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Welcome to the InnQuirer

Not only does summer bring the sunshine (if only the clouds would get out of the way) but this time it brings a new Editor to InnQuirer. High praise for Gary Thompson, our previous Editor, who has brought this magazine to its current high standard. All I have to do now is live up to this, so no pressure there then!

This issue brings news of our annual Beer Festival to be held in September, more information about the CAMRA revitalisation project and in anticipation of Cider Promotion Month in October, an article about *Cider As It Used To Be* starting on Page 7. Don't forget, if you are a cider or perry drinker, there will be a Cider and Perry bar at our Beer Festival as well as a fine

selection of Real Ales.

As you would expect, inside you will find plenty of interesting content including Part 2 of *In the space before the end of time* in the centre pages, a very interesting article on *Breweries In The Furness Branch Area* starting on page 21 and *Cheap Day Return to Glasgow* starting on page 9.

I hope you enjoy the read and just in case you have forgotten already, see page 26 for information about our Ulverston Beer Festival in September. You don't want to miss that!

Jack Summers-Glass
Editor

Pub and Brewery Craic

Pub Craic

The Crown at High Newton is now fully open

The Queen's at Biggar now has a *selection* of their own-brewed beers

Hardknott on Track is now closed

The Black Cock Inn in Broughton now has a local ale on regularly, often from Kirkby Lonsdale

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Brewery Craic

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From the Chair

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

I'm delighted to be able to report that, following the decision of Gary Thompson to stand down as editor of the InnQuirer, Jack Summers-Glass has agreed to take on the role of editor and this issue is his first one. I hope you enjoy reading it as I'm confident that Jack will maintain the high standard of production achieved by Gary.

Jack, who has a background in producing and maintaining web sites, has also agreed to look after our web site and we are already seeing several enhancements to the site. Please review it and let us know what you think.

I commented in my last report that this issue would contain a detailed review of our brewers and their activities and this review is contained on page 21. As you would expect there's more historical information on the longer-established brewers but the newer ones are producing excellent beers themselves and so awards may be coming to them soon. Please let us know any further information you might have. One brewer not mentioned in the review is Abraham Thompson. You may be aware that John Mulholland, the brewer, started brewing beer in his ½ barrel plant in 2004 when there were no breweries in the town of Barrow and John wanted to re-create the long-standing heritage of brewing in the town. Most of the beers he produced were dark ones and appeared at several beer festivals and most often in the Black Dog at Holmes Green. A change in the regulations in relation to the imposition of duty on beer has made it

uneconomic for John to continue as a registered brewer. His beers will be sorely missed.

I also referred to the project to "breathe new life into CAMRA". Following an initial approach to members to get an overview on where the Campaign should be going and who it should represent, a series of meetings is being held around the country to discuss the issues in more detail. The latest at the time of writing, held at the end of last week in Lancaster, was well attended by members of Furness branch who expressed their views to CAMRA's Chief Executive, Tim Page. I will continue to report on developments in this important area.

We now turn our attention to Ulverston Beer Festival which will be taking place at the Coronation Hall as usual from Thursday 1st September to Saturday 3rd September. Having considered the effect on our attendance of music (especially loud music) on the Friday evening, we have decided not to have music on Friday this year. We're conscious that several people have been disappointed at finding the hall full and we will be able to admit more people as the stage won't be there. We will have the same extensive range of beers, ciders and perries so we hope to see you there.

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Cheap Day Return to Glasgow

By Ron Smith - Furness Branch Member

Whilst searching through 'Trainline' one evening, comparing prices for travelling to various cities, I discovered that I could obtain a return fare to Glasgow for £15.20. Being born and bred north of the border, this was a bargain I couldn't ignore. I'll leave you to insert your own jokes about tight Scotsmen.

On the appointed day I caught the 0713 train from Barrow, changed at Lancaster and arrived in Glasgow Central at 1036. At the Platform exit was The Beer House and I entered, hoping for a swift half after my journey. This was not to be as they were not allowed to sell alcohol until 1100. I hid my disappointment, told them I would return in the afternoon and headed for a tour of Glasgow.

First stop was The Counting House which is the flagship J D Wetherspoon for Scotland. It is situated on one of the four corners to Glasgow's iconic George Square, a 5 minute walk from Central Station and a stone's throw away from Queen St Station. It boasts a massive 18 pumps dedicated to cask beer which makes it second to none in Glasgow for the range it can provide. Originally this was the Head Office of the Bank of Scotland and was designed and decorated in the Italian Renaissance style, much of which has been retained, and results in a most beautiful place to enjoy a quiet drink. There was the usual JDW choice but there was also a large number of Scottish beers and I enjoyed a pint of Harvieston Bitter and Twisted which was in really good condition and at 4.2% starts the day off nicely.

The next stop was Hengler's Circus at the west end of Sauchiehall Street which was about the furthest from Central Station I had planned to go. The pub takes its name

from the popular circus which was started by Charles Hengler in West Nile Street and moved to Sauchiehall Street around 1902-1904, remaining until 1926, and establishing itself as one of the city's best-loved entertainments. This was another JDW house with a good choice of beer and I chose Oakham Citra, 4.2% which was in lovely condition but could have been chosen from Orkney Raven Ale, Doombar, Deuchers or Old Speckled Hen amongst others.

Just around the corner, in Holland Street, is the State Bar. This should not



be missed when visiting Glasgow as it is one of the best examples of an old fashioned Scottish pub with circular bar, high ceilings and beautiful wooden interior fittings.

I had a half of Oakham Macau which was in lovely condition and at a very good price.

Another well established pub in Glasgow is the Bon Accord, about a 3 minute walk from the 'State Bar', over the Monkland Motorway. This can be found in the Good Beer Guide, as can the 'State Bar', and was one of the first real ale pubs in Glasgow, opening in 1971 when it was hard to find a pint of real ale in the city. Nowadays it sells over 800 different beers each year and, with 10 hand pulls available, promotes some of the smaller and newer Scottish breweries. I tried an Alechemy Brewery Starlaw which, at 3.5% would have been an excellent session brew.

Heading generally back towards Central Station I called in at the Edward G. Wylie,

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Cheap Day Return to Glasgow - continued

By Ron Smith - Furness Branch Member

another JDW establishment.

Wetherspoons have seven pubs within the city centre and I have visited them all at one time or another and they are all in excellent condition, being clean, tidy and having well informed and pleasant staff. Not something that can be said for some of their chain.

The Edward G. Wylie is named after the architect who designed building it occupies. It was the headquarters of the Scottish Legal Life Assurance Society, another beautiful building in this city. The Oakham Hawse Buckler was in really good condition but at 5.6% reminded me I still had a few pubs to visit.

Next stop was another JDW offering, the Sir John Moore named after a Glasgow born soldier who was heavily informed in setting up a structured training programme for the army. He also has the army training establishment at Winchester named after him. I was attracted to an uncommon beer from Skye Brewery called Skylight which had a light hoppy taste and at 3.8% would have been really enjoyable in a sunny beer garden.

Round the corner is McSorleys, sadly now closed but not forgotten, which was always a popular music venue as well as great real ale pub. I decided to have a pint of Harviestoun Schiehallion lager, pronounced 'She-Hal-Yon', as it was a hot sunny day. It was billed as a craft lager and I found it very refreshing but at 4.8% I wouldn't recommend a session on it.

Across the street can be found the Royal Scot which is best described as a Wetherspoons without any choice of Real Ale. Heavily and successfully promoting the cheap, mass-produced keg beers and

with a great choice of bottled/canned craft beer, the only cask beer I could find was Doombur and Deuchars. Having said that it was probably the best kept Deuchars I'd tasted in a long time.

Just round the corner from Central Station lies the Crystal Palace, another JDW pub, which was originally a furniture warehouse and is the oldest cast iron-fronted building in Britain.



The usual choice of ales was available here along with a good selection of guest ales. I chose an Oakham Inferno, which at 4.0% rounded off an extremely enjoyable tour of the Glasgow watering holes.

In fact I had enjoyed it so much that I had left no time to visit to visit the Beer House in Central Station if I wanted to catch my train and I had to catch that train as I was holding an Advance ticket and it could have been a very expensive trip home otherwise.

The only worrying part of my day out was the Virgin train from Glasgow to Lancaster as it was extremely comfortable and warm and, with several ales consumed, I was struggling to stay awake. All went well and I arrived back in Barrow on time at about 1800 after a thoroughly enjoyable day. Even so, I had only scratched the surface of the many pubs around Glasgow city centre that are worth visiting. I feel there may be a period of further research and a return in the not too distant future. At a cost of £15.20 for a return ticket it would be rude not to!

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Ale Taster's Report 2015/2016

It seems like no time at all since I first slipped on the famous blue, green and gold sash to set out on my first trip as the Dalton with Newton Ale Taster. After the first couple of public visits, the wearing of the said garment became much easier. And during the course of the last three years it's become more of an old friend; rather than a source of embarrassment!

It has to be said that any teasing, leg-pulling or other forms of ridicule which I may have sustained during my extended time in office have all been levelled with the best of humour and I therefore live to tell the tale relatively unharmed...

I write my third Ale Taster's report with some sadness, as the time has now come for me to retire from this ancient and honourable role; in order to focus on the upcoming arrival of our second child.

On reflection, the Ale Taster's job has given me a renewed knowledge of our local pubs and inns. It's enabled me to rekindle some old friendships and also make some new ones. I've learnt about local brewing and have been educated in the many different types of beer available nowadays.

But most importantly, I've been reminded of what a great local community we belong to. We really are very blessed to live in such a safe and secure area where so many traditional values still remain.

I've shared a pint with many visitors to the

Furness area who have been truly bowled over by the strong sense of community they've enjoyed during their stay.

Our licensed establishments are valuable community hubs, providing an important meeting place for darts, pool, card and domino teams. Many other local clubs and societies look to our public houses for a regular meeting place. And for regulars they are simply places of relaxation; a welcome retreat away from the pressures of everyday life.

The district of Dalton in Furness would be a poorer place, were it not for its pubs and inns. I would urge anyone who enjoys the company of others to support them; if only to ensure they remain viable for future generations to enjoy. The old cliché use it or lose it has never been so true for the local pub - as many villages and towns have recently found out.

I would hope that the next 'wearer of the sash' gains the same amount of pleasure from the Ale Taster's role as I have - it's been a great experience and one I will always remember.

My thanks must go out once again to the Dalton with Newton Town Councillors for maintaining the traditional role of the Ale Taster and for allowing me the privilege of holding this important office for three whole years.

Further thanks must go to the hard working Landlords and Landladies for the hospitality shown to us. To my fellow ale tasting pals Bill and Christopher Hull for

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Finally, all that remains is to announce
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 follows:

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 Proprietor: Mrs. Margaret Mitchell.

The runner up:

The Brown Cow, Dalton
 Proprietor: Mr. Charles Bell.

Cheers!

Carl Hallows

Official Ale Taster 2015 / 16

Good Cider As It Used To Be - continued

CAMRA - Mick Lewis

stocking Bulmers, so some things never
 change! Indeed, in those days Bulmers
 had even owned a small number of their
 own cider houses, which were sold off.
 The one at Quatt in Shropshire is the only
 one still open, although now independent.

But the list of producers who are no more
 is a long one. A lot of cidemakers were
 also farmers, and cider had been made for
 generations, and when they retired or died
 there was often no-one to take over the
 business. But luckily, as well as the
 hundreds of new producers, some of the
 family businesses are still there. So you
 can still say hello to makers like Roger
 Wilkins and Derek Hartland, both

cidemakers in the old tradition, while
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And I hope that they don't mind me saying
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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.



In the space before the end of time

By GA Purcell - Furness Branch President

Part 2 - "The Desert Islands Beer Chat"

One of the questions I particularly baulk at is being asked to name my favourite beer. It's like being asked to name your favourite person or place.

Most of those who know me will be aware that I've been around on the 'Beer Scene' for a great many years, and have imbibed a formidable number of beers in very many locations, not only in the U.K. but in a fare number of European beer-drinking countries as well during that time.

Inevitably, with the passing of time things change, and beers, along with their breweries slip out of existence. It is likewise with friends and acquaintances, and even the scenarios we most associate them with.

Although I am always uncomfortable with being put in the frame for this kind of question in the first place I was not in the least bit surprised to find myself amongst a group of people who were about to list their favourite beers as the subject of 'Desert Island Beers' came up for discussion. My only consolation on this occasion was that I was not the only one in the spotlight as the debate began to bounce around the gathering and find its own measure of agreement...or not.

From the outset it soon became clear that a time component needed to be introduced into the selection process if their choices were to be truly reflective of their personal preferences and range of experience.

It is still a noticeable feature of pub life that as the never quite clearly defined space of time, generally accepted as being around half an hour before 'Tap Stop' finally occurs, assorted mumblings and stirrings and a groundswell of anxious activity start to ripple out amongst the punters, and even those who appear to be engrossed in deep conversation and oblivious to what is going on around them seem to subconsciously sense what is afoot and become

alerted.

Myself and three others amongst the usual suspects had been gathering together over the last hour or so, and the conversation had not found one particular aspect of the world's many pressing problems to sort out at that point until the 'Desert Island Beers' question popped into the quite unfocussed chatter seemingly at random and spontaneously. I'm going to refer to the three others in our group as Tom, Dick and Harry; because I long ago promised that I would keep the people I meet and have dealings with anonymous and have always honoured that agreement unless asked to do otherwise.

"Are we talking present day here? Because if we're including the brews of years gone by, then I've got a very good memory when it comes to recalling the beers I'd like to take to this desert island with me," Tom asked. Right there and then it was agreed that we should include the whole range of ales in our collective experience, even though many of them have long gone, and their breweries with them.

"Truman's Best Bitter, then, that's got to be the top of my list, along with that one Madonna gave top billing to on telly a few years back," Dick answered.

"Tim Taylor's Landlord," Tom quickly putting a name to it, and adding, "As for Truman's Best, well me and my mates would start off in the 'White House' and finish off in the 'Wheatsheaf' on the old 'Jungle Juice' as they used to call it in Barrow."

"Aye and where are they now, Tommy lad?" Harry cut in to ask.

"The White House demolished and the 'Wheatsheaf' not trading any more if it's the pubs you're on about, Harry, but that's another subject," Tom replied.

"Looking back I reckon there was a cracking Mild that I'd definitely put on my shipping list," I then chipped in to say "Mild!" Harry,

- A trio of last orders recollections

sounding incredulous, exclaimed "Yep, and it would be Case's Mild," I replied. "Yeah, I'll buy that," Dick confirmed, by way of endorsement.

"I only wish we could still buy it," Tom said, ruefully, his gaze wandering off momentarily, before he added, "I can see me now, racing like a greyhound out of South Gate in the shipyard and into the 'Dev' for one."

"One! aye and the rest!" Harry, still in incredulous mode, responded.

"Any other Milds while we're at it?" Tom went on to ask.

"C&S Best," I then told him.

"Oh, now you're just being ridiculous," Harry grumbled with more that a hint of incredulity remaining in his voice. before adding, "You're having a giggle, surely?"

"C&S...better known as 'Come and suffer', they used to say about their beer," Dick shook his head and pulled a 'mouthful of onion' face. "Well, all I can say is I had a pint of their Best Mild, they did an Ordinary Mild and a Best back then, in the 'Hartington' one night that would have had you in tears of joy."

"It'll have been a one off, and most of the time it just had me in tears, Al, and anyway you're on record as not being a fan of the black stuff anymore."

"No, it's the word 'Mild' I take issue with and not the colour, and anyway the 'black stuff' as you call it was the most popular beer back then."

"C&S XL Best Bitter," Tom suddenly sprang into animation and said, and sounding almost inspired, which prompted me to say, "I've had a few cracking pints of that one in the 'Friars.'"

"You notice he said a few," Dick quickly added.

"Well, quite a few actually," I conceded.

"And where is that place now?" Dick grumbled.

"All structural evidence of it vanished," Tom speedily responded, gazing momentarily into space, before going on to say, "There's a clutch of houses on the site nowadays."

"So are you putting that one your list then, you two?" queried Harry.

"I replied positively and Tom likewise after what seemed like an internal wrangle. There followed a reflective pause, and then Tom suddenly sprang back to life.

"Cavendish Dark, from Shardlow Brewery, now that would go on my list. One of the richest flavours I've ever tasted in a black beer." "Oh, are we back on the black stuff, then?" Dick asked, sounding a bit thrown.

No response was needed, it seemed, and so I turned to Tom and told him, "I had that in a pub somewhere in Leicestershire," and he quickly replied, "I didn't have to go that far for it, Al, I had it in the 'Prince' at Foxfield"

"Can we do a desert island pubs thing sometime, because I'd like to take that spot out there with me," Tom asked, his gaze misting over briefly at some past recollection.

"What, as it is now or when it sold Lion beers on pressure?" Dick teased.

"Now you're being ridiculous as well," Harry grumbled at him.

"I remember my dad telling me he had one of the last pints of Brockbank's beer from Kirksanton in the 'Prince', in 1954, before Matty Brown, or Lion Ales as they were known took over," I chipped in to say, before the voice of reason called Tom made a last valiant attempt at bringing the discussion back to some sort of order.

"Let's just keep the ale choices within present company's recollection shall we," and then the dreaded time bell brought the reality of 'Tap Stop' crashing in on us.

We never did complete our 'Desert Island' beer list, and anyway it's an on-going process involving that mysterious component called the future, and who can say what beers may appear on our list when the future becomes the present.

Cheers, G.A. Purcell

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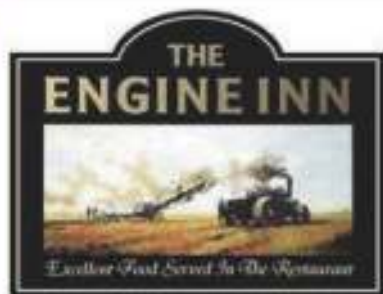
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Breweries in the Furness Branch Area

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

As I mentioned in the last issue of the InnQuirer, we now have fifteen high quality breweries in the branch area. We haven't summarised their activities for a few years so here is a list with a few details about each.

For many years the only brewer in the Furness area was **Hartley's** in Ulverston who supplied their own 50 or so tied houses and several local Whitbread outlets with a range of three beers, Mild Bitter and XB. In 1982 the brewery was taken over by **Robinsons** and eventually closed in 1991.

An absence of brewing in the area came to an end in 1995 when Ian Bradley opened the **Coniston** brewery. The brewery, situated behind the Black Bull in Coniston, began producing a bitter called Bluebird which was voted CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain in 1998. Since then a number of other awards have been won and the range of beers produced has expanded and now no fewer than eleven different beers are produced ranging from a light mild to a barley wine which was itself voted CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain in 2012. An extensive range of the beers is always available at the Black Bull and the beers can be found in many pubs around the Furness area and the Lake District generally.

In the Autumn of 1966, Stuart and Lynda Johnson bought the Prince of Wales at **Foxfield**, opposite the railway station. Stuart had been brewing in Wakefield for a couple of years previously and set up the Foxfield brewery in the stables next to the pub and subsequently created a tower brewery by utilising otherwise unused space in the pub. Stuart likes to experiment with beers and a visit to the Prince of Wales will often find his latest creation

alongside his regular mild. Beers from Foxfield brewery can often be found at beer festivals across the country.

Next to come along was **Barnegates** brewery in early 1997. The brewery, situated behind the Drunken Duck pub situated off the road between Coniston and Ambleside, is run by John Lloyd. The first beers were named after pets at the Drunken Duck (Catnap, Cracker and Tag Lag, which received an award in CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain awards in 2015). Since then a superb stout called Goodhew's Dry Stout and other beers have been added to the range. Following an expansion in 2008 the brewery is now a 10 barrel plant. As well as an extensive range at the Drunken Duck, beers can be found across the Lake District and surrounding areas.

The next few years were fairly quiet in terms of new breweries until the beginning of 2003 when David Taylor opened his **Beckstones** brewery in a place called The Green, between Millom and Broughton-in-Furness. Having brewed the beers himself to a very high quality, the brewing is now done by his son. He was rewarded in 2008 when his mild beer, Black Dog Freddy, having been voted Champion Mild, was voted runner up overall at CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain awards in that year. Beckstones beers are always available at the Punch Bowl in The Green and regularly available across the South West Lakes.

In 2006 a brewery called **Cumbrian Legendary Ales** was established on the shores of Esthwaite Water near Hawkshead village. The brewery was taken over by Roger and Helen Humphreys, owners of the Kirkstile Inn at Loweswater in 2009

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and subsequent expansion has seen the plant expand to its current 50 barrel size. The most well known of their beers, Loweswater Gold, was Champion Golden Ale at CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain awards in 2011, with a sister beer, Langdale, being awarded runner up in the same category in 2012. Loweswater Gold is widely available throughout Cumbria and other beers from their range can be sampled in the popular Lake District pubs. Around the same time came the formation of **Ulverston Brewing Company** by Anita Garnett and Paul Swan. Brewing operations commenced in Lindal and a range of beers on the Laurel and Hardy theme were produced. In 2010 operations moved to the old Auction Mart in Ulverston where a facility has been developed to offer tours and social evenings by arrangement. A standard range (Lonesome Pine, Laughing Gravy, Fra Diavolo, Flying Elephants) are supplemented by some exceptional seasonal beers. Beers are available in certain outlets in Ulverston and across the South Lakes.

Moving on two years to 2008 we see the establishment of a second brewery in Ulverston, **Stringers**. Set up by Jon Kyme and Becky Stringer, the focus is very much on renewable energy sources, waste recycling and their range includes gluten free beers. The beers are good too and can be found in Ulverston and surrounding areas.

In April 2010 Stuart Webster set up **Greenodd** brewery at the Ship Inn in Greenodd, between Ulverston and Newby Bridge just off the A590. A range of beers are produced from the 2.5 barrel plant by current brewer (Pompey) Tom Evelin and,

as well as a range at the Ship, beers can increasingly be found in pubs and hotels in the Furness and South Lakes area.

During the year Dave Bailey relocated his **Hardknott** brewery from the Woolpack Inn in Eskdale (hence the Hardknott name) to Millom. Dave has travelled to America on many occasions and (as he says on his web site) takes his influence from Belgian Monastery beers and American Craft beers. Dave and his team produce beers that are packed with flavour and sell throughout the world as well as locally, where they can be found in many of the larger free houses.

Brewing returned to the historic village of Cartmel in 2012 when Peter Unsworth began producing beers in **Unsworth's Yard** there. Beers from this 5 barrel plant are named after prominent historical figures and events associated with the village and can be sampled in Cartmel and the surrounding villages, where demand is such that marketing further afield has not been necessary as yet.

At around the same time Darren Healey established **Healey's** brewery at the Wellington Inn in the village of Loppergarth, between Ulverston and Dalton-in-Furness. This 2.5 barrel plant is located in the pub and brewing operations can be viewed through windows in the pub. Beers from this brewery are increasingly popular and, as well as at the Wellington, can be found in several outlets in the local area.

The following year two young friends, one of whom had completed a brewing course at Heriot-Watt university, started the **Fell** brewery in the village of Flookburgh not far from Cartmel. Their initial brews, whilst of high quality, were also high in

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by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

strength and it became difficult for them to establish local outlets. Their beers were however extremely popular in city beer houses (and remain so) and a couple of session beers are now in production. The Engine Inn at Cark is the closest regular stockist and they can be found in Ulverston and throughout Cumbria and larger locals.

The next entrant into the brewing business was **Tarn Hows Brewery** in the village of Outgate near Hawkshead. Wooden casks are the order of the day for this brewer and beers are loosely and amusingly based on the area's characters and features (Beertrix Porter, Pigling Blonde, Grized Ale). The 2 barrel plant keeps the Red Lion in Hawkshead supplied and their beers are starting to appear at beer festivals and a little further afield.

A brewing co-operative has been established on Walney Island called the **Biggar Brewing Co-operative** based at the Queens Arms in Biggar Village. Beers from this brewery are named after vessels built in the shipyards at Barrow and are available in the Queens and in a few other outlets.

Finally, just as the old Auction Mart in Ulverston has a brewery, so the new one does in one of its outbuildings. The **South Lakes Brewing Company** has commenced operations this year with a 1.5 barrel plant and has produced three beers so far which have been well received.

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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 15 branch breweries!

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Allithwaite - Pheasant	Hawkshead - Sun
Askam - Railway	High Newton - The Crown
Bardsea - Ship	Holmes Green - Black Dog
Bargates - Drunken Duck	Kirkby - Burlington
Barrow - Ambrose Hotel	Kirksanton - King William
Barrow - Duke of Edinburgh	Lindal - The Railway
Barrow - Furness Railway	Loppergarth - Wellington
Barrow - Kings Arms, Millom	Lowick Bridge - Red Lion
Barrow - Kings Arms, Millom	Millom - Devonshire
Barrow - Ship, Piel Island Square	Millom - Bear in the
Bouth - White Hart	Near Sawrey - Tower Bank
Broughton - Black Cock	Newby Bridge - Lakeside
Broughton - High Cross	Newton - Village Inn
Broughton - Manor Arms	Penny Bridge - Britannia
Broughton - Old Kings Head	Piel Island - The Ship
Cark - Engine	Rusland - Rusland Pool
Cartmel - Kings Arms	Seathwaite - Newfield Inn
Cartmel - Royal Oak	Silecroft - Miners Arms
Cartmel - Uplands Hotel	Stainton - Stagger Inn
Unsworth's Yard	Strawberry Bank - Masons
Coniston - Black Bull	The Green - Punchbowl
Coniston - Sun	Torver - Church House
Coniston - Yewdale	Torver - Wilson Arms
Dalton - Brown Cow	Ulverston - Devonshire
Dalton - Chequers	Ulverston - Farmers Arms
Dalton - Red Lion	Ulverston - King's Head
Far Sawrey - Cuckoo Brow	Ulverston - Mill
Foxfield - Prince of Wales	Ulverston - Old Farmhouse
Greenodd - Ship	Ulverston - Old Friends
Grizebeck - Greyhound	Ulverston - Stan Laurel
Haverthwaite - Anglers	Ulverston - Sun
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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.

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

The Kings Arms, Cartmel

The Royal Oak, Cartmel

Unsworth's Yard Brewery, Cartmel

The Engine Inn, Cark

The Yewdale Hotel, Coniston

The Crown, High Newton

The Tower Bank Arms, Near Sawrey

The Sun Hotel, Ulverston

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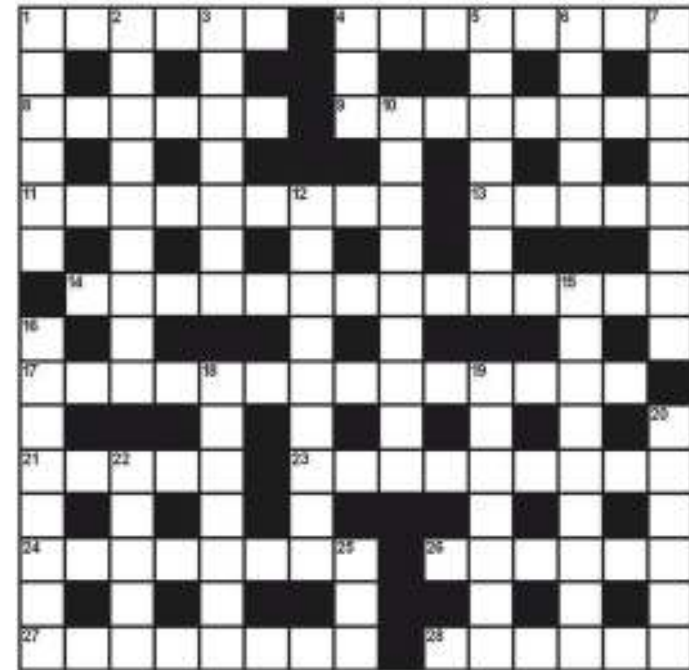
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Crossword No. 17

by PeeGee - Furness Branch Member



Across

- 1 Jeffrey, perhaps, at the front of a ship? (6)
- 4 Disagreed to mash diet spud (8)
- 8 Complete, quaint actor has it all (6)
- 9 Powers of ten, nine or twelve? (1,7)
- 11 To anticipate, young horse, learner, takes a break (9)
- 13 Ranked dodgy trade (5)
- 14 Torver watering hole sect to shelter at home? No (6,5,3)
- 17 I..i.i.i.i.i. - Prime characteristic? (14)
- 21 With or without a foul atmosphere (5)
- 23 What was registered at No. 10 about the EU? (3,6)
- 24 Most unpleasant mixture in tastes (8)
- 26 On horseback through parts of Yorkshire (6)
- 27 Mother coming into mystery restores balance (8)
- 28 Contracted and confined by meagre edgings (6)

Down

- 1 Lawyer's instructions what to wear? (6)
- 2 Tipping point wasted her concoction (9)
- 3 Plaintiff with short account about employer (7)
- 4 Essence from cooked nachos (1,1,1)
- 5 Opal broken before teacher returns missile (7)
- 6 It isn't a faulty taste in wine or beer (5)
- 7 Campanologists' to-and-fro battle? (4-4)
- 10 Faulty botox applied to testicle? Vote here (6,3)
- 12 I have interrupted advertisement on long-imprisoned Nazi gums (9)
- 15 Sin mixed with virtue can be unwelcome (9)
- 16 Men tripping, no tearing, are into beers, they say, without hopping. Result: illnesses (8)
- 18 Anger follows femme fatale, a blood-sucker (7)
- 19 Searching for toilet ruler (7)
- 20 Characteristic of bird, partly shot (6)
- 22 Master returns for Indian tea (5)
- 25 Sounds like your old hardened upper leg (3)

Furness CAMRA Diary

Branch Meetings

Monday 15th August	Stagger Inn, Stainton	7pm
Monday 5th September	The Ship, Greenodd	7pm
Monday 3rd October	Newfield Inn, Seathwaite	7pm

Socials and Festivals

Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite	19th to 21st August
Ulverston Beer Festival	1st to 3rd September
Silloth Music and Beer Festival	8th to 11th September
Cask Ale Week	22nd September to 2nd October
Broughton Beer Festival	30th September to 2nd October
	(although Prince of Wales, Foxfield and The Manor, Broughton start on 29th)
Workington Oktoberfest Beer and cider festival	6th to 8th October
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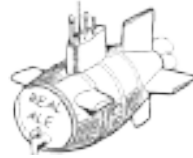
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Crossword Answers

Down
1 Brie's
2 Watershed - Anag (concoction) of (wasted her)
3 Accuser - Ac + (trca) + user
4 DNA - Hidden word in **cooked nachos**
5 Polaris - Anag (broken) of opal followed by **Sir** backwards (returns)
6 Taint - 't, taint
7 Ding-dong
10 Ballot box - Anag (Faulty) of botox to ball
12 Adhesives - Ad + Hess + inclusion of 've
15 Intrusive - Anag (mixed) of Sin + virtue
16 Ailments - Men (tripping removed) in homophone (they say) of unhopped beers
18 Vampire
19 Loo + king
20 Winged
22 Assam
25 Thy
- Massa backwards (returns)
- Homophone of thigh with
voiced (hardened) th, giving
archaic you

1 Boman
4 Disputed
8 Intact
9 A billion
11 Forestall
13 Rated
14 Church (Sect) + (to) House (shelter) In (at home) + n (no)
17 Indivisibility
21 Miasma
23 Vox populi
24 Nastiest
26 Riding
27 Symmetry
28 Agreed

- As in Archer
- Anag (Mash) of diet spud
- Hidden word (has it all) in
quaint actor
- Foal + I (learn) takes rest
- Anag (dodgy) of trade
+ (to) House (shelter) In (at home)
- With or without an a
- at No. 10 Downing Street or at No. 10 Down (Ballot box)
- Anag (mixture) of in tastes
- Anag (restores) of mystery
includes (coming into) Mother in
- Hidden word (confined by) in
meagre edgings



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