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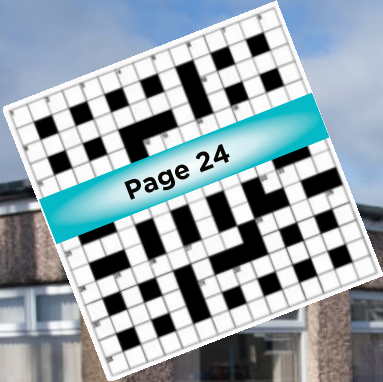
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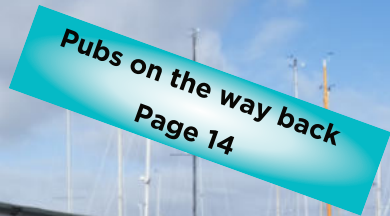


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## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (and The Editor)

Back at the end of 2021, **Dave Stubbins** decided that the time had come to hand over the reins of Chair(man) and guess who didn't duck in time?

Dave had done a great job over almost 12 years as Chair(man) so I don't think we can blame him for wanting a rest. Well done Dave and of course he hasn't disappeared as he is still an active member of the Branch.

I am still continuing my role as **InnQuirer** editor so for the time being, I am amalgamating the two pages here as most of the information is common to both roles now and we can save a bit of room in the magazine by only having one section.

After two years without a printed version of the **InnQuirer**, this will be the first one to appear in print so I hope you find it interesting. During the two years of reduced activity we have tried to keep in touch but there have been many changes with pubs re-inventing themselves somewhat and others closing while we have actually gained others! Have a look at the **Pub Craic** on **page 20** in this issue for the latest up-to-date information (well up to date until we go to press). Our Facebook and Twitter feeds will continue to bring live updates as we pick up the news.

Sadly, not long before this issue went to press we learnt of the passing of **Dave Bailey**, the highly innovative and never-to-be forgotten brewer from the **Hardknott Brewery**. Anyone who has tried his beers will know that he was never backward in producing new and sometimes ground-breaking products and was highly respected within the industry. Even recently he managed to brew some Azimuth with the help of the Fell Brewery so he was active right to the end.

Quite a lot of activity from **CAMRA** during this year or so, what with the **'One to Try'** campaign which is replacing the **'Real Ale in a Bottle'** campaign with the intention of including not just bottles but cans within the scope of 'Real or Live Ale'. Look out for the accreditation coming soon on these containers - read more on **Page 16**

More controversial is the **re-grading** of **'Real' Cider** and **Perry** to better identify which ciders/perries are produced **directly from fruit**. There is a list of the producers who conform to the new description and some that you may have thought did make 'real' cider didn't make it to the list. If you want to get a better view of how this changes how we view ciders/perries then you probably need to go to **CAMRA's** website for the full information and an up-to-date list of these makers. We have an overview on **Page 18** that may explain it without going into too many technicalities.

Before you ask about the **Ulverston Beer Festival** this year, yes, we are planning to run one at the beginning of September but at present we are still in the early stages of planning. **See Page 26** for important information.

Finally, if you are a **CAMRA** member and are in the younger age group then we would love to see you get involved. There is a lot to gain from finding out about why we are members and what you can achieve from getting involved. After all, even the older members were young once!

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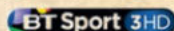
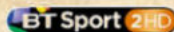
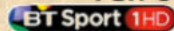
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## Annual Branch Awards

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### Furness Branch Pub of the Year 2022



After two difficult years, awarding the Pub of the Year took some work. A lot of our pubs have been affected during the Pandemic and some have had to close for a while during this gap while others have re-positioned themselves by concentrating on food (sometimes at the expense of their beer range). We haven't been able to make any awards since early 2020 and we know that everyone in the industry has been working hard to keep things going.

After some discussions and analysis, we have decided to award the **Pub of the Year 2022** to **Old Friends** in **Ulverston**.

They have been able to keep the pub community focused during this time and their beer offerings and quality have been kept up to the mark. They have been innovative during the worst times and hopefully now have left the worst behind.

### Furness Branch Club of the Year 2022

We don't have too many clubs around here that fit into **CAMRA's** definition of 'a Club' and that serve Live Beer.

However, one exception is **The Roa Island Boating Club** near **Barrow-in-Furness**. Unusually for a club, they have a nano-brewery attached and no doubt their experience in producing live beer helps them to look after their offerings on hand-pump from theirs and other breweries. Well done (and they do a pretty decent Sunday Lunch too!)



### Furness Branch Cider Pub of the Year 2022

Because of the changes in the definition of 'real cider and perry' from **CAMRA**, we haven't been able to identify a pub that has real cider/perry available all-year so for this year, we have not made the award.

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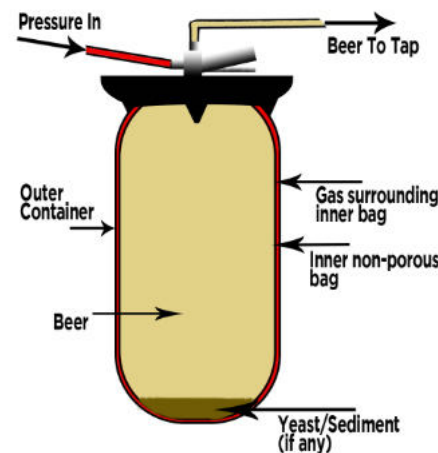
## The Membrane Container Jack Summers-Glass

**What?** How **dare** you, this is **heresy!** Keg beer isn't live.....

Well, **CAMRA** has embraced the **Membrane Container** (KeyKeg is actually a trade name) for live beer (I know, not all contain live beer but then again not all casks do - have you heard of 'Bright Beer'?)

Many years ago - don't ask - when I was doing Physics at school I learnt about pressure and vacuum so I think this is a good place to start.

Traditional beer engines do not actually 'suck' the beer up - they lower the pressure in the feed line allowing the beer to be pushed up by atmospheric pressure. Same thing, you say but try doing that on the Moon (don't, no atmosphere!). There has to be something to push down on the beer when you create the vacuum in the line.



FULL MEMBRANE CONTAINER

If the beer just comes out of a tap then there is no 'suction' so something has to

provide the push and atmospheric pressure won't work as it is the same at the beer end as it is at the tap end. Theoretically, you could connect a membrane container to a beer engine and 'suck out' the beer as long as the feed line at the container is open to allow air in (at atmospheric pressure!).

Unfortunately, there seems to be a general conception that if it is in a membrane container then the beer can't be 'real' but of course that is not true. The only difference between a cask and a membrane container (how it works that is, not what it's made of or what it looks like) is that in a cask, the atmospheric pressure acts directly on the beer to push it out and in a membrane container it 'squeezes' the bag. True, it needs a bit of help in the latter case which is why pressure is applied to the inlet and this can be gas or just compressed air or even blow down the inlet (don't try this at home folks - you'll never have enough puff) Oh! and don't suck the inlet, it won't work either as the beer is inside the inner bag and you can't get at it that way.

Whatever the gas you use, it never comes into contact with the beer anyway and a higher pressure into the container only means the beer comes out faster, it doesn't affect the beer at all. I know there are cask breathers that can put a CO<sub>2</sub> blanket over the beer but these don't really apply serious pressure to push the beer out - and I know there are beer line pumps etc. but that is another matter.

Any excessive gas/'sparkle'/fizz, whatever you want to call it, comes from what the brewer puts into the container in the first place and doesn't **need** to be excessive, in fact with live beer, it could still form a

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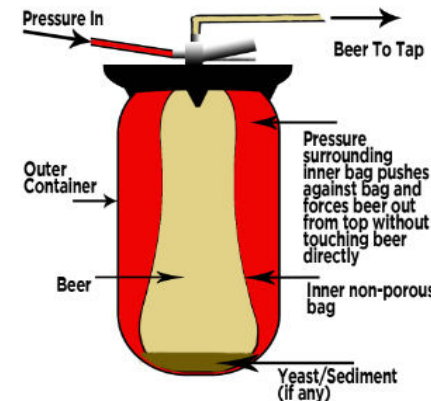
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natural CO<sup>2</sup> layer on top just as in a cask.

What about cans and bottles, you say. Well, nothing stopping you using a straw to get at the beer and you become the human beer engine but really, just pour the beer out - you shouldn't drink beer through a straw anyway, according to experts.

The big problem with membrane containers, other than recycling and refilling which is another matter (and I won't go into that here, although they can be recycled but it is still early days and it is not as widespread as it could be) is that



HALF-EMPTY MEMBRANE CONTAINER

name. We are talking about KeyKeg and that it probably the worst name they could have come up with as it immediately makes the consumer think it is the same as a standard keg and therefore doesn't contain 'live' beer.

I know there are drinkers out there, including CAMRA members who won't be convinced but there are those who never embraced the cask as it is not wood! Indeed, some won't even score the beer as

## The Membrane Container Jack Summers-Glass

they don't think it is real, even though it is and this is unfortunate for the poor publican as he may serve great beer but can't be judged on it for things like the **Good Beer Guide**.

There are many advantages to the membrane container, as well as disadvantages, for example the beer will probably last longer in a membrane container than in a cask. It may be more appealing for some pubs with low throughput, who are having problems stocking real ale in a cask.

This is not to say that anyone would advocate the wholesale move over from cask to membrane. However, some beers, particularly the more 'modern' beers seem to work well in these as the delivery temperature can be matched to the beer more easily in some cases. However, it is important that there is some way of identifying which is 'live' and which isn't, although a lot of consumers and indeed pubs don't seem to think it is important but if CAMRA is about promoting live beer in whatever container it is presented then we should be able to identify which conform.

Of course, this doesn't stop everyone drinking whatever they want but will just enable the customer to be more informed about their beer. Hopefully. Maybe. You never know!

If you want to see the old article, it has morphed into part of CAMRA's learn-discover section (members) at:

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## SPOT THE PUB

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Answers on Page 26



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## PUBS ON THE WAY BACK

by The Editor

As you all know, **The Prince of Wales in Foxfield** was sold by Stuart and Lynda the other year. Having gone through a number of aborted plans to make it into a community-owned pub then to sell it on, finally the 'As If By Magic' group bought it with the intention of returning it to a community focused venue. Various meetings were held for locals and interested parties and the plans for the refurbishment shared. Since then, progress has been slow but signs are now that things are progressing. The new owners are keeping us updated with latest information and the latest communication from them can be viewed on the **Online InnQuirer** website. Although there will be no new magazine issues on that site (unless things deteriorate) since this printed version is now available, the latest reports on progress for the Prince will, however, continue to be updated online.



Since **Grizedale Arts** bought **The Farmers Arms** Lowick with the help of local investors, a lot of refurbishment has been completed, with more to come. The venue is now operating as an arts centre, cafe and a pub. The bar and cellar has been refurbished with the help of local breweries and a number of **CAMRA** members. Without a tie for the cellar, the bar is able to offer a number of local beers. We have been there and can vouch for the excellent job that has been done and look forward to seeing the pub go from strength-to-strength.

**Bampton Valley Community Pub** is not actually in our area but in **Westmorland CAMRA's**. However, here is another pub almost local that is going through a similar process to The Prince of Wales and The Farmers Arms in trying to get the pub into the community. They are trying to raise funds to purchase the pub so if you want to find out more then they have a website at:

<https://www.bamptonvalleycommunitypub.org/>

We wish them all the best and hope that they are successful in their endeavours and looking at their website at the moment, they seem to have already reached their initial target.

If you want to know more about the **Asset of Community Value** option for helping to save pubs, **CAMRA** has a lot of information about how to go about it and although they cannot actually instigate one, they can certainly help support you if you are involved in the process. The link to the website is:

[https://camra.org.uk/campaign\\_resources/nominating-a-pub-as-acv-a-camra-guide/](https://camra.org.uk/campaign_resources/nominating-a-pub-as-acv-a-camra-guide/)

## PUB COMPANIES

### WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO

#### Article 2 THE CURRENT PUB COMPANY SCENE

A pub company is simply a company that owns pubs and there are literally hundreds of them, many with only a handful or even just one pub. We'll concentrate here, though, on the bigger companies who, between them, own over half the country's pubs.

##### Stonegate

Founded in 2010 with the purchase of 333 pubs from **Mitchells & Butlers, Stonegate** grew quite slowly over the next ten years, making a series of acquisitions including brands like Slug & Lettuce, Walkabout and Be At One, until its pub numbers totalled 765. All the pubs were managed houses. A seismic change came in 2020 when **Ei Group** was bought for £1.27bn, making **Stonegate** the largest pub company in the UK with 1,270 managed pubs and, as a result of the Ei purchase, 3,200 leased and tenanted businesses.

**Ei** itself had been founded, as **Enterprise Inns**, in 1991, initially with 333 pubs from Bass. The company built up its estate, gaining 2,200 pubs in batches by buying them from other companies or taking them over. In 2002, 1,864 pubs were bought from **Whitbread** and in 2004, 4,054 from Unique. By this time, it owned nearly 10,000 pubs and was in the FTSE 100 list of top companies. However, it was loaded with debt and the 2008 financial crash required a good deal of retrenchment. Ei also started building up its managed estate, including pubs on retail agreements under the Craft Union brand (we'll look at this operating model in the next article). By the time of the sale, it was down to fewer than 4,000 pubs.

##### Punch Taverns

The first article included a brief history of Punch to illustrate the volatility around pubco development. In summary, it grew quickly to around 8,000 pubs, suffered under the crash, sold a lot of pubs including its managed division and was taken over in 2016. 1,900 pubs went to Heineken and 1,300 to **Patron Capital**, who retain the

Punch brand. At takeover time, all pubs were leased or tenanted but it's also now pushing retail agreements (which it calls Management Partnerships). Some pubs were sold but in June 2021 it announced the purchase of **Youngs'** tenanted division, bringing the current total to 1,282.

##### Admiral Taverns

Admiral was founded in 2003 by two families and grew quickly to 2,300 pubs by 2007. Many of these were 'bottom end' houses disposed of by other pub companies. The financial crash had the usual consequences for over-extended businesses and numbers were down to 1,700 by 2011 and continued to fall. By 2017 it was in the hands of Cerberus Capital Management who sold up to a joint venture by Magners cider-makers C&C Group and estate investor **Proprium Capital Partners**, by which time there were 845 pubs. The acquisition trail was hit in 2019 with 137 pubs coming from **Marstons** and 150 from Heineken. The big one arrived in July 2021 when Admiral bought 674 Hawthorn pubs from property firm New River taking the estate to over 1,500.

Admiral's pubs are all tenanted or leased and tend to be wet-led community operations. It has a relatively good reputation in the trade though there's certainly no aversion to flogging off pubs as 'development opportunities'.

##### Star Pubs & Bars

In 1995, **Scottish & Newcastle**, one of the original 'Big Six' breweries, bought another of them, **Courage**, making the combined group Britain's biggest brewer. By 2011, the pub arm, then known as **S&N Pub Co**, had 1,500 tenanted pubs and 600 in management. Come 2008, **Scottish Courage** was gobbled up by international brewer **Heineken** and the pub business rebranded as **Star Pubs & Bars**. Many pubs were sold but then, in 2017, as previously mentioned, 1,900 were snapped up from Punch. Again there were disposals and the estate currently stands at 2,500.

## Paul Ainsworth, on behalf of CAMRA Pub & Club Campaigns Committee

Star vigorously promote their retail agreement scheme, Just Add Talent. In 2020, it was fined £2m for breaches of the Pubs Code (which we'll cover in a later article)

##### Greene King

In 1995, Greene King was a long-established family brewer with 900 pubs, nearly all in East Anglia and the South-East. It then embarked on a ferocious acquisition trail, swallowing up many breweries (the likes of **Morlands, Belhaven, Morrells and Hardy & Hanson**) and other pub companies. GK itself is now owned by a **billionaire Hong Kong property developer**. It has some 3,100 pubs, restaurants and hotels, of which 1,200 are tenanted or leased. Its strategy seems to be to move in the managed direction and the 'Pub Ready' retail agreements are pushed hard. GK was once renowned for not letting other people's beers in its pubs but now have a more enlightened attitude.

##### Marston's

The company was known as **Wolverhampton & Dudley** until 2007 when it rebranded as **Marston's**, one of the many breweries it had taken over in recent years. At that time, 2,500 pubs were owned but the total is now down to 1,400. The tenanted estate, in particular, has been reduced through sales such as 200 to **New River** in 2013 and 137 to **Admiral** in 2019. In

late 2020, the company took on the running of 156 **Brains** pubs in **Wales**. Also that year, Marston's merged its brewing operations with Carlsberg but this does not directly affect the pub business.

##### Mitchells and Butlers

Formed originally out of the old Bass estate, **M&B** have 1,650 pubs and restaurants. The multitudinous brands include **Ember Inns, Toby Carveries, Nicholsons** and **All Bar One** – as can be seen, the emphasis is on food. Pubs are mostly managed though around 50 are on a lease arrangement.

##### J D Wetherspoon

Since opening its first pub in 1979, 'Spoons has expanded to 925 pubs and 50 hotels, all managed. Plans for 18 new pubs are in the pipeline,

##### Wellington

Owned by the **billionaire Reuben Brothers**, the company leases all its 850 pubs on a free of tie basis.

*(For the previous article in this series, see Issue 3 of the online InnQuirer webpage at: [www.online.innquirer.uk](http://www.online.innquirer.uk))*



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## ALL CHANGE ON THE CIDER FRONT?

If you are a **cider or perry** fan, you probably know what you like and **CAMRA** isn't trying to put a stop to that! However, we have been looking at how ciders and perries are made and packaged and have now issued a list of those that actually match an **official definition** of the drink. Worth a read and certainly worth tracking down any of these to give them a try. First a bit of an obvious description:

**Cider** is a fermented alcoholic drink made from apples and is produced in much the same way as wine; it is **not brewed** like beer.

**Perry** is made from **pears**, usually from **specialised perry pear varieties**. Unpalatable for eating, and used only for perry, they have varying levels of **astringency** and **tannins**. Some **modern perry** (sometimes marketed as pear cider) can additionally be produced from dessert pears which will have no tannins and little bitterness.

As you can see, you don't actually need the description "apple cider" or "pear cider" (in fact "**pear cider**" is just plain **wrong!**)

Now for the bit that has been updated recently:

This is **CAMRA's** definition of how we identify '**real**' **cider/perry**. **CAMRA** defines real Cider or Perry as being **fermented** from the **whole juice of fresh pressed apples or pears**, **without** the use of concentrated or **chaptalised juices**. The word '**chaptalised**' as used in the definition refers to a process where the **alcohol level** in a cider or perry is **increased** by the **addition of sugar** to an **unnatural** level for storage, before it is **diluted** with water to the desired alcohol content for sale.

As you can see from the above, this is meant to define what we regard as '**real**' **cider/perry** but not what it should taste like as that depends on what you.

This does not mean that **CAMRA** is trying to force everyone to only drink cider/perry that conforms to the above definition - people drink what they enjoy and nothing wrong with that. However, just as in **Real Ale** (or 'live' ale if you like) it is our aim to educate and to promote those products that we identify as '**real**'. In the food world, we see 'no artificial additives, etc.' as a positive so why not the same for ales, ciders and perries? For more information and details of our 'real cider' producers, go to the **CAMRA** real cider page:

<https://camra.org.uk/learn-discover/the-basics/find-real-cider-and-perry/>

## Books and stuff

**CAMRA** isn't just about vouchers and discounts. Nor is it just about 'Real Ale' drinkers. It runs numerous campaigns throughout the year to promote Pubs, Ale, Cider as well as campaigning for a fairer deal for our pubs and breweries. If you go to the **CAMRA** website, you will find a lot of interesting information about all sorts of aspects of our interest in beer.

It isn't just the Good Beer Guide that is available as a printed book, there are a lot of interesting publications covering a wide variety of related aspects and all are well worth a read if you are into books. Have a look at the website page on:

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**PUB AND BREWERY CRAIC**  
 (CRAIC - Local Term for Gossip)

**Pubs**

Both the **Ship** and the **Commercial** (formerly the Burlington) in **Kirkby-in-Furness** are open, with Ali, who was landlady in the Ship, now at the Burlington and Lisa having taken over the reins at the Ship. Both have a good choice of local real ales.

Unfortunately, the **Railway** in **Askam-in-Furness** is now closed, and up for sale.

**The Kings Arms** in **Hawkshead** has a new manager. Ed Johnson decided to retire after he and his family had run the pub for over 30 years, and we wish them and his staff well for the future.

**The Anglers Arms** in **Haverthwaite** has new tenants. Chris and Heather reopened the pub at the end of January.

Both the **Royal Oak** and the **Kings Arms** in **Cartmel** have reopened. The Kings Arms is privately operated (and will usually have a beer from Unsworth's Yard Brewery just around the corner) and the Royal Oak is Fell Brewery's latest venture. These, along with the other pubs in the village, will make Cartmel even more of a destination!

**Lakeland Inns** (who locally have the **Sun** in **Ulverston**, the **Black Cock** in **Broughton-in-Furness** and the **Commodore** in **Grange-over-Sands**) have now taken over **Clarks** Hotel in **Rampside**. They handed back the keys of the **Royal Oak** in **Spark Bridge** when the pubco owner Stonegate decided they wanted beers from their own list rather than locally brewed beers to be sold. The **Royal Oak** is **open** with a **new tenant**.

You can find updates on the **Prince of Wales**, **Foxfield** and the **Farmers Arms**, **Lowick Green** on page 14.

**Breweries**

**Lakeland Brewhouse** has moved to a new location in **Ulverston** and has been expanded.

Both **Beckstones** Brewery and **Biggar** Brewing are now closed. There have been rumours that **Beckstones** may reopen in the future. **Biggar's brewkit** is now being used by our newest brewery **Coastline**, which is also based in **Walney Island** - we believe their beers will be available in the **King Alfred** in **Walney** to begin with.

**Logan Beck Brewing**, which is located near **Ulpha** in the **Duddon Vally**, has expanded - this means their beers will be more available in our branch area.

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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 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>

## Volunteers

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 last **Ulverston Beer Festival** in the **Coronation Hall** 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 were 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!

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



Next time you go into one of our pubs, you may see this on the wall. It is the latest version of our recruitment poster and has two QR codes on it. The left-hand one will take you to the **CAMRA** website and the right-hand one will take you to our **Furness CAMRA** website. There is a lot of information on both sites of course but our own website has a lot of things about our local branch that will help keep you in touch with us.

Have a look if you get the time!

[camra.org.uk/join](https://camra.org.uk/join)

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**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.

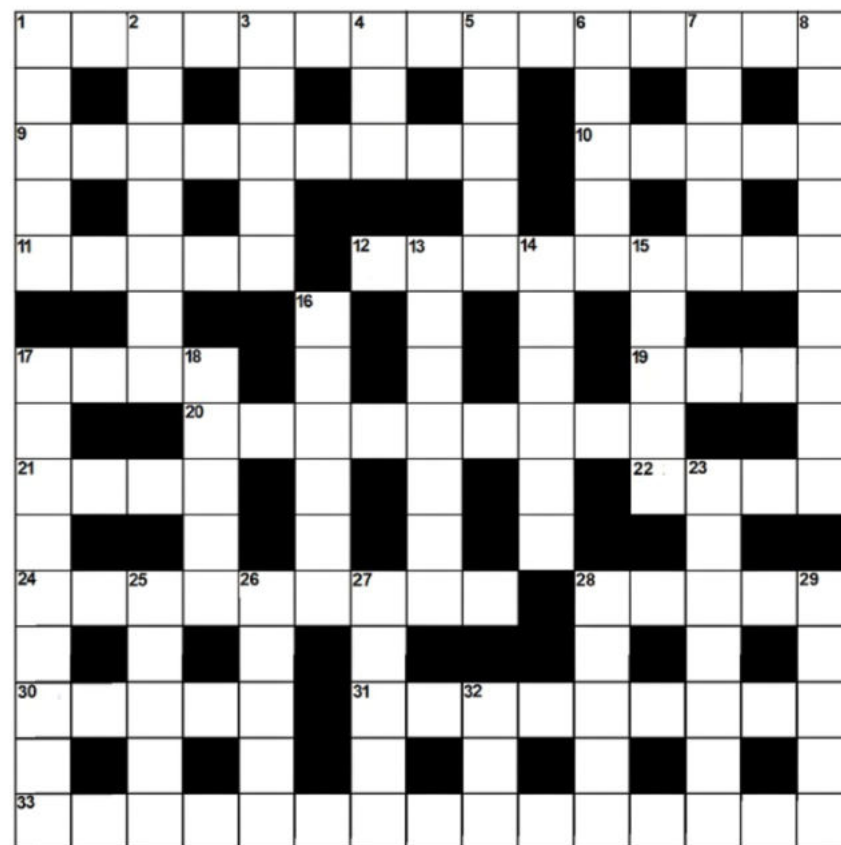
This list of pubs in the Furness Branch region that serve LocAle was compiled **before** the Covid 19 pandemic. We have no reason to suspect that they will no longer serve local ales (unless they have closed of course when, hopefully, we will have removed them from the list).

However, please be aware that until we are able to check with all of the pubs here, this information cannot be guaranteed to be correct at the present time. If you have any information that would help us update the list, please let the **Editor** know so that they can be included in next issue of InnQuirer.

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

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"**



Across

- 1 "Bubbly? Oh!" said the criminal male health worker (15)
- 9 Wastes squares shaken with conjunction, less article (9)
- 10 [7] have overpaid the [31] you may entitled to a [14] and thus become a ..... Employees' taxation system, note (5)
- 11 Rupert has no right to explode (5)
- 12 Keep out Royal Academician chewed by cow; a predatory type of fish (9)
- 17 Setter, English king, but timid (4)
- 19 The Famous Five's creator returns to have supper (4)
- 20 Mixed-up gay hot gun to join street group (5,4)
- 21 Cancel East River party (4)
- 22 It's found in mega, mega puzzles (4). See [4]
- 24 Type of line or remark that describes our society? (9)
- 28 Your unvoiced part of you ... (5)
- 30 ... confused our TT teacher (5)
- 31 Cook tasty Mexican (I cannot include sulphur); for the Government's chief source of income (3,6). See also [7],
- 33 The inn's fearsome brew from Ulverston (7,4,4)

Down

- 1 Plastered? Sounds more like a ski slope (5)
- 2 In the Bayou, tuberous rooted plants, called winter aconite can be found; as on the video service (7)
- 3 Upset counter to "No, 'tis" (2,3). See [4]
- 4 French hot drink (3). With [22, 2, 26, 8]: "The gay Miss Knott were thick, Handel". Pointless, then, from what you say (3,4,2,3,5,3,6)
- 5 To a tee, what is wanted for solving a difficult problem (5)
- 6 Letters first, but wager is off (5)
- 7 Provided you can do all those things, you'll be a man (2,3). See also [10]
- 8 Undone. Laced, then provided light (3,6). See [4]
- 13 "I am," he exclaimed, "in favour of a jar holding wine" (7)
- 14 Refund will turn up in large tabernacle (6). See also [10]
- 15 Blood-sucking bug that once led the Lib Dems? (5)
- 16 Even so, earplug, lo, in a part of Italy (6)
- 17 Before returning to support climb to Italian volcano (5,4)
- 18 Ancient Japanese city, plaything couched in fine return (5)
- 23 Fifty-one abstemious people in beer is a small amount (1,6)
- 25 Proportion of a trio lost the place (5)
- 26 Value (5). See [4]
- 27 Can wealth earn ... ? Oddly, yes, as beer ingredient (5)
- 28 Flavouring found earthy meal is said to fly (5)
- 29 Baker Street was one of detective's abodes, we hear (5)
- 32 12 times 11 (3)

Answers on Page 29

With two whole years of the pandemic and meetings being held mainly online during that time, we are still emerging from an almost static state. We have now managed to plan for the next 3 meetings but some details were not available at the time of publication. For the latest updates, please go to:

<https://furness.camra.org.uk>

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday April 5th	7:00pm	Ulverston Brewing Co.
Tuesday May 10th	7:00pm	To be confirmed
Saturday June 11th	Afternoon (time to be confirmed)	To be confirmed

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### Update



The **Ulverston Beer Festival 2022** is in the planning stage and unless something unexpected happens, we will be running this September. Hopefully, the format will be similar to previous years with some changes, made inevitable by the pandemic. A lot of work goes into the organisation and this has started but we still have a long way to go before we can actually publicise the event (we wouldn't want to get everyone's hopes up yet).

However, there are some things that are essential to the smooth running of the Festival and one of the most important ones is to have enough **volunteers** to make it work. This is not just **bar work**, much as that seems to be the glamorous bit, but before the Festival opens, we need people to help **set-up** the venue and during the Festival days, all sorts of roles become important from **front-of-house** staff, through **stewards** and **liaison people** to **glass-washers** (we have a machine). This year will be more difficult as there are some extra precautions that we will have to take so we do need volunteers.

If you are a **CAMRA** member, particularly if you are one of our **younger** members, then you are able to volunteer and it is actually a great way to see what happens and to get **experience** at running a Festival. The first step is to contact us via the **Social Secretary** (details on **page 2**) and find out more. As things progress, we will have more information about the roles available and what they entail but for the moment, just **knowing that you are interested** will help.

### Spot the Pub Answers

1	The Drunken Duck	The Black Bull	The Black Cock	The Britannia Inn
2	Barnegates	Coniston	Broughton-in-Furness	Penny Bridge
3				
4				
5	The Yewdale	The Commercial	Cuckoo Brow	The Devonshire
6	Coniston	Kirkby-in-Furness	Far Sawrey	Ulverston
7				
8				
9	Beerwolf	The Farmers Arms	The Hope and Anchor	The Kings Arms
10	Ulverston	Lowick Green	Ulverston	Carmel
11				
12				
13	The Kings Arms	The Miners Arms	The Old Friends	The Pheasant
14				
15				
16				
17	Quarry Brow (Barrow)	Sillicroft	Ulverston	Allithwaite
18				
19				
20				
21	The Punch Bowl	The Royal Oak	The Ship Inn	The Sun
22	The Green (Millom)	Carmel	Kirkby-in-Furness	Coniston
23				
24				
25	The Swan	The Tower Bank Arms	The Wellington	The Manor Arms
26	Ulverston	Near Sawrey	Loppergarth	Broughton-in-Furness

How do we work out what pubs serve the best **cask ale**? How do pubs get into the **Good Beer Guide**?

That's where you come in as a **CAMRA** member (and if not, why not?). There are two ways that you can help:

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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To find out more, go to:

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

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:  
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For information on the latest deadlines, contact the Editor at:

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### Crossword No. 37 - Answers and Why?

Across	Down
1 Physiotherapist Homophone (said) of Fizzy-o + the rapist	1 Pistie Hidden word (in) in Bayou tubercous
9 Squanders Anag (shaken) of Squares + and less a	2 Youtube See [4]
10 PAYE + E (note) Anag (breaking) of Rupert, right removed	3 Is not See [4]
11 Erupt 12 Bar + RA + cud + a	4 The With 22, 3, 26, 8 The game is not worth the candle **
17 Meek Me (the setter) + English + King	5 Easer Homophone (Say) of 'The gay ... , Hande)
19 Enid Dine returned	6 Alpha(βel) ... Remove bet
20 Youth gang Anag (Mixed up) of gay hot gun	7 If you From Kipling's poem, II
21 UN + do See [4] down	8 The candle See [4]
22 Game 24 Throwaway Tny with soft th	13 Amphora Am + homophone (exclaimed) of for a
30 Tut + or 31 Tax system Anag (cook) of Tasty Mexican less lean (... not) + Sulphur	14 Rebate Hidden word (in) in large tabernacle, backwards (turn up)
33 Another Fine Mess Anag (brew) of The Inn's tearsome	15 Clegg Every even letter of Carping, lo, in a
	17 Apulia Arie (before, returning) supporting Mount
	18 Kyoto OK holding toy backwards
	23 A little LI + TT in Ale
	25 Ratio Anag (lost the place) of a trio
	26 Worth See [4]
	27 Water Every odd letter of Wealth earn
	28 Thyme Hidden word (in) in earthy meal
	29 Homes Homophone (we hear) of Holmes
	32 X II



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