

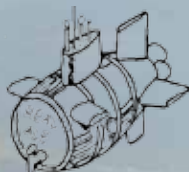
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## Welcome to the InnQuirer

### Welcome to 2015 and the 54th edition of the InnQuirer.

Having spent the the last few weeks laid up with a broken ankle my chances of imbibing good beers have been somewhat limited and I am very much looking forward to the rest of the year.

In this edition we have an eclectic selection of articles including: a historical perspective of beer vs. ale from Alastair Kirk, a reflection from a trip to the Devonshire from Matt Dixon, a unique take on the ubiquitous swear box from Alan Purcell and contributions from our esteemed chairman, Dave Stubbins.

Also included are details of the CAMRA AGM and a view of how young drinkers (but of

course over 18) have helped turn the UK into the brewing capital of the UK.

Particular thanks go to Martyn Dixon in whom I have entrusted responsibility for the rather excellent cover photograph.

Across the country local pubs are currently closing at an alarming rate and every week two pubs are being converted into supermarkets. One of CAMRA's key campaigns is "Pubs matter, so why can't we have a say?" and I have included an article with further details in the centre pages.

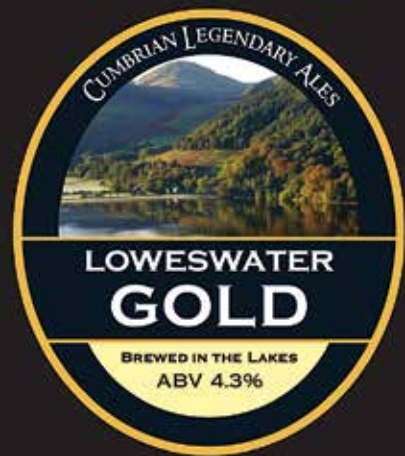
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## From the Chair

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

**With the onset of cooler weather and shorter days, activity across our branch area tends to be reduced both in terms of visitor numbers and days out by local people.**

We therefore took the opportunity as a branch to hold a branch meeting on a Saturday lunch time at one of the free houses referred to in my last report, the Red Lion at Lowick Bridge, and to visit some of the other pubs which had recently reopened or changed tenure.

We were very well looked after at the Red Lion by Steve and Lucy and following the meeting we called in at the Bear in the Square in Millom, the Britannia at Penny Bridge and the Old Friends in Ulverston. All pubs were well frequented apart from ourselves and seemed to be thriving. The Old Friends in particular has been rejuvenated and has consistently served an excellent range of beers to the extent that it has been given the award of Winter Pub of the Season. A picture of the presentation appears elsewhere in this magazine.

I'd like to take a little time to explain the format of our branch meetings here in Furness. Our policy is to make them as informal as possible and to visit as many of our pubs as we practically can. We hold monthly meetings on either Monday evenings or Saturdays when we can go to more rural locations and include a greater social element to the meeting. We obviously deal with matters requiring attention at the start of the meeting and this normally lasts around 30 to 45 minutes depending on the issues we have to deal with. The rest of the agenda is devoted to discussions on our pubs and breweries where we seek to find out as much as we can about what's going on in our area. Attendance is between 20 to 30 people at present, which is excellent for a small branch

like ours.

I've had the chance to work at two very large beer festivals over the past few weeks. The first was Manchester Beer and Cider Festival held towards the end of January in the Velodrome. I joined the finance team which was interesting and quite challenging on occasions as we try to ensure the various departments have sufficient cash of the right denomination.

At these festivals it is normal for a specially printed festival glass to be purchased at the start with an opportunity to return and obtain a refund at the festival. On this occasion the glass cost was £3. On the Friday evening there were still almost 1,000 people in the Velodrome with half an hour to go to closing. If all of them return their glass on leaving that's potentially 3,000 £1 coins to be made available! That's apart from the practicality of where to put the empty glasses when they return at that rate.

The second festival was the National Winter Ales Festival held in mid February in a converted railway locomotive shed in the form of a round house. On this occasion I was involved in serving customers with a vast range of beers for two days. Whilst both festivals attracted over 12,000 people and all volunteer workers are kept busy for long periods there are opportunities to meet new fellow CAMRA members and they are great fun albeit tiring on the feet.

We have a new beer festival taking place in the branch over the weekend of 17/18 April. It's being hosted by the Chequers Hotel in Dalton and will feature around 20 interesting beers from local brewers and further afield. Branch members will be assisting with serving the beers so please come along and support.

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# Beer or Ale?

by Alastair Kirk

## A historic perspective....

While enjoying my favourite Ales or Beers from our great local breweries, I often wondered if there was a clear distinction between Ale and Beer.

Pre 1600s, "Ale" was the name given to any un-hopped fermented malt liquor that writer Andrew Boorde (1542) described as,

*"The natural drink for an Englishman".*

Hopped fermented malted liquor arrived from Holland in the 1400s and was known as Beer and

*"The natural drink for a Dutchman"*

By the mid 1700s the distinction between hopped Beer and un-hopped Ale had become less clear. Ales were traditionally flavoured with ingredients such as rosemary, bog myrtle, heather or coriander etc. but relied on a high alcohol content to act as a preservative. Recipes exist for strong "Keeping Ale" that was cellared for many years.

Due to the preservative qualities of hops they found their way into Ale recipes by the late 1700s which allowed brewers to brew cheaply with less malt, so high alcohol content was no longer essential. Ale now included hopped brews but the term was generally only applied to strongest of brews.



In country brewhouses a three stage mash process operated until the late 1800s, using the same batch of malt. The first "runnings" from the mash were the sweetest and were used for Ale, the second runnings were used for table beer (less strong) and the last for weak or "small beer".

So as Ale was made using the first runnings of liquor from the mash, It was this that became the means of identifying Ale from early in the 19th century until the demise of the country estate breweries due to changes in laws, taxation and large commercial breweries.

The modern brewing practice of single mashing a batch of grain and then sparging (spraying with hot water to wash off the remaining sugars) caused the process of using the first runnings for Ale to be all but lost by the early 1900s.

For a time strong country brewed beers were paler than the commercial alternatives and continued to be described as Ale, perhaps the origin of "pale ale". Stout, meaning strong, was the name applied to the higher ABV dark commercial brews.

Ale now seems to merely be a sub-category of beer. Ale can be dark (Old Ales) or light e.g. IPA and anything in between provided it is fermented with Ale style top fermenting yeasts.

True un-hopped ale does exist in the form of heather ale revived in Scotland some years ago.

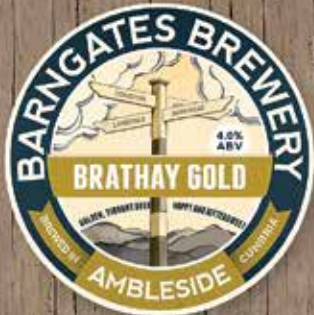
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## Beer of the Festival

The Beer of the festival at Ulverston beer festival was Healey's Golden and the runner up was Ulverston Brewing Company's Bad Medicine. Seen here with their awards are Darren Healey and Paul Swann.



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- Discuss ideas to forward the campaign through workshops, policy discussion groups and seminars
- Enjoy a few drinks in the Members' Bar with a good selection of local real ales
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- Visit local breweries and cider producers on organised trips

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The Albert Hall is a conference and concert venue in the heart of the city, first set up in 1900. The building is set over three floors with the entrance leading in to the Great Hall. This room offers a breathtaking space and is where our main conference will take place, seating up to 800 people. The Members' Bar will be held in the Osborne Suite. For more information, visit [www.alberthallnottingham.co.uk](http://www.alberthallnottingham.co.uk).

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# CAMRA Discounts

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

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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](http://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
- The period during which this discount is available (if not at all times)

## Current Discounts

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The Royal Oak, Cartmel

The Engine Inn, Cark

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



# Young Drinkers....

**How young drinkers have turned the UK into the beer brewing capital of the world. Youngsters are converting to real ale, according to the Campaign for Real Ale.**

Britain's craft beer revolution is showing no signs of abating and there are now more breweries per person here than in any other country in the world, according to the latest edition of the Good Beer Guide.

An additional 170 breweries have been started in the UK over the past 12 months, as local and artisan beers boom in popularity. According to the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), younger drinkers are also converting to real ale, which has traditionally been seen as an older man's drink.

The number of breweries has grown 15pc in the past year, taking the total to 1,285, the highest for several decades. In 1974, there were just 171 breweries in Britain but the number grew sharply after 2002 when tax relief for small brewers was introduced by the then Labour government. The growth over the past 12 months marks the second time the number of breweries has increased by over 10pc.

According to CAMRA's 2015 Good Beer Guide nearly all new breweries

are producing cask-conditioned real ales. The guide's editor, Roger Protz, said: "Real ale is the only success story in a declining beer market. New breweries, making hand-crafted beers, continue to come on stream, while many long-standing regional and family breweries are expanding with new equipment and new brands. Real ale has almost doubled its market share over the past decade."

Although beer sales have rebounded recently, they have been in serious decline over the past decade. Consumption per capita was down 1.7pc in 2013 compared with the previous year. However, figures recently showed that beer sales rose by 9.5pc between April and June, the highest level since 1997.

Much of the recovery has been put down to the surging popularity of craft beers, which has forced the major brewers to innovate and introduce new products.

The country with the second highest number of breweries per head is New Zealand, followed by the US.

*Nathalie Thomas - telegraph.co.uk*



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# An afternoon at the Dev...

By Matthew Dixon

As a local lad born up the road from Ulverston's town centre, I feel privileged to have been brought up in an area where so many different establishments offer their own take on how best to approach providing customers with fine guest ales.

My local pub, The Devonshire Arms, a short distance from both Ulverston's railway station and bus depot, is a fine example of this. It is a regular place of convention for me and my close friends, whether to discuss the operation of 'Feature', a Youth Club ran by volunteers taking place in the town's community centre on Friday evenings, to view sporting events on the pub's Samsung Series 7 HDTV (which is still holding up well in an ever evolving market) or simply as a place to chat over a fine ale... Or 3.

Or to play pub sports, like on the 13th December 2014. I met up with my brother during the afternoon for beverages and darts. This works well for both of us. We both get to follow the afternoon's football via Jeff Stelling and the Soccer Saturday team (a national treasure in itself), lamenting the progress of our Fantasy Football squads whilst practicing the art of accurately flinging tungsten. Martyn, whom some of you may know, is relatively adept on the oche and quickly scooted into an unassailable 9-0 lead, hitting 5 perfect darts in leg 5 on his way to an 18-darter. These thrashings occur regularly but, perhaps unfathomably, don't particularly deter me from giving in. Maybe it's the beer...

It definitely has a large part to play. Gary (Lamb) does a fantastic job of sourcing beer from various regions, with beers within the CAMRA LocAle mixing it with a vast number of offerings from further afield. The choice is practically always diverse and should satisfy all but the most discerning of ale connoisseurs.

With it being an afternoon session, Copper Dragon's Golden Pippin was, and often is my beverage of choice when available. I love pale ale and this particular one is easy to drink, not too heavy on the strength front and leaves me wanting more.

Having recovered the darting scoreline to a more respectable 10-5 and with Arsenal 3-0 up at home to Newcastle, we decided to call it a day. The Devonshire provides a great way to spend time with quality ale and is a highly recommended venue to visit.



Matt Dixon (Facebook: Matt Dixon / Twitter: @DJMattDixon / E-Mail mattdixon955@gmail.com)

# Pubs Matter. So why can't we have a say?

## CAMRA has launched a new hard-hitting campaign to urge the Government to close national planning loopholes.

The campaign, 'Pubs Matter: So why can't we have a say', aims to give power back to local communities by ensuring planning permission is always required before the change of use or demolition of a pub.

Local pubs are currently closing at an alarming rate and every week two pubs are converted into supermarkets. CAMRA says the current planning system too often leaves local communities powerless to act in the face of big companies and unscrupulous developers keen to exploit these loopholes.

Under current planning law, pubs can be demolished or converted into several other uses including supermarkets and estate agents without requiring planning permission.

CAMRA says allowing pubs to be converted without a planning application is ludicrous

– and Government must step in and close these loopholes as a matter of urgency. Tom Stainer, CAMRA's Head of Communications said: "Popular and profitable pubs are being left vulnerable by gaps in English planning legislation as pubs are increasingly being targeted by those wishing to take advantage of the absence of proper planning control.

"It is wrong that communities are left powerless when a popular local pub is threatened with demolition or conversion into a Tesco store. "It is time for the Government to stop standing by while pubs are being targeted due to gaps in planning law."

With a simple amendment to the General Permitted Development Order 1995, any demolition or change of use involving the loss of a pub would require planning permission. This small change by Government would save hundreds of pubs from closure and give communities a powerful new weapon in the battle to protect our pubs.

To support the campaign please go to:

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Research by CAMRA found that **2 pubs are converted to supermarkets every week between January 2012-2014.**

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# National Beer Scoring System

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Have you ever wondered how CAMRA members select pubs for the CAMRA Good Beer Guide?

The National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) is a 0-5 (0 = No cask ale available) point scale for judging beer quality in pubs. It is an easy to use system that has been designed to assist CAMRA branches in selecting pubs for the Good Beer Guide and also monitor beer quality by encouraging CAMRA members from any part of the world to report beer quality on any pub in the UK.

If you are a CAMRA member, we want you to tell us about the quality of beer in the pubs you visit.

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## How do I take part?

To submit your scores please visit [whatpub.com](http://whatpub.com).

Log into the site using your CAMRA membership number and password. Once you have agreed to the terms and conditions and found a pub on the site, you can start scoring.

You can find out more at [whatpub.com/beerscoring](http://whatpub.com/beerscoring)



## What do I need to record?

- Your name & Membership No.
- The date you visited the pub
- The Name of the Pub
- Where the pub is located
- A score out of 5
- The name of the beer

## What do the scores mean?

0. No cask ale available.

1. Poor. Beer that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.

2. Average. Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.

3. Good. Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.

4. Very Good. Excellent beer in excellent condition.

5. Perfect. Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

[www.data.beerscoring.org.uk](http://www.data.beerscoring.org.uk).

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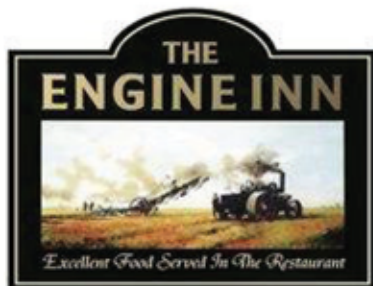
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## "Good way to raise some cash"

by GA Purcell - Furness Branch President

### "I say...what a jolly good way to raise some cash."

Whilst trawling through some back issues of the "Furness Inquirer" recently I came across this little item from the April/May 2001 edition. The original idea for the subject was the brainchild of the then editor, the late Jack Taylor of the "Black Dog", at Holmes Green, near Ireleth. It was he who brought up the idea of basing an article around the subject of the pub swear box, an item that was once quite common in pubs generally throughout the land. Though pretty much just a memory in most of them nowadays they do still exist in one or two places, and so, as requested, I got to work on the suggestion. What follows is a slightly expanded and updated version of the original material.

I was reminded, a while back, that pubs sometimes had what was known as a 'swear box' lurking on the bar in order to capitalise on the odd, unguarded moment of vehement expression or casually spoken expletive. Of course it made sense to place these entrapping little cash-raising receptacles in places where swearing was at least rife, if not endemic. No point in trying to raise money for some good cause in the hallowed precincts of some up-market hotel lounge where the occasional 'Gosh' and 'Golly' was all that could be expected to reach the ears.

Oh, ever so no not. You'd be far wiser to plonk the b\*\*\*\*r down in some spot where all the foul-mouthed \*\*\*\*ers would be loitering, having first made sure you'd nailed the ba\*\*\*\*d to the \*\*\*\*ing bar first!

See how easy it can be...I've just rung up a couple of quid's worth already. Of course swearing, like anything else in life, quickly becomes de-valued through over-use, and in places where every other word is an oath (and

\*\*\*\* knows I've worked in plenty of them in my time) you quickly find yourself running out of power expletives, and all because some annoying bas\*\*\*\* (no, that won't do...it's as common as dog s\*\*) has rubbed you up the wrong way.

And let's not forget that what constitutes swearing in one part of the English-speaking world is common and acceptable currency in another. Then there's local and dialect swearing which can pass unnoticed by a stranger. "Go and nerdle your grommets!" might send a powerful message in let's say the West Country for example, but would be lost on a 'Geordie', who would doubtless have an equivalent in the relevant vernacular.



How many people in the early 70's for instance would have bought the 'Pink Floyd' album, "Umma Gumma" and known that the words were supposedly East Anglian for the motion of love-making.

I doubt that there exists an Oxford dictionary of effin' and blindin' but I can't believe for a minute that down under, in the wonderful land of 'Oz', with its kaleidoscopic and colourful vocabulary, they don't have some sort of a dictionary of swearing.

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**“Good way to raise some cash”**

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Starve the lizards, mate, I'll bet a bushman's bo\*\*ocks you could pay off the third world's debt by putting a swear box on the bar of some outback saloon when the shearers have finished shaving the Jerseys off a mob of \*\*\*\*\* jumbugs...struth!

So, before the collecting box is installed there should be a definitive guide to the \*\*\*\*\* thing's use agreed upon in the first place. Nothing changes, and a pound to a penny you could still tot up a fair few quid by placing a swear box in some discrete part of your local bar. Mind, you'd have to give the \*\*\*\*\* a fighting chance of avoiding financial ruin by at least hinting at its presence, otherwise you might end up with the following.

A punter wanders into an unfamiliar pub.

Punter: "A pint of Mild Please"

Bar person: "No Mild left mate"

Punter: "Pint of Bitter then please"

B.P. "Only got Best Bitter left, mate"

At this point the punter begins to show the early signs of frustration, as he replies:

"The \*\*\*\*\*s going on here? Well give me a pint of your Best then."

The pint is duly pulled, and then B.P. says:

"That'll be three pounds fifty, sir."

"\*\*\*\* me! how much?"

B.P. repeats the price.

Punter: "What am I doing here, paying off your \*\*\*\*\*ing mortgage or something!"

B.P. attempts to divert the blame elsewhere by saying, "It's the brewery, sir, they keep ratcheting up the price."

This only serves to throw accelerant onto the flames, and the punter is now firing from the lip.

"That's the last time I pay three \*\*\*\*\*ing pounds fifty for their watery p\*\*s, and you can tell them from me they're a pack of thieving \*\*\*\*\*s.

Annoyed by being on the receiving end of this tirade simply for doing his job, B.P. makes an unwise suggestion to the irate punter by saying, "If you're not happy with our prices, sir, you might like to try somewhere else"

Punter snaps back, "To \*\*\*\*\*ing right I will, mate, and it'll be a cold day in \*\*\*\*\*ing \*\*ll before I set foot in this place again."

One of the regulars then points to the swear box on the bar, and says, with a wink at B.P. "That'll be four pounds fifty for the box by my reckoning, pal"

Punter sups up and then flings a fiver onto the bar and snarls to B.P., "I just hope it's for a \*\*\*\*\*ing good cause, so add that to my bill."

On his ways out, the punter hears the bar room parrot call after him, saying, "And \*\*\*\*\*ing good riddance to you," before adding, "You tigt a\*\*ed bas\*\*\*\*d" to growing laughter from the other customers. With one last gesture of defiance, punter turns and calls out to B.P.

"You want to put a gag on that \*\*\*\*er while you're at it!"

B.P. shouts back, "Don't worry, sir, I'll dock it a day's seed for that little mouthful."

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# Champion Winter Beer

CAMRA Website

## Elland 1872 Porter named 'Champion Winter Beer of Britain' for second time in three years.

Elland 1872 Porter has today been crowned CAMRA's Supreme Champion Winter Beer of Britain 2015 by a panel of judges at the National Winter Ales Festival in Derby, which began on February 11th at the city's Roundhouse venue.

The winning 6.5% abv beer is described in CAMRA's 2015 Good Beer Guide as a "creamy, full-flavoured porter with rich liquorice flavours and a hint of chocolate from the roasted malt. A soft but satisfying after taste of bittersweet roast and malt."

Mike Hiscock, Elland Brewery Manager, had this to say on the win:

*"It's absolutely fabulous to win the Champion Winter Beer of Britain, though we certainly weren't expecting this, it is amazing to get the hat trick and win this award for the third time. We know it is independently judged so for it to keep coming out on top is testament to the depth of flavour and complexity that we get into the beer. This really is fantastic news."*

The Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition judges the best of the best in terms of classic winter warmers – from thick, rich, dark porters and stouts, to sweet and strong Barley Wines.

A panel of beer writers, members of the

licensed trade and CAMRA members judged the competition. Elland 1872 porter will now go forward to compete in the overall Champion Beer of Britain competition at the Great British Beer Festival this August. Nik Antona, Champion Winter Beer of Britain Director had this to say on the importance of the competition:



*"Elland 1872 is a fantastic example of what a traditional porter should taste like and has been hugely popular for many years, particularly it seems with competition judges, who have named it Champion Winter Beer of Britain twice and overall Champion Beer of Britain once in the last three years – a huge achievement."*

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

CAMRA LocAle is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues. There are currently over 125 CAMRA branches participating in the LocAle scheme which have accredited

hundreds of pubs as LocAle pubs which regularly sell at least one locally brewed real ale.

**Definition of Local**  
 The Sustainable Communities Act, which CAMRA strongly supports, provides a definition of local as up to 30 miles from the point of sale. CAMRA recommends that the distance is calculated from the pub to the brewery and should be based on the shortest driving distance. Real ales from regional and national breweries as well as from microbreweries can be regarded as "local" if they

are brewed within what the branch has decided as being the local area. The Furness Branch definition is as follows:

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

This definition more accurately reflects our low density population. In reality, the vast majority of our LocAle pubs serve beers which are brewed very close to home – especially from our own 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 - Railway
- 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
- 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
- Penny Bridge - Britannia
- 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
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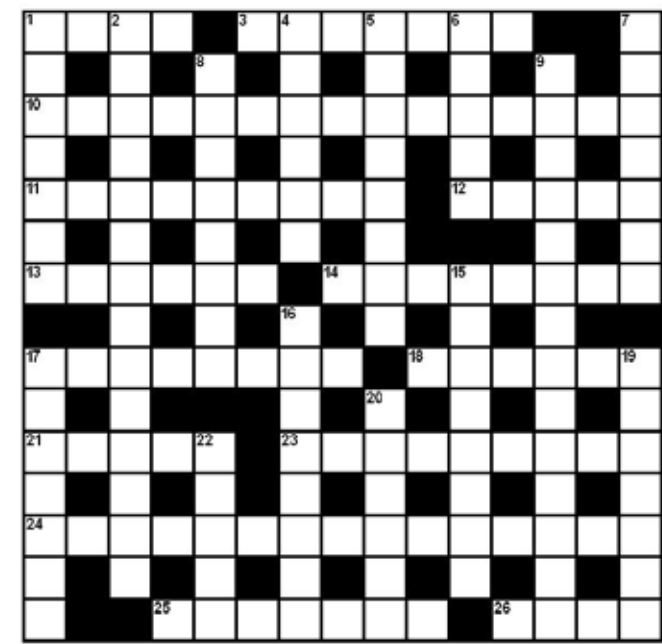
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# Crossword No. 12

by PeeGee - Furness Branch Member



**Across**

- 1 Narcotic? O Man. Some of that can lead to a state of unconsciousness (4)
- 3 Fake excreta? Use this to wash your hair? (7)
- 10 Kids intend cocoa brew to provide their beer in this state (4, 11)
- 11 We hear singing group following Austrian river, right? You may be looking at it (9)
- 12 This radio medium can put you to sleep (5)
- 13 Complex horticulture carries urge (6)
- 14 Carnage from horde with mixed race (8)
- 17 Support holds nothing, Okay? Right, but it can hold books (4,4)
- 18 Powerful horse on internet designed to entrap (6)
- 21 Without me it isn't a blemish (5)
- 23 Collection of crockery for mixed up sinner in back-sliding Edward (6,3)
- 24 Metalworker's weapons found in public house near Broughton (11,4)
- 25 Semolina dumplings from hot and cold Commanding Officer backing into gin cocktail (7)
- 26 Is this Spaniard "walking backwards for Christmas"? (4)

**Down**

- 1 Is this what you should tell Red Indian Chief to say when snapping him? (7)
- 2 Unsociable man is confused over having an hour in capricorn, say (14)
- 4 Country said to need food (6)
- 5 Arterial way found in Burma inroads (4,4)
- 6 Duck. Ready to explode cocktail fruit (5)
- 7 Back, amend or send contents (7)
- 8 Collector who (from France) finds himself in a northern Israeli city, right? (8)
- 9 Whichever swine remade this Noël Coward war film? (2,5,2,5)
- 15 Russian city, less monk, is rebuilt (8)
- 16 A rotter cut up mice. A don, perhaps? (8)
- 17 Tub buttock from soft sweet roll? (4,3)
- 19 However, time and second evil-doing interrupts (5,2)
- 20 H has number to be scratched (2,4)
- 22 Decimal base included (all right?) symbol (5)





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# Furness CAMRA Diary

## Branch Meetings

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

Monday 2nd March, AGM and Branch Meeting, The Mill, Ulverston, 7PM

Monday 13th April, The Sun, Ulverston, 7PM

## Regional Meetings

Saturday 16th May, British Hotel, Isle of Man, 12:30PM for 1PM

## Socials

Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday 11th April, Details to follow

## Wigan Beer Festival

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

## Hawkshead Spring Beer Festival

March 6th to 8th, Staveley (See back page advert)

## SEASCALE - West Cumbria CAMRA Beer Festival

March 12th to 13th, Windscale Club, Gosforth Road, Seascale, CA20 1PJ

## Isle of Man Beer Festival

April 9th to 11th, Villa Marina, Douglas

## Dalton Beer Festival

April 17th to 18th, Chequers Hotel, Abbey Road, Dalton in Furness, LA15 8LF

## CAMRA's 2015 Members' Weekend and AGM

17th - 19th April 2015, Albert Hall, Nottingham

## Hawkshead Summer Beer Festival

July 16th to 19th, Staveley

## Great British Beer Festival

August 11th to 15th, Olympia, London

## 22nd Westmorland Beer Festival

29th September to 3rd October, Town Hall, Kendal

## Cumbria Beer Lover's Dinner

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## Crossword Answers

- Across**
- Coma - Hidden word ('Some of that')
  - Shampoo
  - Cask conditioned - Anag ('brew') of Kids intend
  - Hungry
  - Main road - Hidden words ('found in')
  - Olive - 0 ('Duck') + live ('ready to explode')
  - Endorse - Hidden word ('contents')
  - Acquirer - qui ('French 'who') in Acre + r
  - In Which We Serve - Anag ('remade') of
  - Whichever wine
  - Smolensk - Anag ('is rebuilt') of less monk
  - Academic - a cad + anag ('cut up') of 'mice'
  - Bath bun
  - Buts in - but ('However') + t + sin
  - An itch - atch ('H') contains ('has') n ('number')
  - Token - OK included in ten
  - Leon - Noël backwards
- Down**
- Cochise
  - Coma - Hidden word ('Some of that')
  - Group after Inn with r ('right')
  - Homophone ('We hear') of singing
  - InnQuirer
  - Ether
  - Exhort - Hidden word ('carries')
  - Massacre - Mass ('hord') with anag ('mixed')
  - Bookrack - Back ('support') holds 0 OK r
  - Bookrack
  - Right
  - Cobweb
  - Taint - It ain't. Remove ('without') me ('I')
  - Dinner set - Anag ('mixed up') of sinner in Ted
  - Blacksmiths Arms
  - Gnocchi - h + c + co ('Commanding Officer')
  - reversed ('backing') in anag ('cocktail') of gin

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