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EDITORIAL

May I first of all add my personal condolences to the family of our late Vice President, David Prickett, and of course to Lynne and all her family. A very sad day indeed.

This quarter we have reports from our AGM together with all the pictures of those pubs and their landlords. Congratulations to all and to all their staff who help to make it all possible, The sad thing is that we have such a wealth of excellent pubs in Westmorland that we just don't have room to mention more than we do. Keep up the good work; we in CAMRA really do appreciate it.

The planning for our annual beer festival goes on apace and you will find our usual list of beer festivals throughout the year. Take your pick and enjoy.

We lost our motion to the National AGM for an increase in the number of pubs we are allowed to put in the Good Beer Guide. This was not unexpected but never fear; the fight goes on. Read our report in this edition.

Congratulations to the George and Dragon at Dent for flying the Westmorland flag in the cider and perry stakes. Here's hoping that they will go one better than last year's National Runner Up.

Have a good summer, enjoy your real ale, cider and perry but above all drink responsibly Cheers **ED** (now also officially Westmorland's OLD MAN)!

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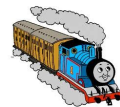
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From the Chair...

Gary Kirkby



It's with great sadness that I have to report the sudden death of David Prickett on the 4th May 2014. David was Westmorland CAMRA Past Chairman and handed over the reins to me in May 2013 after which he became my Vice Chairman and a larger than life member in Appleby where he strived to set up and run a sub branch. David will be missed by the festival committee and many members in the local group and region of West Pennines. All the branch and regional thoughts are with Lynne and the family.

By the time this has gone to print the funeral will have taken place and the branch will have paid its respects to the family and will be having a drink to David at the 'wake'.

My report for last year is that it has had its great highs and great lows. To start the year we lost one of CAMRA's greats with the death of Alan Risdon and as I have said with the death of David in the past few weeks, it just brings things home when you lose great members of the branch. They will be both missed.

As for the highs of the group, we have totally reorganised the Branch meetings, making them shorter to give a proper social time at their end.

New pubs going into GBG 2015 are still only 22 but we are trying to get

more places allocated to the Branch. 'Locale' is starting to take off again and my pet love, Real Cider, is on the increase in the Branch and indeed in Cumbria as a whole.

Our Branch awards this year have been made and well done to all those pubs and clubs who have been successful this year. In the West Pennines Region we had two National finalists. The Swan with two Necks in Pendleton, Lancashire, was voted the CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2013 and The George and Dragon in Dent was chosen as runner up for CAMRA's National Cider Pub of the Year 2013

Already the awards are starting to be announced for this current year and The George and Dragon has again won Cumbria Cider Pub of the Year 2014 and is therefore going forward to the West Pennines cider final.

All 5 Cumbria's Pubs of the Year 2014 are being judged right now so keep a look on our web site for more information and local press. Full reports next edition.

At the AGM our Eden Sub Branch was closed after just 12 months by the request of the active members from the Appleby area as they just don't have the membership to complete the jobs and to run a Sub Branch.

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One day we hope that a new Sub Branch might be able to stand alone once more in the Eden Valley. We all look forward to that day and so we are going to work with the membership to continue the very good work which was started by David Prickett and maintain the close links with the pubs in that area and we will return to holding meetings and trips in the Eden Valley area.

The membership voted myself as chairman again for a second year and Marilyn Molloy as Vice Chairman. Sarah Moore becomes Branch Secretary & Tony Jackson continues once more as Treasurer and branch Transport Officer. Other members have taken up the several other jobs within the Branch but we still need members to stand for those jobs not filled or to assist other members. We can't run as an efficient Branch

meeting all the necessary aims of CAMRA; letting down our valued pubs just because we don't have the man power to cover all jobs. If you would like to help out in any way please contact me by email.

On a happier note, I awarded the OLD MAN AWARD to our past Branch Secretary and current L&A editor David Currington. In the past 12 months David's health has not been the best but without his hard work this Lakes and Ale would be nothing. A big thank you from the group and myself.

Gary J Kirby
Chairman Westmorland CAMRA

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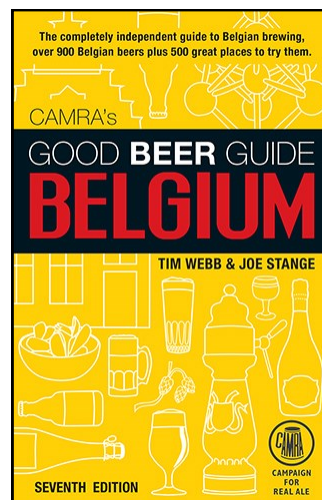
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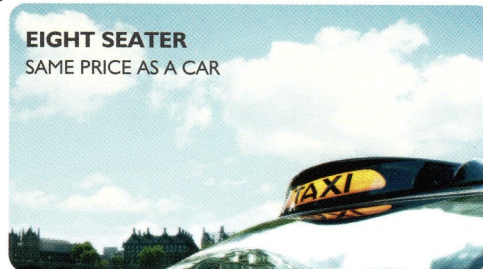
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As we go to press it has been announced that the George & Dragon, Dent continues to reap success in the sale and promotion of Cider & Perry. They have for the second year running recently won the Cumbria Branches Cider Pub of the Year.

As such they went forward for the West Pennines Region award which it they have again won. Congratulations to Gary & Sue At the George & Dragon and we wish them success in the national final later in the year.



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David Michael Prickett 1954 -2014

It was with great shock and sense of sorrow that we, in Westmorland Branch, learned of the very untimely death of our Vice President and friend Dave Prickett on 4th May 2014. We understand that he had developed a chest infection and later died in intensive Care in Carlisle Hospital after complications set in.



He will be sadly missed by all in CAMRA, not just Westmorland Branch but by all the branches in Cumbria. This was greatly in evidence when members from Furness, Western Lakes and Solway Braches attended his funeral on 29th May at Carlisle Crematorium.



Afterwards a wake was held at the Spinners Arms in Cummersdale where Dave was 'seen off' in true 'Real Ale' style. Dave did not divulge much of his past, he was too busy enjoying the real ale, but we did learn a few details about this 'gentle giant'.

He was born almost 60 years ago in Milford Haven and was a fervent supporter of Welsh rugby; hence the Welsh music at the funeral.

Joining the civil service he later moved to live in Southampton where he eventually volunteered for the Merchant Marine, where he steadily rose to become an Officer.

He later joined CEMEX, when it was the RMC group, and was based at Shap.

He married Lynne some 18 years ago and is also survived by a daughter. He loved rock music and was for some years active in the battle re-enactment scene.

We understand that Lynne will return to her native Hartlepool to be near to the family. Our thoughts and sympathy go with her. They were a wonderful couple who together truly shared their love of Real Ale and brightened the lives of all they met. **DC**






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Above: Just some of his CAMRA friends from Westmorland Branch.

Left: More CAMRA buddies from the Eden area.

Right: Jim Chapell, Dave Stubbins and Steve Walker Long time friends from their regular Real Ale trips to the Isle of Man



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A good number of members attended the AGM, including our Regional Director for CAMRA West Pennines - Ray Jackson. The Chairman welcomed Ray to the meeting and congratulated him on his re-election to office for a further year.

After dealing with the Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising the Chairman, the Treasurer and the membership Secretary each gave brief reports.

The Chairman then touched upon a letter he had received from the secretary of our Eden-in Westmorland Sub Branch who reported that *"he felt unable to continue in the role because of other commitments."* Members from that area present were of the opinion that it would be better to terminate the current arrangements and return to one branch covering the entire Westmorland area.

It was noted however that during the time of its existence a better coverage of pub surveys had been possible and that members in that locality were still committed to continuing their efforts in this direction. The meeting then turned to the election of Branch Officers for 2014/5. The following appointments were confirmed.

This completed the business of the AGM and presentations were then made as

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Locale: Gary Kirby (with Steve Charlton in Appleby area)	Branch Contact: Tony Jackson.
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Pub of the Year 2013
George & Dragon,
Dent**



Above: Sue & Jack receive the POTY Award from President Tony Jackson



**Eden Sub Branch Pub of
the Year 2013**

Left: Clive and Amie Bissland from
the Midland Hotel, Appleby

**Westmorland Branch
Joint Runners up
Pub of the Year 2013
Rifleman's Kendal
&
The Beer Hall, Staveley**



Above: Anita from the Rifleman's
receives her well deserved award



Left: Katie and a bashful Chris from
Hawkshead receive their equally well
deserved award

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**Eden Sub Branch
Runner Up
Pub of the Year 2013
Stag Inn, Dufton**

Right: Matt from the Stag gets his Certificate from President Tony



*And finally as they say.
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Ale magazine and for
nagging constantly for
articles is received by your
Editor. I was very touched.
Thank you folks! DC*

**Westmorland
Cider & Perry
Pub of the Year
2014
George &
Dragon, Dent**

Right: Gary is all smiles as he gets his well earned award for cider & perry





Pub of the Season
Spring 2014
**Kings Head,
Ravonstonedale**



Dave Prickett, in what we now know was possibly his last official CAMRA duty, makes the POTS Spring 2014 presentation to Beverly Fothergill and Leigh O' Donohue at the Kings Head. Bev has now been at the pub some three years where husband Garry, former Chef at the Leeming House on Ullswater, is the Chef producing classic pub food.

Jennings Cumberland is the regular ale with two changing Cumbrian guests as well. They open from 11 to 11 every day and are also dog friendly. Red squirrels still can be regularly seen in the adjacent woodland. Congratulations to all concerned DC



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However, it's not all about the beer! Whilst we obviously focus on supplying great beer and cider, ensuring that we draw a good flow of discerning customers the festival

would not function without volunteers. The festival offers lots of opportunities for CAMRA members to get involved. As well as the key planning phase, there are the 'set-up' and 'take-down' days where muscle is always appreciated, and also the many sessions which are open to the public, just in case you've never served a beer before in your life.

Overall, it's a sociable and fun occasion, and if you feel you could offer help in any capacity, please do get in touch. There will be a lot of help from existing members to make sure that pulling your first pint is a fun and enjoyable experience. Please contact either:

Rik at rik@stillthere.co.uk
Claire cmarielooker@hotmail.com

L&A Summer 2014

I fear we are in danger of shooting ourselves in the foot. I've gone on about this before, but I'm bothered it is getting out of hand so it bears repeating. When CAMRA started the aim was twofold. One was to challenge to massive spread of dreadful keg beer and the other was to improve the quality of traditional real ale, the condition of some of the latter being pretty dire. The keg was truly awful, disguised by almost universal fizz, something which survives today in many so called lagers. Sometimes you could get the stuff without fizz, a suburban pub in Ulverston used to kick out the dire muck Whitbread churned out in Salmesbury by electric pump. It was awful.

We've come a long way. Blots on the history of mankind like Watney's Red Barrel and Youngers Tartan are thankfully confined to



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Should It be CAMCA? By Roger Davies

available both over the bar and in bottles, it is a huge success story. And folk are much more discerning, when I first joined CAMRA I recall a work colleague being particularly sneering and saying "There is no such thing as a bad pint of beer." Oh, boy, was there !

So, having come this far, let us not snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. The whole point is about a variety of ales, produced and kept well and appreciated by many. Just how the stuff is dispensed is nowhere near as important as it was, we have taken on and beaten gassiness.

So why oh why are we getting into craft versus real ale? For goodness sake it is all good stuff, what is the difference ? Frankly there isn't one, we are making it up. The Americans seem to have coined the term craft beers and some of us get all sniffy about it. Now whereas in the dreadful 1970's campaigning for real ale made huge sense, today I'd argue that the term "craft" is far more

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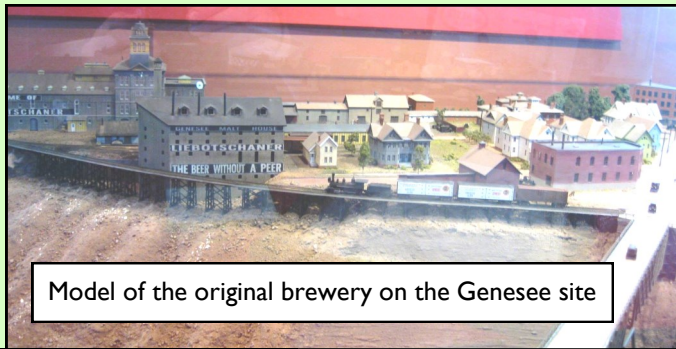
Steve and Angie look forward to seeing you

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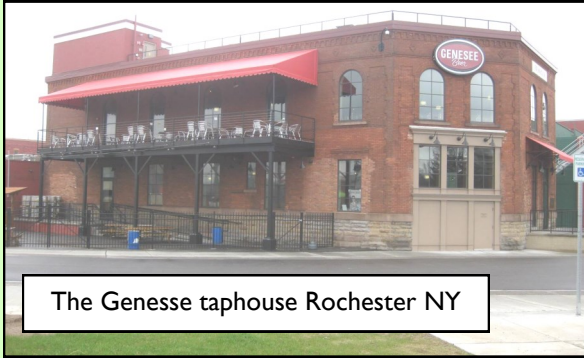
appropriate to describe the product we are passionate about. We do get unnecessarily uptight about American terms, some are actually better, I've always thought railroad makes much more sense than railway for example. So we are about promoting craft beers, particularly ones local to an area. I'm not suggesting we rename the outfit CAMCA, but let's not be CAMAGAINSTCRAFTBEER.

All this is heightened for me having just returned from the US and, indeed the heart of the craft revolution, the North East. Brewers in Vermont are credited with starting the resurgence; with a little help from friends this side of the pond. Some traditional brewers have joined in, Genesee in Rochester NY is a good example. It is a city with a great

brewing tradition dating back to German immigrants and now the huge plant overlooking the river of the same name has a fabulous taphouse offering flights of the beers on tap, good value, basic food and a wonderful terrace overlooking the river. One of the largest of the micros, Shipyard of Portland Maine is celebrating 20 years in business, you can get their products here in the emporia of Mr E.H. Booth. But the really great thing is that local beers are actively promoted along with other local products in bars and restaurants. New York State (I "heart" NY applies to the whole place, not just the city) has its own lake district,



Model of the original brewery on the Genesee site



The Genesee taphouse Rochester NY

the Finger Lakes, bigger expanses of water but not such big mountains as ours. The local outlets have got together and produced a beer trail of what they call the Premier Craft Beer Destination. You can have

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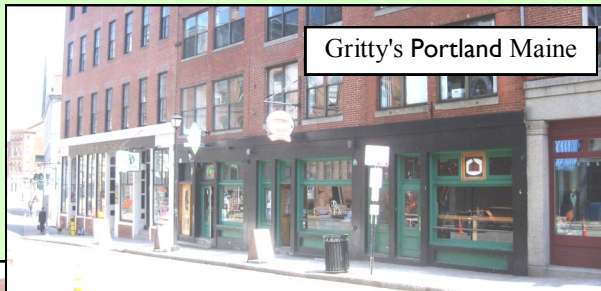
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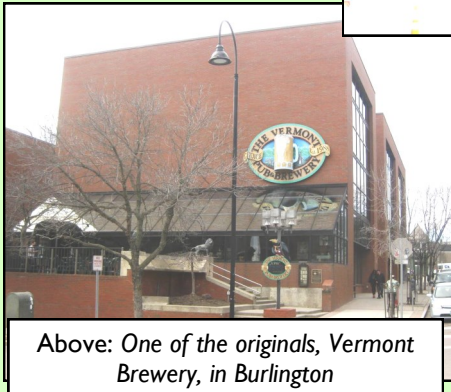
What is particularly striking is that the area also has over 100 wineries but the local wines are nowhere near as readily available as local beers, a sort of reversal of our situation. A pity, because the wines are sensational and I'm pretty sure it won't be long before they follow the brewers lead. **Roger Davies**



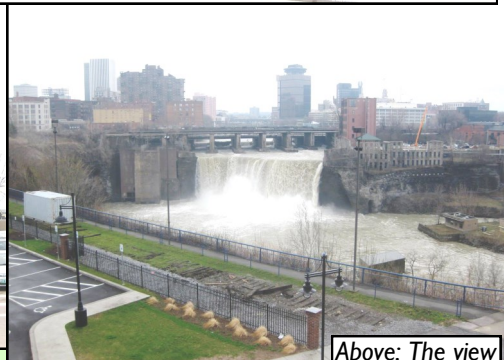
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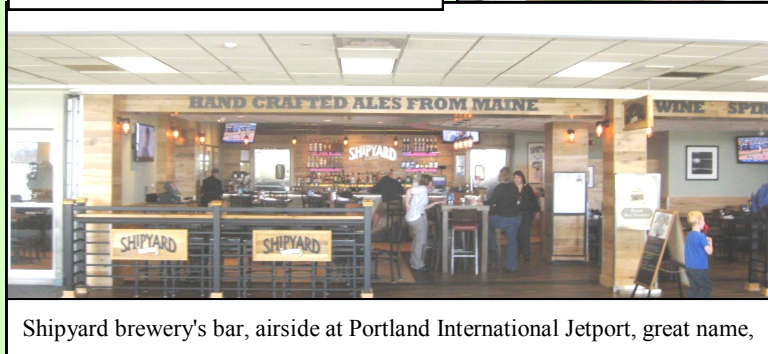
Gritty's Portland Maine



Above: One of the originals, Vermont Brewery, in Burlington



Above: The view of the river from Genesee's balcony, the city was home to Kodak Eastman now seen off by the digital revolution



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Correspondence

Dear Colleagues

I visited all three pubs in the running for the Cumbria Branches Cider Pub of the Year 2014 - the Prince of Wales, Foxfield, Middle Ruddings Country Inn, Braithwaite and the George and Dragon, Dent, as requested by the Cumbrian Cider Coordinator.

I found that though each of them was a great example of a pub selling real cider, the one I feel should be Cumbria Branches Cider Pub of the Year 2014 is the George and Dragon in Dent, Westmorland Branch, due to the sheer commitment shown in promoting the Campaign's aims with regard to real cider and perry.

Regards

Vanessa Gledhill

West Pennines RCC

Dear Westmorland CAMRA colleague,

We recently enjoyed a night at the Station Inn in Oxenholme. Four brews on tap and the splendid Hawkshead Bitter perfectly demonstrates that a high ABV is not a requirement for a flavoursome beer. Great service from cheerful and friendly staff.

As an active CAMRA member who has contributed to **Whatpub** descriptions I have to say that the 'About the Pub' description for this super pub could say a lot more. I'm not sure how the few words entered justifies a 100% Green 'Pubs Details

Status'?

The pub is clearly popular with locals and it was great to see a mix of families, youngsters and older couples enjoying the locally sourced menu offerings. A mix of large bar areas with plentiful seating for large groups, a lovely restaurant, central wood-burning stove. The pub is on the Coast to Coast national cycle route and a short walk from an iron age hill fort starts opposite the pub. The pub even has its own campsite with hard standing for caravans and motorhomes.

Whatpub gives us a tool to showcase our pubs, we are not limited to 80 words as for GBG, and a super pub such as the Station Inn surely deserves more? I would be happy to write a short description for you?

Cheers,

Mike.

Highlands & Western Isles CAMRA member, (and regular Lakes visitor)

RUNNING A BEER FESTIVAL - NEED GLASSES!!

Are you running a Beer Festival or know someone who is ?

The Branch has a quantity of glasses available for sale @ approx.£1 each.

These are both conical and tankard style (half pint) lined for third and half pint.

They all have the Westmorland Beer Festival logo printed on them and some have a Brewery name also.

If interested contact Colin on 01539 726617 (No reasonable price offer refused.)

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Brewery Updates

Bowness Brewery

After the success of the Brewery Beer Festival and Alexander's our bar was set up for the Sun Inn Hawkshead's Beer Festival in May. It was a tremendous success and the Brewery have already had enquiries for their services to supply both bars and beer.

The Brewery will also be at the Brown Horse Beer Festival 25 - 27 July featuring 4 of their beers together with 4 of Winster Valley and 2 of the new Kendal nano brewery Brewshine's; plus 4 other carefully selected ales. We also brewed the beer for the Free-range Comedy Festival at the Brewery. *Rik Still BLO.*



Dent Brewery

T'owd Tup has recently won Gold in its category at the Manchester Beer Festival and Aviator is now being served in the members' bar at the House of Commons. Rambrau is again in summer production and Dent are hoping to reinstate monthly specials. *Marilyn Molloy BLO*

Eden Brewery

For 2014, the Brewery are featuring two ales, both available for a 3 month period, they are both blonde, highly hopped and distinctive. The first one uses British hops and the second American...

Coming first is **Atomic Blonde**... available from April through June 2014. It is a light golden ale, thirst quenching and hoppy. This limited edition beer has been treated to three hop charges to ensure great character! Admiral is a big high-alpha UK hop full of flavour and aroma. ABV 4.1% ; Hops Golding, Admiral; Malt Low Colour Maris Otter .

Followed by **Dynamite**... available from July through September 2014

Insert Ruswarp PDF

A pale ale, thirst quenching and hoppy. Dynamite is packed with American hops, known for their big flavours and aroma. We make no apology for the price, these hops are double the cost of traditional UK hops. ABV 4.0%; Hops Willamette, Amarillo; Malt Maris Otter Pale Ale



There will also be a limited edition in cask of the Wyvern Ale produced for the Settle & Carlisle anniversary celebrations (see page 34). This will be renamed **Ruswarp**, a 4.0% golden ale, single malt and using cascade hops For Ruswarp story see page 35.

A further brew to look out for is a cask version of their very successful bottled ale **Anti Freeze**, a great thirst quenching hoppy ale from Eden's 'Withnail' range."

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Hawkshead Brewery PDF

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It will use a very limited edition experimental hop from Charles Faram known as CF-103 to produce Antifreeze, which is heavily hopped and golden in colour. Antifreeze is very refreshing with a crisp bitterness to finish. We are told it is best enjoyed chilled! Brewed with Maris Otter Pale Ale Malt. 5.3% ABV. *D. Currington Acting BLO*

Hawkshead Brewery

Beer Festivals

The Spring Beer Festival in March saw record crowds. More than 100 casks and 25 kegs of beer (amounting to 8,000 pints) were sold over the 3 days at a rate of four and a half pints a minute. The Illusionist, brewed especially for the festival in collaboration with Yorkshire brewers Magic Rock, proved popular and has since sold out. The summer festival, which takes place 17-20 July, will also feature a special collaboration brew the style of which will stay under wraps until the opening day.

Brewery of the Year

Hawkshead are Cumbria Life's Brewery of the Year. The brewery was one of 48 finalists shortlisted for the 2014 Cumbria Life Food & Drink Awards which sees businesses judged in 13 categories. Judges said of the brewery "They have worked harder to promote Cumbrian beer in and out of the county than anyone".

Pictured at the Award ceremony are Hawkshead Director Anne Brodie, Sales Manager Anne Jones and Grahame Latus from the award sponsor, Enterprise Answers.



The Beer Hall

You can now have dinner at The Beer Hall as well as lunch. Food is now being served till 8:30pm on a Friday & Saturday evening for those who prefer to dine a little later, table bookings can now also be made.

New Real Ale in a Bottle

Great White is the latest beer to roll off the brewery's in-house micro bottling plant. The 4.8% bottle-conditioned beer is brewed with wheat, Maris Otter barley, coriander seeds, Seville orange peel and Motueka hops from New Zealand.

New cask beer

Iti is a 3.5% pale ale named after the Maori word for 'little' and is brewed using 100% New Zealand hops. It is the second beer the brewery has made using only New Zealand hops, NZPA being the first, this new beer as their Head Brewer Matt says "is the little brother of NZPA".

Limited Edition Brew for Booths

The brewery has been approached again by Booths to produce a beer especially for the supermarkets second beer festival. The 5.6% beer is described as dark in colour but surprisingly light and refreshing on the palate, with aromas of tropical fruit and resinous pine. We need to look out for it. *David Currington BLO*



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Kendal Brewing Co

No report receive from BLO

Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery

Exciting new development proposals are being planned for the brewery.

These will involve moving production from their present site into the Auction Rooms in the town. The brewery will still remain a 6BBL operation and the existing equipment will be moved to the new premises. This will have on the ground floor the majority of brewing machinery/storage but with the copper and mash vessels on the upper floor. In addition on the upper floor will be a bar and seating area together with a viewing area and these will be open on four days per week. This area will also be available for meetings etc. on other days.

The Brewery hope that it is successful with its proposals which will give "real ale" drinkers another venue to enjoy their excellent beers. I will keep you updated with more details as the proposals progress.

Colin Aston BLO

Tirril No report received

Watermill Brewing Co

As regards the BLO report, the Watermill brewery has had its best month business wise since its inception, with the latest brew Shih Tsu Faced selling well, & steady sales throughout. No further progress on the brewery extension to date.

Tony Jackson BLO

Wild Boar Brewery

No report from BLO

Winster Valley Brewery

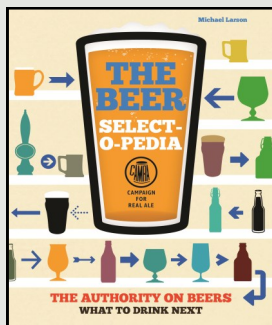
The Brewery is operating at present to full capacity and are currently having an extra fermenter installed to cope with demand.

They recently won the gold medal for Lakes Blonde as the champion bitter at the Lancaster Beer Festival. This is now also available in bottles. As usual their beers Chaser, Hurdler and Dark Horse will be selling at Cartmel race meetings.

Colin Ashton (BLO).

Another new brewery, Brewshine has set up in Kendal area – Clive Bisland to be BLO. Seamus Import to take on BLO for Eden and Juan Kinley again to be noted as BLO for Wild Boar.

A new Book from the CAMRA Shop. Go to the CAMRA Website to order



The enthusiast's guide to the delicious world of beer. Organised into a periodic table of beer styles, with fantastic 'atomic structure' diagrams detailing facts for each style, it is quick and easy to find a style you enjoy and discover something new.

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Settle & Carlisle Railway & Eden Brewery

Eden Brewery is helping mark an important milestone for an historic railway with an exclusive beer.

In 2014 the Settle-Carlisle Railway will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the re-privatisation of the line in 1989 following a long-running threat of closure. To mark the event the Eden Brewery, which is based at Brougham Hall, near Penrith, has produced a special anniversary beer.

Bottles of Wyvern Anniversary Ale will be sold to passengers taking

the train, which links towns and villages in Cumbria and North Yorkshire with Carlisle and Leeds.

Brewer Jason Hill said Eden had a long-running relationship with the railway and had been producing beer for its use for a number of years. He said: "The Settle Carlisle Railway is a great institution that we are proud to be associated with. Not only has the railway survived in the face of adversity, but it has prospered. "We were delighted to have the chance to help the railway celebrate this milestone by brewing the Wyvern Anniversary Ale. I hope that lots of

people will be able to enjoy drinking it during the year of celebrations in 2014."

Anne Ridley, commercial manager for the Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company, said the beer would be served alongside



Wyvern Ale and Wyvern Lager, which are already available on the trains. She said: "We are going to sell it in bottles on the train and there will be some casks that will be offered to free houses along the line. We were set up to promote the line and to help support local businesses and working with Jason is helping us do just that."

A number of events will be taking place throughout the year to help celebrate the anniversary, including the running of a special service from Leeds to Carlisle.

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Eden Brewery has also partnered with one of the county's oldest and most respected specialist food outlets to help it celebrate a major milestone.

Cranstons, which has been selling high quality foods and meats since 1914, has joined with the Brewery in order to celebrate its centenary year.

Eden have produced a special Centenary Ale which will be on sale as part of Cranstons' celebrations. The Centenary Ale is light golden in colour, very refreshing and brewed with the classic UK Cascade hop which provides thirst quenching citrus and light floral characteristics.

Ruswarp's Story

The Story of the heroic Collie dog Ruswarp, In the 1980's Britain's most scenic railway line, the Settle to Carlisle, was under threat of almost certain closure. Among the people who formed the group that was to save the Settle - Carlisle railway line was Graham Nuttall a very modest Lancashire man who shared with a growing number of people a sense of outrage that the S&C seemed condemned.

He became the first Secretary of the Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line.

Graham and his faithful Border Collie dog Ruswarp were inseparable. Ruswarp's paw print had the distinction of being the only canine signature of objection to the line's closure. He was deemed to be a 'fare paying passenger' about to suffer 'hardship' should the line close.

On 20th January 1990 Graham went missing. He and Ruswarp bought day return tickets from Burnley to Llandrindod Wells (in Wales), there to go walking in the Welsh Mountains. But Graham never returned. Neighbours raised the alarm. Searches by police and mountain rescue teams in the Elan Valley and Rhayader found nothing. Then on 7th April 1990, a lone walker found Graham's body, by a mountain stream. Nearby was Ruswarp, so weak that the 14 year old dog had to be carried off the mountain. He had stayed with his master's body for eleven winter weeks.

(from The Westmorland Gazette, April 25, 2008, courtesy of Francis Pritchard, Hon. Treasurer, Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line)



MEMBERS' WEEKEND & AGM SCARBOROUGH 25 - 27 APRIL A ROUND-UP FROM OUR DELEGATES VIEWPOINT

This was CAMRA's third visit to Scarborough but my first as Westmorland delegate. It was good fun while at the same time being a serious platform for proposed changes to the way we do things. Mike and I were aware of needing to get support for our Westmorland conference motion so started looking around the assembled sea of members in the bar that opening afternoon. As you might expect the beers and ciders in the well-stocked (74 plus on the beer list) members' bar were from around Yorkshire. Dilemma number one: do I only sample those new to me, or go for some good old favourites?

We had booked on the Whitby pub crawl, so were off again at 6.15 through the ever-thickening coastal fog with the knowledge that this was coinciding with one of the Bram Stoker Goth weekends! So dear reader, picture this if you will – 52 CAMRA enthusiasts vying for space at the bar with assorted undertakers, brides of Frankenstein, dark wraiths and other creatures of the night. The interaction between the two groups was surprisingly good fun. We had time for drinks in The Angel Hotel – Wetherspoon's (Butcombe Gold); Black Horse (excellent Black Dog Rhatas; Kelham Island, Pale Rider) – sharing a table with grandma, daughter



and grandson Goth; and the Station Inn (Purple Moose, Snowdonia Ale;

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Oakham, Citra). Unfortunately because of the fog our time was restricted and we returned at 9pm. Oh dear, forced into the Members' Bar again!

Saturday evening - dilemma number two: Do we leave the excellent choices on hand in the members' bar or risk a soaking pub crawl around the great list of hostelrys to visit in Scarborough? We decided on the former, as we were staying over on Sunday night so could enjoy the great variety the town has to offer then. Unfortunately Sunday was even wetter than Saturday and many pubs ran out of their best beers because of the CAMRA onslaught! However we visited the ever-popular Valley, a former national Cider POTY (highlight Rooster, Yankee); Cellars, with an even greater selection of beers from Yorkshire and further afield (highlight Salamander Gaffer); Rivelyn Hotel (highlights Black Paw IPA and Consett, Blast); Lord Roseberry - Wetherspoon's (highlight Isle of Skye, Young Pretender).

Of course the main purpose of the weekend is to conduct the standard Annual General Meeting business and provide members with the opportunity to put forward motions for approval and adoption on issues of importance. As it's the time when members can make changes it can, therefore, be lively and controversial. However as should be expected, everyone behaved with courtesy to others in disagreement. Colin Valentine maintained a great sense of

humour throughout which can disarm the most ardent objector to current policy! All the stuff considered boring by most (i.e. changes to the Articles of Association; reading of Directors' and Financial Statements etc.) was interspersed with awards and motions from branches and individual members.

Our motion (No 15) was next to the last to be heard so I didn't get a chance to speak at the rostrum until Sunday morning. It requested a greater allocation for Westmorland at next year's revue of GBG. The motion highlighted our longstanding complaint that Westmorland branch, encompassing the honeypot areas of South Lakes and part of the Yorkshire Dales should have a greater allocation of places than the small resident population would otherwise receive. Our numbers are swelled each year by millions of visitors making a huge difference to pub usage. I argued that we have some of the most iconic pubs in the country and a quickly-growing number of craft breweries. This means putting in the brewery taps alone takes up half of our allocation! As a result some of the best pubs you will find anywhere in the country are missing out on entry, when other areas struggle to fill theirs and can put in mediocre ones to fill the spaces. I won't list here all the points I made but I stressed the unfairness of the current system. Chris de Cordova from West Cumbria made a very good and reasoned support case in seconding. However, the book

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The Beer Festival Planners

If you are a Branch Member come and join us

Once a month on a Monday evening a group of dedicated members, led again this year by Chris Holland, can be found gathering in a certain Kendal hostelry over a pint or two of beer. This is the informal sub group of our members who start planning for our October Westmorland Beer Festival from January each year. There is much to do with a variety of deadlines to meet.

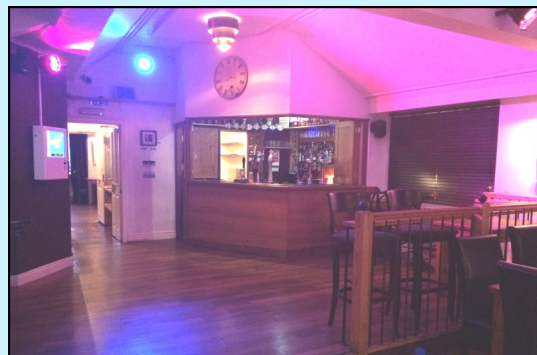
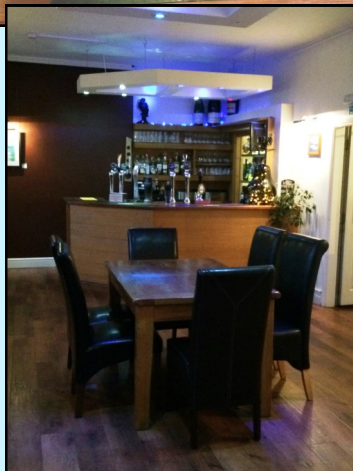
The venue, to whom we are very grateful for the use of their excellent facilities is Ruskin's Café Bar, 2 Stricklandgate Kendal, (the old Liberal building) opposite the Birdcage. This is a busy café bar with two bars comprising four handpumps offering Hawkshead Bitter & other guest ales; also real cider & bottled beers Belgium & American Craft beers. The well stocked bar has also 25 to 30 single malt whiskeys on offer but we don't normally get in to those on a Monday night.

Better still, besides opening in time for the meeting, (Ruskin's is open from 7pm until late every evening) it operates our CAMRA discount scheme, we finish in time to dodge the Monday evening acoustic jam, Not sure what that is, does it come with bread & butter? (I do hope so! Ed). Wednesday evenings sees more

of the sticky stuff on offer when the bar hosts a folk jam night.

It is also a keen Kendal Community Arts supporter, having held several art exhibitions.

Phil & the rest of the staff look forward to welcoming you at Ruskin's whenever you're passing in the evening.



CAMRA Approve Frozen Cider



CAMRA has welcomed the Government's decision in the Budget to freeze cider duty.

Making the announcement, the Chancellor highlighted that some cider producers in the West Country had been hit hard by recent weather conditions so needed additional support. This duty freeze will apply to cider with a juice content of 35% or higher, and will not apply to sparkling cider between 5.5% and 8.5% abv.

This is a welcome move which will support Britain's real cider and perry producers – a vital traditional British industry. Andrea Briers, Chair of CAMRA's Apple Committee commented:

"Cider is a traditional British product and I welcome the Chancellor's decision to freeze cider duty to help those who keep this tradition alive. I would encourage you to help real cider or perry makers thrive by visiting a pub and trying some."

CAMRA has cautioned that small cider producers (making below 70 hectolitres each year) already pay no duty, so the benefit of this duty freeze will primarily be felt by slightly larger producers.

CAMRA is continuing to campaign for a new cider duty system to support real cider with a considerably higher juice content.

For more information on real cider and perry, visit www.camra.org.uk/cider

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committee in response stressed it was an economic decision to keep the numbers as they currently stand. They argued that Cumbria has some one of the lowest numbers of hostleries selling real ale in the country, and therefore this must be taken into account in allocation. As I had right to reply I changed what I was going to say to enable me to point out the Westmorland was not representative of Cumbria as a whole and that the proportion of real ale

outlets here was very high. It wasn't enough to sway the vote, though and the motion failed (just). But local members please note – we do not intend to leave it here. There is support for our case and it will continue to be made.

Marilyn Molloy
Westmorland Conference Delegate

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Cumbria Real Cider and Perry

In the last two months qualifying pubs have been judged and the winner of Cumbria Cider and Perry pub of the year 2014 is the George and Dragon in Dent for the second time. It now goes forward to the West Pennines for the region award.

Cumbria Branches have arranged a trip to make cider in Scotland at Walkmill in October. We will be running a bus from Westmorland to this event; if you would like to go contact Gary Kirby 015396 25256 Cumbria cider AO. (Watch our website for dates & times)

With more pubs in Westmorland using real cider please keep the branch informed as we can add them to the real cider list like the local ale list.

CAMRA's National Cider and Perry Championships

Cider

National Gold- Springfield Wobbly Munk (Monmouthshire)

National Silver- C.J.Surprise (Gwent)

National Bronze- West Milton (Dorset)

Perry

National Gold- Dunkertons Perry (Herefordshire)

National Silver- Gwynt y Ddraig Two Trees Perry (Glamorgan)

National Bronze- Raglan Cider Mill Perry (Monmouthshire)

CAMRA BEER DISCOUNT SCHEME

The following Westmorland Pubs are currently known to be offering discounts to card carrying CAMRA members

Badger Bar, Rydal
Miles Thompson
(Wetherspoon's), Kendal
Elleray Hotel, Windermere
George & Dragon, Dent
Midland Hotel, Appleby
Romney's Kendal

Strickland Arms, Sizergh
Orange Tree, Kirkby Lonsdale
Mortal Man, Troutbeck
Sun, Hawkshead

Cumbrian Beer Festivals 2014

MARCH

14/16	Staveley	Hawkshead Beer Hall Winter Beer Festival
21/23	Haverthwaite	Anglers Arms
29/30	Kendal	Brewery Arts Centre Kendal; Vats Bar

APRIL

10/13	Kendal	Burgundy's Cumbrian Beer Challenge
11/13	Kendal	Alexander Beer/Music Fest
18/20	Winton	Bay Horse Beer & Music Fest
18/21	Dent	George & Dragon Cider & Perry Fest

MAY

2/4	Kirkby Lonsdale	Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club Beer & Music Fest
16/18	Hawkshead	Sun Beer Festival
22/24	Skipton	Skipton Beer Festival, Town Hall, Skipton

JUNE

5/9	Boot	Boot Beer Festival
7/8	Troutbeck	Mortal Man Beer & Music Fest.
26/29	Underbarrow	Punchbowl Inn Beer Festival
27/28	Tirril	Queens Head Beer & Sausage Beer Festival
27/29	Appleby	Golden Ball Beer Festival
27/29	Dent Village	Music & Beer Festival

JULY

4/6	Kirkoswald	Featherstone Inn Beer Festival
11/13	Foxfield	Prince of Wales Cider & Perry Beer Festival
17/20	Staveley	Hawkshead Beer Hall Summer Beer Festival
18/20	Eamont Bridge	Crown Beer Festival
18/20	Kings Meaburn	White Horse Inn Music & Beer Festival
25/27	Winster	Brown Horse Beer Festival

AUGUST

1/3	Dufton	Stag Inn Beer Festival
15/17	Appleby	Midland Hotel Beer & Food Festival
22/25	Dent	George & Dragon Cider & Perry Festival
22/24	Brampton	New Inn Beer & Cider Festival
29/31	Penrith	Penrith Cricket Club, Sticky Wicket Beer & Music Fest.

SEPTEMBER

4/6	Ulverston	Charter Beer Festival, Coronation Hall.
5/7	Grasmere	Grasmere Guzzler Beer Festival, Tweedies
25/27	Keighley	Keighley Beer Fest, Central Hall, Keighley

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26/27 Cockermouth Taste of Cumbria Beer Fest, Jennings Brewery.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

3/5 Broughton Festival of Beer

8/11 Kendal 21st Westmorland Beer/Cider Fest., Town Hall,

30/10 -1/11 Carlisle Solway Beer Festival, Hallmark Hotel.

DECEMBER

5/7 Kirkby Lonsdale Orange Tree Beer Festival.

Many thanks to 'Chelsea' Chris for his efforts in compiling this information. Will readers please email the Editor if they notice any errors or have additional Beer Festivals we/he has missed and we can then add them to future editions. Ed.

WESTMORLAND CAMRA EVENTS DIARY

9th June Branch meeting at the Rifleman's Arms, Kendal

July 14th Branch Meeting, Plato's, Kirkby Lonsdale (highly commended certificate presentation)

Aug 11th **Amended to Brackenrigg Hotel, Watermillock** to fulfil former Eden-in Westmorland commitments to outstanding hostelries in their area.

Sept 8th Sun Inn, Troutbeck Bridge.

Oct 20th (deferred meeting to include Festival wash-up meeting), Ruskin's, Kendal.

Nov 10th Wheatsheaf, Brigsteer – GBG Selection Meeting.

Dec 5th Brief meeting followed by Christmas Meal & Social, Elleray, Windermere

January 5th, Ring o' Bells, Kendal

**Contact Tony Jackson for more details, transport bookings etc.
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For normal main Branch Events the pickup point can usually be agreed when booking but is usually the Bus Station in Kendal. For Eden Valley Branch contact Matt at mgregorycamra@yahoo.co.uk Subsidised transport is now £4 per visit.

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