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The Editor's View

Summer is here so now is the time to look forward to our Ulverston Beer Festival on 30th August to 1st September and to the CAMRA Great British Beer Festival in London on 7th to 11th August. Of course, you don't have to wait that long to enjoy beers as we have plenty of good pubs in Furness and some of those will be holding their own festivals over the summer.
In this issue, we have an article about beer containers which, hopefully, will make it clearer just what things like casks, kegs and KeyKegs are. After the CAMRA AGM earlier in the year, the organisation has decided to change its focus a bit so we have included a short article explaining what happened - it was not necessarily what the papers said!
We hope to see you all at Ulverston again at our Festival, this year with one or two changes to keep up with differing tastes but of course, you can depend on us having great beer, after all, that is what CAMRA is all about.

There have been some changes to our **Facebook** presence from June. We still have the **group** (facebook.com/groups/CAMRAFurness) for discussions but to replace the old public page, which is dormant pending closure, there is a **new public page**, (facebook.com/CAMRAFurness) and this is where to go for general news, postings and information.

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Chairman's Report

Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

The most significant event since the last issue was published was the annual **CAMRA Members Weekend** held in Warwickshire in April, which was well attended as usual. This was the meeting at which the final decisions were taken on the detailed consultation with members as to the future direction of the Campaign. Following that meeting the following Press Release was issued by CAMRA on 22nd April:

"Members of the Campaign for Real Ale continued to drive positive change for the organisation during its Conference held in Coventry last weekend.
Members attending CAMRA's Conference, held after its AGM in Coventry over the weekend of 21/22 April, agreed beer festivals should not be limited to selling just real ale; called for new diversity and equality policies; overwhelmingly defeated a motion to reduce tax relief for small breweries; agreed a policy that CAMRA members should not demand or expect discounts from pubs and breweries; and removed its former opposition to cask breathers".

The vast majority of members had already demonstrated their support for change by voting through all but one of a package of measures designed to make CAMRA more relevant, inclusive and welcoming, during the Annual General Meeting held on the morning of 21 April.

Speaking after the close of the Conference, new **National Chairman Jackie Parker** said:

"It's been a very successful and forward looking weekend and it's very positive to see our members voting to approve motions which are designed to be proactive and positive and help position CAMRA as a welcoming and inclusive organisation - aiming to improve consumer experiences, rather than telling people what they should or shouldn't be drinking."

The meeting also debated the choice of beers to be offered at beer festivals. The press release went on to say:

"CAMRA festivals have been given the opportunity to widen their appeal to all drinkers by offering a wider range of beers and other products - including non-real ales.
Members at CAMRA's Conference voted to approve the removal of wording in the organisation's policy document which said festivals should only stock real ale, cider and perry. They also agreed to a motion calling for festivals which offered other types of beer to provide educational material about all beer types on sale."

Elsewhere in this issue are details of our forthcoming annual **Ulverston Beer & Cider Festival** to be held in the **Coronation Hall at the end of August**. I'm pleased to report that, in addition to our usual range of cask ales, ciders and perries, we will be stocking a range of "key keg" beers. KeyKegs are essentially a sterile bag within an outer plastic sphere capable of holding pressure. When filled the inner bag expands to fill the outer plastic sphere. When served the beer leaves the bag and the space in the sphere is replaced with the serve gas. The gas never comes into contact with the beer so unlike with conventional kegs any pressurised gas including air/oxygen can be used. We will have a key keg available to demonstrate how this works in practice. See **page 19** for more detailed descriptions of the various forms of container.

Other beer festivals being held locally are listed on **page 32** of the magazine. As well as the regular festivals being held by the **Anglers Arms in Haverthwaite** and the **Broughton Festival of beer**, we have a new one at the **Engine Inn in Cark** and the **Varty** family are celebrating **30 years** of running the Manor Arms in Broughton.

Over the weekend of 22/23rd June our branch hosted the quarterly meeting of **CAMRA's National Executive** and its regional directors. The arrangements went extremely well and I have received several very favourable comments. I would like to thank the **Duke of Edinburgh Hotel** for making them so welcome and providing excellent meeting rooms, **Lynda and Stuart Johnson** for their hospitality at the **Prince of Wales in Foxfield** on the Saturday evening and **Barrow Cars Taxis** for stepping in at the last minute and transporting over 30 delegates from Barrow to Foxfield and back on a day when Northern held a strike day.

Dave Stubbins

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West Coast Spectacular – A day trip worthy of note

by Terry Ridal - Furness Branch Member

Recipe for a perfect Camra trip out.

Ingredients

1. Take one perfect summers day without a cloud in the sky
2. Take a convenient train from your local train station and set off up the beautiful west coast line to all points north
3. Gather a convivial group of likeminded Camra members with a good sense of humour. All must be intent on enjoying the day out to the full
4. Add an exceptional social secretary to book coaches, food etc. to perfection.

Method - Mix ingredients carefully, sit back and relax.

With all the above assembled we swayed gently on the train to Seascale where we all alighted, walked about 300 yards to our bus which whisked us off to our first port of call **Gosforth Hall in Gosforth**. Gosforth Hall is an old mansion which has been partly adapted to house a country pub with a superb beer garden, which given our excellent weather got well used. The staff were cheerful and knowledgeable about the beers on offer which helps a lot when you haven't heard of some of them. A trait which is a great asset to any hostelry.

The bar was stocked with:-

Hawkshead's Windermere Pale 3.5%. A refreshing, very pale ale, bursting with hop character and a fine fruity aroma.

Ulverston's Lonesome Pine 4.2%. A pale, honey beer with sweet malts followed by tangy citrus fruit.

Beer Monkey's Uncle Monks 4.5%. An IPA, light, sweet, malt flavour with a hoppy flavour in the background.

Tractor Shed's Mowdy Pale Ale 4%. Bundles of hops give this a bunch of lovely, lemon and straw- like flavour qualities.

After quenching our initial thirst we were encouraged back onto the bus which took us to "heaven" that appeared as the double whammy in **Nether Wasdale**.

On alighting from our bus there was on your left **The Screes** pub and on your right **Strands Brewery and pub**, both under the same ownership and joy of joy they were holding their annual beer festival. I will list some of the beers on offer but the menu went on for ever. So many beers and so little time!

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THE
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The Commodore Inn, the sister pub to The Sun Inn in Ulverston, has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment. Open daily from 11am, excellent quality food is served 12-2:30pm and 5:30pm-8:30pm

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Strand's Premium Dark Mild 6%. A strong dark mild.

Red Screes bitter 4.3%. Full flavoured with plenty of roast and malt tastes.

Daffyd Ale 4.2%. Blooming good ale.

Errmmm "beer for the undecided" 3.8%. Light Hoppy amber bitter.

Who's Garden 3.9%. A white beer for those who can't wheat.

Scafell summit 3.8%. Light crisp ale with a long soft hop finish.

Low Flyer 4.3%. A dark biscuity malt flavour with a touch of whisky on the finish.

T'errmmm-inator Stout 5%. Smooth dark brown roast led beer full bodied and well balanced.

All together between the 2 pubs there was a selection of 25 to 30 beers on offer and of the 7 that I sampled all were in excellent condition. Having let us sample from the array of goodies the shepherd rounded up his charges and got us back on the bus where there was a proposition that next time we start at Nether Wasdale Beer Festival and linger longer. The vote was unanimous, yes please!

Our next stop was the **Santon Bridge Inn at Santon Bridge** which is a traditional coaching inn that had the unmistakeable feel about it which comes from a long ingrained heritage that cannot be faked – a bit like the patina on a genuine antique. The beers on hand pump were:-

Thwaite's Wainwright Golden Beer 4.1%. A straw coloured bitter with soft fruit flavours and a hint of malty sweetness.

Jennings's Sneck Lifter 5.1%. A strong dark brown ale with a complex balance of fruit, malt, sweet and roast flavours through to the finish.

Jennings's Bitter 3.5%. Malty beer with good mouthful that combines with roast flavour and hoppy finish.

Wychwood's Hobgoblin gold 4.2%. A multi hopped light coloured beer with an unusual infusion of malted wheat and barley.

Jennings's Cumberland 4%. A tawny hoppy beer with a dry aftertaste.

Cross Bay's Zenith 5%. Light and refreshing with a distinct tropical aroma. An IPA with a citrus fruity body with a hoppy kick from the triple blend of hops.

Adnam's Mosaic pale 4.1%. A single Mosaic hop added at all four stages of the brewing process. Gives a multiple fruit and pine flavours and aromas.

Again all in excellent condition served by friendly knowledgeable staff. The Santon Bridge in is the sort of pub you wish you could roll up and put it in your pocket and take it with you.

Unfortunately we couldn't linger as the **Ravenglass Arms in Ravenglass** was calling. Another traditional pub with that unmistakeable comfortable feel which only comes with time and a great deal of experience and knowhow on the landlord's part which has been passed down over years and years. The views outside were stunningly beautiful but I was somewhat puzzled as there were a good number of boats of several types but no water! Who in their right mind has a boat

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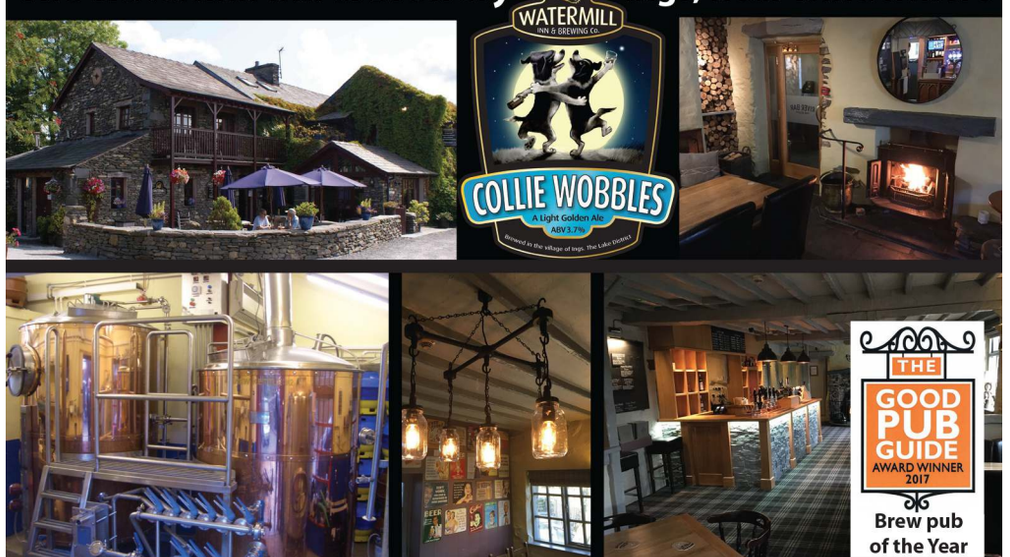

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somewhere that there is nothing to float it on. It was then that Alan pointed out that the tide was in fact out and eventually given time there would be water to sail on. I hadn't thought of that one! On the bar we had:-

Ulverston's Laughing Gravy 4%. A smooth grainy brown bitter with a good mix of flavours.

Moorhouse's Blonde Witch 4.5%. Light ale, fruity with a lasting finish.

Beckstone's Leat 3.6%. Thirst quenching golden ale with delicate floral and fruity hop aromas

Hawkshead's Bitter 3.7%. Well balanced thirst quenching beer. A fruity hoppy aromas and a lasting bitter finish

After satisfying the thirst buds we said our goodbyes to the staff, boarded the bus again to be taken to **The Miners at Silecroft.** This is a traditional period country pub which is situated within 2 minutes walking distance from Silecroft train station and is less than a mile walk to one of West Cumbria's lovely beaches with an extensive lovely beer garden. As arranged in advance an excellent meat and potato pie waiting for us, along with a delightful selection of local and international beers with a focus on showing off some of the excellent ales produced by some of Cumbria's finest micro-breweries. They regularly have Ales supplied by Hawkshead Brewery, Cumbria Legendary Ales, Cumberland Breweries, Ulverston Brewing Company and Ennerdale Brewery and some from possibly the smallest brewery in the county Healey's at Loppergarth, plus guest beers. The selection I tried was:-

Cross Bay's Swallow Gold 3.9%. A golden ale, made with a developmental hop from Charles Faram, 'Archer' combining a classic British aroma with floral hints of apricot, lime and peach.

St Austell's Harvest Moon 4.3%. Harvest your taste buds with this well-balanced and drinkable malty number that offers plenty of biscuit and fruit cake flavours.

Hawkshead's Bitter 3.7%. Well balanced thirst quenching beer. A fruity hoppy aromas and a lasting bitter finish

Then fully satiated we boarded our train to be rocked gently back south and home.

A huge **'Thank You'** is due to **Dave Wilson**, our social secretary, for organising such a wonderful day out and doing all the research.

One of the best yet, can't wait for next year!

Awards and Presentations

Furness CAMRA Pub of the Season - Spring 2018

Another quarter and another award. This time, the award for our Furness CAMRA Pub of the Season, Spring 2018, goes to:

The Pheasant, Allithwaite (http://www.thepheasantinnallithwaite.co.uk)

Charlotte and Robert Jones, 2nd and 3rd from the left - next to Dave Stubbins, CAMRA Furness Branch Chairman - receive their award for Pub of the Season. Close to both Cartmel and Grange-Over-Sands, it is a great spot for a warm summer evening.

30th Ulverston Beer Festival

Dave Wilson - Beer Festival Organiser

This year will be our **30th Beer Festival** and once again it is at The Coronation Hall, Ulverston.

The dates are **Thursday 30th Aug until Sat 1st Sept**, opening times are :-

2.00 to 11.00 Thursday
12.00 to 11.00 Friday
12.00 to 7.00 Saturday

Entry is **£2.00** for non-members but **free to CAMRA members** (Please bring your card) Glasses are £2.00, refundable if you wish.

As on previous festivals we will have over **80 beers and ciders** available with about half being from local breweries and half from farther afield. We will make every effort to provide you with a good mixture of old favourites and new interesting beers for your enjoyment. Also new for this year we will have **8 specially selected Key Keg beers** from some of the country's leading producers of this type of beers.

We will have a new batch of **T-Shirts** for sale and **new 2018 festival glasses**.
Food will be available throughout the festival. Unfortunately **no under 18s** will be allowed in.
Live information on beers available or ones that have sold out will be available on a big screen at the venue and online at

www.ubfest.uk

Please note that this wesite will only operate during the festival week. Before that, only general information will appear but don't forget to check our own website (www.furness.camra.org.uk) and Facebook page (facebook.com/CAMRAFurness) as that will be updated with relevant information in the run-up to the Festival.

The **U**lverston **B**eer **F**estival is a **cash-only** event - **no cards or touch-pay**, sorry.

See you all at the Coro.

Dave Wilson
Beer Festival Organiser

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Beer scoring helps us select pubs for the Good Beer Guide so why not become part of the process by scoring your pint at:

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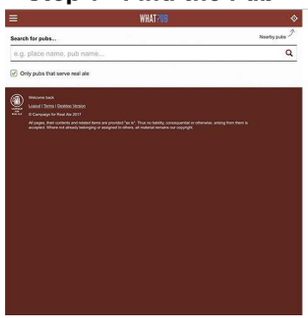

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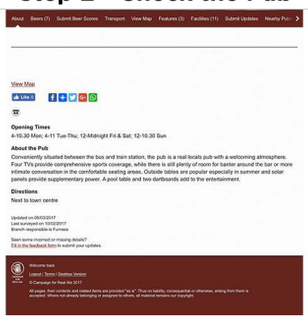

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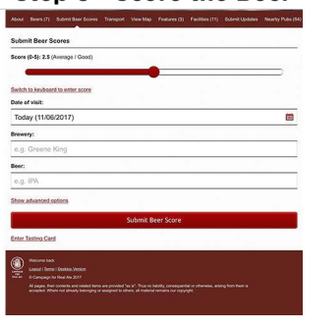

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CAMRA Discounts

by Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

Those of you who are **CAMRA** members will already be aware of the extensive range of benefits available on membership. Of these, probably the most widely used are the 50p off a pint vouchers issued by Wetherspoons.

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).

Pubs in the Furness area that currently offer discounts to CAMRA members on production of their membership card:

Cartmel - The Kings Arms
Cartmel - The Royal Oak
Cartmel - Unsworth's Yard Brewery
Coniston - The Sun
Coniston - The Yewdale Hotel
Grange - The Commodore
Near Sawrey - The Tower Bank Arms
Ulverston - Beerwolf (Cask Ales Only)
Ulverston - The Sun Hotel

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'Beer' in Ambleside offer discounts to CAMRA members

These are, of course, in addition to the Furness Railway in Barrow-in-Furness which, being a Wetherspoons pub, offers the voucher discount of 50 pence off a pint available in all Wetherspoons outlets.

The Prince of Wales at Foxfield offers discounted **accommodation** to **CAMRA** members.

In addition to pubs offering discounts to CAMRA card holders, some pubs offer (usually instead!) a loyalty discount scheme.

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:

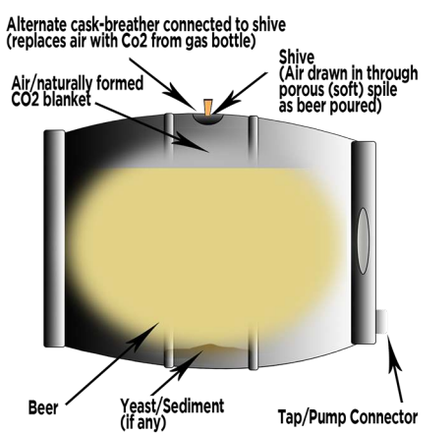
stubbins.dr@btinternet.com or: **furnesscamra@btinternet.com**

Explaining Beer Containers
by The Editor

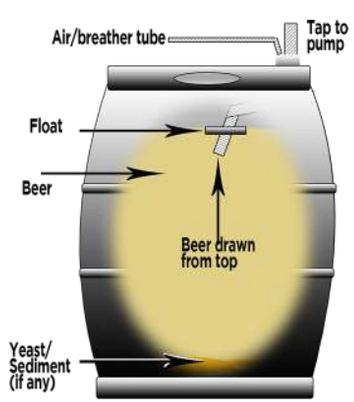
On the way from the brewery to your glass, beer is delivered from a variety of containers, including **bottles, cans, kegs, casks** and **KeyKegs**. You all know about bottles and cans, you probably know about casks (and wooden casks) but what about keg and KeyKeg?
Before I go on, I had better mention the difference between **container conditioning**, or not.
If beer is container conditioned it means that when put into the container, it still has some yeast and can **continue to ferment** in the container. This gives a natural carbon dioxide 'condition' to the beer. In other words, the gas is dissolved in the beer naturally and produces the head and 'bubbles' when released into your glass. If the beer is pasteurised and/or filtered then the yeast is killed and removed and the beer doesn't 'condition' To counteract this, keg beers (and bottles and cans if they are not conditioned) have carbon dioxide (CO^2), or more likely nitrogen or both, injected under pressure to give the head and bubbles and also to drive the beer from the keg to the tap.
Some beers are **conditioned in tanks** before putting into casks so the beer in the container is '**bright**', in other words contains no yeast but is not pasteurised. Sometimes, a slug of yeast is added to encourage some fermentation to get the 'condition'.
Generally speaking, draught beers, casks and KeyKegs either have yeast or are 'bright' and kegs contain pasteurised/filtered beer and rely on added gas to give them a head and bubbles.
If the run from the cellar is too long then a device can be used to help. This is a gas or air-driven pump device that helps the beer on its way from the cask to the delivery point but it is **not** the same as using CO^2 directly as the gas never comes into contact with the beer.

The Cask

The cask (or sometimes a wooden cask) is the container from which 'real ale' is served. Usually containing some yeast when filled, it continues to 'condition' in the cellar prior to being served from hand-pumps or sometimes poured directly from the barrel. The beer can be 'fined' (where a material, usually isinglas, is added to help the yeast drop to the bottom), or 'unfined' when the yeast drops naturally, sometimes leaving a 'haze' to the beer which is quite natural and not a fault.



Although traditionally, the cask is placed horizontally and the beer poured or drawn from the bottom tap, some landlords are using a widget that floats on top of the beer with the cask stored upright. This means the beer is always drawn from the top and so avoids any danger of drawing yeast sediment into the feed - assuming of course that the cask has been allowed to settle in the cellar! As the beer is drawn out, air is drawn in either through a porous spile placed in the shive or, if the cask is vertical, through a breather tube at the top.

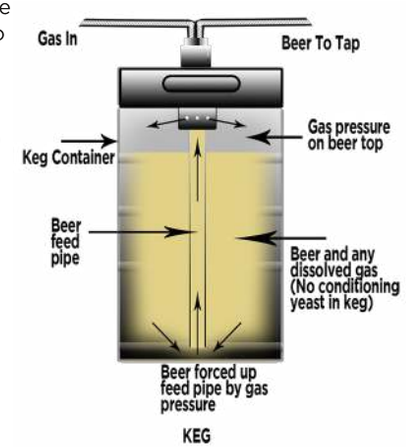


There is a device called a 'cask breather' that feeds carbon dioxide (CO^2) at low pressure to replace the beer drawn out. This is instead of letting the cask breathe through the spile/breather but does not pressurise the cask at all. Some drinkers don't approve but they are now recognised by CAMRA.

- an attempt to clarify the keg confusion

The Keg

This is the container that most of the major commercial beers come in if you are drinking cold, 'gassy' beers and lagers. There is no yeast in the keg and the beer is pressured from a gas bottle (usually CO^2) in order to get it up from the cellar to the tap, and usually feeds through a cooler to give what the adverts call 'cold beer'!

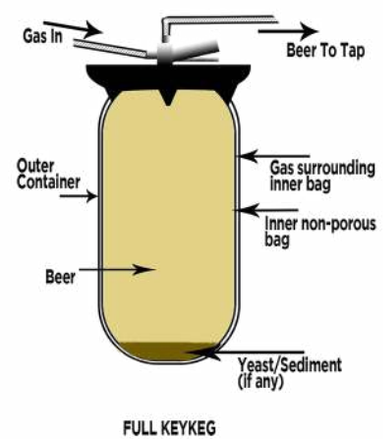


However, a lot of 'Craft' beers are also served from a keg so although the beer is not 'conditioned' in the keg, a sensible landlord will use minimum gas to drive the beer to the tap and so you get a beer that is still a little 'fizzy' but not too gassy.

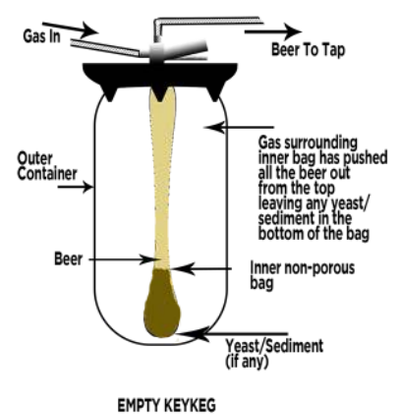
You should not confuse a keg with a KeyKeg, which is a recent invention and, as you will see below, is becoming a popular container from which to serve 'Craft' ales.

The KeyKeg

Although still difficult to recycle, plans are afoot by the manufacturers to build a plant to specifically recycle KeyKegs which will make them far more environmentally friendly in future.
The KeyKeg consists of an outer, usually transparent, plastic container with an inner **non-porous** bag that contains the beer. Pressurised gas or air is fed into the gap between the outer and inner containers and the beer is forced out of the feed at the top to the tap. **The gas never touches the beer!** The beer in the container can contain active yeast but more likely doesn't. Because the beer exits via the top of the container and any yeast/sediment falls to the bottom, there is no chance of it being drawn into the feed. That does not mean to say that the beer will not have a 'haze' as a lot of 'Craft' beers are naturally hazy, particularly wheat beers and this is not a fault.



Beer from KeyKegs can run through a line-cooler so the beer can be served at whatever temperature the landlord chooses, although it is usually a bit cooler than cask ale 'cellar' temperature (normally around 10 to 12 degrees C).



Hopefully, this helps you understand how your beer gets from the Brewer to your glass. Now what the Brewer puts into the container, that is an entirely different discussion!

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What DID happen at the Members' Weekend?

by Ann Summers-Glass - Branch Database Co-ordinator

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From the press reports and the discussions in the Twittersphere about the Weekend, in particular the AGM, you would think that CAMRA had rejected everything that had been proposed and was disintegrating into warring factions. This was, of course, #FakeNews, as soon became clear to those who actually read CAMRA's own reports and comments from members who were there!

One vote at the AGM didn't reach the required 75% in favour. This was Special Resolution 6 "to act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub-goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers;". The vote was 72.6% in favour which is still a majority! Why the need for 75%? UK Company law requires this where a company wishes to change its Articles of Association (to stop hostile takeovers and so on).

All the others passed easily, and so how CAMRA can operate is now more clearly defined. Much of this was taking place anyway so there will be no major changes in direction as a direct result. Even what was intended by SR6 is covered on the whole by the new Articles so we can keep the interests of all pub-goers in mind when we campaign to protect pubs and their customers.

The votes on Motions at the second part of the Weekend - the Conference - introduced some changes to policy. The most significant ones are:

CAMRA has removed opposition to cask breathers – devices which provide a CO2 blanket to cask ales in a pub cellar to prolong their shelf life. Our Editor's article about gives a little more information about these, but we hope to have a fuller article about these in a future magazine.

Policy about the range of products stocked by CAMRA beer festivals has been relaxed, with it being highlighted that festival organisers are trusted to stock other products alongside real ales as their local market demands. As you will see from our information about the Ulverston Beer Festival (31 August to 2 September #shamelessplug) we will be stocking up to 8 beers in KeyKeg as well as the usual excellent choice of cask ales.

Importantly, it was also made policy that members should not ask or expect for discounts except where clearly offered by the pubs.

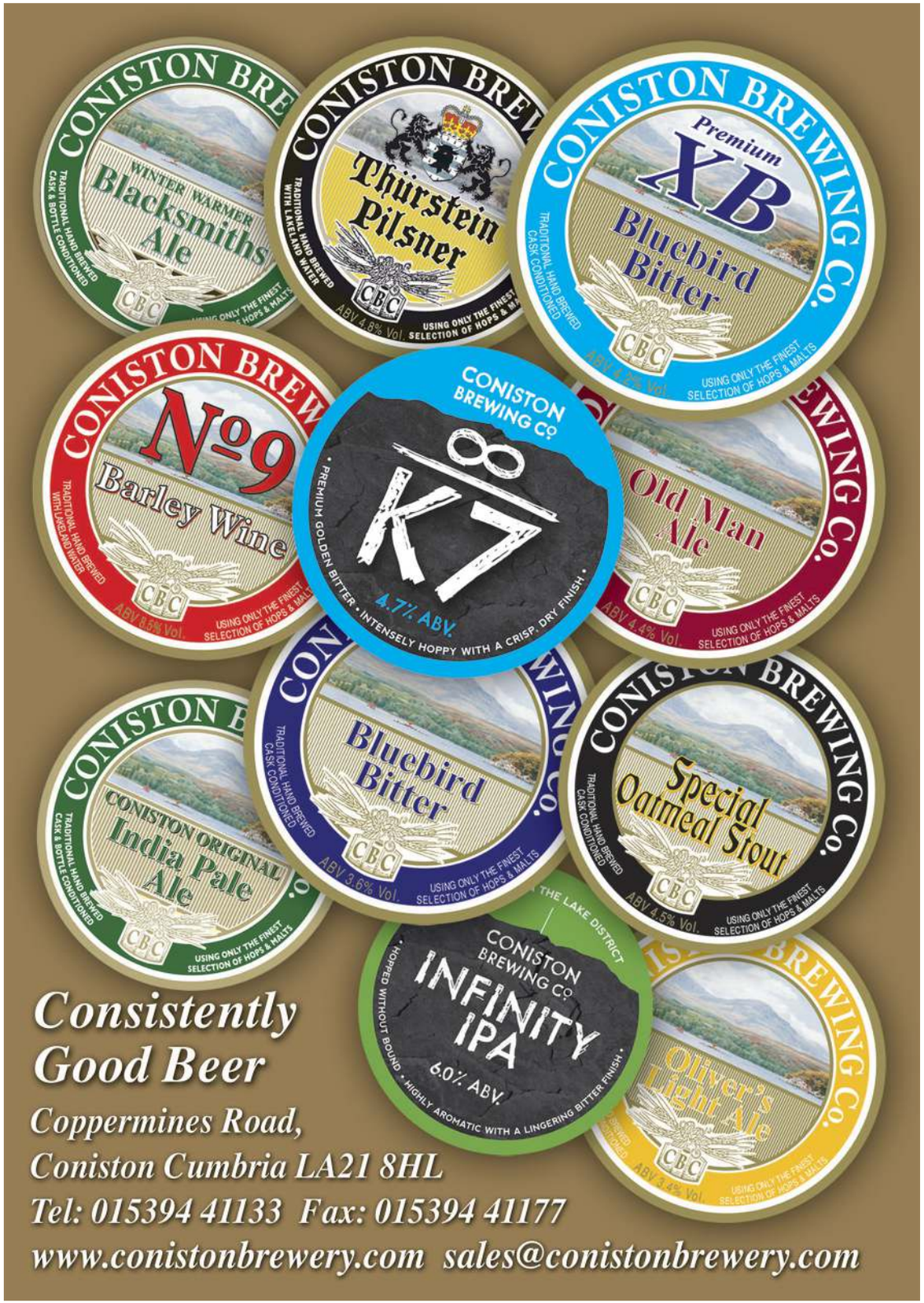
CAMRA's reputation with many publicans is damaged by a small minority of members who convey a sense of expectation and entitlement when asking pubs for discounts. As the policy now says, pubs are entirely free to choose to offer a discount to members as a commercial decision, but members should not expect one where not advertised. A number of pubs in our area offer loyalty cards which benefits their regular customers, but remember that our free houses (usually independently owned and not tied to a brewery or pubco) work to pretty tight financial margins and may not be able to sustain discounts!

Other decisions? A suggestion that we should support changes to Small Brewery Duty Relief was overwhelmingly rejected. The proposed changes would have meant small brewers paying more tax, but medium and large brewers (who already have economies of scale to keep their costs down) getting a tax cut. The Government doesn't seem particularly keen to implement any changes anyway, but we will need to remain vigilant.

A device called an Autovac or Return Tray was discussed. This is a method much used in Yorkshire and Edinburgh to recycle beer which has gone into the drip tray back into the glass. It was agreed that pubs with these devices should be required to display notices telling customers that they are in use, and that CAMRA should work with Environmental Health organisations to research the hygiene implications. As far as we are aware there are none in use within the Furness branch area, but let us know (contact details at the front of the magazine) if you come across one. We hope to have an article explaining how they work in a future magazine.

So, was there blood on the carpet? No! Those who were there reported a really good atmosphere, with plenty of friendly discussions. It sounds like a good weekend where you can meet like-minded people, discover interesting beers, and help keep CAMRA as a driving force in supporting beer, brewers and pubs into the future.

The next Members' Weekend is in Dundee, 5 - 7 April 2019, at the Caird Hall. More information on the Members' website.



Rounding it up with a Brief Encounter in Carnforth

G A Purcell - Branch President

One way of putting it would be to say that it was an altogether interesting and varied day out by train for myself and a mate of mine who occasionally joins me on one of my out of town ale trails.

A light shower of the kind that you instinctively know is bound to herald a heavier version of the same to come was upon us and we ducked into the nearest pub to hand.

Half of Preston seemed to have had the same idea as we worked our way to the bar.

No easy task, as it was like drinking time at a watering hole in the Sahara, with us being the little camels at the back of the push.

A quick scan of the bar pumps revealed a decent variety of cask ales either side of a similar number of craft beer taps.

The decibel level was road drill high, and yet above it all Rita Ora could be heard pleading to be taken over the hills and far away from L.A.

Might need to think of dropping anchor somewhere other than in here Rita, my love, if it's a quiet drink you're after I mused, as I just managed to catch my mate saying, "What d'you think...try somewhere else?"

"Pound to a penny they're all just as full right now," I shouted back, and then noticed a shipping order at the bar just completing.

"Quick, nip in there," I urged, and he wedged himself in, using the time-honoured way born of many years doing the same thing when it's six deep at the bar.

Backing out, bearing much longed-for drinks proved to be no easier task, but some ten minutes after arriving we retreated to the least crowded spot in the place, a busy passageway leading to the toilets.

Great, but at least here the customers were in transit!

Another ten minutes of nudge, bump and jostle later and I heard my pal saying, "You know that Coniston 'Bluebird X.B.' you've been raving about,." and he nodded at the almost empty glass in my hand, before adding, "Well it's just gone off."

"I was going to suggest making a quick dash to the 'Olde Black Bull' and then the next train to Lancaster...what d'you say?"

"It will be a quick dash an' all because, by the look of those coming in, it's persisting it down out there."

"We could fight for another one in here?" I tentatively suggested.

"The Sammy Smith's O.B.B. is always good, and the price is as well," he shouted.

"Cheapjack" I yelled back.

"I prefer to call it thrifty," he winked by way of a reply as I made for the bar.

"Hold on, Rita, I'm coming for you," I thought to myself, but she'd already gone.

"Never two days alike in this country," my pal commented as we made our way down to the city centre of Lancaster, having dried off on the train getting there.

The weather, fickle-as-ever, was now offering up damp and intermittently drizzly, with thinning clouds that, fingers crossed, might lead to clear any time soon.

By unspoken mutual consent, it seemed, we found ourselves crossing over the canal bridge and heading down to the 'White Cross'.

There was a goodly-sized crowd inside...well it was hardly fit for outside loitering, as was the case when I was last there in May of the previous year.

"Ahah, this looks promising," my pall scanned the pumps and observed.

I counted twelve cask pumps and at least five craft taps.

"Schooners?" I asked my mate.

"I might just stick to a couple of halves," he replied, and plumped for a 'Black Edge Brewery Stout', as I "schoonered up" with an 'Allendale Wayfairer'.

"I wonder where that very knowledgeable lass is, the one who was managing the bar last time I was here?" I pondered out loud.

He huffed and looked briefly at the ceiling, saying, "I thought you looked distracted."

"Is Nicole around today," I asked the bargirl.

"Oh, she left about two months ago to work in Spain," she told me, as she moved on.

"Hmm, gone to join Rita over the hills and far away," I muttered, just loud enough for my pal to say in response, "Another one run out on you...never mind."

" I'm sensing there might be a bit of a theme developing here," I muttered.

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"That's stretching it a bit on the strength of two unrelated things...one of which was a singer on a sound system, don't you think?" and I had to admit that it was.

He promptly ordered an Allendale, and I asked the bargirl for a sample of the "Verdant Brewery E.P.A." at 4.5% from the craft tap range.

Undeniably very quaffable, I have to say, if a little cool for my preference.

Before we left I had downed a half of that brew, and he the same measure of "Leeds Brewery American Pale" at 4.8%, also from their craft range.

"Well, fair goes," I commented, "you can't say we're biased where this little beer sojourn is concerned," adding, "cask or craft, we'll give 'em all a try."

Next stop, it was agreed, was to be the "Borough".

A mere hop...no pun intended...skip and a jump from the 'White Cross'.

Over the bridge and not so far away I thought to myself, as fragments of the tune continued to 'earwig' in my head.

We both had a couple of halves in this most cosy and welcoming former club.

I failed to point out in my account of the last visit that there is a very considerable discount given on house brews on the production of a CAMRA membership card.

I'm pretty sure it is a pound, but since we were drinking halves it didn't count.

I mean, come on... asking for a discount on halves would have shown us up as being definitely a couple of cheapjacks and not just thrifty!

One of our cask choices was their "Pale" at 3.7%, and we were also treated to samples each of their house-brewed 'Lager' at 4% and 'I.P.A.' at 4.5% from their craft range.

I found the I.P.A. to be not just extremely tasty, but very, very more-ish and delicious.

Since both of these brews are craft ales, I said to the young barman, "So no discount on these two then?" while hoping I didn't sound too much like a cheapjack.

To my very real surprise he replied, "Oh, yes, there's a discount on all of our own brewed beers with a CAMRA card."

Now then, folks, make of this what you will... a possible way forward perhaps?

It would be remiss of me not to mention that, while my colleague went off on some late-in-the–day shopping business, I called in briefly at what was once the old 'Duke of Lancaster' and is now simply called '75, Church Street'.

I'd heard it advertised on the new 'Heart Radio' station and decided to check it out.

Please take note CAMRA members of the strictly cask-drinking variety who might be tempted to give it a call...it is an all-craft beer bar.

There are twelve taps in all, so plenty of choice and variety.

While I was there a delivery was being made by our own local 'Fell Brewery', which was quite a surprise, since I hadn't known until then that they supplied craft ales.

I was also surprised and delighted to find one of my favourite beers, 'Dark Star Hophead', very popular in cask form at the 'Mill' in Ulverston, amongst the taps.

I **have to say that I was not let down by the craft version.** Cooler but as tasty as ever.

We re-united at the rail station, heading for Carnforth, and our last planned stop.

It was a crowded train, made largely so by the many school children sharing the carriage with us.

We had hardly settled into our seats for the short trip, when a tune blared out from someone's phone, and my colleague's face registered a grimace of disapproval.

"Blinking heck," he grumbled...well, to be honest he didn't put it quite like that, and his opening words were a little more, shall I say, intensive, but you get the idea.

"I hope we don't have to suffer that all the way to Carnforth," he went on.

"It's not even a quarter of an hour away, and anyway I really like that tune," I said.

He gave me a quizzical look, like he was checking me for a wind up.

"What about us?" asked "Pink" of anyone out there listening.

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Landlords - This is Important!

There have been reports of persons of dubious character trying to persuade landlords that they have to advertise in order to get into the Good Beer Guide or that you have to pay to be included.

This is completely wrong. The **only** way to appear in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide is to sell the **real ales** in the **best condition**. Your beer is scored by CAMRA members visiting your pub and the **higher the beer quality**, the **higher the score** and the **greater the chance** of getting an entry!

You may just miss out on an entry if there are too many pubs to list (there is only so much room in the printed guide!) even if your beer quality is excellent - but that doesn't mean that we are ignoring you!

There is **never a charge** to get an entry in the Guide.

If you have any questions then email us at:

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" I know it's a very recent number, but for me it's all about the mood that it puts me into as much as the words. For some reason it takes me right back into the early seventies and one of our regular Friday "Band Nights" at Lancaster Uni.

"What about us, what about all the broken happy ever afters?" she questioned.

"Straight away, the sentiment of the song reminds me of someone who was more than a bit special to me at the time."

"Some woman from your dark and mysterious past, I don't doubt?" he checked.

I must have drifted off into the mists of time, until my pal said, "Go on then, tell me the back story."

"It was a very long way back, and a long story, maybe for another day's telling. Let's just say that I quit the Friday Night band scene at Lancaster for quite a while, and when I next joined the crowd she'd left for a Uni somewhere down South."

"Hmm, another one doing a disappearing act, Al," he chuckled and went on to ask, "Do all tunes trigger memories for you, is that it?"

"A lot of them do, yep...it must be the way my brain's wired, I reckon," I replied.

"And by the way, I'm beginning to pick up on your theme here," he added.

Following a meal break we headed for the 'Snug', on the exit side of Carnforth railway station, alongside one of the whizzing through, non-stop lines.

The place lives up to its description, and is basically an 'L' shaped room at the end of the now redundant platform.

Being the very early evening by then, we were quite surprised to find this tiny, cosy little beer bolt-hole pretty much full. On the bar at the time of our visit were cask ale choices from five hand pumps, and we settled for the least strong of the offerings.

Our first selection was 'Crafty Yan', from the 'Westmorland Brewery' @ 4.2%.

It was while this was being pulled through that I became aware of a couple sitting in the alcove making up the short leg of the 'L' shape. She nodded towards me and gave me a recognition sort of smile.

I didn't recognise either of them, although, following another surreptitious glance, she seemed sort of vaguely familiar from somewhere.

I do meet very many people on my travels, and so such an occurrence is not unusual.

Following what could best be described as a good quaff of our drinks, my memory stirred a bit in its slumber.

"The Boltmakers in Keighley sort of comes to mind," I mused.

"When were you last there?" he asked, more than a little surprised.

"Maybe on an away trip with the rugby, I'm not sure," I ventured.

"But that'll have been ages ago," my pal protested.

"Well, maybe it wasn't there, but memory's a strange thing you know."

"Aye, all the stranger after a few choice ales, I reckon." he huffed and replied.

There followed two swift halves of a pale ale from the 'Manchester Brewery' @ 4%.

"I've a good mind to nip over and ask her," I said.

"You're a tad late for that, matey," my pal said.

I scanned the room for the couple, but guess what....they'd already gone.

"There's definitely a theme showing up here, no doubt about it," my pal observed. "What time did you say that train was?" he then said as we drained our drinks.

I told him, and he held his wristwatch up to me.

"Floor the gas, buddy, let's get the (heck?) outa here!" I urged, which roughly translates as, "Let's make all possible speed for the Barrow-bound platform."

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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 15 branch breweries!

The following pubs are listed in WhatPub as serving local ale on a regular basis This list was compiled in January 2018. If you think something needs changing or you know of another pub in our area that should be included, please let the Editor know.

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

The Black Dog, Holmes Green has changed their opening hours for the summer. Now closed Monday to Wednesday (and no burger night)

See below for information about local beer festivals but there may be more - keep you eyes open!

If you are holding a beer festival this summer then why not **post it** on our **Facebook** Page?

Breweries

Nothing to report at the time of publication but there are **rumours** about **Stringers** and **Hardknott** floating around so don't write them off yet!

We have noticed that **Hawkshead Brewery** is using their Facebook page as '**Cartmel Brewery**' but it should be noted that this should **not** be confused with **Unsworth's Yard in Cartmel** who have **their own** Facebook page.

If you know something that we don't then just email us ready for the next edition of InnQuirer.

Furness CAMRA Diary

Monday July 30th from 7:00pm

Branch Meeting at The Townhouse, Barrow

Monday September 10th from 7pm

Branch Meeting at Unsworth's Yard (to be confirmed - see website)

Beer Festivals coming up....

July 14th to 15th

The Engine Inn, Cark - Beer Festival

July 19th to 21st

Hawkshead Brewery - Summer Beer Festival

7th to 12th August

The Anglers Arms, Haverthwaite Beer Festival

August 30th to September 1st

Ulverston Beer Festival at The Coronation Hall

September 14th to 16th

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Crossword No. 25

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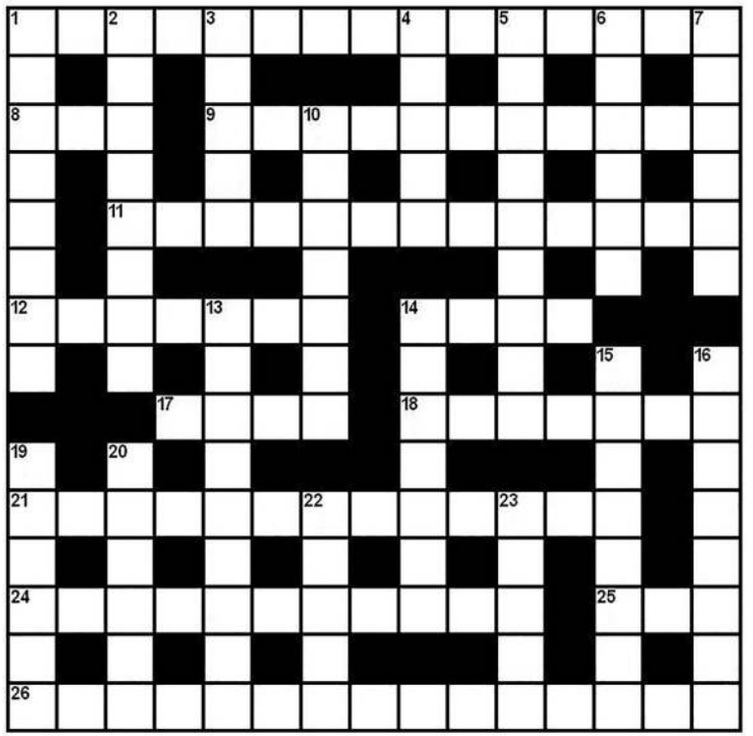

Across

1 Confused inner inhabitant of Penny Bridge finds refuge (3,9,3)
8 One thousand appeal for sports clobber? (3)
9 Lodged money for safe-keeping following prohibition, sat awkwardly in 8 Across (4,7)
11 Slight improvement in small risk taker (1,6,6)
12 Battery-powered, make it vocal (7)
14 Row. Shed one, we are told (4)
17 Dame made edam into sweet drink (4)
18 Word-for-word found in socialite rally (7)
21 The Question: alternative sounding tangle between two pencils, as declaimed (2,2,2,3,2,2)
24 Short answer in pulling power clinches trade (11)
25 Spherical object in orbit around the sun (3)
26 Deception is: try own beer brewed by maker of Donald Campbell's boat (8,7)

Down

1 Have a short break from Dave Brubeck's famous composition (4,4)
2 Innards calls for right to be included (8)
3 Short bunny interprets the Torah (5)
4 Prod from beer keg dunnage taken back (5)
5 Me, I'm plenty ("Why not?" I say) to create gadget (9)
6 Unit is made to be where it is (2,4)
7 Legal registrar amiss? Quite the opposite, given lack of width (6)
10 Unfrozen saw (7)
13 Use haloes to build pubs (3-6)
14 Creator of War and Peace toils to recreate himself (7)
15 Grizzly increased in size audibly (8)
16 Told to change young church assistant (5,3)
19 Oddly set daft disc to be stationary (6)
20 Get an old boy railway transport right away (6)
22 "Oh; can you back up to find singular Mexican dish?" (5)
23 Sudden swoop without power gives only a small unit of weight (5)

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Answers to Crossword No. 25

Across

1 **The Britannia Inn** - Anag (*Confused*) of *inner inhabitant*
8 **K** (*one thousand*) + **it** ((sex) *appeal*)
9 **Bank deposit** - Anag (*awkwardly*) of *posed* within **kit** (*8 Across*) following **Ban**
11 **A little better**
12 **Voltaic** - Anag (*make*) of *it vocal*
14 **Tier** - Homophone of tear
17 **Mead** - Anag (*made*) of *Dame, edam* or *made*
18 **Literal** - Hidden word (*found in*) *socia**lite** **ral**ly*
21 **To be or not to be - or** (*alternative*) + homophone (*sounding*) of knot enclosed in homophone (*as declaimed*) of *two* 2B *pencils*
24 **Transaction** - **ans** in **Traction**
25 **Orb** - Hidden word (*in*) **orbit**
26 **Coniston Brewery - Con** (*Deception*) + *is* + anag (*brewed*) of *try own beer*

Down

1 **Take five**
2 **Entrails** - **Entails** with **r**(*ight*) included
3 **Rabbi** - tailless rabbit
4 **Nudge** - Reverse (*taken aback*) of hidden word (*from*) in *keg dunnage*
5 **Implement** - Anag (*to create*) of *Me, I'm plenty* with *y* (homophone (*I say*) of *Why*) removed (*not*)
6 **In situ** - Anag (*made*) of *Unit is*
7 **Notary** - Not awry with *w* (*width*) removed
10 **Noticed** - **Not iced**
13 **Alehouses** - Anag (*to build*) of *Use haloes*
14 **Tolstoi** - Anag (*to recreate*) of *toils to*
15 **Gruesome** - Homophone of Grew *some*
16 **Altar boy** - Homophone (*told*) of alter (*change*)
19 **Static** - Every odd letter (*oddly*) of *set daft - disc*
20 **Obtain** - Get; *o b* + **train** less *r*(*ight*)
22 **Nacho** - Hidden word (*to find*) reversed (*back up*) of "*Oh; can*"
23 **Ounce** - **Pounce** without *p*(*ower*)

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