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A word from the Editor

I don't know what the weather will be like when you are reading **InnQuirer** but as I was writing this, it wasn't much like summer - rain, wind and cool temperatures. Hopefully it will have improved but at least you have your local to frequent - remember it is still 'Summer of Pub' and when that has finished, you are into beer festival time. Once again we are in the Coronation Hall in Ulverston in September for our beer festival. This year we are working to make it even better than the last one so whatever the weather, you are sure of a good time.

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Chairman's Report



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Dave Stubbins - Furness Branch Chairman

The big news for **CAMRA** members (and those who I hope will join on reading this) is that **CAMRA** have relaunched their offer to members, in particular in relation to discounts available on real ales. For several years, **Wetherspoons** have offered 40 vouchers offering 50 pence off a pint of real ale. The new offer is 60 vouchers of 50 pence each accepted not just by **Wetherspoons** but also by other pub chains, of which none are in our area (yet). If you are travelling please visit the **CAMRA** web site for further details.

The Government have introduced a bill called the Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) Bill intended to determine how business premises will be rated.
Tom Stainer, CAMRA's Chief Executive, said:

"While it's great that the Government have seen the need to take some action, unfortunately for pubs, this is a drop in the ocean compared to the bigger task at hand - completely reforming business rates which are currently a punitive tax on successful licensees who grow their business.

"This summer, we are trying to make a real difference to publican's bottom lines by launching **CAMRA's Summer of Pub** - a feel good campaign designed to get as many people as possible down their locals celebrating all the great things that pubs do in their communities. It would be fantastic to see **Local Government Minister Rishi Sunak MP** doing the same."

On a local level, our focus this month is on the brewing scene. Graham Wilson at the **Old Friends** in **Ulverston** has produced his first brew from his plant at the rear of the **Old Friends**. It's a porter, appropriately called **Old Friends** and we hope he matches the quality again- it was excellent! **Graham** has promised us a range of beers to tempt our palates and we wish him well.

In these pages you'll find an interview I carried out with **Matt Clarke, Head Brewer** at **Hawkshead Brewery**, on his experience with the new brewery in **Flookburgh** since the start of operations there. I was delighted to hear that the existing brewery at **Staveley** will continue to produce small batch beers and that the excellent tours and beer festivals will continue.

Much smaller but new on the scene are **Logan Beck** brewery, based on a farm near **Duddon Bridge**. They are already planning to increase their ½ barrel production capacity. On an even smaller scale, I had the opportunity to meet **Paul Bibby** who brews beers for **Roa Island Boat Club**. He brews 50 litres once a week for the **Boat Club** (which is licensed as a pub and open to the public). Paul brews two beers to his own taste and took great delight in explaining the derivation of his beers, **Sparky the Magic Fairy** and **Well Ard**.

Our **Pub of The Season** is the **Manor House at Oxen Park**. This pub was run for several years as a **Robinsons** pub by Lorraine and Terry McCready and had in particular a reputation for Terry's excellent curries. Following their retirement and the closure of the pub, it was declared an Asset of Community Value and as a result remained a pub, being bought by Lorraine and Terry's daughter, **Leighann**. The pub has since undergone a superb renovation (the rooms are continuing to be restored) involving full facilities for disabled persons. See more on page 36.

We now look forward to hosting **Ulverston Beer and Cider Festival** which will take place a week later than usual this year from **Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th September**. We look forward to seeing you then.

Dave Stubbins

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We're still here! The Red Lion Lowick Bridge



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Interviewed by The Editor

In the last issue, Pub Craic reported that the **Red Lion, Lowick Bridge**, was for sale. **WRONG!** Our source has been banished to the naughty corner – they meant the Farmers at Lowick Green. In view of this, I thought that I would pop down to The Red Lion and have a chat to find out the secret of their success.



single being built from the adjacent barn (probably ready later summer). Before Steve and Lucy took over, the rooms were unused but now are very popular.

I asked Steve what was the secret to making the pub viable, given that it is based in the countryside, albeit on the road to Coniston.

“Keeping the costs down, that’s how we make it work.

Steve and Lucy took over the pub nine years ago when it was a Robinson’s house but then bought the pub five years ago from Robinsons and that turned the pub around, being able to source beers on the open market and choose what to put on the hand pumps. Currently they have three pumps with changing beers but **Bank Top Flat Cap** is pretty near a permanent as it is so popular with the customers. As Steve says “I’m from Bolton and I had never heard of it before! **Corby Blonde** is another regular. We try to put on what the locals want and try to alternate in the summer”.

“When we bought the pub, buying the beer from Robinsons as a customer was so much cheaper than when we were a tenant. We were amazed and it made a huge difference in costs.”

The pub currently has three letting rooms (en-suite) plus one new large

We do food, as well as the accommodation and the bar but we do it all ourselves. It just isn’t viable to employ staff. We open seven days a week but we don’t open during the week at lunchtimes, which is our time off but even then, there are things we have to do.”

They do enjoy running the pub, which shows in the friendly atmosphere there. As Lucy says “A lot of people see you pulling a pint behind the bar and think ‘that’s it – I’d like to do that’ but they don’t see all the other work that happens to make the pub function”.

When they originally came to the pub, Robinsons had planned to close it. Steve’s secret to making it popular was not to take sides in any disputes and welcome all to the pub. “Friday nights here are fantastic. All the locals are in,

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Interviewed by The Editor

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they don't all come in during the week but almost everyone is here on Fridays".

Again "I actually came here by default. This pub came on the market and friends of mine asked me to call in and give them some advice. As soon as I walked through the door, I thought it seemed right. There was a big telly on the bar with a turtle shell on top of it and the carpet was shot but it felt good and the people were friendly. As it happened, they didn't like it but I thought I'd try for myself. I have never had to raise my voice in the pub since I have been here – that's how friendly it is".

"Everyone gets on here, we have a real eclectic mix from the very wealthy to the rest of us but they all get on; no airs and graces. Location is our one problem. We have hardly any car parking space and it is a bit remote for locals. The 'Keswick to Barrow Walk' comes past our door and quite a few end up having a pint here and then giving up!"

"One of the locals organises close-by camping so the pub gets a lot of visitors from there. They meet in the pub before being taken off to their campsite so then they know there is a pub here and return during their stay for a meal or a drink. The young farmers come in but these days the older farmers don't tend to drink out now."

"Part of the secret of success is keeping up standards. We get high ratings on Trip Advisor and that even helps with insurance premiums. We feel it is important to address issues if and when they arise rather than wait for bad reviews. We believe in standards and don't like to keep anyone waiting. Having the bar where it is helps. We have an open mike night (2nd Thursday of the month) and that has been successful."

The Red Lion is certainly one of Furness's pub gems. Now what we need is a good, regular bus service! Mind you, there is always the bicycle or even a taxi. Or you could walk if you fancy a marathon!

Thanks to Steve and Lucy for finding time to chat to us and long may they continue to run this excellent pub.



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Unsworth's Yard Brewery - a Members View



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by Joan and Michael Petty - Branch Members

Michael and I moved to **Furness**, from **Kendal**, just over 2 years ago. He was retiring, and being a lover of real ales, this was an area that suited us both! Our daughter lives in **Ulverston**, and he is an avid walker, and there was much to explore here!

My birthday gift to him (and myself) in 2017 was a joint membership of **CAMRA**. He has not only found new drinking places and new walks to enjoy but also made new friends. Indeed it could be said that he has become an active member, specially in the art of lifting more than a few good pints!

The Editor of this Branch magazine encourages **CAMRA** members to write about places that we have visited, and "our take" on these places, but most of all, what interests all members..... Or should I say, "What is the beer like"???

I am sure **Unsworth's Yard Brewery** in **Cartmel** has possibly been covered by some members already, but here is how we enjoyed it.

Michael had been to **Unsworth's Yard** on quite a few occasions already, and had waxed lyrical about their beers and was keen to get me interested in visiting there. Well here is a combined view from both of us.

A little about the Brewery first.

The yard has been in **Peter and David Unsworth's** family for many years, since 1922, originally as a haulage and garage business. Now the yard is a jewel that is in the crown of **Cartmel**. Recently they completed more work in the brewery but the refurbishments are now complete and they are fully open again. They are open every day for beer, wine, cocktails, cheeses, pies and bread. All are available to take away or enjoy in

the tap room, a beautiful cosy snug, or the lovely sunny courtyard that we found there on a fine spring day. Of course our main interest was the beer!!

With family member **Mark Grunnill**, the brewery operates an all-stainless steel plant which produces enough beer to supply casks, as permanent house beers, to a number of freehold Peninsula pubs.

Peter who is the brewer was happy to show us his Brewery. This opened on the 20th January 2012. Peter trained with **Colin Ashwell** at **The Three Peaks Brewery** in **Settle**. The very first beer he created was **Cartmel Peninsula** which is still popular. The beers named have often a Cartmel connection. The two beers we drank this afternoon whilst there, were **Last Wolf 4.5%**, a dark beer with very nice flavours, and a beer called **Eel River IPA 5.0%** named after the **River Eea** (a Norse word for Eel), apparently eels used to swim up this local river! A bitter and hoppy IPA. Refreshing and enjoyable.

Whilst CAMRA is an organisation for real ale drinkers, I would like to expand my personal view on **Unsworth's Yard**. This super place, beside serving real good beers at a craft Brewery, can also provide a nice trip out for all the family, young and old. They have a really nice sitting out area that has a hot stove for colder days or hopefully sunshine in summer, where occasionally they have live bands. You can also sit anywhere either in the welcoming snug where wines and spirits can be bought, or in the Tap room. There are some very nice pies, pizza, bread and cheese, if you wish to have something to eat with your excellent local brewed beer.

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Ulverston to Grange-over-Sands



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by Yvonne Braithwaite - Branch Member

We were lucky enough to have a spare Tuesday afternoon recently so decided to jump on the train from **Ulverston** to **Grange** then walk back to **Cark** stopping at a couple of pubs on the way.



First stop was a short stroll from the station to **The Commodore**. This pub is one of three currently run by Scott and Kirsty (the others being **The Sun in Ulverston** and

The Black Cock in Broughton). They have recently taken over **Stringers Brewery in Ulverston** so we were pleased to see they had **Stringers Plan B** on tap as well as **Stringers Turbine Porter** and four others to choose from. As we were just setting out we opted for **Plan B**, a lovely light beer of 3.7%, it was served at the perfect temperature by a cheerful and helpful bartender. It's quite 'citrusy' with just a touch of honey, perfect for a first pint! A **CAMRA** discount is offered here as well as a loyalty card which is also accepted in their other establishments. We drank this sat outside in the beer garden before setting off for our next stop, **The Pheasant at Allithwaite**.



We walked along Grange promenade which gives a lovely view across **Morecambe Bay**, the prom eventually runs out and then you can follow the public footpath which takes you to **Kents Bank Station**. If you wanted to you could hop back on the train here (it took us about half an hour to walk here, it's about 2 miles but we were striding out). We opted to go up the hill from the station and on to the pub, this took about ½ an hour as it's steep!!!

The Pheasant is about a mile from Kents Bank, the pub is nice and tidy with a heavy emphasis on food, in fact the first question we were asked was did we want to eat. It has a good clean outdoor seating area with planting. There were a couple of people at the bar enjoying a quiet drink, they had 4 hand pumps on we choose **Fell Brewery's Ghyll**, a golden ale again 3.7% so ideal for a warm sunny afternoon and walk. Ghyll is brewed with **Amarillo** hops giving it a crisp clean flavour. A well rounded pint.



Having sated our thirst we headed to **Unsworth Yard in Cartmel**. This time we walked along the lanes, it's around 2 miles again and took us 40 minutes, it was a beautiful warm afternoon and the scenery is idyllic, lots of gambolling lambs, bluebells and newly opened tree buds. With the Lake District mountains

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in the background it was a pleasant walk.



We arrived ready for our next beer.

Unsworth's brewery is in a courtyard, sharing the space with a **cheesemonger, wine shop and snug.** The

brewer was busy in the brew house, its great to see how your beer is made and know that it makes a journey of only a few yards (or metres if you're under 50) from the brewery to the glass. We had a pint of **Last Wolf** and a pint of **Thoroughbred**, two distinctly different beers, the Last Wolf is 4.5%, and has a malty flavour, full and deep with a fruity finish, delicious! The Thoroughbred paler by comparison and more citrusy with a wheaty tang, refreshing and thirst quenching.

Unsworth's yard is a great place to visit, one reason is the setting of the village, but it's more the atmosphere that they have managed to create here. If you want a great beer you go in the brewery and the bring it into the courtyard to drink, but if your companion fancies a glass of wine or a cocktail they can pop in the wine snug and bring their drink outside to join you. If you feel peckish you can grab a cheese board or a pizza from the shop and again, bring it out to the courtyard. There a real collaborative effort here and they sometimes have live music on into enjoy (check the

website) this makes it a great place to meet up with people and relax with everyone catered for. We got our times just slightly wrong though and the cheese shop had just closed so check your times if you want to enjoy food with your drink!

We supped up then headed off for the last leg, **Cartmel to Cark**, again about a 2 mile walk, we were getting slower by this point and it took us 45 minutes (I wonder why we'd slowed up!)

Again this is a lovely gentle stroll through stunning countryside and well worth the effort. If you wanted to you could get the train to **Cark** and walk over then come back the



same way. At Cark we had time to pop into the Engine, we picked out a **Lancaster Blonde** and a pint of **Timothy Taylor's Landlord** to finish off with, 4% and 4.3% respectively. We are lucky enough to live in a **CAMRA** branch area that has some fantastic pubs and the scenery to go with them. It's well worth a train ride and walk around to visit some good pubs. The pubs we visited are all easily accessible by road, but if you fancy an afternoon out, the route we took can be adapted to suit your choices and needs.

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Last year we had a wonderful day out beginning at Seascale and then went inland. One stop sprang a superb surprise – **Nether Wasdale** with **Strands Inn and Brewery** with its sister pub over the road **The Screes** were having a beer festival. However our itinerary then did not allow us to linger too long but by popular request, threats and promises of several kinds, Dave Wilson was prevailed upon to arrange a return trip this year and to have much longer to sample Strand's brewery's delights. He came up trumps and how!

This year the trip again began on the west coast of Cumbria at **Seascale** and after alighting from the train our



limousine (bus) was waiting for us and whisked us away in style to begin our visit at **Gosforth Hall**; to relax and sit out in the

splendid comfort of their beer garden. The weather again was exceedingly kind to us and we sat sampling the beers on offer in Riviera like conditions.

Hawkshead's Bitter, Slater's Nelson, Moorhouse's 5th Point and Kelburn's Pivo Estivo. A superb warm up act.



Having wetted our various whistles we were back on the bus. The view from the road was towards **Wastwater** with its achingly beautiful surrounding fells and hills. Anyone who was not enthralled by its natural beauty had not got a pulse in my opinion!



After 15 minutes or so travelling we arrived at our Mecca – **Strands Beer Festival** which was in full swing. Between and **The Screes** and the **Strands**

Inn bar and the Festival tent bar there were **46** beers on offer all **brewed by Strands**.

Some of us teamed up to drink halves. Every beer tried was in superb condition and all very different to each other. The whole Festival was a beer gourmet's

delight and I would surmise that some of the beer scores could have gone off the scale. To mention some of the ones I personally sampled the stand out beers for me were **Fruits de la Lune, Double Rotor, Angry Bee, Dickie's Dunkeld, Low Flyer** and **Best Bitter** all vying for position No 1.

There was pleasing mix of live music from various artists in the Festival tent and food wise I had the biggest tastiest burger that I have ever tasted in my life – with other options available too.

The entertainment terminated for us with the **landlady** of the **Strands Inn** doing an unforgettably funny table dance for charity. She seemed to be confused as to whether she was Tina Turner or Dolly

Parton or Coco the Clown. It was hilarious and we got back on our bus still chuckling



Once back on the train at **Seascale** the journey back home had options; some people opted to visit other hostleries in **Millom, Foxfield, Kirkby, Askam** or back to **Barrow** where I for one went happy and contented back home.

Our thanks again go to Dave for organising another brilliant day out and thanks to all fellow members for your peerless company.





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Rochefort 10 - Age Before Beauty (Just a taster)



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Stuart and Diane Simpson - Branch Members

This fascinating article gives some insight into the complexities of beer tasting. However, it is very comprehensive and unfortunately far too big to fit in the InnQuirer in one go. We would not want you to miss out so we have uploaded the **full article** onto our website at

<https://furness.camra.org.uk/viewnode.php?id=99500>

and as a flip-book on <http://www.innquirer.uk/rochefort10/rochefort10.html>

Do all things improve with age? Well certain characteristics do tend to change with maturity, with various degrees of subtlety and acceptability; some for the better, and some arguably for the worse. And so on the occasion of my fairly mature 52nd birthday, I decided it was time to test out the ageing theory. Not on myself, I hasten to add but on my collection of ten bottles of **Rochefort 10**, a wonderful, flavoursome Trappist beer of a respectable **11.3% abv**. I had accumulated my collection at the rate of two bottles per year, (one for drinking straight away, and one for saving,) going back to the end of the last century.

So on the torrentially rainy evening 22nd of November 2012, four of us met in the Prince of Wales brew pub, in **Foxfield**, Cumbria home to the Foxfield brewery. Me and my wife Diane joined our hosts **Stuart and Lynda Johnson**, who kindly provided two more recent samples of the beer, to investigate what effect the aging and maturing process had on twelve examples of differently aged bottles of Rochefort 10. Stuart and Lynda run the pub and brewery, and are important members of the **Cumbrian CAMRA** branches tasting panel, assessing and evaluating the huge range of beers from the thirty-odd (at the last count...) Cumbrian breweries, with the view of putting the best of them forward to ultimately be entered in to the annual **CAMRA Champion Beer Of Britain** competition. In fact our local **Coniston** brewery has produced the supreme champion beer on two occasions, with **Bluebird** in 1998, and **No. 9 Barley Wine** in 2012, with other local breweries, such as **Cumbrian Legendary** and **Hawkshead**, achieving national recognition, too. Lynda also provides tutored tastings of beers for any keen beer fans who wish to develop their

appreciation and understanding of beer flavours and characteristics, both good and bad. Basically Stuart and Lynda know what they are talking about when it comes to beer, so it was good to have them involved in such a rare event as tasting and appreciating twelve years of Rochefort 10.

Me and Diane are both active members of the **Furness** branch of **CAMRA**, where Diane spends a lot of her own time in her role as branch treasurer. All four of us are big fans of **Rochefort 10**, regarding it as being one of the world's top beers.

Rochefort 10 itself, as mentioned earlier, is an 11.3% abv. beer, brewed by **Trappist monks**, (and some secular workers) at **Abbaye Notre-Dame de Saint-Remy**, in the town of **Rochefort**, in the **Ardennes, Belgium**. There are six Trappist monastery breweries in Belgium, and one in the Netherlands, and Saint-Remy dates from at least 1230, first brewing in 1595, with one or two breaks for wars etc., up to the present day. Apparently the beer is brewed utilising **Styrian Goldings** and **German Hallertau** hops. Two separate yeast strains are used; one in the initial fermentation process, and the other is added to the bottle, along with white crystal sugar, to promote the bottle conditioning process. Two additional beers are produced at the monastery; **Rochefort 8** (9.2% abv.) and **Rochefort 6** (7.5% abv.) the numbers in the names being based on an old Belgian system of degrees of gravity, and which it is said, coincides with the number of days each beer type is left to condition in the bottle before being released to the public.

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Making it even better than 2018

The **2018 Ulverston Beer Festival** was a great success but we have learned a lot from the various glitches that we experienced. We have been talking to a number of visitors who went to the Festival last year and one or two points cropped up in the conversation. Luckily, we already know about most of these.

Firstly, we know that a lot of visitors found that the cask ales were not as cool as they should have been. We had a cooler/conditioner problem last year and it was too late to sort it out. As the Festival progressed, the beer gradually got warmer ('less cool?') - only subtly but noticeable by the Saturday. We're on to this one!

We had a few issues at the **KeyKeg** end of the bar, mainly with one or two of the beers being a little over pressured by the brewer and so it took a while to pour without a massive head on it! Hopefully that won't happen this year but to make sure, we are giving extra training to the bar staff responsible for the KeyKegs. In addition, we are planning to make a separate bar for these, away from the main bar - a bit like the **Cider/Perry bar**. That should make it a bit simpler to manage and a better experience for the visitors.

We are also planning to reduce the amount of **non-recyclable plastic** used throughout - the beer labels this time will use **recyclable covers** and this year, there is a KeyKeg recycling company out there but don't ask me how it works as it is early days!

It is always difficult to plan the **bar staff coverage** so this year as we can only guess when the busy times will be but,

with a bit of luck, public transport won't be on strike so that will help us to spot peaks and troughs.

At the **entry point**, we are drawing up new plans to help make it a bit easier to manage. Things like where you can join **CAMRA** and buy your memorabilia will be revamped and, **Hooray!** we will have **Festival Glasses** back as we know there are a lot of collectors out there. Last year was an exercise in glass-management and it worked out well for us at least. You would be amazed if you knew how many old glasses are sitting in storage throughout the country!

As for the important bit, **the beer**, then this year should be similar to last year with around **80 cask conditioned ales** on the racking and **8 beers** on the **KeyKeg Bar** and if all goes well, a local lager too!

Despite the rush towards a cashless society, we will still be operating a **Cash Only** bar as we don't have the resources to go electronic or even a voucher-based system but that doesn't mean that we are not looking into the future to see what we need to do if things change next year and beyond.



Plans are afoot to revamp the **food** but it is too early to confirm anything as this **InnQuirer** is put together in June, even if you are reading it in August.

Most of all, though - please come along at **The Coronation Hall** on **September 5th to 7th** and have a great time.



Did you know that we now have **another** three breweries in the Furness area?

The **Old Friends** in **Ulverston** is now brewing **on-site** and we have tasted Graham's first beer from the new brewery, a Porter, and it was very good. If he continues to brew to that standard then we can see a great future for the brewery.

In Grange-over-Sands, there is a new brewery called **Shaws of Grange Brewing Company**. Situated at the Keg and Kitchen, they brew for cask and bottle.

Logan Beck Brewing has started up based around the **Duddon Bridge** area and currently has a half-barrel plant with expansion plans. Those of you who attended the Prince of Wales 'Out with the old....' beer festival in May will probably have seen Alex (the brewer) behind the outside bar and hopefully tried one of their beers there.

Of course, we mustn't forget the **Roe Island Boat Club** and it's 'Nano' Brewery. Beers available there but nowhere else as far as we can ascertain.

You probably know by now the **Hawkshead** are brewing in **Flookburgh** as well as **Staveley**. What you may not know is that their admin HQ is now in Flookburgh so that in effect moves the brewery into our **Furness CAMRA** area!

What a great time for 'real ale' here in Furness. Currently, these are the breweries in the Furness CAMRA area:

Barngates, Beckstones, Biggar, Coniston, Cumbrian Legendary, Fell, Foxfield, Greenodd, Hawkshead, Healey's, Logan Beck, Old Friends, Shaws, South Lakes, Stringers, Tarn Hows, Ulverston, Unsworth's Yard

That's eighteen breweries (or nineteen if you include the Roe Island Boat Club), not mentioning the ones in the surrounding branch areas!



The following pubs are listed in WhatPub as serving local ale on a regular basis. This list was compiled in June 2019. 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 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 18 branch breweries!

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Barngates	Drunken Duck	Lindal	The Railway
Barrow	Ambrose Hotel	Loppergarth	Wellington
	Duke of Edinburgh	Lowick Bridge	Red Lion
	Furness Railway	Millom	Devonshire
	Kings Arms, Hawcoat		Bear in the Square
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Bouth	White Hart	Newby Bridge	Lakeside
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Cartmel	Kings Arms	Piel Island	The Ship
	Royal Oak	Rusland	Rusland Pool
	Uplands Hotel	Satterthwaite	Eagles Head
	Unsworth's Yard	Seathwaite	Newfield Inn
Coniston	Black Bull	Silecroft	Miners Arms
	The Sun	Stainton	Stagger Inn
	Yewdale	Strawberry Bank	Masons
Dalton	Brown Cow	The Green	Punchbowl
	Chequers	Torver	Church House
	Red Lion		Wilson Arms
Far Sawrey	Cuckoo Brow	Ulverston	Devonshire
Foxfield	Prince of Wales		Farmers Arms
Greenodd	The Ship		King's Head
Grizebeck	Greyhound		The Mill
Haverthwaite	Anglers		Old Farmhouse
Hawkshead	Kings Arms		Old Friends
	Red Lion		Stan Laurel
	The Sun		The Sun
		Walney	The Swan
			Queen's, Biggar
			King Alfred



"Private Parton's Ukulele Part One "The usual diversions"

It was approaching 1.45 p.m. and right on time the number 28 bus from Moorland estate came trundling down the hill, cleared the lights and made a right turn onto the busy High Street. The very full double-decker disgorged a goodly portion of its passengers pretty much right outside of the large, late nineteenth century sandstone edifice of the "Empire Hotel". It was unusual for the local CAMRA branch to convene a meeting on a Saturday and most members couldn't now be sure quite why this was the case today, considering the decision had been taken some five months ago. It had something to do with the chairman being on holiday in Florida and the vice chair, one Roy Parton, heading up a ukulele band at half past five in the concert room at the back of the "Royal Station Hotel" at 5.30 p.m.. All head-scratching, vague and obscure stuff indeed for the members heading there.

Branch treasurer, Shirley, took a quick glance at her watch before coming to a decision and heading through the big revolving doors and into the large and busy lounge of the "Empire". Easing her way through the throng, she was in no way surprised to see the tall, beanpole-thin form of Roy "Private" Parton already seemingly well established at the bar. She nodded an acknowledgment and squeezed into a gap at what was to her at five foot three, the overly high mahogany counter.

It being a hot day in late May Shirley scanned the bank of three hand pulls, decided that she wanted something cool, and settled for a half of Leeds Brewery's "American Pale Ale" from one of the six craft taps. Catching Roy's expression and raised eyebrows, she snapped, "What?" at him, and annoyed at having to justify her choice, she nevertheless huffed, "Well, it's a hot day and I fancied something cool and spritzzy, O.K.?" That was when she noted that he was bottle-necking a McEwan's "Champion" and asked, "And your excuse is...?"

"It'll be my last alcoholic one because I'm on stage with the Uke band later on," Roy went on to say, adding, "When our Kelly gets here with my instrument, that is."

"She's meeting you here?" Shirley asked.

"Nah, they won't let her in here, Shirl, she's only ten...I mean up at the Royal Station, in the concert room."

"So what're you doing in here knocking back "Champion" at over 7%?"

"Good question, Shirl...I just sort of fancied one I suppose."

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There were just three licensed premises nowadays on the town's main thoroughfare, where once there were ten, and the next in line from the "Empire" was the "Silver Tankard", a glitzy, upmarket spot, and the complete opposite in both clientele and presentation to the former.

"Tommo", also known as "Big Ade", the branch social secretary, normally had no problem with getting through crowds and to the bar. This Saturday was proving an exception however, and he was beginning to doubt the wisdom of slipping into "The Tankie", as it was known locally, on this particular afternoon.

"And who the heck picked this day for a meeting...month end and everybody paid?" he thought as he edged through the crowd. The "Tankie" was a long, narrow place, divided into three drinking areas, with the first and most popular being standing only. Next along, arrived at by mounting two steps, was the level where the bar was situated, and then down half a dozen more steps into the lounge area, with its soft furnishings and copper-topped tables, which extended a long way back.

Approaching the bar, he noted the "Oakham Citra" pump clip and his sprits rose. Next to it was the usual "Jaipur"... lovely stuff but its 5% plus a.b.v. sort of ruled itself out. Then, to his dismay, just as he was almost within hailing distance of the bar, the customer in front of him was equally displeased to be told that the "Citra" had run out, and that it would be a while before anybody was free to replace the barrel. "Oh well, these things have to be done," he thought, and promptly ordered a schooner of the strong stuff, while silently offering up thanks to the god of drink that the "Tankie" had just introduced the two thirds measures.

That was when someone tapped him on the shoulder and a familiar female voice from behind said, "Usual suspects in here on a run up to a "Royal Stat" meeting I see."

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A Road to Nowhere in Particular



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by G.A.Purcell - Branch President

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It was Elaine, the ever-effervescent young secretary, and daughter of the absent Chair. He quickly told her about the cask ale situation, and even as he did so, the "Jaipur" ran out to howls of dismay from those in waiting.

"I suppose we could skip this one and go straight to the meeting," he said with a grin. "Don't be silly, Tommo, the meeting's not due to start for three quarters of an hour, and when did a Saturday meeting ever start on time?" she chided, adding, "And who's bright idea was it anyway to pick a pay day, when we're playing St. Helens at home in what they laughingly call a friendly?" Tommo cast a look about him. "Yep, and the town's already full to bursting with supporters of both sides."

"Well, if we're definitely having one in here, there's a Belgian and an Italian beer and a Czech one on tap, plus the two local craft ones at the end there," she suggested. "Seems like we're still very much in Europe as far as this place is concerned then," he quipped, and went on to say, "Oh well, needs must."

"Right, let's go to it then, and this time I'm definitely getting them in, so no grand gestures of male pride if you please." Elaine firmly told him, and eased into the throng with a skill perfected over her not-so- many years.

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The "Royal Station" had once been two separate, though adjacent premises, until the company owning the "Station Hotel" was taken over by the one owning the "Royal." Though knocked through in places, they maintained many of their distinct features, both internally and from outer appearances. The growing numbers in all rooms and in both parts of the "Royal Stat" was already reaching fire regulation full, and the management were struggling first to control and then maintain the number of punters at safety level. Amidst this confusion the four committee members finally arrived to find that their allotted room had been taken over and opened up to accommodate the overspill, and none of the staff seemed in the least bit concerned about this. When the last of the committee arrived on the scene, mister "I'm only having the one" Roy Parton seemed more concerned that it was already a quarter past three and apart from the rather 'high'

and late committee members only old Colin, who invariably sat alone in a self-contained personal bubble reading "What's Brewing," appeared to be present. "Maybe we could use your band room next door, before they need it?" Shirley suggested, whereupon Roy said, "I'm on it," and disappeared into the milling masses.

Shirley then texted around the usual attendees, only to learn that six of them were at the rugby, two were in the Arndale in Manchester, and one was on holiday in Fife. The Manchester shopper's spokesperson quipped back that they didn't think they could make it, and the one in Scotland replied, "I thought it was next week." By the time it had reached 3.30 p.m. and with no sign of Roy returning, "Big Ade", frustrated by the crowd around the bar and his inability to even get into the queue for the "Wainwrights" pump before it ran out, suggested that they call the meeting off, given the mounting chaos and lack of space. Roy eventually arrived back to say that the other band members were to busy setting up and practicing to cope with any interruption in the form of a non-happening CAMRA meeting. His overriding concern, it seemed, was the fact that his daughter, Kelly, had texted to ask where on earth he had put his Ukulele!

At five to four on this most disorganised of supposedly planned meetings, the now somewhat less than "High" committee mutually agreed to abandon it altogether. That was when the Musgrave's, Sharon and Darren, the pair of new recruits better known as Shaz and Daz, turned up, having given up on the rugby at half time.

"They're wiping us out back there," Shaz informed them, and Daz added, "Running us ragged all around the park, they are." "Mind you, it's what we all expected, up against a premier team and all," Shaz added, and Shirley thought to herself, "No mention of the meeting from either of them."

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Interview with MATT Clarke - Hawkshead Brewer



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Interviewed by Dave Stubbins

As we have previously reported, **Hawkshead Brewery** opened their new brewery in **Flookburgh** last year. I, **Dave Stubbins**, was fortunate enough to be invited to their official opening and saw the shiny new brewing kit. Some six months on, I asked **Matt Clarke, Head Brewer**, for an interview to discuss operations at the brewery. I was delighted that Matt accepted and here's how it went.

I've reported the interview with me asking the questions and Matt's response.

Dave: when did you actually start brewing at the site and what's the capacity?

Matt: our first brew was on 7th July last year. We have currently six 40 barrel fermenters on site and are planning for a further six 80 barrel fermenters to be installed at the end of July.

Dave: which beers are produced here, and which at Staveley?

Matt: our core range of beers, Pale, Brodie's Prime, Red, Bitter and our lagers are produced here and our single hop is being phased in. Our higher ABV beers, produced in small batches, will continue to be brewed at Staveley.

Dave: so Staveley has a future?

Matt: Staveley is definitely part of our planned operations in the future and will continue to showcase our beers. The plant can be worked less intensively and of course our brewery tours there and regular beer festivals are extremely popular.

Dave: what problems have you encountered here since you started operations?

Matt: the first problem we had to overcome was the matching of water.

The local water contains ingredients that are not found in Staveley. We have installed a reverse osmosis plant and we can now replicate the water from Staveley. We also had to overcome issues with the yeast strain and get used to the bottom fermented plant on this site.

Dave: I'm aware of the importance of cleaning the plant between brews- how are arrangements handled here?

Matt: our standard brew length is 40 barrels. One of the major benefits of this plant is that we can clean it in a few minutes and do 3 brews in 14 hours. After six brews we carry out a full clean which takes about eight hours.

Dave: how are distribution arrangements handled?

Matt: cask beers are taken to Staveley and distributed from there. Bottle stocks are kept here.

Dave: Matt, thank you very much for your time and information. I'm delighted to say that I've had several pints of **Hawkshead Bitter** and **Red**, two of my favourite beers, and they've been superb.

Dave Stubbins
Furness CAMRA Branch Chairman





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The Manor House and The Manor!

A delegation(!) of our members turned up at **The Manor House, Oxen Park** at the end of June to present **Leighann McCready** with our Certificate for **Furness CAMRA's Pub of the Season**

(Spring 2019). In the picture with Leighann is **Bar Manager Adam** and, of course, our own **Furness CAMRA's Chairman, Dave Stubbins**.

Leighann's partner, **Anthony** was hiding!



recovering and wish him well for the future. I'm sure it won't be the last time we turn up there with an award!

To complete the awards, here is **Darran Healey** receiving the award for **Furness Camra's Cider Pub of the Year 2019**.

I know a lot of you didn't know that the **Wellington Inn, Loppergarth** did cider but you can't hide things like that from us for too long! The pub almost made it as West Pennines Cider Pub too so well done Darran.



It is particularly pleasing when presenting awards to pubs where the owner is as excited about getting the award as we are about giving it.

Leighann was straight on to social media posting the news, she beat us to it, and it really makes it all worth while when a great pub like The Manor House goes from strength to strength. Long may it continue.

And while we are on the subject of presentations, it was great to see **Scott Varty** back in **The Manor, Broughton** so we were able to present him with **Furness CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2109** award. As you may know, Scott has not been well lately and we were unable to present the certificate earlier in the year.

At least Scott knew that the pub had won it so it wasn't an earth-shattering surprise for a change!

We are so pleased that Scott is

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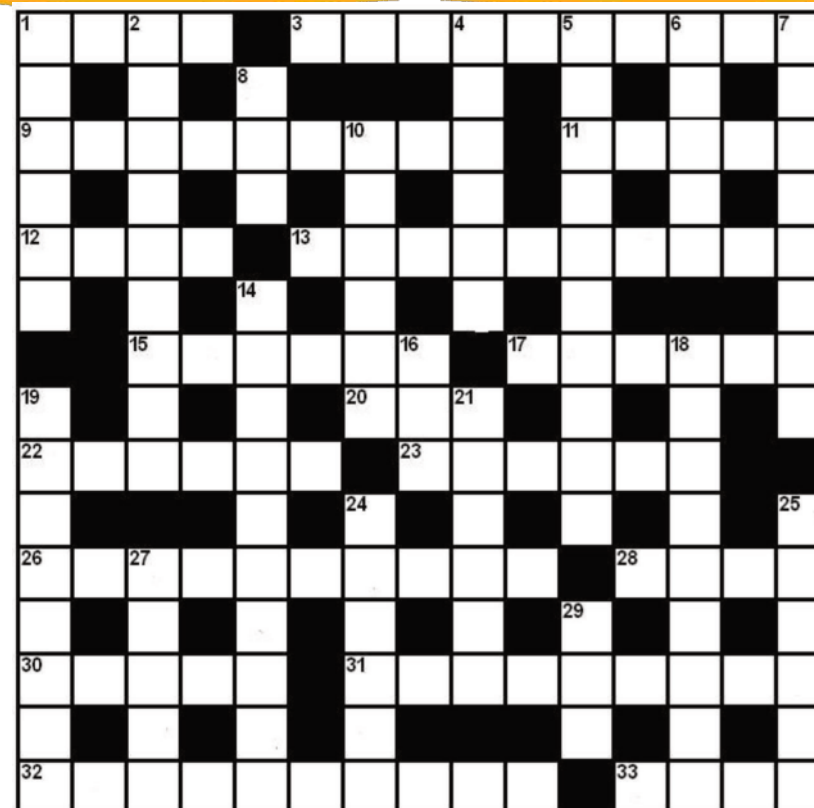
Crossword No. 29



Furness

Campaign for Real Ale

by PeeGee - Branch Member



Across

Down

- 1, 12 & 13 Long haul condition brought on by Di's peevish trombone playing? (4,4,10)
- 3 Directions from leaders about the longest river from destination to source (10)
- 9 Initially ran out, but I now sampled one Northern style brewer (9)
- 11 Innocent returns to French spa resort (5)
- 12 See 1 Across
- 13 See 1 Across
- 15 Tartan woven into Indian esoteric tradition (6)
- 17 Would the deceased do this if (archaically speaking) leading and following the party? (6)
- 20 Quarrel right away with mineral bath (3)
- 22 Setback? I owe you, by the sound of both (6)
- 23 With no right, announce again the deceased's worth (6)
- 26 Our link with Europe is a lone untrue shambles (10)
- 28 Slightly open in extra jazzy backing (4)
- 30 Oddly enough, true titbit indicates everyone (5)
- 31 Moist sail flutters at topmost (9)
- 32 Alike, all the Spanish shaved about (10)
- 33 Entertainer given top billing. Even so, isn't fair (4)

- 1 Work out solution. Motor round Europe (6)
- 2 Render breakable, Mr? Let it be cooked (9)
- 4 Tyrant. Posted after reshuffle (6)
- 5 Person below lengthy obeisance. One of The Archers? (10)
- 6 As hard as volcanic island lacking depth (5)
- 7 Treads on small children by marriage (9)
- 8 Animal in herd hung back (3)
- 10 Old book on that woman's variants (6)
- 14 Commercial hearing on Pakistan river (10)
- 16 Mimic primate (3)
- 18 One ink jet sprayed part of leg (9)
- 19 Bung gang in restraint (8)
- 21 Sounds as if the climb has received permission (6)
- 24 As a precaution, look through a plain casement window (2,4)
- 25 Protection right away for lover (6)
- 27 Taking evens, try out our revolver (5)
- 29 Acid currency (3)



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Information here is gleaned from numerous sources and while we hope it is all correct, we are providing it in good faith. If you know more then please let us know so that we may keep ourselves up to date.



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Branch Diary

July 18 th -20 th	All Day	Summer Beer Festival	Hawkshead Brewery
24 th July	6:00pm	Walking Pub Tour	Barrow-in-Furness
4 th August	Time to be confirmed*	Millom RUFC	Haverigg
16 th -18 th August	All Day (check with pub)	Beer Festival	The Angler's Arms, Haverthwaite
5 th -7 th September	Afternoon and evening	CAMRA Beer Festival	Coronation Hall, Ulverston
16 th September	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	Commodore, Grange-over-Sands
26 th -28 th September	All Day	Broughton Festival of Beer	Broughton-in-Furness
12 th October	Time to be confirmed*	Woody's Beer Festival	Silverdale
31 st October	All Day	Beer Festival	Carlisle

* Check website or with branch for times if not shown

Public Transport - see page 41 but being where we are, there probably isn't any for most of our locations. Check with the Branch first in case we have arranged something.

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

Pub Craic

Steve at **The Red Lion, Lowick Bridge** is not retiring, as mentioned in the last issue! We got it wrong - sorry.

Rumours that the **Derby Arms** in **Urswick** is being taken over as a free house now look to be wrong and at the time of writing it is for sale.

Kings Arms, Ulverston, has new managers. It will have music nights as well as sports. Thursday - open mic, alternate Fridays - folk and blues.

The Derby in **Barrow** is now open with a range of cask beers.

High Cross, Broughton in Furness, is to be remodelled/ knocked down for apartments.

Lindale Inn in **Lindale** has now been demolished. The Audi dealer opposite is to expand on to the site.

Piel Castle, Ulverston, and **Railway Inn, Lindal-in-Furness**, have been refurbished

Barrow Arms, in **Barrow-in-Furness** has reopened as food and drink destination.

Graham, Sheena and Trina have decided to move on from the **Anglers Arms** at **Haverthwaite** after ten years there. We wish them well for the future.

Brewery Craic

Logan Beck is a new brewery located in the Duddon Bridge area. A half-barrel plant supplying local pubs so watch out for their beers.

The Old Friends in **Ulverston** is now in production. First beer was a Porter and judging by that, we can expect some excellent beers there.

Have a look at the article on **page 27** for more Furness Brewery information.

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:
www.furness.camra.org.uk

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

Cartmel	The Kings Arms The Royal Oak Unworth's Yard Brewery
Coniston	The Sun The Yewdale Inn
Grange	The Commodore
Near Sawrey	The Tower Bank Arms
Ulverston	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 Portage 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 for more details

Advertising Rates and other information



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If you wish to **place an advertisement**, you should contact the Editor by email on innquirer@furness.camra.org.uk or Dave Stubbins

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Provisional **deadlines** for receiving advertising/content for 2019 are:

Autumn: 21st September 2019

Winter: 21st December 2019

Spring: 21st March 2020

Summer: 21st June 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. 29

Across

- 1, 12 & 13 **Deep vein thrombosis** - Anag (playing) of Di's peevish trombone
- 3 **Guidelines** - **Guides** (leaders) surrounding Nile reversed (destination to source)
- 9 **Robinsons** - First letter (initially) of ran ... style
- 11 **Naive** - **Evian** backwards (returns)
- 12 & 13 - See 1 Across
- 15 **Tantra** - Anag (woven) of Tartan
- 17 **Awaken** - **An** (archaic form of if) surrounding (leading and following) the wake
- 20 **Spa** - **Spar** with r removed
- 22 Homophone (by the sound of both) of **Cheque** and check
- 23 **Estate** - **Restate** with r removed
- 26 **Eurotunnel** - Anag (shambles) of lone untrue
- 28 **Ajar** - Hidden word, backwards (backing), in extra jazzy
- 30 **Tutti** - Odd letters of **true titbit**
- 31 **Altissimo** - Anag (flutters) of moist sail
- 32 **Paralleled** - **pared** surrounding (about) all el
- 33 **Star** - Even letters of **isn't fair**

Down

- 1 **Derive** - **Drive round E**
- 2 **Embrittle** - Anag (cooked) of Mr? Let it be
- 4 **Despot** - Anag (reshuffle) of Posted
- 5 **Longbowman** - **Man** under long bow
- 6 **Nails** - Anag (volcanic) of island, d removed
- 7 **Stepsons** - **Treads on s(mall)**
- 8 **Gnu** - Hidden word in hung backwards
- 10 **OT on hers**
- 14 **Indus + trial**
- 16 **Ape**
- 18 **Kneejoint** - Anag (sprayed) of One ink jet
- 19 **Screwtop** - **Crew** in stop
- 21 **Ascent** - Homophone of agreed
- 24 **In case** - Hidden words in plain casement
- 25 **Armour** - **Amour** less r
- 27 **Rotor** - Even letters of try out our
- 29 **LSD**

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