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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

It seems no time since it was Christmas and we were all suffering from the terrible floods that devastated many communities in this part of the UK. Much still needs to be put right at who knows what cost. Only now in the South Lakes and Appleby areas are our pubs returning to some sort of normality. It has been hard work by all affected and we must ensure that we do all we can to support our locals. They are an asset we can't afford to lose.

Talking of assets, the Branch are beginning to get their act together to get as many pubs as possible listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Please read the article on page 11 and contact any of the branch officials if you wish to get your local protected for the future.

Our Pub of the Season for Summer 2016 is the Brackenrigg Inn, Watermillock which has such a terrific location on the shores of Ullswater. We shall be off soon to present the Certificate; more to follow next time.

Members held their Branch AGM at the wonderful Beer Hall which is attached to Hawkshead Brewery, Staveley. We also took the opportunity to present the Beer Hall with the much coveted Pub of the Year (POTS) trophy for 2016. It is extremely well deserved and we congratulate Bar Manager Chris and all his staff; we hope that they can progress further up the chain towards the Regional and National awards.

So, do have a great summer. Let us all move on from disasters to build an even better real ale scene in Westmorland Branch. Drink responsibly. Cheers ED

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From the Retiring Chair...Marilyn Molloy

IT'S ALL CHANGE IN THE
CHAIR!

This is my final report as chairman of Westmorland Branch. I have handed over the reins to Steve Charlton from Appleby who is our new chairman. I will continue as Vice-Chairman and be his "right-hand woman".

Since our last edition I have to announce the sad loss of a very active branch member – John Stafford – who died tragically, very suddenly in April. John was a very active member of both the beer festival committee and the tasting panel. He was a regular attender at many of our social events. He was a real gentle man and a good supporter of fine traditional ales, he will be missed by us all. We held a minute's silence for him at our following branch meeting and raised our glasses in his memory. There was a good attendance of branch members at his funeral, where, in honour of his love of blonde beers, we sent a wreath of yellow and white flowers (representing the beer and head!).

On a lighter note, we have completed our annual surveys of the other three Cumbrian branches' Pub of the Year entries –

ours being Hawkshead Beer Hall – and await the result of the Cumbrian winner to go forward to the Regional judging.

Marilyn Molloy Retiring Chairman

From the New Chair... Steve Charlton *A very Athletic Chap! ED*

After the April AGM meeting, I find myself in the [un]enviable position of Chairman of the Westmorland branch of CAMRA.

I would like to start by adding my personal thanks to Marilyn our outgoing Chairman, who, like myself, volunteered to keep the branch going. Marilyn did a great job in moving it forward and encouraging the social side as well as the necessary campaigning issues. I hope to continue on these lines as one of our major aims is to encourage more members to become involved in branch affairs. The main aim of any local branch is to help promote local pubs and breweries so we can continue to enjoy ales in our lovely pubs in our beautiful county.

Geographically we have a difficult region to cover and visiting all our pubs, whether socially or to deliver our superb Lakes & Ales magazine

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can prove nye on impossible, so if you enjoy a pint and could spare a little time to help you would be most welcome.

Our next meeting is at our

Summer Pub of the Season (POTS) at the Brackenrigg Inn, overlooking Ullswater. Minibuses are available to branch members, please come along if you can, we would love to see you. Regards Steve Charlton

WESTMORLAND CAMRA **EVENTS DIARY**

*Our Mini Bus leaves Kendal Bus Station at 7.15pm Cost £4

Saturday 11-Jun Hike and a Pint Langdale

Monday 13-Jun *Branch Meeting Brackenrigg Watermillock
for POTS Presentation

Monday 11-Jul Appleby brewery visit

Saturday 23-Jul Eden Beer Festival, Kings Meaburn

Monday 08-Aug *Branch Meeting Queens Hotel Ambleside

**Contact Jill Clarkson for more details, transport bookings etc.
(015394) 47845 Email:**

The Factory Tap

PUB NEWS I

The Factory Tap in Kendal was twinned with the Snug Micropub, Carnforth Station in similar ceremonies at both pubs. The Mayors of both Kendal and Carnforth attended and the bonds between both were cemented.



Gregg Beaman owner of the Snug said 'we have always had a special relationship with Bowness Bay and this twinning is a great way of promoting our two very special establishments'.

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Summer and Cider are a Perfect Match

The weather is finally getting warmer and thoughts turn enjoying a refreshing real cider or perry in your favourite beer garden.

However things in Westmorland aren't that easy as real cider and perry remain fairly elusive to find in the area, there are some fantastic exceptions to this, worthy of a mention with the Mortal Man at Troutbeck leading the way as "Cider Pub Of The Year" and stocking a massive range. I had a good report from Tweedie's Bar in Grasmere stocking the fantastic Gwnt y Draig Black Dragon Cider also the Midland in Appleby has a regular offering behind the bar and the Stag Inn Dufton has a dedicated cider hand pull through the summer months (cheeky advert for my pub there!)

The point of my ramblings this time is to say that the supply of real ciders and perry is better than ever with most of the major breweries and wholesalers

Cider & Perry Report Matt Baines



offering a range to suit all tastes and the means to dispense them.

So it's up to you the cider drinking, L&A reading, pub going fine people of Westmorland get on to your local friendly publican/licensee and ask them to fulfil your 'appley' wishes; it's out there and ripe for the picking just in time for the sun (although I can't guarantee the weather).

If anyone wants any information on where to find these great drinks or if you have spotted great cider or perry in the area feel free to drop me a line and I'll investigate (it's a tough job).

Cheers Matt

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE PUNCHBOWL, UNDERBARROW

PUB NEWS 2

There are big changes underway at the Punchbowl Inn, Underbarrow – and in a very good way.

For some time they have been wanting to make better use of the ground space around this wonderful old inn. Those of you who are familiar with the hostelry will know that each year the beer festival occupies a large marquee to the side of the pub. This has been great on warm summer evenings, but not so good when the chilly blasts and driving rain come along (as is often the case in our part of the country!). Exciting redevelopments will mean that new large kitchens provide a better workspace to produce that great food on their menu and the toilets are being relocated to provide for disabled access and baby-changing facilities. This pub is very popular with family groups already, but very

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'Assets of Community Value' What does it all mean? Can anyone start the ball rolling?

We have all heard that although well run pubs play a pivotal role in local communities, they are increasingly under threat of demolition or being converted to another use by large developers with 27 pubs closing every week. Look at those that have done so in recent years in Kendal. We know that too many pubs in a small area can render some of them unviable. That's the law of supply and demand. But do we need to lose so many? Why do so many local village pubs close leaving the population without any real social life?

If you love your local pub and want to protect it from demolition by avaricious developers looking for a change of use, make sure to list it with your local Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). If your local planning department gets an application for a change of use to say apartments then without any protection the local Planning Dept will maybe be only too pleased to grant permission and so get a few more houses built.

As a pub lover your first step to saving a such a pub from this fate is to list it as an 'Asset of Community Value'. You can do this even before a pub is under threat, which will give the pub added protection under planning law. (Please note that ACV listings only apply to pubs across England.)

If you are a CAMRA member you can nominate through your local CAMRA Branch. If you are not member but are reading this article with some concern for your own local then you need to get an informal group of 21 local people or maybe approach your Parish Council.

There are two ways to nominate your pub as an ACV. Either:

i) Download CAMRA's Online Nomination Form and fill out the details with information on your local pub. CAMRA will then send these details onto the CAMRA Branch representative to submit to the Council. , or

i) Fill out the local council form yourselves and CAMRA's Support Team will provide you with the land registry documents needed to submit the application.

Simply email acv@camra.org.uk

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**New Rifleman's pdf to come from
Neil**

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Why is listing an ACV so important for the Branch?

- You will have more of a say over what happens to pubs in your local community. You will be consulted if any pub you have nominated is threatened.
- Nominating your pub removes the permitted development rights which ensures the pub is protected in planning law should it come under threat.
- You will connect with other local groups, members of the community, MPs and Councillors to campaign to protect your local.

You will not be alone

In England there over 1400 pubs already listed. In our Westmorland Branch we have begun the process with the Rifleman's Arms, Kendal already listed and we have three more underway.

For the Licensee whose pub has been listed as an Asset of Community Value there are plenty of reasons to celebrate. Once listed, CAMRA will send them;

A template press release to celebrate your pubs ACV status

A Window Sticker

A certificate from the Department of Communities and Local Government

Reasons why ACV listing is beneficial to a licensee:

1. An ACV accreditation is a quality mark which confirms that the pub is valued by local people and is an important part of community life. This can be used to promote the pub to customers and could increase trade.
2. If you are looking to sell your pub you might be able to save on agents fees by selling direct to the community. ACVs provide access to a group of people who may wish to purchase the pub.
3. ACV status can prevent your pubco selling the pub to a property developer without you being informed. You would also have the opportunity to bid for the pub yourselves.
- 4/ Pubs sold as going concerns are not subject to the moratorium. So there is no delay in cases where the purchaser fully intends to keep the pub open.
5. The initial moratorium is just six weeks which is much shorter than the time it usually takes to find a buyer and for solicitors to complete a sale. The moratorium is only extended to six months if a community group expresses an interest in buying the pub. A sale to the community can take place within the six months.
6. ACV status can start a conversation with the community group who have the opportunity to work together to increase business.
7. ACV status may help when applying to alter licensing hours or applying for planning permission to extend a pub to increase viability. This is because the ACV status provides evidence that the pub is valued and supported by the community.

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E&Child pdf new from Neil

A Grand Day Out



When you're planning a day out, what usually comes to mind? Some hills, some lakes, a long walk? Well, this is Westmorland and we are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful scenery, and great walks are plentiful. So maybe you fancy a change? What about a trip to the seaside? It is a mistake to assume that the beach is best in sunnier spots with less rain and wind.

For CAMRA members, other aspects are important - some fine ales in pleasant surroundings with genial company and maybe a fine view thrown in for good measure. Another consideration is public transport - let the train take the strain or have an adventure on a bus pass if you're lucky enough to merit one. So here's a well-researched suggestion. What about Blackpool?

On May 14th I attended the West Pennines Regional meeting at Blackpool Cricket Club. What a revelation! No wonder it was voted our region's Club of the Year; I have high hopes that it may bowl over the competition at the national level too. It was cheering to learn that the club believes that its turn around of fortunes has been a direct result of a closer working relationship with CAMRA coupled with the enthusiastic support of its members for real ale.

The newly renovated bar sported six wonderful ales all in excellent condition. I can report my pleasure at sampling four of my current favourites: Saltaire Pride, Dunsar Gold, Moorhouse's White Witch and Thornbridge Jaipur. To add to my enjoyment was a CAMRA discount that resulted in four pints for only £10. Such a shame I couldn't just sit in the sun and watch the cricket!

The meeting was most informative and briskly run by John Webster from East Lancashire Branch - now there's someone who knows how to keep ale drinkers in order! I made some great new contacts and gathered pearls of wisdom to inform the workings of the new Westmorland team. For those who know me, it won't surprise that I batted well for our side and even bowled an occasional googly! Why don't more women attend these events? We three were the strongest players without a doubt!

Afterwards I took a bus into town - having taken advantage of the free overnight parking outside the club. For some time I have been following the threatened monopoly by Wetherspoon's of the Blackpool drinking scene, but I always admire the quality renovations of some architecturally interesting buildings and if the beer doesn't always match up..... Some skills just take more practice and meticulous staff training. Bearing all this in mind, I went to have a look at the latest fun palace, namely the Velvet Coaster close by the Pleasure Beach. It was truly amazing. A conversion from a former amusement arcade with an open roof, first floor terrace and pavement tables. A glass lift serviced the upper floors

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8. CAMRA are campaigning for ACV pubs to be given enhanced support by Councils and Government. One of the ideas we are pursuing is the extension of business rate relief for pubs listed as ACVs which would save licensees money.

9. ACV status can be used to secure valuable positive publicity in local media

10. Having got the pub listed, people in the community are more likely to feel loyal to the pub and use it more regularly.

The CAMRA website also contains more information for councillors, parish councillors and community groups. Go to <http://www.camra.org.uk/list-your-local> and follow the links. **DC**

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and the glass was repeated as a high protection from the prevailing winds whilst enabling fantastic sea views.

I was filled with admiration.... And the beer wasn't bad either!

After the traditional fish supper I was safely tucked up in my bed by 9 o'clock. What a grand day out! Santé.

Caroline Schwaller - your new Branch Secretary

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The Bridge Hotel, Kendal

PUB NEWS 3

I would like to draw attention to a mini cider festival that was held at the recently re-opened and refurbished Bridge Hotel, Kendal. It suffered greatly in the December floods and was closed for some five months. It is a bold step to once more draw in the customers and we wish Jackie Hadley, her staff and the pub every success. The reopening of the pub was supported by local MP Tim



Farron. Do try to visit; it is a much revamped hostelry and now serves two real ales. and has a large new dining room.

It is also very pleasing to report on the Kendal pub scene post floods. The Castle Inn has

reopened after some 5 months shut. It is as good as ever and we wish Geoff and Chris all the very best, especially since Geoff has been really quite poorly lately with very bad



Tim Farron raises a glass to Jackie & the pub

sciatica such that he is on crutches. What's that about rain and pouring! The Duke of Cumberland is also open once more after a similar period shut. Also our friend Brian has also reopened the Watermill at Ings and I am told he is once more very busy. **DC**

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Minipivovar Beznoska Prague

from Bruce Hine

The Czech Republic is well known for its beer and its history of brewing, and the Czech people have one of the highest beer consumptions per capita in the world. This is a country which likes its beer. The capital city Prague also has a reputation for

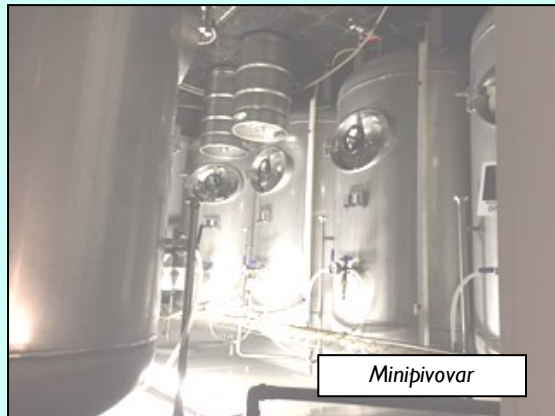
its many bars – some of which are also microbreweries (minipivovar). So a visit to Prague seemed the perfect opportunity to visit some brewing pubs.

A chance meeting in a bar in central Prague led to us visiting a microbrewery on the outskirts of the city – not a route that many tourists to the historic city take – in a suburb called Prosek. Earlier in the day, we called in at an Italian bar/restaurant in the centre of the city and when asking what beer they had on draught, I got into a discussion about brewing, as I tend to do. It turned out that the owner had a friend who ran a microbrewery in one of the suburbs, attached to a bar/restaurant and he suggested we take the trip out to

visit. It looked a little daunting on the map, being so far out from the city



Brewery, Prague



Minipivovar

centre, but we thought it would be something different. In actual fact, it was a relatively simple journey by metro – the Prague underground works like any other underground network and so is easy to follow – and then a five/ten minute walk after that. We did have to ask for directions once we got there, but

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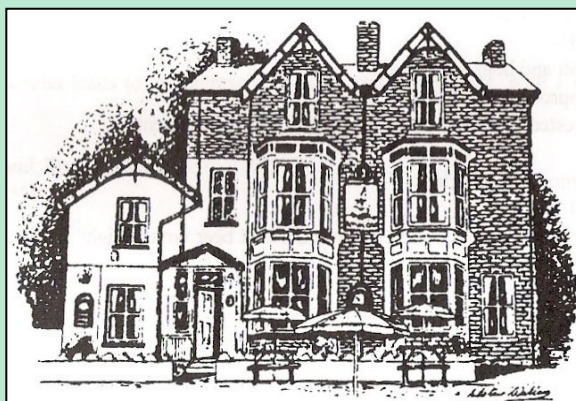
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with some pointing and gesturing, we managed to find it relatively easily.

The brewery - Minipivovar Beznoska - is in quite a substantial building in a residential street, housing a bar/restaurant and the brewery itself. The restaurant was first established in 1995 in what was a former

primary school. In 2013 it was further renovated and the brewery added. A family run business, it also includes a guest house and photos around the walls show the history of the building and the business.

The owner, Michael, is youngish (probably early 30s at most) and he couldn't have been more welcoming. Despite it clearly being the end of his shift, he was happy to talk to me and to let his head brewer - whose name I couldn't quite get unfortunately - show me around the brewery itself. We struggled a little with the language - his English was patchy, but considerably better than my Czech - but we managed to understand each other, more or less.

The brewery, from what I could understand, is a 5bbl operation and they can brew once or twice a day.

Their core beers include blondes at ten and twelve degrees (equivalent to our 3.5-4% ABV and 4.5-5% respectively) and even a strong blonde at around 6% ABV. Of these, and I



had to try all of them, I preferred the twelve degree premium blonde made from two types of Czech malt and three types of Czech hops. Their dark stout, with a hint of coffee and chocolate, is as good as any I've tasted and reasonably strong at thirteen degrees, around 5%.

Everywhere in Prague there were the popular half and half beers - sometimes an actual mix of half blonde and half dark beer in the glass, but often mixed when casking. Beznoska's halfdark is called Klicak, the half-dark version of their 12 degree blonde. The prices ranged from 35 Czech Koruna to 41 CZK for a half litre - which is the equivalent of around £1.00 - £1.20. My favourite was definitely their signature blonde, Beznoska at 12 degrees. In addition to their core range, they often experiment and bring out limited edition brews such as the current Mandarina Amber Ale using a Bavarian hop.

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Brewery OK

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Before he left, Michael introduced us to his father – who was having lunch with a friend – and although he didn't speak any English, we managed to buy each other a beer! Once I'd seen around the brewery, we also had a delicious lunch in the bar – traditional goulash for me, and my wife had pork medallions with a tangy cranberry sauce – at a cost of around £5 per head.

The whole trip out to the brewery, including the time we spent drinking and eating, was only about 3 hours, if that, and so it didn't take up too much of our weekend away – and the experience was definitely worth it. If you're visiting Prague and want to try something a little less touristy than the bars of the old town – great though they are - then have a trip out to Prosek.

We were in the centre of the old



town and so took the Yellow (B) metro line and changed to the Red (C) line at Florenc station. Tickets are bought from a machine and are very cheap, but make sure you validate them by stamping them on the posts on the way to the platform. When you come out from the metro station, with the little shopping mall behind you, you will be facing a dual carriageway "Prosecka". Left, past the bus stop, over the dual carriageway and follow the road in front of you, heading on downhill". Soon turn right into a street named "Letnanska" - a little down the street on the right is the entrance to the brewery on Klikovska street. After trying all the different beers, we just floated back to the metro station. A really enjoyable afternoon and a taste of the real Czech Republic! **BH**

Beznoska Beers



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WESTMORLAND BEER FEST
From Ronnie**

Badger Bar Advert to come

A visit towards the far north-east of our wide CAMRA branch region is always worthwhile bringing dramatic scenery and landscape into full view by car or public transport. Situated at the northerly end of the A685 road out of Kendal, north of Kirkby Stephen but south of Brough is the quiet hamlet of Brough Sowerby. To the west lies the MOD land of the Army base Warcop, to the east nearing the border of

Belah Bridge Inn, Brough Sowerby

a quiet lay-by, but close to where a famous viaduct built in 1860 carried trains across into Westmorland from Durham. Fine pictures and photographs of this marvellous structure, sadly dismantled in the



Steve O'Donoghue

County Durham is the notorious remote area of Stainmore, south of the Pennine Way, where winter storms and heavy snow are a regular winter feature.

A year ago, just set-back from the A685 tarmac as an old roadside inn, was a run-down Marston's house named the old Black Bull, which Steve O'Donoghue saw potential in, bought it for cash as a going concern (just trading on low wet sales) and in less than a year, with a tremendous team effort, has turned the building into a tastefully designed pub & restaurant, re-named the Belah Bridge Inn.

The River Belah and it's original bridge still sit proud around 1000 yards away just off the main road, in what is now

summer of 1963 after the railway line closed in January 1962, adorn the walls of this tastefully decorated oak-beamed pub and it's various airy and spacious adjoining rooms and bar.

Experienced in the licensed trade in the Leeds and Wakefield area for more than 20 years, Steve and wife Debbie own the Mulberry Café in Kirkby Stephen and had designs on the old pub, long before it came onto the market, seeing potential where Marston's failed. The result of hard work is a spotlessly clean bar, seating and dining area where a detailed and colourful design of Belah Bridge overhangs a low beam near the bar. 3

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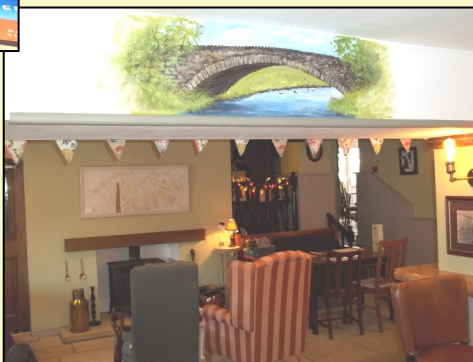
real ales are dispensed here during the Spring to Autumn months from the stables of Kirkby Lonsdale, Dent and Corby breweries alongside a Theakston's 3.9% bitter served as



Belah Bridge bitter. Occasional guest beers can be from Strands Brewery, Bank's Wainwright's or Appleby. Front of house is hard-working Lucy. Included in the tasteful re-fit of this old roadside inn is a separate restaurant area which has distant views of the Howgill Fells, a large rear garden and some tables at the front, overlooking what could be classed as Belah Bridge village green. To accompany the well-kept ale, lunch varies from home made burgers, bangers and mash, fish and chips; all

locally sourced by chef Tim in the kitchen to evening meals of home-made Steak & Ale pie in short-crust pastry, rib-eye steak, Cheshire oak gammon or Jacob's ladder, which is beef short-ribs, served with roast shallot jam, parsnip puree, red cabbage and herb-roasted new potatoes in red wine gravy

Throughout spring, summer and into autumn, the Belah Bridge is open Tuesday to Saturday evenings, Saturdays Noon to 11pm, Sundays Noon until 3pm and in summer season from Noon to 11pm. This free-house



is always closed on a Monday for staff to re-charge their boundless energy.

Richard Owen, Eden Valley area BLO

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soon even more will be able to enjoy it with improved access and facilities. In the area where the marquee used to be located, new-build will provide further bar space. As with the current bar it will have a real fire and comfy sofas. There will be 3-fold glass doors to the outside space, so when the weather is good, the inside can meet the outside! A full report will appear in our autumn edition of Lakes & Ale.

All this work is well underway, but it has meant delaying their annual beer festival until the autumn. It is now provisionally arranged for 29th September – 2nd October. More information and photos next edition

Marilyn Molloy

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8th Sept Quincy Street Quintet *Pete Major*
15th Sept Hope Swings *Eternal Bruce Canaffin*

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CAMRA is having a consultation on revitalisation of the Campaign. Quite right too, any organisation that has been around for 40 plus years, and there's a few national institutions that fall into that category, need to ask themselves if they are still fit for purpose. Over 24,000 members have responded to the survey already, it is important to do so and not too late, you'll find it on

revitalisation@camra.ork.uk/get-involved/

Initial results show support for drinkers of real ale, cider and perry and for supporting all pub goers which



Seattle gin on Alaska Airlines

seems in line with some of the main aims but there are other views all of which will be considered. Must admit I've always been on the real ale side of things taking the rather stuffy view that I've grown out of cider. But there has been a huge growth in that drink, as indeed there has been in other craft drinks,

A right old mix up *US West Coast, Alp d'Huez' Gin, Revitalisation and an Essex Brew!*

for example gin. I called into a bar in York recently that boasted 100 different gins. Given that it is the same kind of movement and some of these new craft drinks are being produced by real ale brewers, I think CAMRA can have a role in using its expertise to promote them as well.

Recently we flew from Los Angeles to Seattle with Alaska Airlines. They had a craft beer menu featuring beers from a number of the cities they serve, what a great idea. They also had a Seattle gin, one it turns out of many, which sort of reinforces the point I made earlier about such things. Returning we caught the Coast Starlight train from Seattle to Santa Barbara. It takes 32 hours and you have your own cabin to sleep in and take all your meals on board. When you are called to the dining car you



The train our home for 32 hours

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are asked to “be sociable as we mix you all up together”. During our first lunch we sat with a guy and his grand daughter who were going to Portland for the day. Turned out they’d only have 40 minutes there, they were going for the ride, food and in Grandpa’s case a few excellent Sierra Nevada beers. Don’t think there had been much trouble in talking him into child minding. How very different from the ghastly days of British Rail and cans of McEwans and Double Diamond.

Santa Barbara is a lovely town on the Pacific coast giving views of the



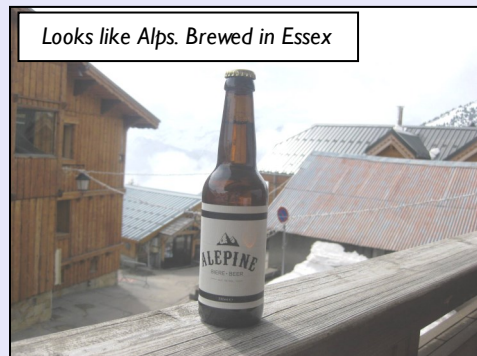
Figueroa Mountain brewery and bar, Santa Monica

California Channel Islands. We met a friend who took us out to a craft beer bar in the popular and upcoming Funk district of Downtown. It was heaving and how great to find real ale so popular and central to the part of town where it is all happening. A few days later I collected a rental car from nearby and the guy there was hugely enthusiastic about craft beer. He had

an ‘app’ on his phone where he could record all the craft beers he’d tried and comment on them. He told me that twelve months ago, Downtown Santa Barbara had 3 craft breweries, now it has 14. Renting the car was pretty incidental.

We’ve also visited my daughter who was working as a ski rep supervisor in Alp d’Heuz in the French Alps near Grenoble. We don’t ski, anything that requires protective headgear is clearly appallingly dangerous and to be avoided. However, the resort was very impressive but was very much everything as British as possible but with lots of snow and ski lifts. So I was pleased to see the chalet issue beer was called Alepine with a distinct air of the Alps about it. It’s brewed in Essex.

Roger Davies



Looks like Alps. Brewed in Essex

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from Ronnie as
last time

CAMRA Westmorland Beer Festival is entirely staffed by volunteers and we are always on the look out for new recruits among our members to help out during festival week.

Training is given in all areas and new volunteers will be invited to join a beer festival training evening in September prior to the festival with opportunities to find out more about what's involved... Watch your email inbox for an invitation coming soon!!

Meanwhile, our meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at The Factory Tap in Kendal, come along on and meet the team at our gathering at the Factory Tap. We can guarantee it will be both fun and informative.

if you are interested in joining us please email Festival Organisers who would be delighted to chat to you and share further details.

Don't be shy come and join us!!

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DRIP DRAY

The Punchbowl Inn at Underbarrow is changing the date of their annual beer festival this year from June to September. They took this decision for two reasons: firstly they are undergoing major alterations to the premises and outside area and want to ensure this is complete before the festival goes ahead. Secondly, they have found their usual date often coincides with other countryside events in the area. It is such a great little festival it would be a shame for it not to get the showcasing it deserves.

Full Page Wild Boar

**WESTMORLAND CAMRA
LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS
MARCH-JULY 2016**

24/26th July	Dentdale Music and Beer Festival, held around Dent.
21/23rd July	Staveley Hawkshead Beer Hall Summer Beer Festival, 21
-24th July Boot	Woolpack Inn Sausage & Cider Fest
29-31st July	Kirkby Lonsdale KL Rugby Club Beer & Music Fest
6th Aug	The Derby Arms, Witherslack.
1/3rd Sept	CAMRA Ulverston Beer and Cider Festival, Coronation Hall, Ulverston.
8/11th Sept	Silloth Music and Beer Festival, Silloth Green, Silloth.
22/24th Sept	CAMRA Morecambe Beer Festival, Trimpell Social Club, Morecambe.
29/Sep 2nd Oct	Punchbowl, Underbarrow
30/Sep 2nd Oct	Broughton Festival of Beer, held in the pubs in and around Broughton-in-Furness.
3/5th Nov	CAMRA Carlisle Beer Festival, The Venue, Portland Place, Carlisle.
9/12th Nov	CAMRA Westmorland Beer Festival, Town Hall, Kendal. Our own beer festival.

See our website for later Beer Festivals this year.

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Brewery Updates

Updates have been received from Brewery Liaison Officers for the following Breweries

Appleby Brewery

The brewery successfully moved in April to new premises from an Industrial Unit on the outskirts of Appleby to the Eden Valley village of Morland. Now brewing inside old horse stables in the centre of the village, opposite the village pub, a far larger size area of land has enabled Fred Mills and daughter Katie to expand their business.

Inside the converted stables, as well as the Brewhouse, there is a small shop and brewery bar. It is open for sales on and off the premises between 9am and 6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Brewery tours have already started, Westmorland CAMRA members are visiting on 11th July. In addition to tours, Fred is also offering a brewery training course of "How to brew from the grain" and "How to start your own micro-brewery".

Having settled into their new home, the decision has been made to brew all four of their beers in cask and bottle all year round. Originally the plan was to make Midlife Crisis and Senior Moment available all year and keep Horse Fair Golden Ale reserved for the summertime and Middle-Aged Spread Stout, only for winter. But observing the popularity of Golden Ales even in the depths of winter and having had tremendous feedback for Middle-Aged Spread, it is now a four ale brew all year round.

Even more remarkable among the brewery move and all going on, Fred's daughter Katie, even found time to marry her fiancée, Jon Metcalfe on April 9th. Congratulations both.

Richard OWEN BLO

Bowness Bay Brewery

Bowness Bay have just ventured into the Craft Keg market with 'The TAN' a golden Summer ale at 4% ABV. The Brewery are very excited about this keg beer after the success of their YAN Spring ale which was a one off brew. So, they decided to try a keg version'.

I hesitated as whether this 'craft keg' was indeed real ale, and should it be included here. Such ales have caused much debate amongst CAMRA members as to whether these are 'Real Ales' but maybe just this once members could go and try it let us know how you feel. There are of course some other Lakeland Breweries with craft keg available, and the issue needs to be resolved. Maybe ripe for discussion at the next Branch meeting.



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The TAN goes on at the Factory Tap and will be available throughout the Summer.

Tan is numeral 2 in the old Lakeland system for counting sheep, Yan, tan, tethera, pethera (methera), pimp is 1 to 5 watch out for more seasonal ales from Bowness Bay both in keg and cask.

Brack’N’Brew Brewery

Brewery building steadily on its core beers, which are now being distributed through the free trade. A new 70 litre plant is being installed for trial beers and one off brews. Hopefully a bottling agreement will shortly be reached for off sales. *Steve Charlton BLO*

Chadwick’s Brewery

It has been a busy few months, with the core beers selling well. Despite this Tim has still managed to squeeze in a few limited edition brews. He has been experimenting with different hop varieties that have been taunting him from his hop store for a while. From these he has produced two beers called Topaz and C3PA.

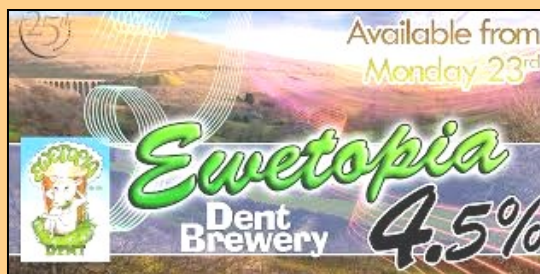
Topaz is a golden ale coming in at an ABV of 4%, single hopped with Australian Topaz hops. This hop gives the beer an interesting fruity, peach aroma and a grassy bitterness which is well balanced against the sweetness from the malt. He thinks this could particularly be good in very strong ale.

The C3PA is a triple-hopped IPA, at 4.5% it is not too strong but don’t let that fool you. It is hopped with three American varieties all beginning with the letter C to give it a distinctive citrus flavour with a resinous punch. This one is a real delight both to brew and drink.

Looking to the future, Tim thinks it might be time for a dark beer, perhaps a stout.

Dent Brewery

It is business as usual at Dent Brewery. The only change recently is the release of a new summer brew – an IPA using all American hops named Yewtopia (4.5%) *Marilyn Molloy BLO*



Eden Brewery

Eden Brewery continue to be very busy with ever-increasing sales. Their latest new ale is named Sharp Edge Ale, which is exclusively available at Rheged Centre near Penrith, which celebrates the launch of Terry Abrahams new film which premiered on 15th May – Life of a Mountain - Blencathra. It is in 500ml bottles.

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During June 2016, there is a limited release to Booths Supermarkets in the North West of 200ml Eden Gold Bottle Conditioned Ale.

Depth Charge, the new Dry Hopped Pilsner will be available soon in both 330ml bottle and 330ml can. Dynamite will also follow in both 330ml can and bottle.

Richard Owen, BLO

Hawkshead Brewery

Expansion Project

Having been brewing at full capacity for the past year the brewery has recently been reorganised. A new cold conditioning room has been built and the fermentation room extended. The expansion will allow a 40% increase in capacity over the next two years.

Key Lime Tau Returns

The much-anticipated Key Lime Tau makes its return, on International Tau Day 6.28 (28th June). Pubs, bars and bottle shops are joining the celebration launching the beer in keg and bottle on Tau Day.

New Collaboration Beer:

Margarita Gose

A special one-off collaboration, inspired by the classic cocktail, brewed for Stewart Brewing's Edinburgh beer festival is out.

Cumbria Tourism Awards

The Beer Hall has been selected as a finalist in the Cumbria

Tourism Awards – in the category Tourism Pub of the Year. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on 22nd June.

Manchester Beer Week & Runaway Collaboration

Hawkshead are supporting Manchester Beer Week, 10-19th June. They're involved in a series of events; meet the brewer evening, tap takeover, brewers market and closing party. They're also one of 8 breweries that have been teamed up to brew four collaboration brews exclusively for the festival. Hawkshead are paired with Runaway and have brewed a 'Manchester-themed' beer.

Northern Craft

Preparations are underway for Hawkshead's 10th summer beer festival on 21/23 July. Celebrating craft brewing in North Britain there'll be 80 beers from 20+ northern British breweries, 8 cask and keg bars, and on Friday a mass collaboration brew, by Matt Clarke and his brewing friends in the north.

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Kendal Brewing Co

Kendal have produced a new ale - called Hodgson's Leap a golden ale ABV 3.8%, it is out now! This is a local beer with a local story.

In the 19C a person called Hodgson bet he could ride a horse down the side of Scout Scar. Ale of course played a major role. Blindfolded both he and horse went over. Needless to say..... (so I won't Ed)

Also a new beer is scheduled for June called Anchorite Blonde ABV 4% it is described as a light summer ale. Also bottling of beer is to commence in July.

David Currington BLO

Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery

The brewery is very busy at present and working to full capacity. Unfortunately a start on the new premises is still held up pending completion of all the paperwork.

The breweries range of bottled beers are now available at Booths in Kirkby Lonsdale.

Colin Ashton BLO

Tirril Brewery

Tirril Brewery have their own Brewery Tap in the shape of The New Inn pub in the village of Brampton, north of Appleby, situated just 2 miles from where the brewery is based in Long Marton.

Hot on the heels of the success of their Lakeland Range of beers last year (Ullswater Blonde, Borrowdale Bitter and Grasmere Gold) Tirril have

launched two more ales, Langdale Light and Windermere IPA.

Both beers have been launched to positive reviews and are now available across the Lake District.

Richard Owen BLO



Watermill Brewery

After the floods the Watermill is again very busy with the clientele very pleased with the new décor after the refurbishment, all ales selling well.

Tony Jackson BLO

Wild Boar Brewery

No report received

Winster Valley Brewery

No report received; BLO away



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