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## Editor's View

Spring has arrived and now we are coming up to May, which is both Mild Month and Cider and Perry Month. Along with that, we are entering the Beer Festival season (although of course there are plenty of festivals around during the winter months) so now is the time to plan your visit if you want to travel to London for the CAMRA Great British Beer Festival 6th - 10th August and, closer to home, our own Ulverston Beer Festival in September. No harm in planning ahead!  
Oh! By the way, InnQuirer won the Cumbria CAMRA Branches 'Magazine of the Year 2019' award so hopefully we are doing something right!

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## Chairman's Report

Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

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This period is the time when we select our Pub of the Year and I'm delighted to report that our members have again voted for the **Manor Arms in Broughton in Furness. Scott Varty** and his team have continued to maintain very high quality in the extensive range of real ales they offer and they are well deserving of the award. Scott has unfortunately not enjoyed the best of health over the past few months so we will present him with his Certificate when he recovers.

We also select a **Cider Pub of the Year** to a pub which offers a range of real ciders and this year it is the **Wellington at Loppergarth** which is the winner. **The Welly** is one of a growing range of pubs that are offering several different ciders and perries, which complement the real ales on offer.

We haven't been able to select a **Club of the Year** this year. In order to qualify for this competition the club must have a "club" licence and restrict entry to members of that club and their guests. A number of sports clubs now offer unrestricted access to members of the public and hold an appropriate licence, which means they are treated as pubs by **CAMRA**. Because of these restrictions, and because we have so many excellent pubs in our area, we don't tend to visit many of these clubs and consequently don't find out if they are serving real ale. We would be delighted to hear of any clubs that do regularly serve real ale and

we will come and make ourselves known and make sure we have all your details.

**CAMRA** has a national database of all pubs called What Pub. It is available at <https://whatpub.com> and gives a lot of detail, including opening hours, food hours, facilities, etc. In the **Furness** branch area we regularly carry out visits to check the accuracy of the information but with almost 150 real ale outlets it may be that the information we hold is out of date. If you are a landlord reading this, please check the information and let us know of any inaccuracies. This can be done via a "Submit Updates" tab on the site - you don't have to be a **CAMRA** member to do this.

You will also note on this site a reference to **Beer Scoring**. Several of our members regularly score the beers on their pub visits and this is useful information when we select our entries for the **Good Beer Guide**. In the pages of this Magazine you will see a reference to the **National Beer Scoring System** with an explanation of the method of scoring. I encourage all of our members to score beers regularly. Once you're in the habit of doing it, the information we get is invaluable.

We're planning a few more social trips this year partly so we can get to more pubs to do scoring. Please follow our **Facebook** and **Twitter** accounts for details as they're announced.

### Dorothy Sen

It is with regret that I have to inform you that member Dorothy Sen died a few weeks ago, having been ill for some time previously. I first met Dorothy when I became active in the Branch in 2006 although she had been involved for some time before that.

Dorothy was an active supporter of the Branch in many ways. Apart from regular attendances at meetings and social events, she worked hard behind the scenes at Ulverston Beer Festival ensuring our health and safety procedures were robust.

In 2007 she took over the editorship of this magazine and produced excellent copies until the middle of 2012, when her declining health forced her to step down. She continued to attend Branch meetings for a period afterwards but then we began to see less of her.

**Dave Stubbins**



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## Hold My Beer..... The fight to save pubs

by Ann Summers-Glass - Pubs Officer

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Some of you will have noticed a rash of estate agent and auction house boards appearing across **Furness** attached to a number of our pubs and hotels. In some cases, you may only have heard rumours of an impending sale or of a tenant leaving. And in a couple of

check that Old Dave is OK because you hadn't seen him for a few days - highlight how it's a community. And there's a way to get your retaliation in first!

Did you know that pubs, along with other places like village halls, community centres and so forth, can be made **Assets of Community Value**? If a pub is already an **ACV** then that adds weight to any objection to Change of Use as there is already evidence that the community wants the pub to remain a pub. So how do you go about getting your local classified as an **ACV**?

A useful place to start is **CAMRA's** website (you don't have to be a member to see this) - <https://pubs.camra.org.uk/acv>



cases, doors have just suddenly closed without warning.

There can be all sorts of reasons why this happens, and in many cases a sale or tenancy change doesn't mean the permanent loss of your favourite pub. However, it can mean that a pub does close and gets converted to other purposes even when the customers don't want to see it disappear.

So, what can **YOU** do to save your local? Well, for a start, the law is on your side. These days, pubs cannot be demolished or converted into something else (housing, supermarkets and even restaurants) without planning permission. Obviously, if somebody applies for planning permission, you can write to the Planning Authority to object. You need to give good reasons. "But I like their beer" won't be enough! Explain about how it's a place to meet friends, perhaps play darts,



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<https://pubs.camra.org.uk/planning-help-and-guidance> page as well.

Furness branch straddles three local authorities (**Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council, South Lakeland District Council and Copeland Borough Council**) and part of it is within the Lake District National Park. These are all Planning Authorities and if you do want your pub to be covered by an **ACV** you need to apply to the correct one. It is the statutory duty of the district / borough councils to maintain a list of assets of community value, but the National Park website gives details of planning applications which may affect the viability of a pub even if they do not maintain a separate list.

Not all Authorities have helpful information available on their websites but you can get details of how to

contact them. If you live in an area which has a town or parish council speak to them as they should be able to help.

Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council:  
<https://barrowbc.gov.uk>

Copeland Borough Council:  
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South Lakeland District Council:  
<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/your-community/community-rights/community-right-to-bid/make-a-community-right-to-bid-nomination/>

Lake District National Park:  
<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/>

If you and your fellow campaigners believe the only way to save your pub is to club together and buy it to be run as a community pub, there are various groups who can help.

The **Plunkett Foundation** (<https://plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub/>) is a useful resource, as are **Protect Pubs** (<http://protectpubs.org.uk/>) and the **My Community group** (<https://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/land-and-building-assets/assets-of-community-value-right-to-bid/>).

Pubs nationally are closing faster than new ones open. More than 25% have closed since 2001 - currently that's 18 each week. There are all sorts of reasons but too often it's one of the pubcos just trying to reduce its enormous debt regardless of what their customers want. I'll write about those reasons another day but for the moment let's try to save our pubs!

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## CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2018

### Presentation at the Wonston

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**CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2018** is the **Wonston Arms** in Hampshire.



**Furness CAMRA** was represented at the presentation by your Editor and Pubs Officer. Now why would we do that since it was a 600 mile round-trip?

Well, as you probably know by now, **Matt Todd**, the Landlord, grew up in Barrow, the son of **Dr. Todd** who worked as a GP in the town until around 12 years ago. Some of our older members in the area may remember him.

Matt went to **Park View** school and ran the **Barrow Athletic Club**. One of his local haunts was the **Concle Inn at Rampside**, which was in the **1977 Good Beer Guide** (I know this because Matt still has a copy of it!)

He used the **Yewdale** in **Coniston** while he was doing his Duke of Edinburgh award so I took him down a bottle of **Coniston No. 9** to remind him of his time in Coniston!

He moved away in 1989 to do a Business Studies Degree in Bradford and moved down to Hampshire in 2006. After working for a number of major companies, he set his sights on the **Wonston Arms**, which closed in 2015 and was, at the time, his local.

He kept the pub open in the evenings during the renovation work and no doubt that is why the locals are still flocking to the pub now. The **Wonston** has won local **CAMRA** awards leading to it finally getting **National Pub of the Year 2018** - pretty good going in only **four years!**

There was great media coverage by most of the major broadcasters and papers (including the Mail here in Furness) for the award presentation by Ben Wilkinson **CAMRA** National Director and it just goes to show that winning this award is still regarded as a really important achievement.



## CAMRA's Key Campaigns

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## Presentations and Awards

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### Furness CAMRA Pub of the Year 2019



The **Furness CAMRA Pub of the Year** this time is **The Manor in Broughton**. Not the first time that this great pub has won the award and that is a tribute to the **Vartys**, who have run it for over 30 years.

As you may know, Scott is not well at the moment so we haven't been able to present the award in time for this issue but we were at Scott's birthday bash in February so here is a photo of Scott celebrating!



### Furness CAMRA - Pub of the Season for Winter 2018/9 is The Old Friends in Ulverston.

Exciting news for this popular venue is that their own brewery is, as we publish, about to launch its own beers brewed in their new brewery on site. Graham has been selling his own range of beers for a while now but they were, up to now, contract brewed to his specifications.

Nothing like having a brewery on site so we wish him success in his new venture and can only expect the pub to continue being a favourite amongst the regulars and visitors alike.



Since May is **Cider Month** for **CAMRA** (and all you cider drinkers out there!), we have yet another award - **Furness CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2019**. This time it goes to the **Wellington in Loppergarth**. I bet quite a few of you thought that Darran just sold his own beers in the pub but if you take the time to glance up above the bar you will see a list of all the ciders and perries that he has available.

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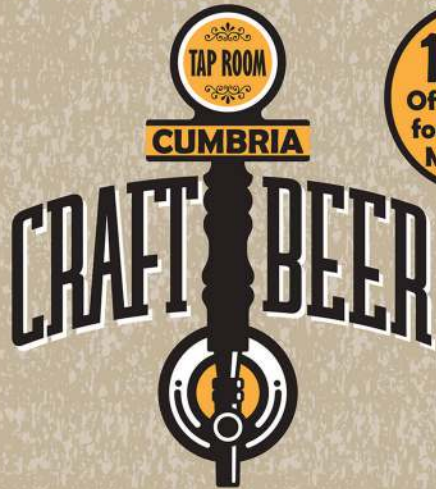
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## On the Road Again

by Terry Ridal - Branch Member

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If evidence of Roman occupation entitles somewhere to be termed "ancient" then **Colne** is "ancient". The Romans knew the place as "**Colunia**" but the name went through several spellings "**Calna**" - "**Kaun**" and - "**Caune**" with "**Colne**" being favourite since 1311.

Located in the hilly **Pendle** area alongside the Colne Water stream which fed and powered many woollen and later cotton mills the little town sits happy and smiling like an old friend.

Our trip destination was the **Muni Theatre** where the local **CAMRA** group set up a magnificent beer festival. We arrived with trepidation on day 3 of the festival wondering how many beers were going to be left for us but we need not have worried as there were 100 + beers, ciders, perrys, and specialist bottled beers of every description still on offer. The group had tipped the hat to key keg as well with at least 8 examples to try. The one I tried was in superb condition and not too cold.



Apart from the names of some of the beers (for example - **Knocker Up** which was a delicious well balanced bitter and **Pendle Night** which was a black porter full of character) you knew you couldn't be anywhere else but in the heart of Lancashire when the clog dancers sparked up on the stage dancing to

concertina accompaniment: followed later by a good singer guitarist.

All things considered the event seemed to be having a really good response and had an extremely friendly atmosphere staffed by people who obviously knew their product. However a few chairs and tables would have been appreciated in the main hall although there was ample theatre seating upstairs on the balcony where you got a good view of the festival.

After sampling a few of the excellent beers on offer some of us decamped 150yards or so to a previous trip destination **Boyce's Barrel** where the proprietor, **Smiler, aka Andrew**, was the second to greet us. The first being Sam a golden Labrador retriever who definitely remembered us from our last visit, or perhaps he recognised the packet of doggie treats that Jackie had with her! The selection of beers and cider again did not disappoint and all 5 real ales on offer could not be faulted. As more of our group drifted in it was obvious that Smiler had got the ambience just right. His micro pub has been very successful since opening, so



much so that Smiler has opened another micro pub in **Padiham**. Perhaps put in the diary for a future visit?

One or two people visited the other 2 micro pubs in close proximity. **The Cask and Keg** (which had 2 beers and 1 keg) and the **Tapsters Promise** (which had 3 beers).



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All too soon we had to board the bus again. We were filled to contentment for the homeward journey which we broke at the **Crown at High Newton**. This is a particular favourite pub of mine which has all the genuine feel of an ancient hostelry that cannot be synthesised. 3 beers on hand pump were in excellent

condition and the land lord and lady were charming and helpful and gave us a warm greeting.

Alas after a fairly short hour or so it was back on the bus for home. Our thanks must go to Dave Wilson for organising another superb **CAMRA** trip. Can't wait for the next one.

**May is Mild Month!** Not the weather (although we can always hope!). No - we are talking about the beer. **Milds** are typically black to pale amber with flavours running from roasted malt to light and refreshing but not really hoppy and citrus. Usually Milds are lower in alcohol than most ales. Mind you, as beer tastes change you never know what you will find out there!

If **Mild Month** is not enough to tempt you out into the pub this **May**, it is also **Cider Month** so those of you who are not into real ale (why not, I ask?) then you should seek out pubs in the area that sell proper cider, that is not the commercial bottled and flavoured stuff but genuine Cider (made from apples) or Perry (made from pears). Naturally, you will find some ciders fruit-flavoured but if you must try these, make sure it is real cider with real fruit infused!

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## Equality, Women In Beer & #IWCBD19

By Kelly Barbenson. Brewer & Bottle Shop Owner

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The 8th of March saw this year's annual international women's collaboration brew day (**IWCBD**). A couple of weeks before, our friends at Fell Brewery asked if we would like to do a collaboration brew to mark IWCBD with one of their brewers, Imogen. We had never done anything for IWCBD before so we thought it would be a great opportunity to mark the day. It was also a great opportunity to work on a much larger brew house than our own 'tiny' 2BBL kit. We agreed that a brewing a dark beer would be the order of the day, Blackcurrant & Cardamom Stout was the result. It just had to be a fruit stout, didn't it! We hope you enjoy it!

Women in beer is not exactly a new thing, pre-industrialisation most brewers, brewsters or alewives were women. Brewing beer was part of the daily chores women had to do. Through the 20th Century there were very few



women in brewing, as it became a male dominated occupation! As we hit the 21st Century we have seen a rise of women in beer and dated misconceptions that women know nothing about beer are on the out. Although that these views are changing, rather sadly there are still some men that don't take women in beer seriously. We now have



female led bottle shops, breweries, bars etc and some of the most influential people in the brewing industry are in fact, women. Some men are astonished that women could have a wide knowledge of beer styles, let alone brew amazing beer! Some men will not listen or take you seriously or ask your male

colleague for their help instead. It seems that women will continue to experience this. It is now the minority & not the majority, but this has to stop! The same people seem to hold other common misconceptions - The world is flat! This beer is hazy, its off! And cans are inferior to bottles. It's time to move on and embrace the modern world!

The craft beer industry is such an amazing & brilliant industry to work in, there is little or no gender discrimination that I have noticed while at brewing events or when meeting other brewers. It's like we are all one great big family, most of us hold the same values...**EVERYONE** can drink beer & **EVERYONE** can love beer. It doesn't matter if you are gay, white, black, male, female, gender neutral - Newsflash **BEER** doesn't have a gender & **CAN** be enjoyed by anyone, in all formats. Whether that be a cracking pint of real ale, a can/bottle of hazy IPA or a schooner of a keg beer.

**#IWCBD** is a step towards generating equality in beer! It's time the minority started thinking about the world they live in. It's the 21st Century! Move on!





The following pubs are listed in WhatPub as serving local ale on a regular basis This list was compiled in September 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.

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

**CAMRA Local** 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 **Local** scheme which have accredited hundreds of pubs as **Local** 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 **Local** pubs serve beers which are brewed very close to home - especially from our own 15 branch breweries!

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<b>Bardsea</b>	Ship
<b>Barngates</b>	Drunken Duck
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	Yewdale
<b>Dalton</b>	Brown Cow
	Chequers
	Red Lion
<b>Far Sawrey</b>	Cuckoo Brow
<b>Foxfield</b>	Prince of Wales
<b>Greenodd</b>	The Ship
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	Red Lion
	The Sun

<b>High Newton</b>	The Crown
<b>Holmes Green</b>	Black Dog
<b>Kirkby</b>	Burlington
<b>Kirksanton</b>	King William
<b>Lindal</b>	The Railway
<b>Loppergarth</b>	Wellington
<b>Lowick Bridge</b>	Red Lion
<b>Millom</b>	Devonshire
	Bear in the Square
<b>Near Sawrey</b>	TowerBank Arms
<b>Newby Bridge</b>	Lakeside
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<b>Penny Bridge</b>	Britannia
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<b>Rusland</b>	Rusland Pool
<b>Satterthwaite</b>	Eagles Head
<b>Seathwaite</b>	Newfield Inn
<b>Silecroft</b>	Miners Arms
<b>Stainton</b>	Stagger Inn
<b>Strawberry Bank</b>	Masons
<b>The Green</b>	Punchbowl
<b>Torver</b>	Church House
	Wilson Arms
<b>Ulverston</b>	Devonshire
	Farmers Arms
	King's Head
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	Old Farmhouse
	Old Friends
	Stan Laurel
	The Sun
	The Swan
<b>Walney</b>	Queen's, Biggar
	King Alfred

## Mine's a Murky Waters please

by Jack Summers-Glass - Branch Mamber



Before I start, I would like to make it clear that this is my opinion, as a long-time CAMRA member but chiefly as a member of the general public.

If you look at Page 10 in this issue, you will see what CAMRA's campaigns are. One of those is to "Encourage People to try a Range of Real Ales, Ciders and Perries". I won't go into the definitions of these terms as I am sure you won't be that concerned and anyway, definitions change over time so all I will say is that I am more concerned about preserving the old while encouraging the new. This does not include the international 'big boys' as they can look after themselves - I am interested in being able to drink the best quality and best tasting beers out there and not because some celebrity has endorsed it or a multi-million dollar advertising campaign completely ignores what the product tastes like.

As a teenager, growing up in rural Wales, I had no idea what 'real' ale was so like everyone else I drank what was available, which wasn't much and anyway, since this was the start of the 'fizzy lager' era it was Guinness or Worthington (in keg) - anyone remember 'Lager and Blackcurrant' and 'Lemon Top?' - nightmare!!!

Once I had abandoned rural living and moved to a city, I discovered 'proper' beer and was intrigued by the variety of tastes available. Well, maybe two or three different tastes, this was the 60's. When CAMRA came on the scene, suddenly(?) we had variety and I learnt to appreciate new styles and was able to completely move away from kegged beer. For a couple of decades, things ticked over with new breweries appearing then disappearing as they got bought up (Greene King - you're

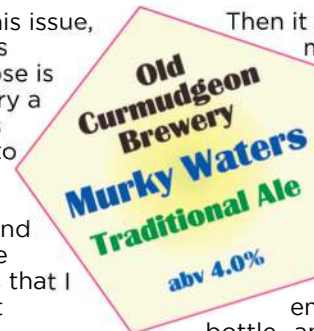
guilty). Golden and well-hopped beers appeared as American brewing styles influenced our brewers and new hop varieties appeared.

Then it was a new century and small microbreweries appeared and beers started to move into new territory with very heavily hopped beers and fruit style beers, coffee porters, milk stouts (remember Ena Sharples? Yes I am that old). This became a beer revival, younger drinkers started to embrace these new styles and bottle- and can-shops appeared and now there are micropubs and bottle shops all over the place.

Great - we've gone all modern and some beer drinkers don't feel comfortable with this and bemoan the loss of their favourites. Now this is where I see the problem. I enjoy a wide selection of styles, depending on what I feel like at the time. I don't have a problem with beer drinkers who do not like these new styles and would like to go back to 'the old days'. However, as long as we have the variety, everyone should be able to find something that they like and can choose to ignore the styles that they don't.

This is how I see CAMRA in future, embracing change and championing quality beer. I don't see them as a police force trying to push everyone into drinking a beer that conforms to a very tight set of rules - I really don't think most drinkers care, or know, about yeast content in real ale, amongst other things. They just want great beer and frankly, I believe that is what CAMRA wants too.

As I say, this is just me talking - I could get ostracised (ooh! painful). Time for a pint, then.





# A Road to Nowhere In Particular

by G.A Purcell - Branch President

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## “Introduction”

Readers may recall that in our winter issue I put forward the idea of cobbling together a variety of pub-related anecdotes and yarns from my somewhat chequered past.

While in the process of gathering the many threads together and trying to make some kind of sense and order out of them I discovered that a considerable time ago I must have anticipated creating such a collection. Amongst my many jottings, scattered hither and thither about my residence, I uncovered a scribbled sheet of notes relating to one such pub anecdote that I had headed up as “Incident # 29”.

I confess right away to re-setting it in the 21st century because the original comes across as very dated. Also, perhaps a word or two of explanation regarding the title of this assortment of pub-related chat prior to us setting out on the journey, is called for.

“Live from nowhere in particular” is the title of a double album by the brilliant American rock guitarist, Joe Bonamassa, and recorded at various unnamed venues.

“A Road to Nowhere” is the title of a fascinating and compelling story I once read that was penned by a Bulgarian author whose name I can no longer recall. Written about the time when the old Communist regime was coming unglued, it is actually a compilation of mini-stories collected while travelling along a road in which the ultimate destination is unimportant. What very definitely is important and around which the book revolves are the characters and incidents which unfold in the stopping off places along the way. Experiencing the journey is the point of the book, and the ultimate destination is neither here nor there. A lot like life I suppose.

## Number One “Incident 29”

Showers are something that we inhabitants of the British Isles simply take for granted. They happen and we just incorporate them into our daily experience. They most certainly are not confined to April, and never were, even in those difficult to define ‘good old days’ when we had (again quote / unquote) reliable seasons.

It isn’t April, but it is certainly throwing a shower, as one by one and in dribs and drabs the regulars turn up. There’s the usual suspects, like Harry, the weather, who somehow always manages to swing any developing conversation into a climate-related debate, no matter how the others contrive to stop this happening. He’s an expert at it and doggedly persistent.

Then there’s ‘Malady Malc’, who is either ‘coming down with something’, already

has it, or knows someone who has. His local G.P. must love him. Oh, and I mustn’t forget ‘Repeater’. Peter invariably echoes your last sentence back to you in a booming Brian Blessed voice that can’t help but be heard by everyone within earshot.

I’m already installed at the bar, my pint of Bowness Bay’s ‘Swan Blonde’ as yet untouched and awaiting its first tasting. Ah, the delicious sense of anticipation. A very wet-looking Malc comes in and quickly strides up to the bar, where he shakes himself like a wet dog, with the same shower effect on those nearby. We ease away. Much muttered grumbling ripples briefly outwards amongst the bystanders. Oblivious to all of this, Malc goes straight into moaning mode and huffs, ‘This won’t do my



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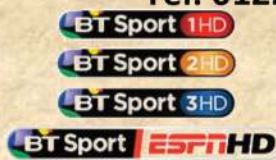
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rheumatism any good, that I do know," and pairs of eyes look briefly at the ceiling. "Nor anybody else's I shouldn't think," someone decides to say. Knowing smirks can be seen around about.

The barman leans over the counter and says to the assembled group, "Someone once told me that celery is good for rheumatism, and d'you know what?" he pauses for effect before going on to say, "So I started eating it and sure enough I ended up with rheumatism," and winking at me as he moves off with a grin on his features.

Malc frowns and calls after him, saying, "You won't take that flippant attitude when you're getting on a bit, young fellow, I can tell you."

There follows a brief lull as glasses are charged, and then, when a motley assortment of ale, Guinness, Cider and a solitary single malt are served a voice springs to life.

"Did you know that your average fluffy white cloud can weigh up to ninety thousand tons?" one of the other regulars decides to tell us.

"Ninety thousand tons," bellows Pete, on repeat, adding, "That's like an ocean liner cruising over your head."

"Aye and a fair few of those tons seem to have found their way down my neck," moans 'Harry Weather', easing damp clothing way away from his back.

Next, a smallish, ultra-thin fellow pushes through the door, shaking drops from off him and crosses, with a distinct limp, to the far end of the bar.

"Gerry's walking doesn't seem to be getting any better, and it must be six months since he had that fall," Harry says, in something intended as a stage whisper.

"Aye and he always has had a limp, what with him having one leg shorter than the other," Malc mutters in similar tones.

The barman leans in to the group as he passes and says, "I thought he had one leg longer than the other, but hey, there you go," giving me a knowing grin. Repeater Pete, always a little slow on the uptake, begins to say, "No it's definitely..."

as the rest of the group begin smiling at him and he catches on.

A little further on, and the growing assemblage has, once again without realising it, become embroiled in a general debate about global warming and its influence on the local weather, and Harry is in his element. The discussion is in full flow with him at the helm when the door opens and in sweeps Jeanie, the afternoon bar lady, in a swirl of rain-soaked Mac, and brandishing a huge, psychedelic-patterned umbrella. With a nod that takes in the assembled patrons she disappears behind the bar and into the private back room, muttering darkly about the folly of putting washing out on a day such as this one is turning out to be.

"She's got a twin sister has Jeanie, did you know that?" Malc decides to tell us. "Aye, she always has had," Dean, the barman smiles at me and chips in to say. "A twin sister!" bellows Peter, and adds, "I've never seen her with one."

"No you won't have, Peter," as he goes on to say, "because she lives in Alabama."

"Alabama!" Peter shouts out, adding, "What, in America?"

"That's the only one I know of, Peter."

"Sweet home Alabama... I've got that on a 'Lynyrd Skynyrd' album," Gerry, the limping one, announces from further along the bar, suggesting that he has been well aware of the earlier speculation regarding his limb asymmetry.

"How did she end up there?" Peter shouts out, to no-one in particular.

"She didn't end up there," Jeanie answers as she emerges from the back room, "She married an American who came over here to work in the shipyard as some sort of advisor when they were building the Trident missile-launching subs."

"And went back there to live with him?" Peter asked.

"That was the general idea, what with them being married and all, Peter," Jeanie replies, in a tone that suggests she is talking to a slow-on-the-uptake child.



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"And no doubt the weather's a good deal better than it is here," Harry nips in to say.

"Barring the odd hurricane and a tornado or two, yes, it is, generally speaking," Jeanie then informs him. "That's quite a striking, rather noticeable umbrella you came in with, Jeannie," Harry Weather decides to break up the following silence by saying.

"Oh, that...it's my mother's," Jeannie chuckles, and goes on to say, "She was quite the hippy flower child in her younger days, so I'm told."

"Oh, she was indeed," Harry quickly nips in to say, adding, "I remember Julie gallivanting around town with her mates in the early 70s, mini-skirt up to here..."

"Up to where?" Malady Malc cuts in, looking down at Harry's hands. Just as quickly, Jeannie interrupts the flow, saying, "D'you two mind...that's my mother you're going on about." Harry starts to protest by replying, "I was just saying," but Jeannie hasn't quite finished with him. "Well, don't be 'just saying'"

"I believe it's your birthday today, Malcolm old son," Harry changes the subject deliberately and says.

"Yep, 29 on the 29th, that's me."

"Twenty nine," bellows Pete, and goes on to say, "Add on another ten and I'll buy it."

Meanwhile, further along the bar, someone is asking barman, Dean, "What's in today's sandwiches young feller?" Dean is only a few years his junior by the way.

"There's cheese and onion, cheese and pickle, strong cheddar on white only, oh, and cheese and cress."

"Cheese and cress?" a bellowing Peter queries, adding, "That doesn't sound right."

"No, sorry, Pete, I should have said egg and cress."

"What is it in here today, national cheese week or something?" comes the voice of another regular, and one well known for protesting.

"Not my doing, Len, take it up with the management," Dean holds up his hands and says, as Malady Malc pipes up from

further along to say, "Nothing with cheese in it would be good for me, what with me being lactose intolerant, the same as my wife." Alongside of him Harry queries, "What...intolerant?" Malc shakes his head in frustration and says, "Nah," and is about to explain when Jeanie quickly nips in to comment, "I reckon your Ann must be very tolerant indeed to put up with you."

Right at the far end of the bar, limping Gerry asks of those nearby, "Here, who sings this tune?" Up until then the sound system's output has been largely ignored by the early afternoon crowd. "Zara somebody...Swedish lass," one of the more elderly patrons says, and almost immediately an even more unlikely older customer replies, "Larsen, that's her full name. I know because my granddaughter is forever streaming her and Ellie Goulding."

From the middle of the bar, the equally unlikely response of Malady Malc informs the group, "Ellie Goulding... oh I like listening to her and that Freya Ridings... such a sad, plaintive voice she has, and it bucks me up no end, I can tell you."

"Hmm...and why does that not surprise me, Malcolm?" Harry huffs and says. The rest of us in the room clearly understand that there's no need to respond.

"Hey look outside...I think the rain's started stopping," Peter announces, to smiles and shaking heads, as Dean, hauling on his coat, heads for the door. "Very late lunch, Dean," someone calls after him, and Dean shouts back over his shoulder, "More like a very early dinner," as he heads through the door.

"Better get a shift on then, son, because any dry spell today is not likely to last," Harry calls after the vanishing barman. "Good old weatherman, Harry...you tell it like it is," someone says, and Malady Malc adds, "All part of the ninety thousand tons that fluffy white cloud is in the business of shedding on us today."

Cheers, G.A. Purcell





## Current, new and re-emerging craft beer styles (Part 2)

by Alastair Kirk - Branch Member and Brewer

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Style	Finings	Typical Colour	Appearance	Description	Typical Strength
Saison	no	Straw	Hazy pale	Originally a Belgian brew for seasonal farmworkers hence "Saison" it has a distinct flavour sometimes described as sour resulting from mainly the yeast strains - Brettanomyces. Fruity, Spicy low alcohol and highly carbonated. Traditionally bottle conditioned and around 3%. Craft beer versions tend to be stronger.	3 to 8%
Farmhouse	no	Varies	Varies	Farmhouse beer tends to utilise similar yeast strains to Saison biere de garde or geuze. It has a funky earthy / hay flavour. There are Farmhouse pales, sours, IPAs, ambers or browns.	4 to 8%
IPL	no	Pale gold	Hazy to clear	India Pale Lager (IPL) is made as an IPA but using lager / pilsner malts, lager yeasts etc but heavily hopped like an IPA. Traditional and new world hops are used. Crisp finish moderately carbonated.	4% to 10%
Nitro	no	Dark Brown	Hazy to bright	Nitro styles are generally strong stouts that are conditioned with the addition of nitrogen in the conditioning process before canning or bottling is completed. This leads to a smoother beer with more mouthfeel.	5 to 9%
Gose	no	Pale	Hazy to clear	A top fermented german ale style originating in Goslar Germany. A large proportion of malted wheat is used. The water in Goslar was slightly salty so this is exhibited in the style. Often Lemony and slightly sour similar to a witbier or weissbier. Some use coriander adjuncts.	4 to 5.5%
Baltic porter	no	Mahogany to Dark Brown	Hazy to clear	Baltic beers were brewed strong as the alcohol content helped to prevent the beer freezing in casks on long cold sea journeys and it warmed the imbiber. Maybe due to the temperatures the Baltic porter is / was brewed with lager style yeasts. Some think it started as a Marzen style but was adapted to mimic a British Porter.	5 to 9%
West coast IPA	no	Pale brown to Pale Golden	Hazy	Hop-centric without the balancing malt bill of other American styles often using Yakima grown hops it is usually piney grapefruit lemon and spice flavours that don't hold back.	5.5% to 8%

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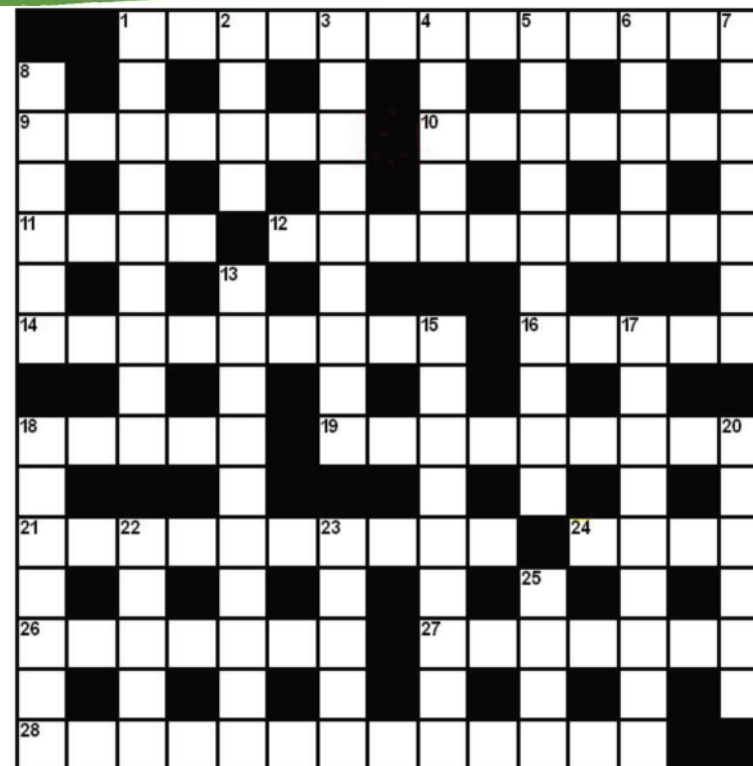
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## Crossword No. 28

By PeeGee - Furness Branch Member

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Across

- 1 1001, 450 and feeling or showing resentment because of bad experience with old drink (4,3,6)
- 9 Anthology for many passengers? (7)
- 10 Futile? Don't apply so much (7)
- 11 Ancient boat builder found back in Omaha on dry land (4)
- 12 Mince a yeti steak and cool it (4,2,4)
- 14 "Puss by itself, yeah", they say in northern Spain (9)
- 16 10% of your earnings? Initially, take it to His Excellency (5)
- 18 Admitted, possessed (5)
- 19 There and back, about to stumble (5,4)
- 21 Granted, ice may form on this scale (10)
- 24 Regrettin' reunion. Evens out (4)
- 26 Person from US state (oh, dear!) can be heard (7)
- 27 Negative number 51 iron. That's death (7)
- 28 Odd duck follows doctor - bomb enthusiast (2,11)

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# Pub and Brewery Craic and Furness CAMRA Branch Diary

## Branch Diary

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Branch Meeting	Church House, Torver
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:15pm	Beer Festival Meeting	Stan Laurel, Ulverston
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Trip to Strands Beer Festival	Nether Wasdale
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	King Alfred, Walney
May 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Beer Festival	Prince of Wales, Foxfield
June 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Beer Festival	Boot
June 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Beer Festival	Keswick
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	The Crown, High Newton
June 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Summer Beer Thing (Craft Beer Festival)	Manchester
<b>and later in the year</b>			
July 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Summer Beer Festival	Hawkshead Brewery
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	All Day (times to be confirmed)	Ulverston Beer Festival	Coronation Hall, Ulverston
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Broughton Festival of Beer	Broughton and area
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Time to be confirmed	Trip to Woody's Beer Festival	Silverdale
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> -Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	Beer Festival	Carlisle

Every effort is made to make sure the above information is correct but please check closer to the date for the latest information

## Brewery Craic

The Old Friends now has a brewery on site - as we go to press Graham is brewing his first commercial batch. To begin with, his house beers (New Acquaintance, Best Friends and an as yet unnamed porter) will be available only in the pub.

Barnegates Brewery won Bronze awards in two categories at the SIBA National Independent Beer Awards 2019 held on 13 March 2019 at BeerX in Liverpool. These were for their Pale (3.3%) in the Keg Session IPA (up to 4.3%) category and for their Vienna (5.2%) in the Keg Premium Lager and Pilsner category. They had previously won Gold in the North West Region Keg Awards for both these and also for their Weiss in the Keg Speciality Light category.

Imogen from Fell Brewery and Kelly from Tarn Hows Brewery brewed a collaboration beer to mark International Women's Collaboration Brew Day 2019 - a 4.9% Blackcurrant and Cardamom Stout

## Pub Craic

There's a new landlady, Laura Powell, at the Punchbowl, The Green, Millom. Best wishes also to Nick who has decided to retire.

A number of landlords and landladies have also said they want to retire, so pub leases are available - the Yewdale in Coniston and the Red Lion in Lowick Green among them. There are a number of pubs (including The Ship at Greenodd which has its own brewery!) for sale as well.

The Red Lion Hawkshead has a new tenant.

If you know a pub has a new tenant or lessee, or is up for sale, let us know

# CAMRA Discounts in the Furness area

**How can I get a discount on my beer as a CAMRA member?**

The pubs listed below offer their own discount schemes and these are listed on this page. You can also check our website for the latest information:  
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## Pubs in the Furness area that currently offer discounts to CAMRA members on production of their membership card:

<b>Cartmel</b>	The Kings Arms The Royal Oak Unworth's Yard Brewery
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<b>Grange</b>	The Commodore
<b>Near Sawrey</b>	The Tower Bank Arms
<b>Ulverston</b>	Beerwolf (cask ales only) The Sun Hotel

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

If you are a **pub** and offer discounts but are not listed then let us have the details and we will publish in the next issue and also record on our **WhatPub** database. Just let us know what the **discount** on a pint of real ale is (as a **percentage** or in **pence**) and when this discount is available (if not at all times).

## Discount etiquette

Make sure you present your **CAMRA** membership card. If the pub isn't listed here, you can ask, **politely** please, if they offer a discount. **CAMRA** does have a Real Ale Discount Scheme\* but it is the **pub's** **decision** to get involved; it is **not** a **compulsory** discount scheme - the pubs themselves offer the discount at their own discretion.



## Other discount schemes:

The Porterage Co. in Greenodd and Bowness offer 10% off 6+ bottles

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

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:  
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\* See [www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme](http://www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme) for more details





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**Winter:** 21st December 2019      **Spring:** 21st March 2020

The magazine will be available approximately two weeks after the deadline.

### Travelling to and from Furness

**No. 6** bus runs between Barrow and Ulverston every 20mins during the day, less frequently in the evenings and Sundays

**No. X6** runs from Barrow to Kendal via Ulverston, Greenodd and Grange-over Sands, every hour

Live bus times are available using the **Stagecoach** app on your phone.

**Rail travel** is along the Furness line from Lancaster to Barrow and Barrow to Carlisle along the coastal route. However, since the area is rural, most locations are generally accessible via car or taxi as public transport coverage other than on the main routes is poor. Check <https://www.journeycheck.com/northern> for latest timetable

## Answers to Crossword No. 28

### Across

- 1 **MI** (1001) + **LD** (450) and bitter  
 9 **Omnibus**  
 10 **Use + less**  
 11 **Noah** - Hidden word (*found*) reversed (*back*) in **Omaha on ...**  
 12 **Take it easy** - Anag (*Mince*) of a yeti *steak*  
 14 **Catalonia** - Homophone (*they say*) of *Puss by itself, yeah*  
 16 **Tithe** - First letters (*Initially*) of *take it to His Excellency*  
 17 **Owned**  
 19 **Round** (*about*) + **trip** (*stumble*)  
 21 **Centigrade** - Anag (*may form*) of *Granted ice*  
 24 **Ruin** - Remove (*out*) even letters of *reunion*  
 26 **Alas** (*oh dear*) + **kan** - Homophone (*heard*) of *can*  
 27 **No** (*negative*) + **n** (*number*) + **LI** (51) + **fe** (*iron*)  
 28 **Dr + Strange** (*odd*) + **love** (0 = *duck*)

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