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# Editorial

Hullo to all our readers.

Thanks for taking the time to read our Branch Magazine. This is a record breaking 52 page issue and I must thank all our contributors for the wonderful supply of articles. I trust you will find something of interest. Also I must give thanks to all our advertisers, both long standing and new. Without the continuing support from such people we could not afford to produce this magazine. It is in increasing demand and we are responding with this issue by increasing the circulation by another 1000 copies to a total of 5000.

Also it is very pleasing to report that new Westmorland breweries seem to be popping up with some regularity; not only must we wish Mike Pennington at the Kendal Brewing Co every success as they start up their new brewery. There are also two new breweries in the offing in Bowness & Windermere. Coupled with intended expansions at the Watermill and at Winstar it just shows that, despite the recession, these breweries are confident in the future of the brewing business.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Cheers ED

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## From the Chair...



Hello All,

Welcome to our Lakes and Ale magazine and I hope you have an enjoyable time looking through it.

Our recent Westmorland Beer Festival is over, with the Kendal Town Hall being passed back to its usual guardians in a good state.

This year we had over fifty five real ales with an increase in the number of real cider and real perry on offer as well.

The locally sourced real food, complete with homemade pickles, was also positively highlighted by many.

We also ran the "Tutored Tastings" again, with a choice of a variety of differing "Tastings" being made available. They were well received, with people's taste buds being tickled and educated with the help given in identifying some of the flavours and tastes that brewers are putting into their beers; what makes a bitter ale bitter, what makes a mild ale, how do you get that depth of flavour with a good aroma and flavours developing at the fist sip or on different parts of the tongue?

The festival was very successful, with many positive comments being given to our members throughout the festival. We will be looking at all of the comments, whether they are constructive praise or constructive criticism, which will help us to further improve, next year's festival.

I must pass on thanks to all concerned in the organising and running of the event. All of the people who helped are volunteers and without them there would be no festival at all.

Our thanks must also go to all of the organisation who sponsored various aspects of the festival.

Once again we had a special Festival Ale, unique to the festival, a wonderful bitter ale with an intense bitter finish, brewed by one of the breweries inside the Westmorland borders; this was brewed with the "assistance" of Westmorland CAMRA members and was well received by festival patrons – thank you Croglin Brewery (and I hope that we didn't get in the way too much when we were helping with the brewing). I enjoyed it and I hope you had an opportunity to try this unique beer as well.

Our thanks must also go to the increased number of patrons we had coming through the doors. Some who had been before to our Westmorland Festival and to other CAMRA Festivals; others were trying our festival as a first time; and some who had never tried real ale but were willing to give it a go. With the number of beers on offer, which included excellent examples of the differing styles of beer available as well as the real cider and perry there was something for everyone's tastes. Even the question "Have you got a

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lager available?" was met with a "Yes," because a real lager was on offer.

I thought it was marvellous that so many people came together to organise and set the festival up and equally marvellous to see so many people sensibly enjoying themselves, trying an extensive variety of interesting local and national real ale, cider and perry.

Well done to all concerned.

Here's a date for the diary, it is intended that the next Westmorland Beer Festival will take place in Kendal Town Hall from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th October 2012. We look forward to seeing you there.

The planning of the 2012 festival will be starting shortly, if you would like to be part of that or would like to learn more of what is necessary, or would just like to be more involved, than let us know – all volunteers will be welcomed!

It is also the time of year that we go around all of our pubs in the branch area, see what they are doing and how they are getting on and try some of their beers. Could you join us in some of these visits, let us know if you would like to help – all volunteers will be welcomed?

Changing the subject; I look forward to the arrival of the new issue of The Good Beer Guide and settle down with it to have a look at which pubs have and have not gone into it. It is unfortunate that all branches, throughout the country, are only allowed to put in a certain number of entries. In our area for example, there are over seventy pubs with good beer and we are only to put in just over twenty. Some good pubs, even some excellent pubs, do miss out because of this and we are aware of that. The Good Beer Guide can not continually increase in size but it is possible to make available more

information electronically. Because of this it is our intention to find out as much as possible about our local hostelrys with the idea that an electronic guide will be able to have much more information within it – and "size" will not be a problem. Further articles explaining more about this will be published; watch out for them because you can help out in getting your favourite pubs with good beer entered into the system.

More dates for your 2012 diary could include the 18th to 21st January when the National Winter Ales festival will be taking place at The Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road, Manchester M40 8EA. It not only has strong and tasty winter ales but also has a large variety of other beer styles from this country and abroad AND a wide variety of cider and perry. Something for everyone's taste.

Christmas is coming; how about getting a surprise CAMRA membership for the beer drinker in your life, or the family member that you can never work out what a suitable present might be, or even as a present for yourself! Go on, you know it makes sense!

New members will always get a welcome if they want to get involved with the local CAMRA branch. Whether it is attending a social, visiting a beer festival, going on a ramble from pub to pub, or getting more involved with the branch and the campaign there is something for you.

So here's to sensible, enjoyable, sociable drinking and good conversation; and depending on when you are reading this Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you from me and from all of us in CAMRA Westmorland. Cheers!

David M. Prickett  
Chairman Westmorland CAMRA

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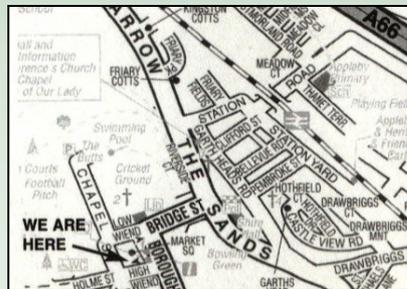
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## 18th Westmorland Beer & Cider Festival October 2011 Kendal Town Hall

After many planning meetings, emails and telephone calls and much hard work in the days leading up to the event, the 18th Westmorland Beer & Cider Festival was ready to welcome visitors in the lovely surrounding of Kendal's fine Town Hall. Before we go any further we really must thank Town Hall Manager Debbie and her very helpful and willing band of caretakers for yet again providing us with all the help and facilities necessary to make the festival a such a great place to be. A couple of our CAMRA members have penned a reported on the event in their own inimitable styles. So here they are unexpurgated. First up is Roger Clark a regular contributor to this august magazine.

Once again, I much enjoyed the annual Westmorland beer festival held in the splendid surroundings of Kendal town hall. As in previous years this is a manageable event with an excellent guide setting out the beers on offer and a bar layout that makes it easy to find the brew you are after.

A very good selection was on offer, and a few minutes spent studying the guide pays dividends in ensuring you sample brews that you want. In my case this means ones I'll be unlikely to come across locally and there were plenty to keep me amused.

As ever, splendid local fare was on offer



*Tim Farron MP with Phil Walker after signing our Save the Pub petition*



*Ray Jackson, CAMRA West Pennines Regional Director adds a few words of support*

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to help absorb the beer. I visited when our local MP, Tim Farron, came along to make a stirring speech in support of CAMRA's campaign against the tie, another reason why a number of Kendal's town centre pubs are suffering.

I must say it was heartening in these PC days to see a public figure drink and enjoy a beer and apologise that a later



*The Beer arrives courtesy of Kirby Lonsdale's dray lorry*



*The Beer Sponge counter*

improved upon for next year. It is, no doubt, this attention to detail that makes it as good as it is.

I'll be looking forward to the 2012 event, maybe this time I'll really stick to thirds instead of halves so I can sample more beers.

Roger Davies 11/11

*Next up we come to one of our friends from Lancaster Branch who makes the pilgrimage to our Beer Fest for his 'grand day out'.*

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commitment prevented him from enjoying more. A coup for the branch in getting such high profile support. Members may not realise that following the festival, branch officers have a "wash-up" meeting where every single element of the event is examined in detail to see if it can be

**The Midland Hotel at Appleby recently ran a Tasting in conjunction with Hesket Newmarket Brewery as part of Cask Ale Week which was very well received. Three, ever changing, local, real ales are now regularly on offer. A chalk board also displays the real ales that are due.**

## The 2011 Westmorland Beer Festival Another Grand Day Out!

Another Christmas is about to descend, the sounds of Noddy Holder and Cliff can be heard in the shops, must be time for the Westmoreland Beer Festival!



Once again our little group of enthusiastic “tickers” gathered in eager anticipation of an afternoons fine quaffing.

A slight air of sadness combined with excitement, as today’s event would be the last until the New Year, but as always, filled with the expectation of a “grand day out”. As everyone knows.... there’s never a bad beer festival!

As in previous years, on arrival, we milled around with the other eager punters until the clock struck the appointed hour, the doors opened and consumption commenced.

Again the Town Hall is a fitting venue and the various attractions presented impeccably as previous years.

On with the business of the day, the first ale was poured and we sat down to assess the runners, the complementary guide soon had various ales pencilled with notes, .... the must have’s.... personal favourites.... And.... I’m definitely having that one!

As time passed, the venue began to fill

with drinkers. The true enthusiasts, the first timers, people just passing and those who popped in out of curiosity. I’ve frequented many beer festivals around the

country they all follow a familiar format and none have disappointed.

If you’re reading this and never been to a beer festival before, let me dismiss a common myth.

There is an impression amongst society (probably emanates from wives, girlfriends and those of a temperance nature) that beer festivals are exclusively for men with beer stained sweat shirts, huge rhododendron beards getting paralytic and ending the day in the local hospital following a mass brawl-punch up and a ride in the “panda car”.... am I right?



Next, comes age! I know.... it may be a touchy subject, but it needs addressing. I’m in the fortysomething era, cassette tapes in vinyl roof MK2 Escorts,

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Mix!**



**Reflections on a Festival  
It takes all types!**



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## NEW INN HOFF



Westmorland CAMRA was pleased to learn that one of the great real ale pubs in the east of our area has, after being closed for three years reopened its doors. The New Inn at Hoff has been refurbished and is now a free house run by Sandra Colbear and Daniel Graham who is also the chef serving up good pub grub.

They have 3 handpulls with Hawkshead bitter as their main ale with guest ales to come.

The pub offers a real fire, snug area and dining area, children, walkers, cyclists, motorcyclists and even minibuses can be catered for with their car park just across the road. Well behaved dogs are welcome on the tiled area, refreshments for your canine friend will also be available.

The kitchen we understand is a nut free area, vegetarians, celiac and other dietary needs are catered for by

request.

There is a beer garden under construction at the end of the pub.

It is a quiet pub, there is no TV or jukebox but they do have a dart board, dominoes and playing cards.

They hope, with enough support, to get a regular small beer festival going.

They are on the Leeds highway walk, a 30 minute walk from Appleby, 20 minutes from Colby and 20 minutes from Rutter Falls Waterfall.

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blasting out T-Rex etc.;

Looking around today, most punters would be familiar with “Ted’s” and 8-track players in chrome plated Zephyr Zodiac’s blasting out sound of early Elvis and Sandy Shaw.

So... with that in mind, let me tell you what I see from where I’m seated with my “half pint”.... yes that’s correct, there’s no pint glasses here, and “the devils own work” can be purchased in third pint measures.

Common to all beer festivals, a balanced mixture of girls and boys mill within the confines’ of the Kendal venue. Familiar faces from last year.... friends we’ve met at other festivals.... a sprinkling of characters.... the closet “tickers”.... a few suits (aka, the Reggie Perrin brigade) - “just popping out the office for lunch Miss Jones”.... other CAMRA groups.... and.... I’ll bet a “half of old pecker” somewhere in the room, there’s a little old lady with half a milk stout busily knitting a “woolly cardigan” for a relatives Christmas present!....there always is!

Let’s not forget the organisers and staff, all volunteers; if it weren’t for their commitment we wouldn’t have these events. The “Team” made up of both girls and boys, give a warm welcome, and are always keen to assist with beer types to those unfamiliar with the array of the nation’s finest hop, apple and pear, products.

So...I would hope my observations and comments have cleared any “myths” and may have encouraged one or two people to “give it try”.

Moving on and back to why the rest of us are here, the beer!.

A selection of mild’s, golden, blonds, darks, porters in various strengths and

styles etc. are represented. I have my personal favourites as will you, and around the tables and bar, fellow quaffers discuss the merits of their choice. There’s no bad beer, just some are better than others and don’t forget the various selection Ciders and Perry’s are there if beer isn’t your scene.

The only word of advice I would give to new starter is not to drink with your eyes. Many times I’ve looked at the pump badge expecting a beer to be say, a blond and it’s turned out to be a dark!, and yes..... a mild can be golden in colour. (I learnt that little factoid at a pervious Westmoreland Festival tasting session).

Time for a blotter (for those unfamiliar with the jargon...grub). Most beer festivals have blotters available; ranging from basic ‘sarnies’ and pork pies to BBQ’s and Hog roasts. Caterers are an essential part of any beer festivals, and generally provide a fine selection of often local produce at the right price.

Sadly, that feeling of “the transport awaits” brings to an end another “grand day out”. Once again its “last orders”. Its time to prize ourselves away from the delights of the day, thank the staff and make our way home.

On the way, I note Noddy Holder and Cliff are still entertaining the shoppers. hummmm.... wonder....woolly cardigan for Christmas?

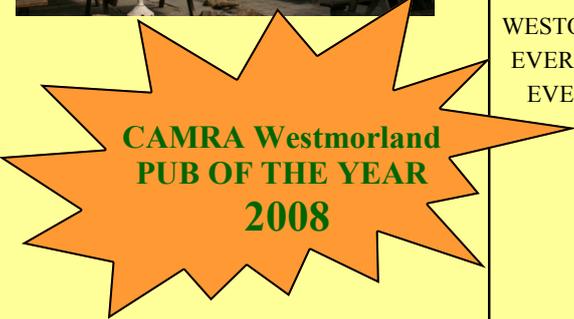
....soon be the 2012 Westmoreland Beer Festival!

*Andy Bleazard*

The George at Orton is regularly stocking real ale; usually two ales from the extensive Marston’s range. The range will increase to three as next summer approaches and the regular walkers and visitors return. Any excuse to have a special evening, at least once a week, is being taken; so whether or not it is a quiz or a themed food evening drop in try a beer and find out some more



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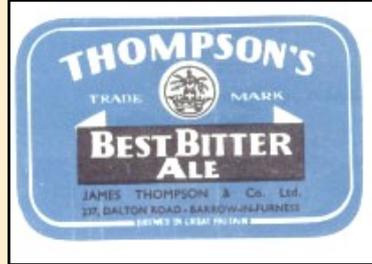
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## A Blast from the Past Part I By Don Morris



Recently at a second hand book sale I picked up a copy of a 36 page pamphlet entitled 'Real Ale in Cumbria' It was undated and appeared to be a precursor of 'CRAG'. One of the people mentioned in the credits was our own Marilyn Molloy - but with a different surname. When I contacted her asking for a date (the pamphlet, not her!) she had no recollection of the item. She must have been really tipsy in those days. She tells me she was a founder member of the Furness branch of CAMRA so it could be as early as sometime in the 1970's. There are several details which avid historians could use to ascertain the year of publication. This includes the interesting preface which I have printed below; I hope in a later issue to mention some of the other fascinating facts from the pamphlet. Don

of G. S. Heath, on Hindpool Road, Barrow, succumbed to the take-over advances and finally ceased production about 1959-60.

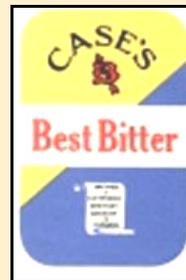
Six years later James Thompson, another Barrow brewer, sold out to Whitbread and created a situation which, though not unique, is very rare in the tied-house system of this country.

Thompson's used to share the production facilities at Hartley's, of nearby Ulverston, while the latter made use of Thompson's bottling plant in Barrow.

After the Thompson take-over the Whitbread people supplied their Thompson houses (50 plus) with Hartley's range of draught beers, while Hartley's, now minus bottling facilities locally, stocked Whitbread beers.

The final fall in the domino chain came with the selling-out to Hammond United Breweries (Tadcaster)

of the Barrow brewers R. F. Case & Co., though their highly thought of beers continued to be brewed by their new masters (who themselves

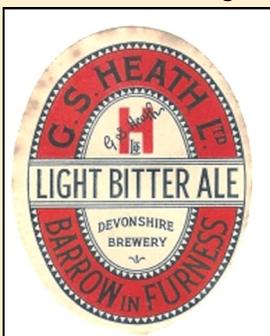


### THE BREWERIES AND THEIR BEERS

Cumbria, in common with most other regions of the nation, has witnessed the closure of several local breweries.

In addition the range of choice from the products of outside brewers supplying the area has likewise diminished in local times.

The rot set in, it would seem, two decades ago the business



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**PUB OF THE YEAR 2011 AWARDS**  
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**GOLDEN BALL, APPLEBY**

This years Pub of the Year was closely contended resulting with our judging panel electing two highly commended awards, one of which going to The Golden Ball at Appleby. The two room pub is situated just off the main road through Appleby and is your classic ,traditional ,honest town boozier where locals and an ever



*Landlord Andy Hunte r(r)) receives his award from Chairman David Prickett*

increasing number of beer loving visitors mix in harmony to discuss and enjoy an ever changing list of beers. Andy Hunter the landlord tries to keep a minimum of four pumps on during the winter with six on through the busier summer months. Beers are mainly from the extensive Marston's range but others from around Cumbria and the whole of the UK can be spotted on the two chalk boards which immediately take your eye on entry. After receiving your perfectly

poured and excellently looked after beer your eye may wander to one of the several pictures of classic rock stars like Jimmy Hendrix, Iron Maiden or Lemmy from Motorhead for our host is a bit of a rock and blues fan with his well stocked and very reasonable juke box being found in the bar next to the dart board with its automatic scoring machine. In the other room the walls are adorned with numerous awards going back many years including one to commemorate the first ten years (1974 - 1983) in The Camra Good Beer Guide signed by Roger Protz himself. Andy's commitment to Camra is exceptional with him attending branch meetings, supporting financially through advertising and promoting campaigns like Real Ale Week and the discount scheme. He currently

CASK BEER OF THE WEEK	A.B.V.
MARSTONS BURTON BITTER	3.8%
MANSFIELD OLD BAILY	3.9%
PEDIGREE	4.5%
CROSS BAY SUNSET	4.2%
FULLERS BENGAL LANCER	5.0%
WYCHWOOD THE DOGS BOLLOCKS	5.2%

charges just £2.50 per pint to card carrying members and has seen local membership and sales increase over

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became part of the Bass-Charrington Empire) until March, 1972.

However it is pleasing to note that in very recent days the independent firm of Daniel Thwaites has made a modest but welcome appearance in the region and are set to enlarge their foothold, while Bass-Charrington have begun reintroducing their famous Bass Bitter in selected outlets.

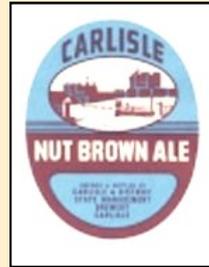


In West Cumberland, brewery take-overs at Cleator and Workington have resulted in a reduction of Real

Ale supplies. Jennings of Cockermouth is the only remaining Real brewer in this part of the county.

Kendal's Brewery is now an Art Centre but Scottish and Newcastle, Allied and Vaux all have their distribution depots there.

Appleby Brewery was taken over by Marston's in the 1920's and has, until the recent opening of a depot at Penrith, acted as Marston's distribution centre in Cumbria.



Carlisle Brewery is now managed by Theakston, though most of the former State Managed houses have gone to Bright brewers.

How things have changed.

Don Morris

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the past 12 months with at least fourteen locals now members of Camra the figure having doubled in the last year. Even some of the lager drinkers have been converted from the dark side and can actually be heard critiquing the latest brew, something you just cannot do with the amber nectar or "disco p\*\*\* as its known around these parts. During the summer there is a beer festival where a further 10 beers can be found in the rear garden area. Look at our website for dates of this and other coming Cumbrian beer festivals. Appleby can be accessed from the south from J39 M6 which brings you over the very picturesque Orton Scar

or from the A66 if coming from the north. Better still arrive by train on the world famous Settle to Carlisle line with The Ball being a 10 minute stroll through the ancient market town or hire electric bikes from The Midland Hotel adjacent to the station. If you ever get the chance to visit The Golden Ball be assured the beer will always be top class and the only Bad Company experienced will be from the jukebox

Cheers Andy and here's to a very well deserved Highly Commended POTY!!

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above the other please

## Brewery Updates

### Croglin Brewery

Anthony has now passed over all brewing activities to Ian who will continue running The Croglin Castle Hotel. The Croglin Brewery can be found in The Croglin Castle's cellar. Brewery trips are available if suitable notice is given. It is Ian's intention to continue to brew all of the regular beers from the Croglin's range but he will be revisiting the recipes to see if he can add a little more magic to the beers. Watch out for a Loki with a bit more magic, it must be worth a try. We wish both Anthony and Ian success and good luck with their future activities and thank Croglin Brewery for its previous and continuing support.

*David M. Prickett BLO*

### Dent Brewery

The brewery has had a very busy summer. Currently they are re-launching their Dent Bitter (ABV 3.7%). Several trial versions are to be brewed and public feedback is welcomed before a final version is agreed. At the Beer Lovers' Dinner on 11th November Dent were awarded the title Champion Cumbria Beer 2011 in the Stout category. Chapeau!

*David Currington BLO*

### Hawkshead Brewery.

More success & recognition for the Brewery. Hawkshead's WINDERMERE PALE (3.5%) was judged the best beer in The North at the 2011 SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) North Region beer competition, held in Manchester in October.



A record 80 breweries entered 254 cask beers into the blind tasting competition.

WINDERMERE PALE won the biggest category - Standard Bitters and Pale Ales-- and was also judged Overall Champion of the competition.

Hawkshead walked away with 3 medals in all - those 2 gold's and a bronze for their newest beer, NZPA

( 6%.) in the premium strong beers category.

Matt Clarke, Hawkshead's Head Brewer, told us that Windy Pale is becoming a really popular beer. It has taken over from Bitter as the best seller in The Beer Hall - the brewery tap. Earlier in the year it was realised it could also be a competition winner, when it won silver at the brewing Oscars - the Brewing Industry International Awards.

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Queens PDF done

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Windermere Pale will now compete for The North against winners from the other 6 regions in the SIBA National final in February.

The brewery was recently invited to attend a Liverpool CAMRA event in early October aimed specifically towards women, many new to real ale.



On a miserable wet evening, 40 women clustered together in a Liverpool pub to partake of a beer and food matching evening, presented by the Brewery.

After giving a brief history of Hawkshead Brewery, the brewing process was described. This was followed by beer and food matching.. The beers included Lakeland Gold, Organic Stout, Brodie's

Prime (this one a porter served with chocolate), & Hawkshead Red.

Stop Press; At the Beer Lovers Dinner The Brewery we successful in gaining three Champion beers of Cumbria Awards with Brodie's Prime (Porter); Lakeland Gold; (Best Bitters) and Hawkshead Bitter, (Bitters).

*David Currington BLO*

### **Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery**

The Brewery now has on order two new fermenters which will increase their capacity by 50%. They have just brewed a new seasonal beer called "Devil's Bridge". This is a Hoppy Brown Ale with an ABV of 3.7%. They will also be producing their Christmas ale "Jingling Lane" (ABV 3.7%) and this will be available during the festive season and one to look out for as part of your celebrations.



### **Tirril Brewery**

Brewery still working to capacity. The new Pennine Pilsner, O.G. 1037, A.B.V. 4%, is a top fermented lager flavoured with Czech Saarz hops, served cask conditioned and seems well received. Their brewery Tap at The New Inn, Brampton is closed currently due to management issues, not helped by a poor Appleby Fair.

*Keith Morgan, BLO*

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### **Watermill Brewing Co.**

The 30th edition of The Good Pub Guide includes the Watermill in the top 10 beer pub in addition to being included in the top 10 'own brew pub' listings. Collie Wobbles also finished 3rd in the bitter category in the recent 2011 SIBA awards. *Tony Jackson BLO*

### **Winster Valley Brewery**

The Brewery reports that their involvement in the Cartmel races was a great success in the promotion of real ale. This was the first time that they had served real ale. *See picture of the team .*

At the Brewery, a new site is under construction & is to include a shop. Both the beers and company are being re-branded included pump clips. New stockists of their real ale are the Lake Road Wine Bar, Ambleside and the Briary Wood Hotel.



There is a new ale - Chaser 4.1% abv, a distinctive honey tasting, smooth ale, with a strong bitter after-taste. A trainee brewer has been taken on to support Gez. *See picture of Mason cleaning masher.*

Also the Brewery has supported The Rydal Charity Bonfire by donating a Firkin of Hurdler. *Phil Walker BLO*

### **Kendal Brewing Company**

Brewing comes back to Kendal after 35 Years. Based at The Brewhouse at Burgundy's KBC have now started brewing. It began on Saturday 29th October with a first test brew by guest brewer Peter Goldsborough. Rom the Cross Bay Brewery in Morecambe. This first test brew had to be ditched at the fermentation stage due to a failure in ingredients but the good news is that all the equipment was found to be in full working



*Kim Lawther with the brewing kit.*

order. The micro brewery is a 2 barrel brew plant which will produce 72 gallons per brew. Hans Krueger, the ex Derwent brewer is coming out of retirement to teach the Brewhouse manager Kim Lawther all he knows, so Kim will be the permanent house brewer. This will make Kim the third lady brewer in Cumbria. Exciting times ahead at The Brewhouse

*Paul Elliott BLO*

## From London Bridge to Kendal's Woes A Passing Comment (or two) from Roger Davies

I sat with a beer looking out over London Bridge. By heck I needed that drink as it was 112 degrees outside from which, the more nimble amongst you will have worked out, I was not at the other end of the Windermere branch. We were in Lake Havasu City in Arizona and taking lunch at the Barley Bros brewery and enjoying a wheel of all their current draft beers, a splendid way to taste a huge



*London Bridge from the cool of Barley Bros Lake Havasu city.*



*A wheel of Barley Bros products*

variety of brews and a compliment to great food. A guy named McCullough bought London bridge in 1968 for \$2.5 million and spent another \$5 million erecting it in the middle of the Arizona desert as a centrepiece for his planned marine resort. It worked and, do you

know, it is really rather nice as is Barley Bros beer. You can drive over London Bridge which given we had decided it was past its prime over 40 years ago makes you doubt our sanity. But, I often do.



*Barley Bros menu*

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Then onto my favourite place, San Francisco. This is home to one of the few old breweries in the USA, Anchor Steam, who somehow survived Prohibition which lasted for no less than 13 years. During that time, alcohol consumption

the attraction of a trip on her during Prohibition was that you could drink and gamble, how cool is that ?

Back to Anchor Steam and they have branched out into producing their own gin called Protraro, the area in which the



The beer menu at the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment bar in San Francisco



A Blackpool tram outside the Ferry building in San Francisco. This is the heritage Blackpool should have built on, like SF, not buying stupid modern light rail vehicles that no one will use

actually increased, which just goes to prove that politicians have absolutely no idea. The ones in Scotland currently should think a wee bit more deeply about causes rather than symptoms of the claimed excessive drinking up there. Meantime, how about opening an off licence in Carlisle and starting booze cruises across the Solway Firth?

Back in the US, during Prohibition all sorts of ways around it came about. We stumbled on one, the "Delta King" a wonderful old stern wheeler that used to ply between San Francisco and Sacramento taking around 10 hours. She is now restored to her former glory and berthed in Sacramento as a hotel and restaurant and very fine she is too. Part of

brewery is based. I'm really looking forward to some of our brewers coming out with such things, we already have Keswick gin, I hope for a lot more.

We came home to news in the Westmorland Gazette that the pubs in South Lakeland are in crisis. Now this came as a bit of a shock, because, as I've said before, this is one place where virtually all the pubs I knew in the 1970s are still here and thriving. What it really means is Kendal, where, indeed, things are lot grimmer. I'm going to be controversial here but there are a number of reasons for this. First off, I'm sorry, but some pubs simply haven't moved on with the times and no longer have a place. Others have and they thrive, the lesson is pretty clear. But there are other factors. Kendal is

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renowned nationwide for its utterly dreadful one way system. The time has come, indeed it did a long while ago, for this appalling, antiquated system to be thoroughly reassessed. Then there is car parking. It is a wonder any pubs and restaurants survive in the town centre with the woeful lack of parking and no wonder so many of both are shutting. Any pub outside town has adequate parking, how are town centre ones supposed to compete? And what do our fine local council say about it? Well, any suggestion that these factors are relevant is met with bitter denial and accusations against the traders who make them. And they are spending time and money (our money) on

trying to shut the last free parking on New Road. That will truly be the death knell of the town centre. Their transport policy is walking and cycling. Excuse me but it's hilly and rains a lot, do me a favour. And try and favour the local businesses in our lovely town centre.

Roger Davies 11/11



The 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment's sign

## WESTMORLAND CAMRA EVENTS DIARY

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From **Appleby** contact **Chris Morris** (07796) 341592

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| 9th January 2012             | Branch Meeting at the Midland Hotel, Appleby-in-Westmorland. Ring to book transport.  |
| 16th January 2012            | Beer Festival Committee, Ruskins, 8pm. Kendal.  |
| 13th February 2012           | Branch 2013 Good Beer Guide selection meeting, Eagle & Child Staveley. Ring to book transport   |
| 30th March to 1st April 2012 | National CAMRA AGM & Members Weekend, The Riviera Centre, Torquay.<br>Probably no Branch transport (!) but details at <a href="http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=agm">http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=agm</a> . |

For normal Branch Events the pickup point can usually be agreed when booking but is usually the Bus Station in Kendal. There is also often a bus leaving from the Golden Ball in Appleby in Westmorland. For Beer Festivals under your own steam please look at the Beer Festivals page. Subsidised transport is now £4 per visit .

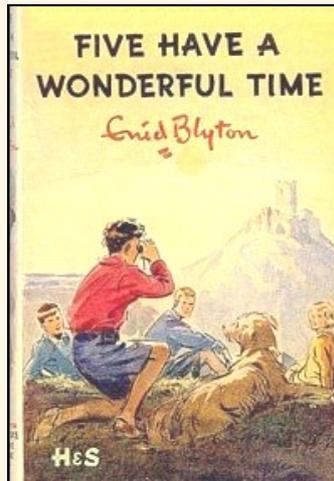
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## FAMOUS FIVE GO FOR LASHINGS OF BEER

or *Bon Voyage* Duncan

It was raining cats and dogs as Pam and Topsy and I waited for the triple 5 bus at the corner of Vicarage Lane in Ings. This was at about 8.40 am on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. It was also raining cats and dogs when Dave dropped us off back in Ings at around 7.30 pm. The weather between those two times was pretty awful but some sunshine was witnessed on the odd occasion. There was however some real sunshine experienced in the guise of good beer.

We were on our way in the morning into Kendal to join the minibus driven by stalwart Dave. It was to take us to the celebratory presentation to 'The Brook' at Cleator Moor for becoming the CAMRA Cumbrian Pub of the Year. Weeks ago Dave Welch had sent out an email inviting members to join this trip and to book early because it would be heavily subscribed. For medical reasons I am not taking in much of the amber nectar but a couple of weeks ago I decided to risk it and it was with some trepidation and little hope when I contacted Duncan. Expecting a 'sorry no room' response imagine my surprise when I was told we had secured a couple of seats. Imagine my greater surprise when I discovered that the



total number of members on the bus going to Appleby was **THREE**. Yes that's right **THREE**. Where were you all? What would Terry Thomas have called you? You missed a treat. Of course the Appleby mob would not let us down; the bus would soon be full. Rather shockingly the only people we picked up were our dear leader Dave and his wife Lynne.

Worse than shocking.

The presentation was to be merely the filling of what was a very tasty sandwich. The first piece of bread was a visit to the Ennerdale Brewery (formerly Whitehaven Brewing Co). Located in remote Croasdale the journey there was an adventure in itself; Appleby, the A66 below mighty Saddleback, Whinlatter Pass, delectable Vale of Lorton, and finally Ennerdale and the secret Croasdale. Besides the flooded roads the trip coincided with a mega cycle event going over all the main Lakeland passes. I bet those cyclists wished they had stayed in bed. Our blushes were spared when we were joined by a healthy contingent from the Furness branch and we got a very quick introduction to the workings of a micro

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# Eagle & Child pdf

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brewery before the most important part of the visit; drink as much as you like for the next hour. Three beers were on offer - Ennerdale Blonde (3.8%), Liquidator (3.9%), and Darkest (4.2%). They were all good but your correspondent preferred the 4.2 best of all. Dave Prickett went into ecstasy over the Ennerdale Blonde (was Lynne jealous?) A good time was had by all.

We were due at The Brook at around 2pm and we accordingly reassembled there to receive another superb welcome. We were warmly welcomed by the landlady Kirsty last cup final day when our branch was voting for the POTY. Mind you it does help to go along with a Bedlington Terrier because Kirsty has a soft spot for dogs (she has a Dalmatian). Second time around was even better. We were treated to a free first pint along with a very acceptable hot lunch. Thanks Kirsty. Beers on offer this time included Yates Golden Ale formerly Fever Pitch (3.9%), Helvellyn Gold (4%), the ubiquitous Landlord (4.3%), and Tradewinds (4.3%) which was a SIBA winner and I think is a Cairngorm Brewery production. My Helvellyn Gold was hazy but Chris the bar manager (?) was very accommodating and I moved on to Yates before sampling the Tradewinds.

Eventually it was time for the presentation and the obligatory photographs outside the pub in one of the rare bursts of sunshine. As we were collecting in readiness to say 'cheese' we were graced by the sudden presence of our ex dear leader Chris and his still dear wife Judith. They were in the middle of a royal tour of the lakes in their ever dependable Bongo. Certainly it was an added bonus.

Eventually we said goodbye to Kirsty and customers and also to the Furness contingent before setting off home. Or in that direction. There was still the other slice of bread to be eaten and it will come as no surprise for you to learn this was taken at the Prince of Wales in Foxfield. We arrived around 4.30pm and the party was in full swing. There was a Foreign Beer Style Weekend festival in progress along with all their own stuff. We were also entertained by a lively musical ensemble that played in a variety of genres. What beers were there? Far too many to mention here. Pam and I sampled Foxfield Mild(3.8%), Grantham Stout(4.3%){the extra 0.5% gave this far more body compared to the Foxfield}, and a mouth-watering Dark Star Triple which came in at 8.5%. There was a whole bar length dedicated to similar high octane fuels going up to Foxfield's own Triple Time (10.5%). Duncan is not overly keen on the pub but forgives them for always keeping the cellar stocked with bottles of *Schlenkerla*, a 5.1% Rauchbier from Bamberg. He had several. This was Duncan's last job as transport manager for the branch. He has already relocated to Brum for a new job. We wish him well.

Finally the sandwich was completed and eaten and we were really homeward bound sometime after 6 pm. Dave opted to take us home via Coniston and the heavens opened with a vengeance and were still open as we were dropped off in lngs. Thanks Dave, not a bad day out for four quid each in transport costs. See what you missed.

**Don Morris**

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## Three Accolades for Westmorland Pub The Beer Hall

celebrates the pub as a national institution. Every kind of pub is represented in these pages with categorised listings featuring full-colour photography illustrating a host of excellent pubs from the seaside to the city and from the historic to the ultra-modern."

The Beer hall in Staveley, (see photo on Cover) is, in effect, the Hawkshead Brewery Tap. It started life in an adjacent building adjoining the Brewery but recently it took up residence in a purpose built bar and mezzanine lounge area next door. Naturally, as you would expect from a brewery tap, it constantly serves in tip top condition the full range of Hawkshead beers that are currently in production, all from a dazzling display of shining handpumps. It has been awarded the 'Cask Marque' for beer quality.

The main bar is built around two new stainless steel fermenting vessels, which rise through the first floor

The Beer Hall manager is Katie Rome and with her enthusiastic staff all customers can be assured of a great pint and a good look at what beer is all about. A great visit.

For this reason Westmorland Branch members have voted the Beer Hall The Pub as of the Season for Autumn 2011, which was presented on 15th November by Branch President Alan Risdon.

In addition to the POTS award the Beer Hall has also received two other well-deserved accolades. They have been selected as one of the top pubs in the UK listed in a new CAMRA book which came out last month.

This is the CAMRA sponsored. "Great British Pubs" which is a practical guide that takes you around the very best public houses in Britain and



*The Bar Area*



*The Upstairs Dining area with new hop wall*



*The Bar built around the fermenters*

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tions on pubs that are fan friendly as well as having the best real ale choice in the re-  
spective town.

It can be seen at

<https://market.android.com/details?id=uk.co.footballandrealaleguide>



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The book describes the Beer Hall as an organic part of the Brewery. It is “a bar, a visitor centre, beer shop & kitchen all rolled into one.”

Previous to this the Beer Hall was singled out by editor Roger Protz to feature in the opening pages of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2012, published last August.

There are very many great pubs in Westmorland of which we should be justly proud. The Beer Hall in Staveley must be up with the best!

If you haven't been yet and are on the



President Alan, along with Branch Secretary Dave Welch presents Katie with the Award

way to the Lakes, a very short detour is well worth while. **DC**

*Whilst recently visiting Liverpool I spotted a beer from one of our local breweries which I hadn't previously tried. It was a Hawkshead NZPA, which is one of the beers from their ever increasing range. Hawkshead are definitely NOT afraid of hops and this was an exceptional example of a wonderfully crafted beer (which was very well kept and presented by "The Dispensary" in Liverpool centre – well worth a visit). It is difficult to reduce the complex aromas, flavours, mouth feel and aftertaste to a one word description; how about "Superb!"* **David Prickett (Westmorland Chair).**

If you're looking for any excuse in January to shake off the cold and damp of winter, pay a visit to CAMRA's National Winter Ales Festival from 18th – 21st at Manchester's Sheridan Suite.

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winter beer styles on the market, so it's an exciting time to be organising this festival.'

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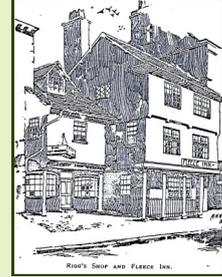
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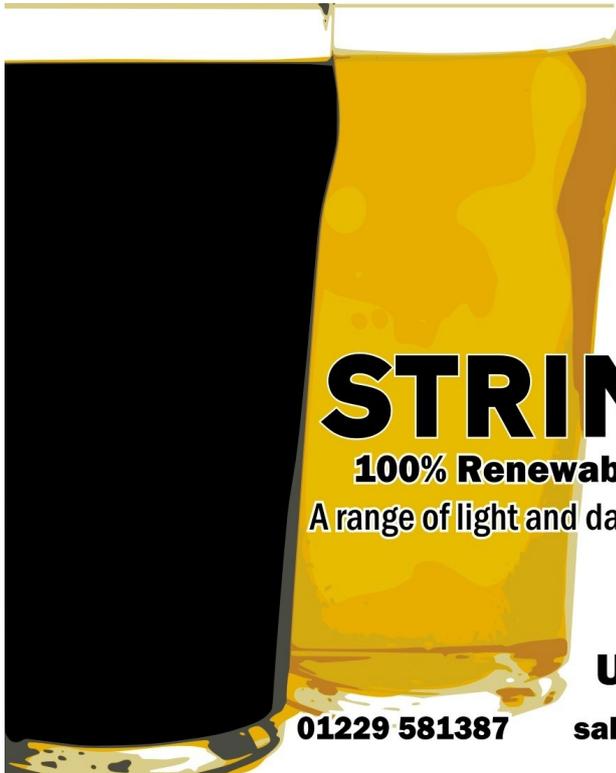
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# DRIP TRAY NOTICE BOARD

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We have news of two more Westmorland Micro Breweries. The Bowness Brewing Co have set up in a unit in Bowness and have been test brewing. They in production soon fairly soon and besides their own brews they will undertake commissioned ales.

Also the Grey Walls pub in Windermere are setting up a small brewery to make ales we understand mostly for their own outlet. More news next time.

The Dent Brewery came first in the Label of the year competition 2011 - Point of Sale Category. Run by the The Labologists Society. Well done, they are very distinctive!



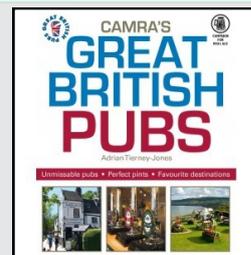
The Ship Inn, Sandside is now being run by the landlord from the Bull in Milnthorpe and chooses from the SIBA list.

**Great British Pubs** is a practical guide that takes you around the very best public houses in Britain and celebrates the pub as a national institution. Every kind of pub is represented in these pages with categorised listings featuring full-colour photography illustrating a host of excellent pubs from the seaside to the city and from the historic to the ultra-modern.

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## A BIG THANK YOU!

CAMRA volunteers enjoyed a well earned 'thank you party' for their efforts at the 18<sup>th</sup> Westmorland Beer & Cider Festival, kindly hosted by Stuart Taylor at the Orange Tree Kirkby Lonsdale. Over 50 volunteers gave 900 hundred hours of their time to make the 2011 Festival one of the most successful so far. During the evening an impromptu auction of a Festival Programme, a Beer Lovers Dinner Glass and an original Cumbria Breweries Poster raised £80 for Children in Need.

Planning for the 2012 Beer & Cider Festival is well underway.....



# Beer Lovers' Dinner

11/11/11

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

This was a new experience for us and, to be honest, we didn't know what to expect. As our cab swung into the entrance of the Castle Green Hotel, we were faced with a drive full of people walking up it, a portent of what was to come. Clearly the taxi driver was surprised too. Plenty of pleasant staff were on hand to greet us and two things struck us about the function room. One was that it was beautifully laid out and the other was the size of the gathering. Just a shade short of 200 people sat down which is a fantastic achievement by anyone's standards.



souvenir tankard. The well presented parchment gave details of the five course menu which was well stocked with local produce, something we heartily support. Now we can be very



critical of food, although we are blessed in our part of the world with many excellent eating places, we still too often accept poor quality fare. The menu did not disappoint, quite simply, it was all delicious. The beer pairings all worked well, some exceptionally so and we were kept well stocked by our cheery server Kevin who chastised us for not drinking enough.

We took our places to find a parchment wrapped with suitably aged looking string in a very nicely designed

There was business to be done with a number of awards to be given. We

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# BARNGATES BREWERY



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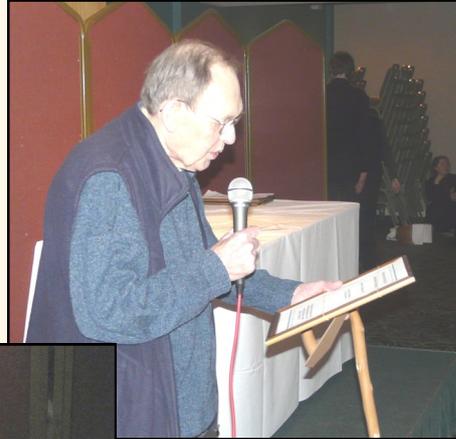
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won't pretend to understand CAMRA's labyrinthine systems, it was clear that all recipients valued them highly. Like any award ceremony worth its salt some recipients weren't there and on one occasion Editor Currington, acting as photographer, had to step in. At 9.30, the star turn Roger Protz gave a fascinating talk. He reminded us that 40 years ago CAMRA was fighting the



*Westmoreland Branch President lends a hand*



*The 'Oscars' await presentation!*

drinkers buy that stuff, they get cheap vodka from supermarkets and it is the supermarkets' obscene practices that are closing pubs and ripping the hearts

"Big Six" that had been snapping up breweries throughout the land. Now we have 840 breweries, the same as in the 1940s, around 135,000 members and beer quality is better than ever covering a great choice of diversity and styles. Local brewers use taste, aroma and passion but most importantly, they employ hands on craftsmanship. As an example of the progress in 40 years, Roger cited Molson Coors now producing the once loathed Worthington E in cask form for dispense by handpump. But he warned us much remains to be done. UK beer is the mostly highly taxed in Europe and the Government's response to binge drinking is to introduce yet more tax on beers over 7.5%. Roger contended that no binge



*Guest Speaker: leading beer writer and taster Roger Protz, Editor of CAMRA Good Beer Guide*

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out of our communities. "God help us when Governments do anything" he commented.

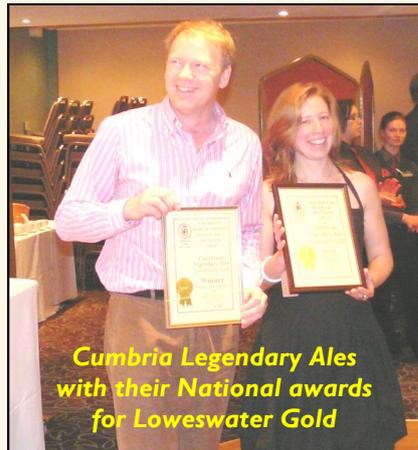
There are still acts of vandalism like Carlsberg closing Tetley's in Leeds. But he pointed out two new brewers had recently started in that city and that despite pub closures, we enjoy a much better choice of brews. He concluded by saying that after 40 years of passionate campaigning, CAMRA was looking good. It was quite a coup getting him to visit but he clearly enjoyed himself and was amazed by the turnout.

So how did it work? To be honest, by the later stages of the meal, we were beginning to feel a bit overwhelmed by beer in part due to the very generous provision. It may be, and this may be treacherous in the extreme, that it would be better to relax the beer for, perhaps one course. In fairness, the same point could be made for wine pairings. This in no way detracts from what was a superb evening and sincere thanks go to the brewers who donated their ales.

Nothing like this happens without a

great deal of hard work, so, to all involved a big thank you and we look forward to next year.

As it said on the commemorative glasses, "11/11/11 a night to remember".  
...**Roger Davies**



**Cumbria Legendary Ales  
with their National awards  
for Loweswater Gold**



**Alan Risdon & Linda Johnson**



**The 'Flowerpot Men' from Witherslack**



Hawkshead celebrate a 'triple' success



Duncan & Don



Roger & Laura Davies



David & Lynn Prickett



Matt From Hawkshead with the gold for Brodie's Pride stout



Ulverston Brewery had a good evening too!

## CAMRA MEMBERS' INVESTMENT CLUB



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The Club operates like a unit trust and members can pay in a round sum amount each month by standing order- from £5 up to a maximum of £166. A single annual payment can also be made up to a maximum of £2,000. The amount can be altered at any time and, if necessary, can be stopped and your investment cashed in or left to "ride" – the choice is yours.

At 31 October 2011 the funds of the Club were almost £10.5 million.

By holding a growing share in particular companies, the Club's votes at the AGM's could make a difference to either a takeover bid or other hostile actions. Having a voice in the boardrooms of the pub owning groups could help influence their guest beer policies, which is becoming increasingly important in the market where the smaller breweries are competing with the giants.

For the members, the Club organises tours of the breweries in which it has shares both in the UK and in Europe. These visits often present the opportunity of meeting the Directors of the companies as well as viewing their brewing operations.

The Club also has its own web site at [www.CMIC.uk.com](http://www.CMIC.uk.com).

For an information pack on joining the Club contact:-

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## CAMRA at 40 A personal reflection Alan Risdon

*This year most people may by now know that CAMRA celebrated its 40th anniversary.*

*As part of the celebrations, those 35 still living members who had been voted for nationally as the top 40 CAMRA campaigners were invited to a special celebration dinner at the National Brewery Centre in Burton on Trent. Here are his recollections*

I was astonished to see my name on the centre page of the August Edition of What's Brewing as having been voted by sufficient of our 130,000+ Members as one of the forty top campaigners for Real Ale. Having no idea who voted for me I can't thank them

individually but I expect that quite a few were Westmorland Members, so I offer a hearty collective 'thank you'.

Shortly afterwards a letter arrived from Camra HQ inviting me to attend a lunch and presentation to be held at the National Brewery Centre, Burton-Upon-Trent on 20th July 2011. It was to follow the annual presentation of Champion Beer of Britain Competition awards. For those unfamiliar with the Centre, it was

originally the Bass Brewery Museum which Molson Coors, American/Canadian Lager producers purchased with all other Bass buildings in Burton upon Trent. It consists of three elements: the museum mentioned below, the William Worthington's Brewery and a catering operation. Under considerable pressure from Camra, Burton-upon Trent city council, Staffordshire County Council and others, Molson Coors must be congratulated for providing the not inconsiderable funds needed to bring the centre up to an acceptable standard.



Proceedings commenced at 12 noon with tours of the museum part of the centre showing the brewing process by using many modern display techniques including computer generated imagery. Having been on such a tour last year prior to the formal opening by The Princess Royal earlier this year, I opted for the Real Ale Reception! On offer was Cumbria Legendary Ales 'Loweswater Gold';

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## **CAMRA BEER DISCOUNT SCHEME**

We are pleased to report that the following Westmorland Pubs are currently known to be offering beer discounts to card carrying CAMRA members:

**Badger Bar, Rydal**  
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**Golden Ball, Appleby**  
**Croglin Castle Hotel, Kirkby Stephen**  
**Elleray Hotel, Windermere**  
**George & Dragon, Dent**  
**The Midland Hotel, Appleby**  
**The Orange Tree, Kirkby Lonsdale**  
**The New Inn, Hoff**



*If I've missed one let me know ED*

**To find a CAMRA discount pub in the UK go to**  
<http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=313087>

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Oakleaf 'I Can't Believe its not Bitter'; Mighty Oak 'Oscar Mild' and a Cider 'Hard Cove' from Virtual Orchards.



A superb lunch, very professionally served, started with home smoked salmon with herb crème fraise and poached lemon accompanied by Salopian 'Shropshire Gold', followed by a main course of rolled brisket of beef with fondant glazed potato and fine beans finished with a rich ale jus accompanied by Marble 'Chocolate' and finally a dessert of Rich chocolate brownie with macerated autumn berries and citrus crème brulee with homemade shortbread accompanied by Houston 'Peters Well', Coffee and handmade chocolates accompanied by St Austell 'Proper Job'.

Certificates were then presented to the brewers of Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in each of the seven categories of the CBoB Competition. It was then the turn of those 35

surviving Top Campaigners' who were able to attend (including two of the four founders - Michael Hardman and Graham Lees) with a Top Campaigner pin badge, of which only 40 had been made and a copy of Camra at 40, Edited by Roger Protz

Overall, a splendid day but with one or two minor niggles; I thought that the Top Campaigners presentations could have been slotted in a few at a time between the CBob category winners rather than tacked on the end and, therefore, looking very much like an after thought. Clear name badges would have been helpful for those (most of us) with fading memories.

That part of Roger's book dealing with the future deserves separate treatment and will therefore be the subject of a further article.

*Alan Risdon*

*Branch President & one of 40 Top Campaigners*

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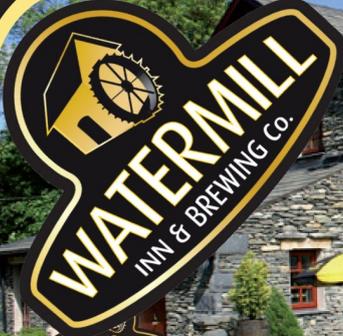
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