurants in the village to have their bottle beers on the

menus to accompany the food.

Their idea to open a beer store was to supply good beers and real ales to an area where you could never find good beer. They started in November 2011 offering a range of 350 different beers from all over the world: Spain, Italy, Belgium, England, Ireland, USA, Australia, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czech republic...

They always offer beers from Microbreweries and support Spanish craft beer. From October 2012 they started to produce their own beer, La Axarca, a tropical Pale Ale: a fruity and hoppy beer with mango aromas. With a 5% ABV it is made to drink in this area where the temperature is high most of the time.

Today in Frigiliana, in the beer garage you can taste a few beers on draft, their own La Axarca and a guest beer from different Spanish

breweries plus you can taste more than 200 types available in bottle.

We visited a few times during our stay and were made to feel very welcome by Charo and Javier. Javier being very knowledgeable on all aspects of brewing and beers in general.

It was nice to see an old copy of the Camra Good Beer Guide among the literature available to peruse and apparently one of the days they had a visit from our local Barngates brewery in Cumbria, I hope they enjoyed it as much as Bryan and I did.

A collage of various beer labels from Coniston Brewing Co. The labels include: Winter Warmer Blacksmiths Ale, Thirstein Pilsner, Premium XB Bluebird Bitter, No9 Barley Wine, Old Man Ale, Bluebird Bitter, Special Oatmeal Stout, India Pale Ale, INFINITY IPA, and Oliver's Night Ale. Each label features the Coniston Brewing Co. logo and a scenic landscape background.

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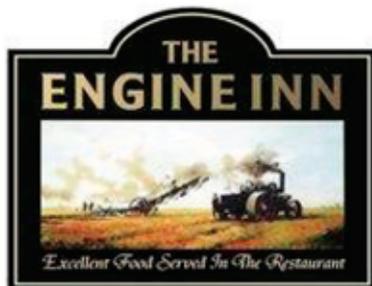
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Campaign Win....

CAMRA web site

Thanks to the support of over 8,000 CAMRA members and campaigners who lobbied their MP in the last week alone, MPs recently voted to introduce a market rent only option for licensees tied to the large pub companies – as part of the Small Business, Enterprise & Employment Bill



About the Campaign

CAMRA members and branches have distributed half a million beer mats and posters promoting the campaign in pubs and sent 8,000 letters to MPs on this issue in the last year alone! And the most recent activity saw a petition reach nearly 45,000 signatures which was handed to the Business Department.

In total 212 MPs signed up to support our campaign and debates with MPs such as Toby Perkins, Greg Mulholland and Heather Wheeler were held to promote reforms at the main Party Conferences.

Over the last decade many thousands of pubs have been lost as big pub companies have squeezed them out of existence with sky-high rents and beer prices. With 31 pubs closing a week it is vital that publicans, who are on the frontline of keeping our valued community pubs open, are given protection from heavy handed business practices from the big pubcos. The Government's introduction of a Pubs Adjudicator is another line of defence in protecting the nation's pubs.

The Adjudicator will ensure that publicans are treated fairly and will crack down on cases of inflated rents and excessive beer prices charged to publicans. There will be more power to the licensee to ensure they are no worse off than their free-of-tie counterparts.

At present the reforms only apply to England and Wales but we continue to campaign for it to be introduced across the UK.

The Government was defeated by 284 votes to 259 with MPs from all parties voting in favour of a new clause to the Small Business Bill that will empower pubco licensees to choose between a tied agreement and a market rent only agreement; allowing them to buy beer on the open market. This will help deliver more investment in your local pubs, better choice and ultimately fewer pub closures.

The new amendment follows the Government's decision to introduce a Pubs Adjudicator and Statutory Code to protect thousands of licensees from unfair business practices in the pubs industry earlier this year.

This extraordinary win would not have been possible without the support of CAMRA members and campaigners who have backed this campaign for over ten years. So thank you for all your support.

CAMRA will now urge the Government to accept the outcome of the vote and introduce these reforms as soon as possible.

The Black Sheep is Hartley's Hero

By Libby Norton

An evening at Ripon Races inspired a journey into Yorkshire.

Never one to shy away from an excuse for a mini break we headed to the Royal Oak in Ripon. This Timothy Taylor house is situated in the centre of the quiet market city of Ripon. There is parking on site and the pub boasts six en-suite letting rooms of a very high standard. It is difficult to decide which element of our stay was the best. The large room was clean and quiet with a large, very comfortable bed. However, this paled into significance on tasting the food and drink on offer.



After swift unpacking and freshening up we made our way to the tap room. As one would expect of a Cask Marque pub, the ale on offer was diverse and interesting. I sampled a very nice pint of Moorhouse's White Witch, an apt choice some may say, while we studied the menu. I was persuaded to try another and decided

to copy my companion and try the house classic Landlord. It is easy to see why this ale has been named the Champion Beer of Britain four times. It was simply beautiful to look at and sublime to taste, an indication of an excellent cellar. The Chef's signature dishes on the menu proved irresistible. The food was innovative, inventive and delicious and we were not disappointed with our decision to eat there. If you are planning a visit to this delightful part of the country, I highly recommend you try this excellent pub.

On our journey home we decide to stop off at the Black Sheep Brewery in nearby Masham (pronounced Ma-ss-am). On arrival we were greeted by the evocative smell of brewing, I was instantly whisked back to Ulverston in the late 1980s, remembering Hartley's brewing

days. Fortunately we found space on the 11 am guided tour and Bron, our guide, was a delight. Her well informed spiel left her audience in no doubt as to the pride she feels for this company. For the uninitiated, like myself, there was the opportunity to learn a great deal about the brewing process. The tour started with the obligatory sales pitch as we were introduced to the ales this independent brewery has to offer, including the supermarket own label brands they brew. This was also an opportunity to examine the basic ingredients of the beer. We smelled the fresh hops, carefully as they a relative of the marijuana plant! The variety of different flavours in the malted barley was fascinating, bitter marmite, smooth coffee and sweet caramel. However there was no opportunity to taste the most important ingredient of Black Sheep's brews, the water from the River Ure.

An informative DVD, featuring Paul Theakston, descendent of the famous brewing family and founder of the brewery, explained the process of brewing and Black Sheep's use of Yorkshire Square fermentation tanks. While the brewery does still use two traditional slate squares their main brewing is done in new, round Yorkshire Squares!! These stainless steel vessels are easier to clean but are given the name Square because their two storey construction allows the traditional 'rousing' process to take place. Rousing is the purpose of the Square and is significant to this method of brewing.

Bron explained that the two-storey system consists of a lower chamber, approximately two metres high, above which is a walled deck. Cooled wort, the liquid extracted from malted barley, ferments in the lower chamber and the yeasty head settles on the upper deck. The fermenting wort is roused, sprayed over the yeast on the upper deck, for six minutes every three hours during active fermentation. When the yeast has converted the sugar into alcohol, this process stops and the vessel is put on cool to allow most of the yeast to dry out on top

deck while the remainder settles out in the body of the fermenter.

The visit to the Old Brew House was the highlight of the tour for me as Bron announced that all the brewing equipment was formerly used by Hartley's of Ulverston. When Paul Theakston was setting up his brewery he was given the nod and told he could have it all if he cleared the sight within three days. Eager to own the kit, including the impressive copper kettle, he set forth across the country with three low loaders and duly cleared the site. It was a delight to see the equipment that brewed



the pints I used to pull in the 80s still going strong, it's just a shame it had to be pulled from its roots to do so.

This re-use of traditional equipment and the founding site in the buildings of the old Lightfoot's Brewery are typical of Black Sheep's desire to keep everything British. This aspiration benefits the

local community too. Aside from the direct employment opportunities, Black Sheep Brewery has commissioned many local farmers to grow their barley for malting. The majority of the hops used are British and, ensuring that the brewery is wholly independent, they propagate their own yeast on site.

At the end of our tour we were rewarded with refreshments as we were invited to spend our beer tokens at the Brewery's bar. We sampled, as driver I sipped, a fine selection of ale, each with its own distinct flavour. The light and refreshing Velo, a fresh pale ale with citrus undertones, brewed to commemorate the Tour de France stages that ran in Yorkshire earlier in the year, easy to drink but take care at 4.2% your chain may come off! Golden Sheep, as the

name suggests, is a blonde beer, and at 3.9% is certainly quaffable. Again is has a citrus kick with beautifully balanced sweet and bitter flavours. Next was Monty Python's Holy Grail, first brewed in 1999 to commemorate Python's 30th Anniversary, this full flavoured, fruity, golden ale's sleep inducing 4.7% perhaps owes much to being 'tempered over burning witches'. Usually available in a bottle, a limited brew for draught was produced to celebrate the Python's recent reunion tour. Luckily for us a few casks were kept by the brewery so we got to sample it freshly pulled. Last, but certainly not least, came Riggwelter, a 'wolf in sheep's clothing' indeed at 5.9%! You could taste the strength in this ruby brown beer but it was delicious with undertones of coffee. It was scarily easy to drink and would no doubt live up to its name, Riggwelter being the local Yorkshire word for a sheep being found on its back with all four legs in the air (kessen being the Cumbrian equivalent)!

No visit is complete without exiting through the gift shop and Black Sheep Brewery offer a plethora of goods to spend your pocket money on. Clothing, beer, sheep ornaments, beer, sheep and sheep related cuddly toys, beer, marmalade, beer and pickles, oh and of course beer. I can personally recommend the marmalade and Riggwelter pickle. Our visit was excellent. From the sweet smell of the brew on our arrival, through the steam of the brew house and the clank of the industrialised cask cleaning site, all accompanied by Bron's witty banter, to the refreshments at the end, Black Sheep Brewery is well worth a visit.



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By Jonathan Powell

The Punch Bowl, The Green, Millom

A village pub in the best tradition. Wood fires, six real ales, Beckstones' Freddy and Rev Rob and filled with the village and visitors. Diners enjoy the atmosphere and antiques as they wait for the first serving of pheasant pie with pheasant breast; the setting for a great evening. How different from the failing pubs and closures happening every week. And how different from a year ago. The pub was up for sale, on the brink of closure. The Parish Council was refused designation of the pub a "community asset" and groups of concerned locals were doubtfully discussing some sort of co-op to save it. All was set for the pub to be the next closure statistic.

Then Nick and Kath Gamble, beer enthusiasts and a village couple bought the barely-functioning pub. How did a couple with their first pub buck the national trend? Beer is important and has to be right. We are lucky to be surrounded by award winning pubs and people know their beer. As well as Beckstones, brewed in the village, there must be an interesting range as an attraction. But it is not just about beer. In a village away from the central Lakes, there must be a wider

appeal. While beer drinkers may visit a cold tired pub just for the beer, families, couples on a night out, quiz and ladies' darts teams enjoy a brighter, welcoming venue. Good wines by the glass, changing cocktails and Friday special widen the appeal. The Punch Bowl refurbished and re-furnished is a venue the village is proud of and where villagers bring their friends.

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A Few 'Mynah' Adjustments

by GA Purcell - Furness Branch President

The setting for this little anecdote lies in rural Leicestershire, and I picked it up as I passed through that county on one of my U.K. wanderings some years ago.

I include it because the recollection of it can still set me off on an involuntary bout of the chuckles. You know the kind of memory fragment, the one that seems to spring back to mind out of nowhere and sets you off with laughter, often in the least private of places and times. To this day, the tale I'm recounting remains a source of almost child-like pleasure for me, and is an excellent pick-me-up.

I also consider it to be a sample of the warp and weft of pub craic from an era that feels as though it is fast fading as we advance ever-onward into the electronic age. As those of you who know me have come to expect, I have modified the original tale in order to give it shape and form, while not losing any of the essential core material. Embellishment might be the most polite term for this kind of structural embroidery. As a consequence, the names of all the people mentioned in this tale are fictitious, and any connection with persons living or dead is purely co-incidental.

The name above the pub door read: Monica Leticia Davies. Mrs Davies, only ever referred to as Monica by a select few and never Leticia, had been in the 'Grey Horse' but a brace of months when she brought 'Mikey' downstairs and introduced him to the bar. From his first public appearance the Mynah bird, with the usual capacity for human mimicry and learning in general, rapidly became a central figure in the room. Everyone wanted to try their hand at teaching Mikey something, but from the off Mrs D made it very clear

that there was to be no teaching Mikey any naughty words. It was never made clear by her exactly what constituted 'naughty', but the no-nonsense landlady remained vigilant from the very first day of his appearance in public. Mikey came with a couple of words in his repertoire, and would immediately call out, "Ooziss?" the moment a punter entered the bar, and someone would give the bird the new arrival's name. Then there was the one they all waited for, which was Mikey's shout of 'Here's Mrs Davies,' as soon as she descended from her upstairs eyrie. However, nobody but the landlady was ever treated to a surname, and all efforts in this direction seemed to be ignored by Mikey. Bar girl, Carol, quickly got him to use her forename, and as soon as she made her entrance someone was sure to ask the bird, "Who's this, Mikey?", and he would oblige with, "Ooziss...It's Carol".



Some bright spark tried to teach Mikey to call her Carol Singer, instead of Sinclair, but as usual Mikey was having no truck with surnames of any kind.

All very innocuous stuff that soon lost its novelty value around the room, and it was only ever going to be a matter of time before some joker tried pushing at the ill-defined boundaries of Mikey's on-going tap room education. The first hint of this arrived when Carol came in to start her shift and was greeted with, "Ooziss..."

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it's Carol...caw, give us a twirl." It soon became a regular feature, and if inclined, she would duly oblige, and the pirouette would delight the bar, and receive an appreciative "Caw," from Mikey.

Not serious stuff and only a source of mild concern to Mrs D. who nevertheless, kept her eyes on the prime suspects for this bit of what she called 'Tom Foolery'. It was a warning shot across the bows to both young Tommy Bassett, who had a slight stammer and a talent for the unintentional scrambling of sentences with embarrassing results, and his cohort, long-standing pub regular, Tommy Cornell, a retired miner in his late seventies, with a track record of wind-ups and pub mischief in general.

It was inevitable that one day Tommy Cornell would get to work on Mikey, because right from his earliest days in residence Mikey and old Tommy struck up a special rapport, with Mikey listening intently, his head cocked on one side as Tommy C patiently chatted away to him when Mrs D. wasn't around to do what he called her 'Monica Monitor.' The bird and his owner had come to the 'Grey Horse' from Ashby, just a few miles down the road, and early on Mrs D encouraged the punters to ask him, "Where do you come from, Mikey?" and he would quickly reply "Ashby". Old Tommy originally hailed from there and soon taught the bird to ask, "Where's Tommy from?" and get the response of "Ashby," from somewhere around the room.

The novelty of this soon wore off, and one day old Tommy turned to young Tommy at the bar and said, "I'd like to get him saying Ashby de la Zouch," to which his young pal stammered, "I have trouble with that one myself, Tommy, never mind Mikey."

The next step in Mikey's education came with him learning what old Tommy drank.

Soon he learned to say, "Pint o' Beacon, Tommy," and pre-empting Carol, as soon as he came in, or "Pint o' Tiger, Tommy," as he went for his last one of the night.

On the one occasion when old Tommy opted for Everards much stronger 'Original' Mikey squawked out. "Bad Boy, Tommy," to everyone's amazement, whereupon Tommy turned to face back into the bar and say, "He's beginning to sound like my missus." Mikey squawked back, "Missus Tommy," in a tone that sounded very much like a scolding to Tommy's ears.

Naturally, he was the prime suspect when Mrs D. descended from her eyrie on a Tuesday evening as the away darts team started filing in and filling up the bar space, to be greeted with, "Ooziss...It's Leticia". Unable to prove who the culprit was, but addressing her response directly to old Tommy, she issued a stern warning that if the person responsible were found there would be "Consequences" as she put it. Tommy gave her a Gallic shrug before turning and calling across the bar to say, "Bad Boy, Mikey" The bird cocked his head to one side, shuffled sideways and appeared to wink at him. "Yes, Bad boy, Mikey," she said, wagging a finger at him, as Mikey shuffled sideways again and repeated, "Yes, bad boy, Mikey."

Although the bird didn't do surnames both Tommy Cornell and Tommy Bassett continued to give him their efforts, Tommy C with dogged persistence and Tommy B. likewise but with his hesitant stammer. Success, when it came, came spectacularly, bringing with it Mrs Davies's worst case scenario. She hadn't been in the bar more than a few minutes, when in walked old Tommy to be greeted with, "K'nell... Ooziss... it's Tommy," as Mikey tried to mimic Tommy's surname.

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Definition of Local

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The Furness Branch Definition is as follows:

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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 12 branch breweries!

Do you know of any other pubs or clubs in Furness Branch area which always sell LocAle?

If so, please let us know so that we can sign them up and give them a mention. Thank you , Gary

Allithwaite - Pheasant
Askam - London House
Bardsea - Ship
Barngates - Drunken Duck
Barrow - Ambrose Hotel
Barrow - Duke of Edinburgh
Barrow - Furness Railway
Barrow - Kings Arms,
 Hawcoat
Bouth - White Hart
Broughton - Black Cock
Broughton - High Cross
Broughton - Manor Arms
Broughton - Old Kings Head
Cark - Engine
Cartmel - Kings Arms
Cartmel - Royal Oak
Cartmel - Unsworth's Yard
Coniston - Black Bull
Coniston - Sun
Coniston - Sailing Club
Coniston - Yewdale

Dalton - Brown Cow
Dalton - Red Lion
Far Sawrey - Cuckoo Brow
Foxfield - Prince of Wales
Grange - Commodore
Greenodd - Ship
Grizebeck - Greyhound
Hawkshead - Kings Arms
Hawkshead - Red Lion
Hawkshead - Sun
High Newton - The Crown
Holmes Green - Black Dog
Ireleth - Railway
Kirkby - Burlington
Kirksanton - King William
Lindal - Railway
Loppergarth - Wellington
Lowick Bridge - Red Lion
Millom - Devonshire
Millom - Bear in the Square
Millom - Harknott on Track

Near Sawrey - Tower Bank Arms
Newton - Village Inn
Rusland - Rusland Pool
Seathwaite - Newfield Inn
Silecroft - Miners Arms
Stainton - Stagger Inn
Strawberry Bank - Masons Arms
The Green - Punchbowl
Torver - Wilson Arms
Ulverston - Devonshire
Ulverston - Farmers Arms
Ulverston - King's Head
Ulverston - Lancastrian
Ulverston - Mill
Ulverston - Old Farmhouse
Ulverston - Old Friends
Ulverston - Stan Laurel
Ulverston - Sun
Ulverston - Swan
Walney - Queens, Biggar

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dreaded 'F' word, all that she felt able to do was bark out "Very bad boy, Mikey!", since no-one in the bar could meet her eye as the outbreak of spontaneous laughter began. Young Tommy Bassett managed to say, "And a muffled titter ran round the room," which with its manner of delivery managed to sound like a rude response to Mrs D.

Mikey's coup de grace came one afternoon when a senior person from the brewery arrived at the "Grey Horse". Mrs D. was expecting him, but not the greeting from Mikey, as in walked Tommy Cornell and Tommy Bassett together, closely followed by the brewery man. The bird turned to face the incomers and squawked out, "K'nell Tommy...Ooziss Bassett," and the afternoon punters fell about laughing.

Mrs D was definitely not amused, and the brewery man was just confused, although later, having had the incident explained, he told the bar that it was definitely an anecdote for the next boardroom meeting, and no mistake.

The post script to this tale is the rumour that, when old Tommy passed away three years late, and Tommy Bassett asked Mrs D where the funeral was, she told him, "Somewhere in Ashby....I'll find out for you." Tommy B. swore he heard Mikey say something that sounded very close to, "De la Zouch", as he cocked his head on one side, winked, and did his little shuffle.

Cheers,

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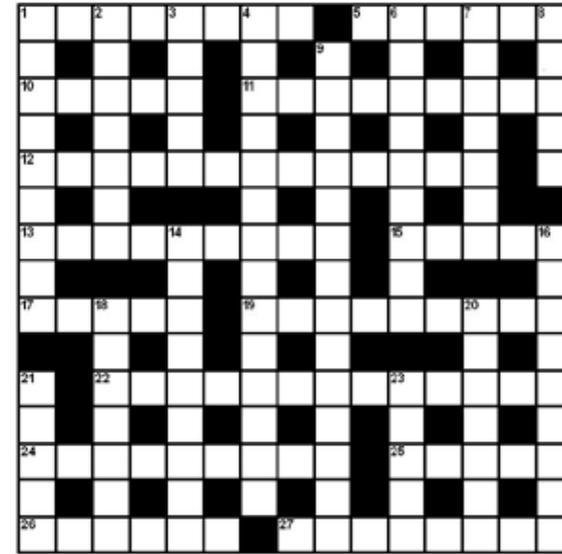
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Crossword No. 11

by PeeGee - Furness Branch Member



Across

- 1 Singular odds, long and short, may provide areas of sanctuary (8)
- 5 Cringes in cab as escape vehicle (6)
- 10 White barked tree in Colorado ski resort (5)
- 11 Display tube emerges from disturbed lone night (4,5)
- 12 Foxfield hosts heir to the throne (6,2,5)
- 13 Mafia supremo. Deity with that obese woman (9)
- 15 The Queen follows Austrian river to ring round the bull (5)
- 17 Former knack returns as crowd scene actor (5)
- 19 Ignorant of lane under reconstruction (9)
- 22 Software graph composes Steinbeck novel (6,2,5)
- 24 Mixing scenic red results in increases in volume (9)
- 25 Inexperienced eco-warrior (5)
- 26 Movable feast is listed in movable feast errata (6)
- 27 Shakes during "Drag it at escape velocity" (8)

Down

- 1 Bubbly map change (9)
- 2 Put to use, the special download program told porky pies (7)
- 3 In charge after being opposed, this section can be circular, elliptical, parabolic or hyperbolic (5)
- 4 Askham pub. Sounds at home after capital dwelling (6,5,3)
- 6 Stringed instrument from Russian dog under Welsh lake (9)
- 7 Zodiac symbol boy commits himself (5,2)
- 8 Editor did sit before being fed up (5)
- 9 Precient for custody with WC monarch (7,7)
- 14 Each naval crash leads to sudden fall of rock (9)
- 16 Wader birds' ruddy legs (9)
- 18 Big cat reportedly twinned with Euphrates? (7)
- 20 Most proximate listener in snuggery (7)
- 21 Parent's brother is dirty without article (5)
- 23 Island said to be colour of its needles (5)

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Saturday 7th February, The Red Lion, Lowick, 1PM

Monday 23rd February, GBG Selection, The Stan Laurel, Ulverston, 7:30PM

Socials

Christmas Social, Saturday 13th December, Prince of Wales, Foxfield, 1PM

Manchester Beer and Cider Festival

January 21st to 24th, The Velodrome, Manchester

Fleetwood Beer Festival

February 5th to 7th, Marine Hall, Fleetwood

National Winter Ales Festival

February 11th to 14th, The Roundhouse, Derby

Liverpool Beer Festival

February 19th to 21st, Metropolitan Catholic Cathedral Crypt, Liverpool

Wigan Beer Festival

March 5th to 7th, See website for more details

Hawkshead Spring Beer Festival

March 6th to 8th, Staveley

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Editors Note: Many apologies to the Swan Inn, Ulverston for the editing in the last edition Ale Trail article.

Crossword Answers

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| <p>1 Champagne – Anag ('Bubby')</p> <p>2 Applied – App + Ied</p> <p>3 Comic – ic follows Con. Comic sections (maths)</p> <p>4 London House Inn – Homophone ('Sounds') of at home after capital dwelling</p> <p>6 Balalaika – First dog in space below Lake Bala</p> <p>7 Signs on – Sign + son</p> <p>8 Sated – Sat precedes Editor</p> <p>9 Forward looking – For + ward + Ioo + king</p> <p>14 Avalanche – Anag ('crash') of 'Each naval'</p> <p>16 Redshanks</p> <p>18 Tigris – Homophone ('reportedly') of Tigris</p> <p>20 Nearest – Ear ('tenser') in nest ('sugger')</p> <p>21 Uncle – unclean, take away an ('article')</p> <p>23 Wight – Homophone ('said to be') of white</p> | <p>1 Chancels – Chance + I + s</p> <p>5 Abases – Hidden word ('in')</p> <p>10 Aspen</p> <p>11 Neon light – Anag ('disturbed') of lone night</p> <p>12 Prince of Wales</p> <p>13 Godfather – God + fat + her</p> <p>15 Inner – Ring that surrounds bullseye. ER after river Inn.</p> <p>17 Extra – Art reverses ('returns') after ex.</p> <p>19 Unlearned – Anag ('reconstruction') of lane under</p> <p>22 Grapes of Wrath – Anag ('composes') of software graph</p> <p>24 Crescend – Anag ('Mixing') of scenic red</p> <p>25 Green</p> <p>26 Easter – Hidden word ('in')</p> <p>27 Agitates – Hidden word ('during')</p> |
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