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**Is your pub at risk?**

The changing landscape of your local - can you do anything to stop it?

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How full is my glass?

The Engine's visit to Lancaster Brewery

Is your pub at risk?

Plus all the regular items



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
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## Report from the Chair

Jack Summers-Glass

**Happy New Year to you all.** Whether or not it will be a 'Happy' one rather depends on what is happening and how things are going in the country, doesn't it?

Early winter has been a bit hit-and-miss so far. Costs for everything are rising still and belts are being tightened everywhere. Pubs are restricting their opening hours and in some cases, sadly, closing, either for a short break or in some cases, completely. Although I talk to people in the trade and they appear optimistic, the reality is an uncertain future, particularly for pubs the are not in town centres. Large towns/cities may have the same issues with costs, particularly energy but at least they should have the benefit of larger population (whether that helps is of course debatable!)

Towns should fare better than villages and you can see that in the number of rural pubs that have disappeared over the past few years. Many village pubs have morphed into eating establishments with a bar rather than a bar with snacks. The thought is that it will attract people into the village if the pub is a 'destination of choice' - just look at the impact of Sunday Lunches/Dinners on the footfall. They are now a part of Sunday for many. For some pubs, this has been successful and for others, maybe less so.

One of the main issues with living where we do is the lack of public transport. Pubs in outlying areas are more-or-less inaccessible unless there is a way of getting there and back (particularly back, in some cases, as bus services tend to end early in the day). That leaves taxis (expensive) and cars but of course, that means either a dedicated driver or a driving ban!. Thankfully, these days there are often non-alcoholic options so not drinking alcohol is no longer a barrier to a pub visit.

Maybe we are in a position to re-think our pub visits. A bit more planning instead of expecting the pubs to always be there when we feel like a pint? If you live within walking distance of your local then, assuming it is open, you are fortunate; if you are on a regular bus route then coming into town for a pint is not much of a problem. Sharing a taxi with friends and family takes the sting out of the cost but finding a taxi when you want one maybe is a problem. Renting a minibus and descending on one or more pubs is an option but not a cheap one these days!

However you see your pub visits in the coming months, we should all consider supporting them as often as we can. There is no doubt that pubs these days serve a different purpose than in the past when workers in industry would frequent them probably every day after work (and there were many more pubs then). Even office workers would descend on the pub either at lunch time or after work to unwind or even talk to their 'boss' outside the constraints of the office. These days, of course, that is frowned upon and sometimes I feel that pub-going is being demonised by those who don't really understand what an important part of life the pub is. Somewhere to meet friends or engage in games like pool or darts. Somewhere to unwind after a hard day. A controlled environment where you drink sensibly and safely (I know, not everywhere is like that but legally and morally it should be!)

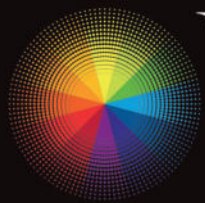
Of course, we would like to see you supporting live ale (cask beer in particular) but if you aren't interested and want to drink something else then that's fine as it all happens in the pub anyway. You could always try a live ale - there are many varieties and there is sure to be something that suits your taste, you just need to find it. Ask the landlord for a taste - most will be happy to help.

Most of all, visit the pub - they need all the help and customers that they can get! Don't forget, when you pay for your pint, you are getting the whole pub experience for your money, including heat, light and bar staff, not just the beer.

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## Presentations and Awards

Congratulations to **Coniston Brewery** for getting a **Gold** in the 2022 **North West Regional Champion Beer of Britain (Real Ale in a Bottle, Strong category)** for their **No. 9 Barley Wine**.



Lovely stuff and of course this means that it will go forward to the Nationals. Not the first time this has won an award, as you may have guessed!

Photo: **Ian Bradley** with the Certificate in the Brewery Office.

**Paul and Lorraine Bibby** of the **Roa Island Boating Club** finally getting their



**Cumbrian Club of the Year 2022** certificate - now the next step is to get their West Pennines Club of the Year certificate. Watch this space!

Photo: **Laul and Lorraine** with their certificate

Another late presentation. **John Hibbert** of **Broughton Bank Cider** got the award for **Cider of the Festival** at the Ulverston Beer Festival in the Autumn of 2022 but thanks to a myriad of problems, not



forgetting Covid, it has taken us until now to finally present him with the certificate. Ah! well - better later than never!

Photo: **John Hibbert** gets the certificate from our **Branch Chair**

Time for another seasonal award and this time it is a newcomer - **The Clarence** in **Dalton-in-Furness**.

**Kieran and Louise McDaid** run this pub and



are passionate about their cask ale but this is not the only reason that the pub picked up this award.

Although unassuming from the outside, **The Clarence** is actually a great community pub with, usually, two cask ales from both local and national breweries. Well

worth a visit if you are in Dalton.

Photo: **Furness Branch Chair** presenting the award to **Kieran and Louise**.

We wanted to present Fell with their certificate for **North West Regional Champion Beer of Britain 2022 (Bronze)** for their **Tinderbox IPA**. Unfortunately, circumstances worked against us and it took a bit longer that we anticipated but finally, here is **Andrew Carter** with the certificate. Well done and thanks for your patience.



Photo: **Andrew Carter** with the certificate and some of the many casks waiting for filling

# THE CLARENCE

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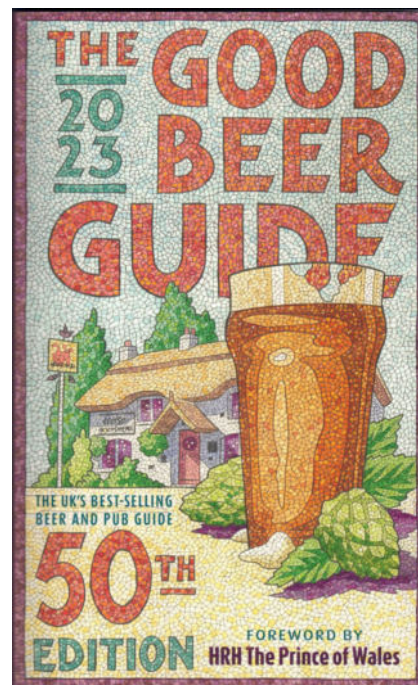
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Grab a copy if you can - it makes for a good read and sorry if your local doesn't appear - it may have just missed which means it is still a great pub to visit!



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## Closing Down - is your pub at risk?

Branch Pub Protection Officer

*It takes a community to save a pub, but it's these pubs that might just save a community.*

There are many reasons why a pub can close, but one of the main reasons is that the owner says it's unviable, that it costs more to run than it makes. How can a pub lose money? Unplanned external factors - the Covid lockdowns for example - may be a temporary blip but unscrupulous owners or developers can present the pub's financial accounts for that period as "proof" that the pub can't pay its way. Government decisions on alcohol duty and business rates need urgent review and can be a major hindrance, especially these days when inflation means that customers have less money for treats like a couple of drinks or a night out and business costs (for electricity as an example) have also increased horrendously.

But looming over it all is the pubco model. Let's look at a likely scenario. The pubco (that's a pub owning company - it may be linked to a brewery like Greene King or might not like Wetherspoons or Punch) decides that a particular pub doesn't fit their portfolio because it's difficult to get to or they have another pub nearby. They arrange for the current good manager, tenant or leaseholder to leave, then put in a new manager to make changes which then makes the pub less attractive. Perhaps they remove the dartboard, so that the team finds somewhere else. Or they decide to put the prices up, and if they do food, change the menu to something that's neither proper pub grub or the real gastro experience. More customers lost. Perhaps they remove the cask ales, or put in something less popular, or do not look after it properly - another drop in footfall, This way they manipulate the pub's turnover so when

they apply for change of use they have proof that the pub is unviable.

Of course, it's not just pubcos who do this - private owners have been known to do this as well. Many a village has lost its pub because a new owner has intended it to be a private house all the time!

So - how do you save your local? If you suspect it is under threat you can ask your local council to make it an Asset of Community Value (ACV) - you'll need to form a community group and/or work with your parish council - which gives a certain amount of protection for five years. It won't stop the pub being closed, but since 23rd May 2017 all pubs in England are fully protected in planning law, making a full planning application and community consultation necessary before they can be demolished or converted. It does mean it highlights the local community's wish that their pub remains a pub and if the owner decides to sell, then the community has six months to make an offer (which regrettably doesn't have to be accepted) before it goes on the open market. Will your local authority make your pub an ACV? Different authorities interpret the law in different ways, and with new unitary authorities coming into existence on 1st April 2023 we don't know how this will be dealt with going forward.

In the meantime, **CAMRA** has very useful guidance to the whole process - this can be found on the main website <https://camra.org.uk/> under **Pubs and Clubs/Protecting your local**

And as **Hilaire Belloc** (1870 - 1953) said:

*"Change your hearts or you will lose your Inns and you will deserve to have lost them. But when you have lost your Inns drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England."*

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## Coming soon - Deposit Return Schemes

Ann Summers-Glass - Pubs Officer

Will these affect you, and if so, how? Not interested? If you are a brewer or cider maker selling small pack, or an on-line retailer you are affected by this!

Well, here in England the Implementation Timeline has been announced. The Regulations will be in force by the end of 2023 (that's this year). The deposit management organisation (**DMO**) to run the scheme will be appointed by summer 2024 (just over a year away, but half a year later, the rules are in place). Enforcement of the rules will start on 1st October 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introduction-of-a-deposit-return-scheme-in-england-wales-and-northern-ireland#full-publication-update-history>

Scotland has a different timetable which was announced way back in 2020: producers can register with SEPA from 1st January 2023 until the 1st March 2023. Their scheme goes live on 16th August 2023. All drinks produced in scheme containers for sale to a consumer in Scotland must bear a deposit and retailers who sell drinks must operate return points (unless exempt).

<https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/waste/deposit-return-scheme/>

Are there differences between the schemes in the four countries? In England and Northern Ireland glass bottles are not included but in Scotland and Wales glass is included. All containers 50ml and over up to 3 litres are included.

The **DMO** (the government appointed agency to run it who'll be funded by the money they charge) will decide the deposit level. They must consult with producers, being mindful of the costs to the small producer. Any unredeemed deposits go to the **DMO**. Overall, it should be "not for profit".

Retailers must operate a return point but can refuse containers on some grounds. There are also exemptions from being a return point, for example breach of safety or another return point nearby. If you apply and are granted exemption you must display signs about it explaining that you're exempt, giving **DMO** contact details, and where the nearest return point is. If you don't, your exemption is revoked; you also have to re-apply for exemption every three years.

Online purchases are a lot more complicated than buying from your local supermarket or bottle shop: "consultation responses showed a preference for obligating these retailers to offer a free take-back service". So, you, the customer, go online and place an order on a website. The retailer packs that order from their base in Kent for example,



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**Coming soon - Deposit Return Schemes**

**Ann Summers-Glass - Pubs Officer**

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the courier collects it and delivers it to your doorstep in (say) Barrow. You drink your beer or cider then go back online to let the retailer know that the cans are empty and suggesting they ask their courier to drive 400 miles to collect the empties (reminding them to refund the £2.40 deposit owed). That's going to go well!

It's even more complicated for English retailers selling to Scotland (and no doubt to Wales in a couple of years' time). They will need to opt in or out every individual item they sell based on whether the brewer or cider maker has done. A number of on-line retailers have already removed all Scottish postcodes from their sites.

Have any of our **Cumbrian** breweries **registered for DRS in Scotland** yet? Are you planning to before the deadline? Did you know if you don't, you won't be able to sell your products (either via a shop or on-line) anywhere in Scotland after 16th August? Of course, neither will other English (or Welsh, Irish, Belgian, French etc) producers for that matter. All soft drinks, wines, spirits, beers etc imported from anywhere in the world, if not registered by the end of February, **CANNOT** be sold in Scotland when **DRS** goes live. New products (e.g. a one-off beer) have to be registered at least six weeks before it goes on sale. Not only that, we understand that a fine is due if your product does not reach a

recycled amount (80% in 2024, 90% thereafter).

What's going to happen to Local Authorities' waste collection... If you throw your container away, the council can separate it out and claim your deposit. Apparently. However, the income they currently receive from recycling will be much reduced, with the income then going to the **DMO**.

**So - watch this space. The immediate impact is on our producers and retailers who currently sell to Scotland, but October 2025 is not that far in the future.**

Just to add to the general excitement about "exporting" to Scotland, the Scottish Government is currently consulting on restrictions to advertising alcohol. The consultation ends on 9th March 2023 and can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-restricting-alcohol-advertising-promotion/pages/1/>

Whether this will be also proposed for England is unclear, but you might find it difficult to discover new beers - and this magazine wouldn't be viable without our pubs supporting it by advertising in it.

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## How does a pub get to be National Pub of the Year?

**CAMRA** makes awards to deserving pubs both at national and local level. In fact, it works as a bottom-up model where your local branch gives out awards to pubs - examples of these run from 'Pub of the Season' to 'Pub of the Year'. We do the same for clubs and from the Annual Award, a pub can move up the ladder through local, regional and national awards to finally arrive at the prestigious '**CAMRA Pub (or Club or Cider Pub) of the Year**'.

Branches sometimes award other certificates where appropriate, such as Supporting Real Ale, Best Newcomer etc.

All of these awards show that the pub or club has been recognised as being particularly well thought of not just for their beer but for the whole experience.

There is a lot of competition for these titles and each award winner has been visited, selected and judged by **CAMRA** volunteers without bias (we hope!).

So, even if a pub/club does not currently appear in the **Good Beer Guide** they may still have been awarded a certificate so while appearing in the **GBG** should mean that they are highly regarded, not making it into the latest issue does not mean that they are poor, just that there wasn't room given that the book has limits on how many pubs/clubs it can hold. Of course, there are many pubs that wouldn't make it since they don't serve 'live' beer or real cider and that is the basis for the guide and obviously there must be establishments that don't make it because they really aren't good enough but hopefully, they are the minority.

On top of all this, recent major changes to the ownership or landlord may exclude them from the next guide since, to be fair, we may not know what changes that would bring about until they have 'proved' themselves but this can be a complicated situation and obviously a lot of thought goes in to this part of the selection process.

So, if you want to give your local a chance then score the beer quality on **WhatPub** and, please, do this fairly so that we have a real image of how the pub is performing. Scores are monitored to try and weed out any obvious glitches but the best way of making sure your pub serves great beer is to tell the landlord if it need improving! They may not thank you for it but a good landlord should always welcome feedback.

## Seconds Out - Jack Summers-Glass

This will no doubt end up with a lot of people disagreeing with part of this article and maybe all of the article but it has to be said. **Are you getting the beer that you have paid for?**

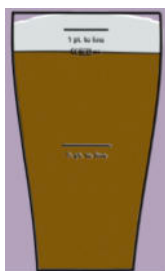
Now there are a lot of reasons why the amount of beer in your glass varies depending on local preferences and sometimes (hopefully not often and I am not pointing the finger at anyone) you are served a short measure deliberately.

First of all there is the North/South divide where often 'down south' the beer is served without a head so you get exactly the amount of liquid you asked for, whether or not you prefer it that way.



Similarly, a full liquid pint with a head, as preferred 'up north' should technically have a head of no more than 5% and a liquid volume of 95% (of a full pint).

Now this is where the boxing gloves come out! Strangely enough, not everyone agrees with this simplistic approach. Yes, technically speaking it is a 'legal requirement' to make sure that your pint is not short. However, there are a lot of differing opinions on what they regard as a 'proper' pint.



For example, Yorkshire folk (not exclusively) seem to prefer a larger head and

since the size of the glass is fixed then the only way that can be achieved is by changing the proportion of the liquid-to-head ratio. What is an acceptable ratio the? 10% to 90%? 20% to 80%? When does this morph from a 'good head' to 'hang on a minute, I asked for a pint?'



Is this 'short measure' where the liquid and the head don't reach the pint marker?



On the other hand, what about this - would you complain that you had too much beer and no head or would you quietly slope away and enjoy your extra beer?

All of these scenarios are based on lined glasses where the full pint (and half pint) volumes are marked and in the case of the full pint line, the bit above the line to the rim is planned for the head.

Gritting teeth and toys being thrown out of the pram here - what about unlined glasses? That is 'pint to the rim' and that will include the head on the principle that the definition of 'a pint' in this case can include or exclude the head depending on local preferences. Of course the same can be said for the lined glasses but there is always someone out there who thinks the glass should be full to the rim and never mind the head. This is the landlord's nightmare as every time they serve a pint they are giving you the bit from the rim to the pint line as a freebie and these days, that could add up to a fair amount of profit gone!

## - Round One! Furness Branch Chair

No wonder a lot of landlords don't like lined glasses but, in truth, they are probably the best way of getting your 'legal' (whatever that is) pint.

Now for something completely different, well not that different really, but just how do you get the head on your beer? Now that is an even more contentious matter and can often spark heated conversations in your local.

**Beer direct from a cask** - the chances of getting a head on that are slim to none unless the beer is brewed in such a way that it will form a head as it runs into the glass. You could achieve that by pouring the beer from a great height I suppose!

**Beer through a handpump** - not as straightforward as it may seem. It depends on whether or not a 'sparkler' is fitted. Even mentioning a sparkler fires up unknown passion in some drinkers!



Straight from the nozzle into the glass can produce a head depending on how hard the pump is pulled. Add a 'swan-neck' into the equation and things start to change. Bear in

mind that the nozzle is placed at the bottom of the glass (this is one of the reasons that you have to get a fresh glass each time to prevent cross-contamination).

Fit a sparkler on the end of the swan-neck and you are now getting your bigger head.



In case you were wondering, 'squirting' the beer through a nozzle pushes some of the condition, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>, out of the liquid into the head, a bit like just agitating the beer with

a whisk - not that you would do that of course!

**The 'Yorkshire economiser' or 'return tray' or 'Autovac'** - now this is super whisker, if you like. First the beer is pushed through the sparkler then any beer in the overflow tray is re-introduced into the next pint to give an even more intense head as preferred in Yorkshire (and other places). The fact that it reduces waste (i.e. the Economiser bit in the name) for the landlord and recycles some of the previous pint has nothing to do with it, so I am informed by their admirers. I will leave it to you to decide but **CAMRA** isn't a fan and to be fair, neither am I but we wouldn't want to force our views onto anyone.

**Keg and KeyKeg** - this has been covered in a previous issue and in fact, a version of that article is available on the **CAMRA** Learning and Development section of their main website. Suffice it to say that the **Kegged** beers get their head from the gas that is injected into the beer both in the keg and in the method of serving. It isn't a natural head since the beer is not 'live' but a lot of people like that so that doesn't apply to this article. **KeyKegs** are a bit different in that they may or may not contain 'live' beer according to the **CAMRA** definition but the amount of gas in the KeyKeg is determined by the brewer since as the beer is served, the gas used to bring the beer to the serving nozzle never touches the beer; it is 'squeezed out' of the bag that holds the beer by the gas which is outside the bag so the gas never comes into contact with the beer itself.

There you are then - I told you it would be a bit of a subject for discussion! Anyway, enjoy your beer however you like it!



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1. Go to the **WhatPub** website, log-in then look for the pub you want to score. You can check out what information we have on the pub then use the 'Submit Beer Scores' section to score the beer. (You can also **email** our **pubs officer** (see page 2) if something that **WhatPub** says about the pub is wrong or missing).
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 **quality** 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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## Lancaster Brewery Visit

Jonathan Farrar, Landlord of The Engine, Cark

Towards the end of last year, **Jonathan Farrar**, landlord of **The Engine Inn in Cark**, led a group of customers and staff on a tour of Lancaster Brewery to witness firsthand how some of their favourite beers are brewed.

They learned that The Brewery was founded in 2005 and from small beginnings, has grown and continues to go from strength to strength with a fine range of beers brewed using only the best ingredients. Whole hops are used, and they mill their own malt on the same day as brewing. They also cultivate their own live strain of English Ale yeast.

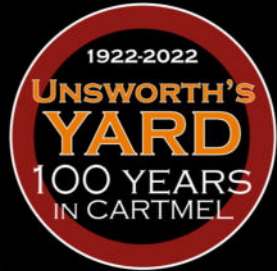
Needless to say, a beer tasting ensued. Not only the core range, which are helpfully named for their colour – Amber, Blonde, Red, Black, etc. – but also some of their seasonal brews such as Mosaic. The visit was rounded off with excellent pizzas from Kelly's Kitchen next door to The Brewery, enjoyed with a pint or two of Lancaster's finest ales.

Jonathan commented:  
"Lancaster Brewery produce an impressive range of beers and their Blonde is consistently our best selling cask ale. Coupled with a service second to none, Matt, Mark and Nicola are a pleasure to work with, and I'm delighted to sell their beers."



An hour's trip in a mini-bus is thirsty work, so, strange as it may seem, landlord, staff and customers alike continued the beer tasting on their return to The Engine!

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# LocAle

LocAle promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale in order to reduce the number of 'beer miles' from brewery to pub cellar.

Learn more at [camra.org.uk/locale](http://camra.org.uk/locale)



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# LocAle

## LocalAle - Get it?

**Of course you do** but do have you thought about what it actually means?

When you are choosing your beer, do you just go for your 'usual' or do you have a look at what is on offer and make your decision based on the style or strength of the beer without thinking about where it comes from? How about looking for some local breweries' beers? Now this is where things become complicated.

For some reason, not just here but all over the country, it seems that local beers come second in choice to the Nationals or regional brewers. Of course this could mean that you don't like your local brewers but these days it is more common that finding local ales amongst the plethora of well-known names on the bar is not easy. Even when you do, are the beers the style that you are looking for?

These days, people are getting interested in helping with the environmental impact of everything, from heating and travel to food and consumer products. Anything that we can do to reduce the impact must be a good thing, surely, and buying things that are produced locally will have an impact.



Drink GREENER

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

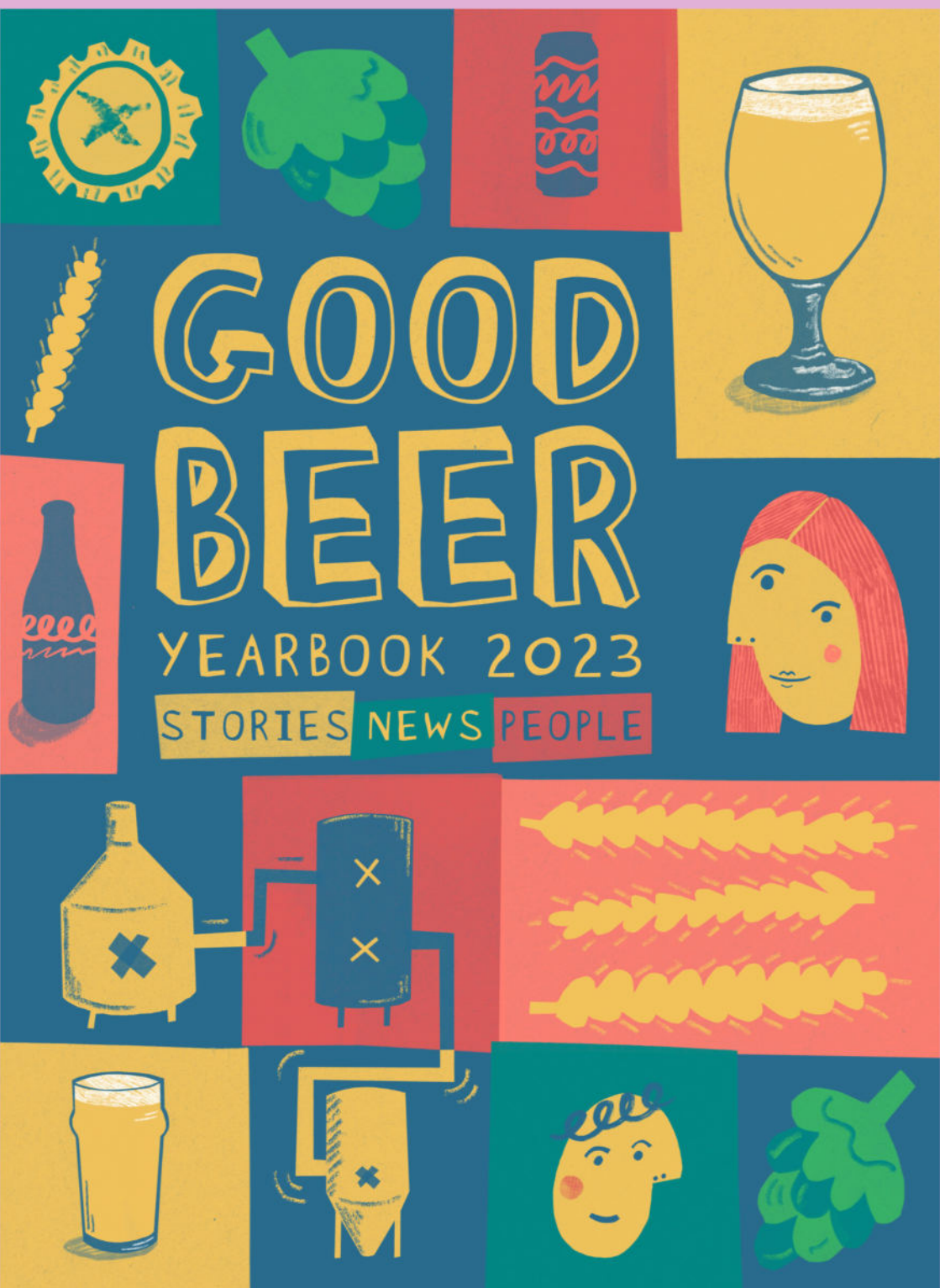
**Furness** is only one of 125 **CAMRA** branches taking part in the initiative. You can find a list of our LocAle pubs on the Branch website ([www.furness.camra.org.uk](http://www.furness.camra.org.uk)) and occasionally in this magazine but as things are changing all the time, just look out for the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

### Changes to LocAle for 2023

**LocAle** recognition is now for one year as this will more accurately identify those establishments that **continue** to sell local ales through the year rather than **occasionally** have a locally produced beer available. This makes more sense to visitors who are looking for local beers as in this way, they should be able to expect to find a local beer throughout the year (unless there are temporary problems, of course).

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"**



# GOOD BEER

## YEARBOOK 2023

STORIES NEWS PEOPLE

### Pub and Brewery Craic

Ann Summers-Glass

Following on from the Craic in the last magazine, we still have had no formal confirmation that **South Lakes Brewing** has **closed**. **Tarn Hows** has confirmed they are currently **mothballed**. And in better news, **Coastline Brewery** on **Walney** Island is now **up and running**, and at the time of writing have supplied the King Alfred Hotel in Walney with their **Cormorant Stout** (5.8%), **Cranesbill IPA** (4.6%) and **Breakwater Blonde** (3.8%) – and they also do a spiced rum!

**Lakeland Brewhouse** (along with its sister craft brewery **UTown**) appears to have closed - we are trying to confirm the position on this. We have no accurate information yet on (if it has closed) whether it is a temporary or permanent closure. There are quite dreadful pressures on breweries (and pubs) with not just gas and electricity costs going through the roof, but also with the massive increases in the prices of raw materials. The highly restricted hours they were permitted to open their brewery tap may have been the last straw.

**Lakeland Inns**, **Lakeland Brewhouse's** associated pub company, has made the decision to **withdraw** from both the **Black Cock** in **Broughton-in-Furness** and **Clarkes Hotel** in **Rampside**. The good news is that a **new operator** for **Clarkes Hotel** is in place, and by the time you read this, that pub should have reopened. We believe that a **new tenant** for the **Black Cock** is being actively sought.

There are **no updates** about the community bid for the **Prince of Wales**, **Foxfield**.

**The Punch Bowl** at **The Green** (near Millom) is temporarily closed whilst some building and drainage works are completed. We expect it to **reopen in March**.

Last time, we reported that **Robinsons Brewery** was looking for a new tenant for the **Rose and Crown** in **Cark**; they have since put it up for sale, and a **community group** has been formed to investigate the **feasibility of purchasing it**. We believe they have appointed **Aspire Inns** (a well-established pub management company who run a number of premises across the North West and Midlands) to manage the **Ship at Coniston** on their behalf. **The Hope and Anchor** at **Flookburgh** has a new operator as well.

We had said that the **Kings Arms** in **Hawkshead** may have been purchased by **Greene King**; it seems this **fell through** and the pub is still **for sale** via Fleurets.

**The Anglers** at **Haverthwaite** remains boarded up and is apparently awaiting refurbishment by **Daniel Thwaites** but we have no information on how this is progressing at present.

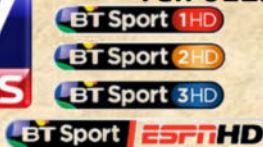


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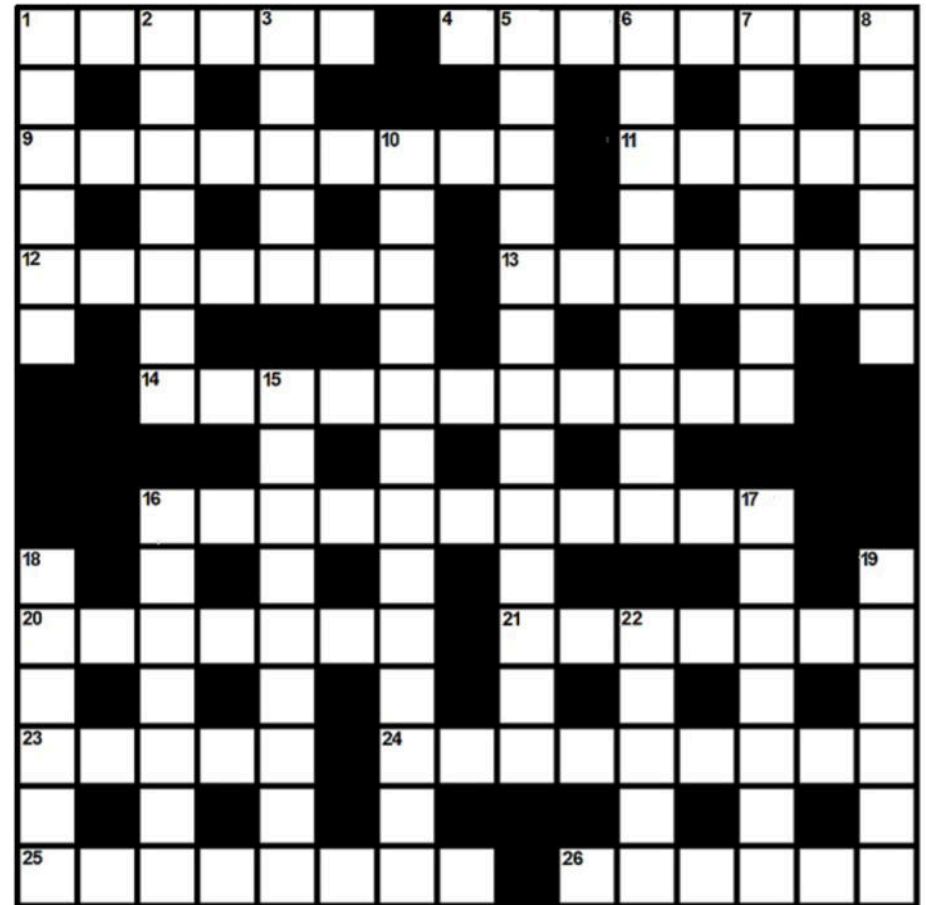
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Crossword No. 40  
 by PeeGee



Across

- 1 At first, every new mad, idiotic, tawdry yarn generates bad feeling (6)
- 4 Word has it that Archie Mountbatten-Windsor is paired with a local coward (8)
- 9 Little Albert moved into a European country to create southern one (9)
- 11 Saying "I am bitter" shows the extent of my feeling (5)
- 12 Extended "nod" of the body used as powerful mediaeval weapon (7)
- 13 What someone attending a Doctor's surgery has to be (7)
- 14 Accused with another party that they danced often, twirling(11)
- 16 Put out of action, a promise included, being deniable(11)
- 20 I am non-professional in showing my jam at European preserves fair (7)
- 21 Left round about and became agitated (7)
- 23 Secondly, bit no tart apple inside (5)
- 24 Aged-sounding three goals scored by, say, 'Einrich (9)
- 25 Inflate square-leg umpire's "Not out" verdict (8)
- 26 Serious emergency? Credit Daesh (6)

Down

- 1 A smile from sorting all these every day? Doubtful (6)
- 2 Mother and son in charge of this type of lodge? Again, doubtful (7)
- 3 Palpitation caused by brat. Ugh, rodent removed (5)
- 5 We wish you a merry Christmas ... and you can pay Pa anywhere, shaken **and** stirred (13)
- 6 A ram bolts at cooking (5,4)
- 7 The topic in question brings up coach over air transport round about (7)
- 8 Denied consuming record (6)
- 10 Weaver of gala, woven, suggests gambler's fallacy (3,2,8)
- 15 Stare deep into the vortex? It's hopeless (9)
- 16 For starters, do right and stay tightly in charge; or it becomes serious (7)
- 17 My divorced spouse, supported by legal misdemeanors, extracts as much as possible (7)
- 18 How to turn famous Italian conductor into Italian sandwich? Deprive him of gallium (6)
- 19 Decrees: Eldritch, 'tis, oddly enough (6)
- 22 Child with attitude. Needs to be sat upon (5)

Answers on page 30



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## CAMRA Discounts

### The CAMRA discount voucher scheme

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These are only **valid** for **pubs that take part in this scheme** (particularly the **Wetherspoons** group) so to find out which pubs in our area (or indeed in other areas) are part of this scheme, you need to visit **CAMRA's** website on:

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

### Individual pub discounts for CAMRA members

**CAMRA** has a scheme aimed at pubs who offer discounts to members.

This is from **CAMRA's** web page:

To find out more, go to:

[www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme](http://www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme)

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

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:  
[chairman@furness.camra.org.uk](mailto:chairman@furness.camra.org.uk) or [inquirer@furness.camra.org.uk](mailto:inquirer@furness.camra.org.uk)

### Just one small point on discounts

Given the real problems facing our pubs at the moment, we do need to support them as best we can. We know that everything is rocketing in price from the cost of materials and utilities for the breweries, through the increasing transport cost of getting the beer to your pub (particularly if it is not a local brew), and finally down to the pub.

Most pubs are trying to keep the price of your beer as low as they can but given that it isn't just the beer that they have to make some profit on, it has to include a portion of actually running the pub itself which these days is not insignificant.

I am sure you all appreciate that but the purpose of this little section is to encourage you to be tolerant if the pub is not offering a discount and even if they are, you don't have to take it if you don't need or want to!

Remember, pubs are not supermarkets - they don't have the luxury of scale nor are they able to sell from thousands of products under one roof.

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For information on the latest deadlines, contact the Editor at:

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### To place an advert in InnQuirer, contact the Editor by email.

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## Crossword Answers

Across

- Enmity
  - Harrison
  - Australia
  - Ambit
  - Long + bow
  - Patient
  - Codefendant
  - Disavowable
  - Amateur
  - Excited
  - Intra
  - Geriatric
  - In + crease
  - Cr + Isis
- First letters (At first) of every ... yarn  
Homophone (word has it) of (Prince) Harry's son  
AI in Austria  
Hidden word (shows) in " ... am bitter"  
Anag (twirling) of *danced often*  
Disable with a vow included  
Hidden word (showing) in *my jam, at European*  
Exited round c(irca)  
Second letters (secondly) of *bit no tart apple*  
Homophone of Jerry 'at trick

Down

- Emails
  - Ma + son + ic
  - Throb
  - A happy New Year
  - Roast lamb
  - Subject
  - Not + ate
  - Law of averages
  - Desperate
  - Drastic
  - Ex + torts
  - Pa(ga)nini
  - Edicts
  - Ch + air
- Anag (sorting) of A smile  
Through *brat*. Remove *ugh* and *rat*  
Anag (shaken and stirred) of *pay Pa anywhere*  
Anag (cooking) of *a ram bolts*  
Bus backwards (up) above *ject* (air transport holding c(irca))  
Anag (woven) of *weaver of gala*  
Anag (the vortex) of *stare deep*  
First letters (For starters) of *do right and stay tightly in charge*  
Odd letters (oddly enough) of *Eldritch, 'tis*

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