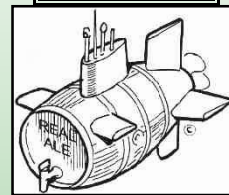


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Pub Beer Festivals Galore

All Wetherspoons Wed 23rd March - Sun 11th April
Devonshire, Ulverston Fri 28th April - Mon 1st May
Kirkstile Inn, Little Langdale Wed 4th - Sun 8th May
Strands, Nether Wasdale Fri 13th - Sun 15th May
Brown Cow, Waberthwaite, Fri 24th - Sun 26th June
Punch Bowl, The Green, Millom - Saturday 2nd July
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Welcome to Spring - CAMRA's 40th

By a lucky coincidence this is the 40th issue of this particular magazine, although I have only been editor since Issue 26. It sometimes seems much longer!

Along the way I have met many more brewers and licensees than I would otherwise have done, and learned much more about beer and beer styles.

Of necessity I have to get a deadline from the printers for each issue - and stick to it. If the magazine doesn't get to the printers' on time, it cannot be delivered on time - which may mean that critical information about Beer Festivals or Meetings does not get round to our customers at the right time. We cannot hold up printing because someone has not got their advert in - I just have to find something to put

in its place!

And as I write this I'm getting worried! But hopefully they'll meet the deadline, and all will be well in the end. But it would save my frayed nerves if !!!!

Moan over - I am very grateful indeed to all those members from the Branch and further afield who take the time to send in articles and photos for the magazine, and to all our loyal advertisers without whom there could be no magazine.

So now it is Spring, the sun is shining again after all the snow, ice and rain, there are lambs in the fields, and it really feels privileged to live in such a glorious place. Let's make sure we go out and enjoy it while we can.

Cheers, Dorothy



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October is Cider and Perry Month

I know that it seems a long way off at the moment, but if you are planning any events to celebrate then they can be publicised in the next issue. Just remember to get in touch well in advance, and certainly by the deadline date of June 10th.

Remember we had the Joint Winner of National Cider Pub of the Year last year (Prince of Wales, Foxfield), and the other joint winner was from Humberside, so the West Country doesn't get it all its own way!

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Snippets

Lancaster Round Table held a beer festival at the beginning of March, with beer from the **old** county of Lancashire (including Furness breweries) with a competition for beer in all the major categories, decided by a panel of judges.

Jeff Pickthall was the chief judge, and let us have the results -

Strong Ales

Coniston Blacksmiths - winner
Stringers Victoria IPA - runner up

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Barnegates Red Bull Terrier -runner up

Best Bitter

Lancaster Blonde - winner
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Bitter

Barnegates Cat Nap - winner
Prospect Silver Tally - runner up

Porters and Stouts

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Lancaster black - runner up

Milds

Bank Top Dark Mild - winner
JW Lees Brewer's Dark - runner up

Overall Champion

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Congratulations to all involved

Commiserations to Paul and Anita of **Ulverston Brewing Company** - no sooner were they settled into the new brewery than they had problems with the ceiling. There was so much dust that it was impossible to brew, so they went skiing for a week - and Anita had the misfortune to break her leg. Hope that by the time she reads this she is fully recovered and making up for lost time.

Robinsons

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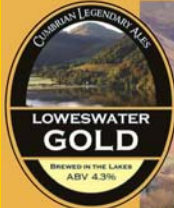
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Congratulations

to **Chris de Cordova** on her appointment as Cumbria Area Organiser for the CAMRA Branches. Many thanks to the outgoing organiser, Chris Holland for all his work for the county.

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Cumbria Pubs Database

This project has been on-going for much of the last 6 months. A new website has been set up, listing **all** pubs in Cumbria, which links in to the CAMRA national pubs database.

The initial hard work was done by Chris de Cordova of West Cumbria, who is Brewery Liaison Co-ordinator for the West Pennines Region. The information is based on the excellent work done a few years ago by Jim Chapple, editor of CRAG (also of West Cumbria), to which we also had our input regarding the pubs in our area.

But times change; the members are getting younger - not because of the beer, but because young people are cottoning on to a healthy drinking option from a much earlier age, and the majority of these younger members are very computer literate, and expect everything they want and need to be available at the touch of a button. So CAMRA, along with every other organisation, must move with the times. Each branch is responsible for getting its own area up to date, and keeping it that way, and much of that work in Furness has been done by Alan Clark and myself.

But we need your help!

Especially from Licensees!

Please check the pubs which you visit or run to ensure that details are correct, particularly opening times, and

provide up to date information regarding food, accommodation, facilities etc, and a digital photo if we haven't got one. (Or a better picture even if we have!)

The website address is

<http://cumbriacamra.org.uk/spile>

I find the site very easy to use, so I am sure that you will too. You will see that all pubs are included, so if any start selling real ale they can easily be converted on the system!

Please let us have your up dated information, errors or omissions as soon as possible, so that we can get the site up to date in time for the main tourist season. The one thing worse than no information is incorrect information.

Thank you, Dorothy

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Furness CAMRA is 36!

You can't have failed to notice by now that CAMRA is 40 years young this year, and there is a piece over the page about that.

But for a remote corner of the country, Furness got in on the act fairly early on, and the branch was actually founded in 1974. Allan Purcell, the former editor of this magazine, was one of the founders, and he is still active in CAMRA nowadays, because actually he's not that old, and is very young at heart!

There is a perception, that persists even nowadays, that beer drinking is all done by men in cloth caps, who've just come out of the steel

mills or the pit, but nothing could be further from the truth.

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The cheap local spirits will certainly get you drunk, but may contain poisonous wood alcohol (methyl alcohol), so should be approached with great care (As a whisky drinker I spent 2 days in my hotel toilet).

Nevertheless, Cap d'Or is a fabulous Art Nouveau bar with an interesting clientel. A real slice of old Alexandria where, according to the Rough Guide, bohemians and expats rub shoulders over grilled sardines. We were also told that it is popular with the gay community, but can't vouch for that. What we can say is that is friendly and busy. The food (mainly fish and salad) is good and cheap and the beer (even if it is lager) is most welcome.

Steve Povey



Cap d'Or, 4 Sharia Adib Bek Ishtak, off Sharia Sa'ad Zaghoul, in the old town part of Alexandria, Egypt

CAMRA is 40!

History

From 4 friends deciding to do something about the decline in real ale sales to 120,000 members in 40 years. Amazing! The friends actually first decided to do something on 16th March 1971, so that is CAMRA's official birthday.

The Campaign started with Area Organisers, but the first branches, listed in July 1972, were St Alban's, Hertfordshire; Cullercoats, Northumberland; Lavister, Denbighshire; London W13; Blackpool, Lancashire and Northwich, Cheshire - well spread around the country.

Achievements

So what has been achieved in 40 years, apart from 120,000 members? Micro breweries for one thing - the term hadn't been invented in 1971, as there weren't any. Now there are hundreds, all turning out Real Cask Ale, with great variations between the brewers in the taste and style of the beers produced - many crafted to the particular regional tastes, some organic, some "foreign" styles. Some brewers have 2 or 3 regular beers that they stick with, whereas others brew something different every month, and may have a list of 10 or more which are produced regularly. Recipes are "tweaked" to brew a variation on a theme, and see which

the drinkers prefer.

Still to do

As part of the celebrations members are being asked to nominate their best CAMRA campaigners from the last 40 years, including those who are no longer with us, and the top 40 will be chosen. Online forms are available on the website, and you have until **1st April only** to submit your nomination. A long short-list will be on the website for all members to vote for by mid-June, and the results will be announced at the GBBF in August.

CAMRA will also be selecting their top Campaigns of the last 40 years, and asking members and non-members to vote on these. Again, the top 10 will be announced at the GBBF.

The Member's Weekend in Sheffield from 15th - 17th April will obviously be a special occasion, so hope you have already pre-registered.

There is also a photo competition (see website), of members alone or in groups, raising a glass to CAMRA's success - closing date 1st July 2011.

And there are all the ongoing campaigns, nationally and locally - to save pubs from closure, achieve a change in the law for lined glasses, and reverse the tie. Here's to the 50th!

Cheers, Dorothy

Pub and Brewery Craic

Barrow in Furness

The Washington, on Abbey Road has recently started to sell Real Ale. Reports suggest that the quality is good, and it is proving popular in the area.

Beckstones Brewery, at the Green, Millom are well known for their excellent beers, and equally for the Cumbrian names of some of the beers. The latest is called "Reet Gud Yal" at 3.5%, and is a light coloured beer, almost a mild in type. It is going down well with the locals in The Punch Bowl, so give it a try if you can find it.

Grange over Sands

Commodore Hotel has sold real ale for a long time, and was excellent when we went in there a couple of weeks back (on one of my photo trips for the website) Pity I didn't know about -

Lymehurst Hotel which has one real ale on, which was Kirkby Lonsdale Tiffin Gold when our Chairman tried it, and very good it was too. (p18)

Greenodd Brewery have brewed a new darker beer at 4.5%, which was named by a customer as "Brunette". The recipe for blonde has also been changed, and now uses Cascade hops.

Hawkshead Brewery have now got the new brewery up and running, with a big increase in capacity to Regional Brewer size.

They have also brewed a new beer, Citrillo, a 5% sweetish beer brewed with Citra and Amarillo hops - gorgeous, if you can find it. This is the middle one of 3 planned highly hopped beers - Windermere Pale at 3.5%, and a new strong IPA. Citrillo will be rebadged as Cumbrian 5 Hop exclusively for the Wetherspoons Spring Beer Festival, and should then be more widely available.

Holmes Green

The Black Dog is now back in the capable hands of Jack, although he is actively seeking new tenants. Currently open 3pm -8pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and 3pm to 11pm Friday and Saturday. No food being served.

National Winter Ale Festival

will be staying in Manchester for 2012 and 2013, after which it will move to Derby. Seems to have been another very successful event this year.

Sedburgh

The Red lion will be again holding a Beer Festival over the Easter weekend

Ulverston

The Mill has been taken over by James and Andy, formerly of the Black Dog at Holmes Green. The beer is good and I am told it is an all round improvement. Owned by the same company who own Lancaster Brewery, the Lancaster beers are always a bit cheaper than the others - and why not? Keep up the good work.

The Union and The Bird in Hand, across the road from each other at the junction of Fountain Street and Union Street are both closed, and it looks as if this will be permanent. Both were ex-Hartleys houses (now Robinsons), and do not appear to be being marketed. Who's next?



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Cheers!

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Real Ale in Grange over Sands

For many years the Furness branch has had the luxury of many quality real ale pubs across its entire region. Although the outlying villages of Allithwaite, Cartmel and Lindale have enjoyed consistently good real ale, the town of Grange itself tended to be avoided as not matching up to standard.

It was with this in mind that we decided to have a tour of the Cartmel Peninsula area starting with Grange and moving on to Allithwaite, Cartmel and Cark. Arriving at Grange by train, the logical place to start was the Commodore Inn, sited close to the station, overlooking the promenade. **The Commodore** has had a recent facelift and now looks much smarter. The real surprise was when we were shown upstairs to the function room/restaurant. This is very bright and airy and has a superb view across Morecambe Bay towards Arnside and Morecambe itself. Theakstons Best Bitter was on offer, supported by two changing beers often from Derwent and Lancaster breweries. I tried Derwent Bill Monk's Ale, named after the last brewer at the former Carlisle State Brewery and found it very well kept. I've enjoyed calling in on several occasions since, and have never been disappointed.

From there we headed up the hill to **The Sands**, located opposite the Post Office. From the outside, the Sands doesn't have the look of a real ale establishment. However, on entering we

realised that there was plenty on offer. The pub is on three levels with separate areas for music and games. The bar sports several handpumps and these serve a rotating range of Cumbrian Beers. On our visit Tirril 1823, Barngates Tag Lag and Ennerdale Darkest were available. Tasting notes for each of the beers is displayed on a blackboard at the back of the bar. The pub tends to get livelier in the late evening as it caters for the many staff who work in the hotels in Grange and are relieved of their duties after the guests have dined and in some cases retired to their beds. For fans of malt whisky, the pub has a range of over 50 available at one time.

I subsequently became aware that the **Lymehurst Hotel** on Kents Bank Road has commenced serving real ale in its refurbished bar. Never one to miss an opportunity to try a new venue, I went there and found a single handpump serving Tiffin Gold, the latest brew from the Kirkby Lonsdale brewery. The beer was in excellent condition and the bar is very comfortable.

I'm delighted to be able to report that Grange is now no longer an area to be passed through on the way to the delights of Ulverston and Broughton and can be savoured as a real ale destination in its own right. By careful use of the local 532 bus and the rail services most of the pubs in the Cartmel Peninsula can be visited.

Dave Stubbins

Cartmel Re-visited *by Alan Gardner, Lancaster*

Following my summer trip to the Cartmel Beer Festival, reported in the Autumn issue of the Inn-quirer, I made my promised winter trip one Friday in February, to see what it is like out of season.

My first stop was the Village Shop for some Sticky Toffee Pudding, and a bottle of mead for my wife - they have a good selection of bottled beer. The Cavendish Arms had a mixture of national brews (Theakston Bitter and Deuchars 80/-), and LocAle, Jennings Cumberland and Cumberland (Brewery) Corby Ale 3.8%, which was very good.

Sadly the Kings Arms, at the head of the square, was closed following the recent passing of landlord Richard Grimmer, but Enterprise are actively seeking a new tenant, so hopefully it

will re-open shortly.

The Royal Oak also have 4 hand-pumps on as a regular feature, with Marston's Pedigree being the only interloper, the LocAles being Dent golden Fleece 3.7%, Coniston blue-bird 3.6% and Heskett Newmarket Skiddaw 3.6%. I tried the Bluebird, which was in good nick. The Royal Oak will be repeating their summer Beer Festival over the weekend of 18 - 20 August, which should be worth another visit.

Last stop was the Pig and Whistle, which is a Robinson's tied house, with Dizzy Blonde, Cumbria Way and Habnibal's Nectar 3.9%, the seasonal beer for February and March. A premium ruby red ale, full of flavour, and very moreish - well worth trying.

So Cartmel proved it was worth a visit

even in the depths of winter, but Friday and Saturday are likely to be the best days for beer selection. The last quick bus back to Grange is 4.36pm, but four and a half hours is plenty time to visit 4 good pubs serving quality ale.



Commodore, Grange over Sands



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Every branch chooses their own definition of LocAle - according to local circumstances.

Furness Branch Definition - All beers brewed within Cumbria, plus those in North Lancashire as far south as Lancaster and Morecambe

In reality, the vast majority of our LocAle pubs serve beers which are very local to them

Here is a list of the pubs which are currently included in the scheme, with the newcomers highlighted.

- Allithwaite** The Pheasant
- Bardsea** The Ship
- Bardsea** **The Bradylls**
- Barngates** Drunken Duck Inn
- Barrow in F** Duke of Edinburgh
- Barrow in F** Furness Railway
- Barrow in F** Kings Arms, Hawcoat
- Bouth** White Hart
- Broughton in F** High Cross
- Broughton in F** Manor Arms
- Cark** The Engine
- Cartmel** Royal Oak
- Coniston** Black Bull
- Coniston** The Sun
- Dalton in Furness** Brown Cow
- Dalton in Furness** **White Horse**

- Dalton in Furness** **Red Lion**
- Far Sawrey** The Sawrey Arms
- Foxfield** Prince of Wales
- Greenodd** The Ship
- Haverthwaite** Anglers Arms
- Hawkshead** Kings Arms Hotel
- Hawkshead** Red Lion
- Holmes Green** **Black Dog**
- Kirkby in Furness** The Burlington
- Kirksanton** King William (Billy)
- Leece** Copper Dog
- Lindal in Furness** Railway
- Loppergarth** The Wellington
- Near Sawrey** **Tower Bank Arms**
- Seathwaite** Newfield Inn
- Spark B ridge** Royal Oak
- Strawbery Bank** Masons Arms
- The Green, Millom** Punch Bowl
- Torver** Church House Inn
- Torver** Wilsons Arms
- Ulverston** **Farmers Arms**
- Ulverston** Devonshire
- Ulverston** Kings Head
- Ulverston** Stan Laurel
- Ulverston** Swan
- Ulverston** The Mill
- Walney Island** Queens Arms, Biggar

In order to keep the scheme always up to date the window stickers are to be changed annually, so now is an excellent time to re-survey and let us know of any pubs which are not on the list which you think should be. And you do not have to be a CAMRA member to get in touch about this or any other matter!

National Pub of the Year - The Harp



For the first time ever a London Pub has won the prestigious "National Pub of the Year" title. And no wonder when you look at this fantastic display of hanging baskets. If what goes on inside is anything like the outside then it

must be good. I suppose the fact that the pub is in Covent Garden helps, but the effort which has gone in is plain for all to see. The owner, Bridget Walsh, says they pride themselves on the range and quality of their Real Ales! What Else!

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Pub of the Season Winter 2010 - The Swan



even better now, as it is a free house, with up to 10 beers on the bar, as well as 2 annual beer festivals. And anyone who can keep 10 beers on must be satisfying consumer demand. The change from Robinsons to Free House was undertaken by Mike and Barbara who are now in the Kings Arms at Hawcoat; they were followed by Bill Marr, and it is

This wonderful pub in Ulverston is the first you see as you approach from the East, and the one we stopped at when we first moved here 8 years ago. It's

now Gaf's turn to win this award. And with the competition so fierce, we are sorry it took so long. Picture shows Chairman Dave Stubbins with Gaf.

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Furness Pub of the Year 2011



Dave Stubbins presenting yet another award to Lynda and Stuart Johnson of the Prince of Wales, Foxfield!

Dates and Venues for your Diary

West Pennines Regional Meeting -
Saturday 21st May 12.30 for 1pm
Station Hotel, Oxenholme LA9 7RF

Cumbria Branches Meeting -
Saturday 20th August 12.30 for 1pm
King's Head, Fisher Street, Carlisle
CA3 8RF (Behind Old Town Hall)

Furness Branch Meetings
Saturday 2nd April 1pm Commodore
Hotel, Grange over Sands - use X35
or train

Monday 9th May 7pm Kings Head,
Queen Street, Ulverston

Saturday 4th June, time tba; Punch
Bowl, The Green, Millom LA18 5HL
Service bus or train

Saturday 2nd July (details tbc) Tower
Bank Arms, Near Sawrey LA22 0LF
Transport laid on

Beer Lover's Dinner to be organised
by Furness Branch, but at the same
venue as last November - Castle
Green Hotel, Kendal, 11/11/11
Guest speaker - Roger Protz. More
details as and when available, but
make a note in your diaries now!
Too good to miss!

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CAMRA'S Lake District Pub Walks

BOB STEEL



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During the early part of 2010 the branch was contacted by Bob Steel who had been asked by CAMRA Publications to produce a book on walks in the Lake District, including pubs! He had a few ideas, but was looking for input from Cumbrian branches as to which pubs (and walks) should be included. I contacted Bob, established that he was a resident of Surrey, but a regular visitor to the central Lake District, and that this was to be the fourth title he had written in the series. I told him of a few walks in the Furness area and arranged to meet him to show him in particular a walk from Grange over Hampsfell to Cartmel and on to Cark. In the meantime I obtained a copy of "Peak District Pub Walks", his first publication, so that I had an idea of the sort of book likely to be produced.

We spent an extremely pleasant day walking from Grange, with lunch in Cartmel, finishing with a beer in Cark before getting the train back to Grange. I was impressed with Bob's attention to detail as we did the walk and his in depth knowledge of the geology of the region. The next day I showed him Humphrey Head and told him a bit about the pubs of Ulverston, as he was keen to do a town walk.

At the beginning of February I received an advance copy of the book and it is superb. I'm delighted that both the walks I showed Bob are included, as are several others in the

Broughton area and South Lakes. The country walks vary from 3.7 to 9.5 miles, but are generally 5 to 6 miles long. Bob's only concession to the avid fell walker is a walk from Langdale to Wasdale Head, which is not for the faint hearted! The maps are taken from Ordnance Survey maps, and clearly described, therefore on most occasions you don't need to take a map. Walks are primarily circular, but if linear there is regular public transport to get you back (other than Langdale to Wasdale). Also included are points of historical interest, and a series of links which allow more serious walkers to join two walks together. Town walks of Ulverston, Kendal and Cockerthwaite are included, with thirty walks in all.

As you would expect from a CAMRA publication, the pubs on the routes are well described. Most include at least two stopping off points, which makes the book ideal for someone like me who enjoys a decent walk to a pub followed by a bit of thirst quenching. The book is sponsored by Coniston Brewing Company, who I'm sure are delighted to have their name associated with such a high quality publication. It retails at £9.99 (£7.99 for CAMRA members) and is available via the CAMRA web site or by contacting any of the branch contacts mentioned in this magazine as Furness branch have a stock of books.

Dave Stubbins, Branch Chairman

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Branch meetings are fun as well

We usually have a good time at Branch Meetings, as the regular attenders all get on well, and make anyone trying it for the first time feel very welcome.

Sometimes we are in town, such as Barrow or Ulverston, but often we visit some of our more distant pubs, which we cannot get to so easily.

Saturday 5th March was a good case in point, when we visited The Queens Arms in Biggar Village, Walney Island. There used to be a bus down to Biggar, but not anymore, so we hired a 16 seater from Clarkson's to take most of us down there.

The Queens was taken over about 12 months ago by business partners Julie

Matthews and Mary Rudkin, but they had a lot of work to do before they could open, as it had been empty for a year. But as soon as the bar was usable they opened, and the rest of the renovation is "work in progress".

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Even the chickens got in on the act!



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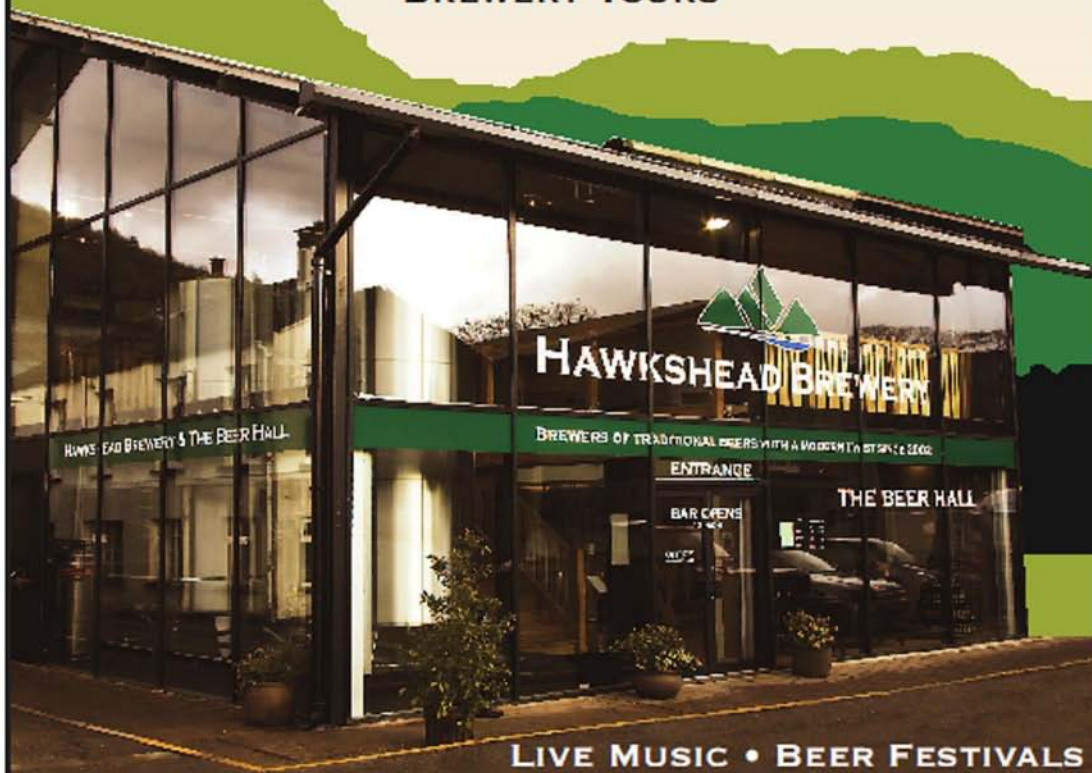
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