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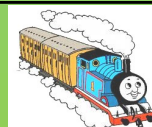
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Editorial

Many thanks for picking up this magazine, we hope you enjoy it and glean some knowledge of the Real Ale scene in this part of South Cumbria. As we go to press, the weather has dramatically picked up; lets hope it stays that way and does not return to being cold and damp by the time this edition appears in your local. Our wonderful array of pubs in the South Lakes need fair weather to maintain a good showing of seasonal visitors plus the ever present locals to help keep their businesses buoyant in these times of financial uncertainty. Busy pubs also mean busy local breweries and in 'old Westmorland' we continue to go from strength as two more micro breweries enter the market. These are dealt with on pages 34/5, but well done to the Eden Brewing Co. and the Bowness Bay Brewing Co.

I would urge as many readers as possible to read pages 36 & 37 concerning the notorious beer escalator and the ruinous effect it is having and will continue to have on the brewing industry and to the price of our pint. Once again the Chancellor is hitting the ordinary, sensible real ale drinkers in the pocket as an easy way to raise taxes. Please do your utmost to sign the E petition and give CAMRA a voice.

We are busy organising our 19th Westmorland Beer Festival, again to be held in the Town Hall in Kendal, and in the next issue we hope to unveil some new ideas to keep the festival fresh whilst retaining the unique feel developed over many years. Have an excellent summer; get to as many local Beer Fests as you can (listed on page 39) but remember to always drink responsibly.

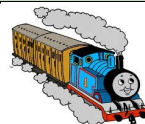
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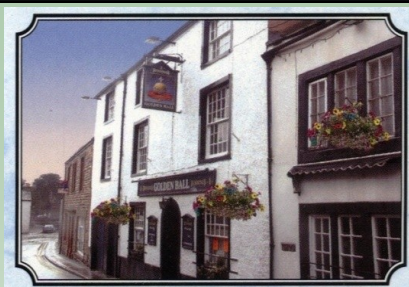
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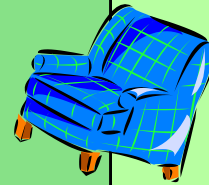
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From the Chair...



Hello and welcome to the new issue of Lakes and Ale, the magazine of the Westmorland branch of the Campaign for Real Ale.

Do you and can we trust politicians, the people who have been elected to represent us?

Well here are a few of my thoughts. During the recent Budget I, as usual, listened with interest to hear what the Chancellor would do with the duty on beer. No change, was what I'm sure that I heard; momentarily I thought "Yes, an excellent decision;" a decision that would not place yet more tax on the hard pressed brewer, publican and all of us that enjoyed having a beer. After that brief moment, I realised that the Chancellor meant that there would be no change to the automatic "Duty Escalator" on beer that means that there is an automatic annual increase comprising of the rate of inflation plus two per cent, so beer would actually increase by five per cent; once again hitting an industry which employs many thousands of people throughout the country. You would hope that the reduction in the taxation received, caused by the continuing rate of business closures would concern the Chancellor, particularly when the same problem was being raised by the many Members of Parliament who signed up for an Early Day Motion after encouragement by numerous members of the public, many of them CAMRA members

Politicians do take notice of peoples views, particularly when many people bring the same problems to their attention. It is still possible for us to fight the "Duty Escalator." To help with this CAMRA has set up an "e-petition" web site. If the petition can get 100,000 signatures; which may sound a lot, but it is less than the existing CAMRA membership; then a debate about Beer Duty can be forced to take place in the House of Commons and we want to achieve this before next year's budget. You can find the petition at www.camra.org.uk/saveyourpint, click on it, put in the few details requested and respond to the confirmation e-mail – job done and well done for actually taking part. Your local pub may already have posters and beer mats advertising this, but if not visit the saveyourpint.co.uk site and you can download posters.

Your support, with your signature, will make a difference and it will only take five minutes.

I asked if we could trust politicians. Some of them have signed Early Day Motions. The former pubs minister, John Healey MP, has written to the Chancellor highlighting the risk of diminishing returns being caused by the increasing number of closures. The new pubs minister, Bob Neill MP, is supportive of many CAMRA objectives. The All Parliamentary Save the Pub Group, chaired by Greg Mulholland

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MP, joined by, amongst others, Tim Farron MP, are also supportive. If we can continue to let our representatives know about our concerns I think they can and will take notice.

I'll get off the soap box now and mention that with summer approaching we will see many new "Golden Beers" appearing; well worth trying. Remember to watch out for some of the traditional bitters as well as, if you can find them, mild, porter and stout. The golden beers can be wonderfully crafted excellent products but let's keep on trying a variety of the differing styles of beer that are available.

Remember as well to watch out for some real cider and perry, which I'm noticing in more pubs these days and not only at beer festivals; wonderful, varied and refreshing and so different from the mass marketed, mass produced keg versions.

Mentioning festivals, a page of future events can be found inside this issue, but don't forget:

The Great British Beer Festival (at Olympia) - 7th to 11th August 2012,

The Westmorland Beer Festival – 10th to 13th October 2012.

I've mentioned some activities that you can do to support your local and real ale; however whether or not you wish to actively campaign or join in some more of our activities, or continue to support your local by visiting it and enjoying the real ale, the atmosphere, the conversation, the sociability, I wish you well.

Finally: from all of us in CAMRA Westmorland: Cheers and good health!

David M. Prickett

Westmorland CAMRA Chair



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DIDN'T WE HAVE A LOVELY TIME THE DAY WE WENT TO BANGOR

By Don Morris

Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bangor

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all for under a pound you know*

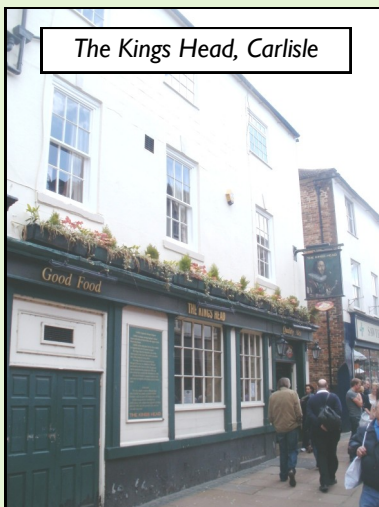
*But on the way back I cuddled with Jack and we
opened a bottle of cider*

*Singing a few of our favourite songs as the
wheels went around*

(Fiddler's Dram 1980 Ed)

The song was almost written for us. Substitute Carlisle Cleator Foxfield and Ulverston for Bangor. Replace under a pound with a fiver, and open a bottle of beer instead of cider, and you almost have our day. Mind you, even without the beer the trip was sublime; the journey around the perimeter of the lakes was accompanied by the most gorgeous weather.

There was the purest of azure skies with



The Kings Head, Carlisle

scudding clouds and a clarity that was a photographer's dream. What were we doing? We were on the annual pilgrimage to assess the pubs contending for the Cumbrian POTY (pub of the year). The turn out last year was meagre(10), the attendance this year was sub-meagre(6). What do we have to do to entice you out for a day of both splendid views and beers? Is the four quid too much? Only five judges from last year were on this trip, and Matthew from Appleby was a welcome newcomer. Matthew is also nearly at the end of a glorious project. He is visiting every Cumbrian pub in the 2012 edition of the CAMRA guide, and by bus where possible. Is this the drinker's equivalent of climbing all the Wainwrights? Dave Brown our webmaster and an expert on all matters about beer was also a welcome addition to the team this year.

By the time you read this Dave should have completed all the Wainwrights (mine's a pint of Snecky). Harvey and Topsy were again the canine representatives.

The four contenders this year were:-

The Black Swan, Ravenstonedale (Westmorland Branch)

The Kings Head, Carlisle (Solway Branch)

The Swan, Ulverston (Furness Branch)

The Brook, Cleator (West Lakes Branch & incumbent).

The Kendal three (sic) assembled sharp at 10am and the estimable Dave Emery, geologist extraordinaire, was waiting to transport us nearly two hundred miles that day. The Howgills were looking invitingly magnificent as we crossed the Lune gorge on the way to Appleby. We drove straight to Valhalla the home of our dear leader to pick up the Appleby three. I should have asked him the significance of 'drawbriggs' which occurred in a few of the street names in the area. Next time I am granted an audience? Our route to Carlisle was affected by an earlier accident to a tractor

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on the dreaded A66. Dave was well up to the situation and detoured with very little loss of time. We managed to park in the same road as The Kings Head. Topsie and I were soon confidently entering the pub until I was informed that dogs were not welcome. Oh dear, my score for this establishment was already on a potentially downward spiral. Perhaps the CAMRA guide should indicate which inns allow dogs? Our dear leader was kind enough to dog sit while I had a drink and cased the joint.

There were five hand pumps but all I had time for was the 3.7% mild Ilkley Black from the Ilkley Brewery. The brewery's tasting notes describe the brew as being faintly salty but my palette missed this. Later in the day I was able to savour far more satisfying and complex dark beers. After this slightly unsatisfying start to the day we left and made our way down to Cleator. Extricating ourselves from the cathedral area of the city was interesting because of the one way system. We eventually managed the exercise and were soon once again enjoying superb views towards the western and north western fells. The

and very welcoming. The staff was still very welcoming on our third visit but the atmosphere seemed more restrained, perhaps due to the absence of lots of drinkers. The pub was not empty but the only sizable influx were some wedding guests taking a pre ceremony drink before they entered the church opposite the pub. There were three pumps available on our visit. These delivered Yates Golden Ale, Timothy Taylor Landlord, and Harviestoun Bitter and Twisted(my choice). Jennings Cockerhoop was temporarily unavailable. We had a long discussion on the validity of the various components that make



Supping up in the Brook



The Brook, Cleator

Isle of Man was also prominent.

We had two visits to the Brook last year, one to judge and also one to present the award. On both visits the pub was bustling

up the marking scheme used for the assessment of the pubs. This conversation carried on in both of the subsequent pubs on our visit that day.

Both pubs? There was only one more pub to judge. Drinkers that know the area will appreciate it is not possible to pass the Prince of Wales at Foxfield without having a pit stop. L and lady Lynda had a long chat with us was typically generous in congratulating the contenders for the 2012 title. I supped some of Stuart's 5.5% 'porter under stout'. Don't ask me, but I did enjoy it, as much as I relished one of their super home made beef sandwiches. We eventually

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dragged ourselves away for the final event of the day. We took ourselves over the scenic route via Coney Fell to Ulverston and The Swan.

Until about seven years ago this was owned by Alex Brodie of Hawkshead Brewery. It has recently undergone (or should that be undergoing?) a face lift. The pub has bare walls and a rather sterile feel about it at the moment but that will probably change in a short while. The pub is being kept open during the current improvements. To make up for the slight drawback this gave the dog friendly pub, there was by the far the best array of real ales seen that day. There were about ten hand pumps with a good selection of dark beers. I initially plumped for an old favourite, Heskett Newmarket 6% Old Carrock but one sip was enough to convince me this barrel had seen better days. The barman was happy to



The Swan Ulverston

replace it with another 6% dark ale, Avon Gorlovka. (Gorlovka is a city in the Ukraine) This Barnsley brewery was new to me and the Imperial Stout was very acceptable, but the Hawkshead 8% Imperial Stout which I tried was wonderfully complex. It was a great finish to what was a great day.

Don Morris

Cumbrian Challenge 2012

A line-up of 19 local pints and a now famous local sausage sounds like the ultimate northern nirvana.

For the 16th successive year a flood of thirsty real ale drinkers flowed through **Burgundy's Wine Bar** in Lowther Street Kendal to be part of The Cumbrian Challenge Micro-Beer Festival.

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The winning ale from the new Kendal Brewing Co. based at the Brewhouse within Burgundy's was Helga's Dunkel Beir at 3.7% and was the clear champion meaning the winner's shield stayed in house.

It was a close call between second and

third with always in the frame Coniston Brewery offering their "K7" at 4.7% and in the top three for the second year running Cumbrian Legendary Ales with Pacific Voyage at 4.5%.



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Each year when we select our branch entries for the national Good Beer Guide, the four top-scoring hostelrys then vie for our ultimate annual accolade – the prestigious Pub of the Year award! Whilst not wanting to “give the game away” on which other pubs are in there (it is always a closely guarded secret until the national launch in August), we can reveal the Black Swan at Ravenstonedale



Jessica, Darren and Laura who looked after us extremely well at the presentation, and who played no small part in the success of the pub.



Laura receives the Pub of the Year Award from CAMRA Chairman Dave Prickett

came out the clear winner. There is a hefty list of reasons why this is so:

- It consistently sells quality real ales, particularly local.
- It is an excellent example of a community pub - keeping it sustainable by integrating a local shop selling local produce on site.
- Having good committed staff who give a warm welcome to their customers.
- Being an information point for tourists visiting the area.



Anyone for a sausage?

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A toast to the Black Swan from the CAMRA Westmorland members

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- On top of this, it is hard to think of a higher profile endorsement for our view than the Prince of Wales! It came onto his radar when promoting “The Pub is the Hub” - he visited, and was bowled over by the way the Dinnes family had turned around The Black Swan to make it the hub of its community.

Unfortunately at the end of April on the night of the presentation Alan and Louise Dinnes, the owners, were both unwell and devastated they couldn't be there, but their staff made up for this loss with excellent hosting (and excellent buffet!). The next stage is judging by each of the

other Cumbrian branches to find the overall county submission to go forward to the regional finals. By the time this goes to print the outcome might be known. We think The Black Swan has all the qualities needed to take it to this level and beyond, so we look forward to another great accolade for a pub that just keeps on winning! **MM**

Harvey waits for a sausage too!





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IS IT ME!

By ROGER DAVIES

I've been travelling around the UK a bit, It was all to do with what passes for me as business and certainly not that preposterous term a "staycation". To me, a holiday isn't a holiday if it doesn't have an aeroplane at each end. Look, before you go off on one, I live in the Lake District so support its economy daily. I went to Goodwood and stayed at the hotel of the same name. I was delighted to find a few handpumps dispensing beer brewed using ingredients from the Estate by a local brewer.

Luckily I checked the drinks menu first to find it was £4.20 a pint, so sorry, even for you, I didn't try it. I did visit the Gribble Inn at Oving near Chichester, a traditional thatched Sussex pub which

The Gribble Inn, Oving, West Sussex.



brews its own and very good it was too with a distinct Sussex character. After Goodwood, the still eye watering £3.20 a pint didn't seem so bad. A bit later, I was in Liverpool and decided on a pint of local stuff so had some Sharp's Cornish Coaster from Truro, nice with a

distinctly, er, Cornish character. Is this a result of Molson Coors owning it, is it a sign of the future and is it what we really want? But it was £2.35 a pint, now see if you can make any sense of all that, clearly transport costs don't come into any of these pricings.

On the subject of holidays, a while back



The Crown Hotel Liverpool opposite Lime Street station and a bus they couldn't manage in London.

the Government cut the grant to the English Tourist Board causing, amongst many things, redundancies amongst those good folks at Cumbria Tourism. The Scots and Welsh didn't which puts us at a severe disadvantage. How much more sensible if they had simply given the ETB £5 million instead of squandering it on a stupid TV ad? Which brings me to politics.

Is it me? Politicians have a breath-taking ability to misunderstand things totally and make stupendously wrong decisions. Makes you want to yell at the TV and radio "but it's obvious", and, sad to relate,

I often do. But two things dear to my heart seem to raise them to the highest plateau of mind numbing wrongness, public transport and alcohol. To say that our public transport policy couldn't be more wrong is an understatement but

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here is not the place. And as for alcohol, well, where do we start? What is the claimed problem? It seemed to start with so called binge drinking, the sight of mainly young people, often smart, falling about our streets on Friday and Saturday nights. Aha, alcohol fuelled was the cry, so let's sort that out and all will be well. Nobody thought to ask why, mainly sensible young folk with good careers and their lives ahead of them, feel the need to go out and get hammered. May it be due to the financial burdens of student loans, mortgages, then some idiot says what about paying into a pension? Maybe it is job insecurity or a feeling of low worth engendered by such disgraceful acts as firing by text. How often are people praised today for their work or are they just kept in a state of anxiety? What has happened to the art of management? But oh no, it's all drink's fault.

So let's tax it more. Despite everyone seeing it is fuelled by cheap vodkas, lagers and pitchers of this that and the other, oh no, let everyone pay. Just because binge drinkers wouldn't know a good beer if it bit them, let alone be seen drinking one, those of us who enjoy a decent pint in a local Cumbrian pub have to stump up as well. Just as everyone would pay if the blunt instrument of a minimum price per unit were to come along. Ah yes, the unit system, something to allow the preaching of safe limits. OK, but why have such a preposterous one, I looked at a poster one day, three quarters of the drinks would never pass my lips, and some drinks were half or points of a unit. I couldn't work it out sober. But it gets worse, now the idea of happy hours is being challenged. Well, I happen to

know what folks are now doing, instead of going to town centre pubs before clubs, they take it in turns to meet at houses and buy drink from the supermarket. Brilliant, just what our town centres need.

And worse again, now taxation is being used to force people into drinking weak beers and price them out of stronger ones. A binge drinker would never go near an 8.0 ABV beer in a million years as everybody knows, so again we all have to pay. And surely a weak beer will lead to more of it being drunk, I remember the weak bitters of the South Wales coalfield, able to be drunk 10 pints at a sitting. And the very last thing we need is landlords compounding the felony by refusing to serve stronger beers. Are you going to ban wine next, and single malts? By all means warn people but don't drive them away with blatant market distortion. Given the lunacy of current pricing, Government meddling can only make it unutterably worse.

I remember a senior politician of the age being asked why the Government took such a strong line on drugs. Her reply was illuminating, "if we'd realised the harmful effects of tobacco and alcohol we'd never have allowed them, we aren't making the mistake a third time". So maybe that is the real agenda. Or is it just me?

Roger Davies 5/12



If you are going out for a beer on a warm sunny evening, this is the way to do it.

WESTMORLAND CAMRA CREATES TWINNING OPPORTUNITIES

2012 marks the 19th Westmorland CAMRA Beer, Cider & Perry Festival, organised and run purely on a voluntary basis by CAMRA members. This annual event is well attended, respected and raises funds for CAMRA for local and national campaigning activities as well as local charities, which this year is Wainwright's Animal Shelter. The event also draws £60k+ of additional economic benefit into the Kendal area.

We have established a good reputation for serving over 55 well-kept real ales and 10 ciders and perries with a focus on a selection of our 30 Cumbrian breweries complimented by high quality local food. The event takes place in the fine setting of Kendal Town Hall. Our festival will run from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th October, opening hours are 12.00 noon – 11.00pm.

We have identified that within Westmorland three of our Twin Towns have real ale breweries:

- Kendal-Twin Rinteln, Germany; Brewery Hartinger
- Sedbergh and District-Twin Zrece, Slovenia; Brewery Domaca Pivovarna
- Windermere-Twin Diessenam Ammersee, Bavaria,

Germany; Brewery Andechs Monastery

We are currently exploring with our local Twinning Committees the possibilities of:

- a) Inviting real ales from our Twin's breweries to be sold on a commercial basis at the Festival.
- b) Inviting staff from the respective breweries and other interested people to our Festival.
- c) How we might stage an event within our Festival to generate publicity and awareness of this initiative and the wider benefits of the twinning movement.
- d) Plus any other Twinning benefits and opportunities which could be incorporated in the Festival of wider work of Westmorland CAMRA.

It is hoped that this initiative will further foster the good twinning relations and may lead to respective opportunities where we may be able to interest our twins to local beers from the 8 Westmorland Breweries.

If you wish to know more about our Twinning Initiative and or the Festival please feel free to contact me at chrisjudith@yahoo.co.uk or tel 07891009337

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Brewery Updates

Bowness Bay Brewing Co Ltd.

See article on page 34/5 introducing this new brewery to Lakes & Ale readers.

Dent Brewery

To celebrate England going to the Euro Championships in June we at the brewery have created a new beer for them

EveroChampion 4.2 abv

A light straw coloured beer with a delicate hop aroma. Subtle malt flavour, sweet and fruity with a short bitter aftertaste.

PDF Pump clip

Apart from that at the brewery all things going to plan and brewing up to max with bottling also up to the max we hope to have Rambrau and Dent Porter back in bottle soon and Dent Porter back at the Dragon with in the next Month.

Beer is finding its way down south much more and also into the Manchester and Liverpool areas. We are looking to expand the home base asap in Cumbria and Yorkshire so look out for the deals or contact us at the brewery.

David Currington BLO

Eden Brewery

See separate article on Page 35 introducing another new Brewery to Lakes & Ale readers

Hawkshead Brewery.

Royal visit

HRH The Prince of Wales visited the brewery in April at the start of a day-long tour of Cumbria. Charles pulled a pint of Windermere Pale and gave it the royal seal of approval as he remarked it was "very hoppy" and



"tasty". His visit marked the brewery's 10th anniversary, and in commemoration he unveiled a plaque

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Robinsons Deal

Hawkshead made a deal with Regional brewers Frederic Robinsons Ltd in March to sell Lakeland Lager in their own Cumbrian outlets and into the free trade. Oliver Robinson, Commercial Director of Robinsons, said he was delighted with the deal: "...this was too good an opportunity to miss. Some of our Cumbrian pubs, like those in Ambleside and Bowness, in the heart of the Lake District, are among our best... Lakeland Lager is the perfect partner in these pubs to our Hartleys beers." Robinsons plan to offer Lakeland Lager to selected outlets, as a premium niche product.

Windermere Pale

Windermere Pale took Silver at the SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) National Competition in the Bitters category announced at SIBA's annual conference in Stratford-upon-Avon in March. This is the latest in a string of awards for Windermere Pale; Overall Champion of the Competition SIBA North 2011 and Silver at BIIA (Brewing Industry International Awards) 2011 - aka *The Brewing Oscars*.

Beer Festivals

The Spring beer festival held in March was extremely successful, there were 70 different beers on offer, all from Scottish and Northern breweries. Planning is now under way for the Summer festival which takes place from 19th - 21st July. There will be at least 60 different beers served over 3 bars, beers will include Brewer's Choice from breweries nationwide

D a v i d

Currington BLO

Kendal Brewing Company

The brewery continues with one brew per week and has introduced some more styles to add to its increasing portfolio. Recent additions are

Whitwell Original Pale Ale (4.2%) a highly hopped pale ale with a little citrus flavour. Brewed using Goldings and Fuggles.

LA9ER (5%) a German style bitter, gold in colour, quite bitter after taste, very 'moreish'. Uses German Hops and Lager Malt

And a stout for Diamond Jubilee probably to be called Windsor Jubilee Stout at 4.7%.



D Currington Acting BLO

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Eagle & Child pdf

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Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery:

The brewery is working flat out at the moment and has taken another delivery of casks to keep up with demand. Their Stanley's Pale Ale is still proving very popular. However their regular stout which was first brewed in 2009 and named Jubilee Stout has proved an inspired choice of name as in this Diamond Jubilee year demand for it has increased enormously.

In addition a new beer has been produced called "Uncle Ben" which is a strong IPA at 5.9% and is one of the hoppiest beers they have made.

Colin Ashton BLO

Nine Standards Brewery

The Nine Standards Brewery can be found in the cellar of the Croglin Castle Hotel which is on the side of the main road on the southern outskirts of Kirkby Stephen, situated next to The Stainmore Railway Museum.

A new beer has joined the brewery portfolio:

"Double Standard" is a robust porter with initial caramel and coffee notes overlaid with a taste of smoke, with a lingering aftertaste, leading to a dry finish. 4.7 ABV. OG 1050.

Other new beers are under development:

"Silver Standard" an Imperial Pale Ale style.

"Royal Standard" a hoppy beer! An extreme five English Hop creation in a Golden Ale style.

Two new fermenters have been sourced, purchased and installed. They are both now operational which has doubled the brewery production capacity.

Nine Standards Brewery visits can be arranged upon request .

The Croglin Castle Hotel now offers a discount off real ales to all card carrying CAMRA members.

David Prickett BLO

Tirril Brewery

The brewery has been testing a new brew which is now just about ready. At 4% ABV it is a light fruity summer ale called Eden Valley Pale Ale. (EVPA) . This will be a seasonal brew. *Keith Morgan, BLO*

Watermill Brewing Co.

The Watermill continues to offer a wide range of both their extensive range of own beers plus other local & national real ales, the construction of the new building is well under way & should not be too long before extra brewing can take place

Tony Jackson BLO

Winster Valley Brewery

The Brewery will again be heavily engaged with the Cartmel Races on with two Ales on the Bar. They continue to be very busy. *Phil Walker BLO*

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Return of the George Hotel, Orton

When, some time ago, The George Hotel was seen to be shut down with a scrappy piece of paper fixed to the door stating that it was closed for refurbishment I wondered if it would ever reopen, or if it would join the many pubs that are closing every week throughout the country. The George was only pub in the village, so another centre for community activities and meeting was closed, possibly not to reopen.

It was originally known as "The Fleece" and is thought to have been purpose built in the 1700's as a hotel. It was renamed as "The George" after the architect who redesigned the hotel frontage.

The excellent news is that Darron and Hazel McAleese have taken it over. Part of their family run a wholesale fruit and vegetable business operating out of Orton and also have a retail door to door delivery service, so they knew all of the local news. They passed on the information about what was happening to The George and that locals wanted their local pub to reopen regularly, to be cleaned up and refurbished. Hazel thought that a local lady, running a local pub, could return the George to the heart of the community.

The pub was leased from Marston's in June 2011, with extensive refurbishment taking place inside, with much work to the outside of the building also being done. The eight en-suite bedrooms have also been completely upgraded and particular mention has been made of the beds as being "Very comfy!"

Food is on offer and the locally sourced ingredients are freshly prepared for you during lunchtime and evenings on weekdays and all day on the weekends.

There are three handpumps available for real ale and in the quieter "winter" time local demand makes sure that Jennings Bitter and Jennings Cumberland Ale are on offer and are in excellent form. When it gets busier the third handpump is brought into action to dispense different real ale from the extensive Marston's portfolio.



The George Hotel, Front Street,
Orton CA10 3RJ,

(T) 015396 26046,

(E) thegeorgehotelorton@hotmail.com,

www.thegeorgehotelorton.co.uk.

There is an extensive Beer Garden with a smoker's area.

Children are welcome inside and out.

Whilst being dog friendly, the dogs are welcomed outside only, complete with drinking bowls and sometimes even nibbles.

On one Saturday per month a theme night takes place, which usually involve some sort of dressing up.

Quiz and game nights also regularly take place.

Both cyclists and walkers often visit because not only are they on the Wainwright Coast to Coast walking route they are also on the Walney to Wear cycle route.

So there is plenty going on and business is building steadily and we wish Hazel and Darron all the very best for the future.

Why not call in next time you are passing or visiting one of the attractions or events in the locality.

You will find The George Hotel on the Front Street in Orton, contact details above. **DP**

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We continue our series aimed at providing readers with ideas for great days out, visiting our more rural pubs, by using local buses or trains to avoid the need for one person to be the nominated driver. We have tried to select routes that either have several buses a day at reasonable drinking intervals or operate on those routes that visit either end of a reasonable 'hike & pint'.

X35



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Sunday & Public Holidays				
Barrow Town Hall	1020x	--	1405x	1620x
Furness Hospital		--	1416x	1631x
Dalton Tudor Square	1041x	--	1427x	1642x
Ulverston Victoria Road	1115	--	1515	1715
Haverthwaite, rail x road	1127	--	1527	1727
Backbarrow, A590	1128	--	1528	1728
Newby Bridge	1130	--	1530	1730
High Newton	1135	--	1535	1735
Lindale, Lingarth	1140	1240	1540	1740
Grange, Station	1145	1245	1545	1745
Lindale, Bus Shelter	1150	1250	1550	1750
Witherslack, A590	1153	1253	1553	1753
Heaves Hotel, A590	1155	1255	1555	1755
Westmorland Hospital	1200	1300	1600	1800
Kendal, Stricklandgate	1207	1307	1607	1807
Kendal, Bus Station	1210	1310	1610	1810
Kendal, Bus Station	1015	1215	1415	1615
Westmorland Hospital	1022	1222	1422	1622
Heaves Hotel, A590	1030	1230	1430	1630
Witherslack, A590	1034	1234	1434	1634
Lindale, Bus Shelter	1035	1235	1435	1635
Grange, Station	1040	1240	1440	1640
Lindale, Lingarth	1045	1245	1445	1645
High Newton	1050	--	1450	1650
Newby Bridge	1055	--	1455	1655
Backbarrow, A590	1058	--	1458	1658
Haverthwaite, rail x road	1058	--	1458	1658
Ulverston Victoria Road	1110	--	1510	1710
Dalton Tudor Square	1207x	--	1553x	1808x
Furness Hospital	1217x	--	1603x	1818x
Barrow Town Hall	1229x	--	1615x	1830x

x - service & change at Ulverston. Through fares not available.
b - served after point below

Barrow - Kendal via Ulverston & Grange-over-Sands															X35
Monday to Saturday (not public holidays)															
Barrow Town Hall	0600	0645	0720	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1615	1740	1900	2025	2150
Furness Hospital	0607	0654	0729	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	1624	1749	1907	2032	
Dalton Tudor Square	0613	0700	0735	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1630	1755	1913	2038	2200
Ulverston Victoria Rd	0622	0709	0747	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1642	1807	1922	2047	2209
Greenodd				1029				1329							
Haverthwaite railway crossroads	0632	0719	0758	0933	1037	1133	1233	1337	1433	1533	1653	1818	1932	2057	2219
Backbarrow, A590	0633	0720	0759	0934	1038	1134	1234	1338	1434	1534	1654	1819	1933	2058	2220
Newby Bridge	0636	0723	0802	0937	1041	1137	1237	1341	1437	1537	1657	1822	1936	2101	2223
High Newton	0640	0727	0807	0942		1142	1242		1442	1542	1702	1827	1940	2105	2227
Lindale, Lingarth	0644	0731	0811	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1706	1831	1944	2109	2231
Grange, Station	0650	0737	0817	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1712	1837	1950	2115	2237
Lindale, Bus Shelter	0654	0741	0821	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1716	1841	1954	2119	2241
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High Newton	0755	0855		1110	1210	1310	1410		1610	1710	1825	1950	2100	2220	2340
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Barrow Town Hall	0840	0940	1045	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	1910	2035	2145	2302	0020

■ Passengers are not picked up at these points. The service only calls if required to set passengers down. Otherwise runs Non-stop Haverthwaite to Barrow Town Hall.

♦ These are pick up points only, passengers are not dropped off at these points. The first drop off point on this service is Haverthwaite.

calls at this point after time below \$ from opposite side of the road dep - departure time. Most daytime journeys arrive 5 minutes earlier.

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The Rat Reaches More Than Five Hundred

Pubs continue to close every week throughout the land. Can pubs survive? Can new pubs be successful? Is it all doom and gloom?

It is possible to make a success of a new venture and it does not have to be done on a large scale. Imagine looking at a small room and deciding that it could possibly become a successful business, a real ale haven, an escape area where conversation is king and it would have no fizzy lager on offer. Why not set up a Micro Pub, a Real Micro Pub?

All this has happened to Peter Morgan who opened "The Rat Race Ale House" in a tiny room in Hartlepool Railway Station, which is on the Middlesbrough to Newcastle Northern Rail line. The room measures only 20ft by 14ft and has been converted from its previous role as a newsagent into an extremely compact Micro Pub. The "cellar" is found in a corner of the pub and Peter serves his beer from there as there is no room for a bar. The pub only sells real ale and cider along with a selection of wines and soft drinks. Peter specialises in real ales from not only the North East and Cumbria, but also from interesting micro breweries from throughout the country. Extensive signage in the pub does state "We do not sell lager," but this does not stop some people continuing to come in and request it!

The Rat Race opened for business on 25th November 2009 and in just over two years had sold over 500 different real ales which is an incredible achievement. I've just visited the web site and the total has now reached 530 and is still rising. Peter mentions that he does get some of the beers in more than once, but these do not count in his running total. You can always find dark ale available whether it is a mild, a porter or a stout. Favourite beers, which have returned,

Real Ale At Hartlepool Railway Station!

THE RAT RACE ALE HOUSE

A Micropub



include Thornbridge Jaipur and Brew Dog Punk IPA. What a marvellous achievement to bring so much pleasure to the discriminating, very lucky, local drinkers and visitors.

Make sure that the pub is going to be open before you visit, as opening hours are dependant on the train times. Previously "The Rat Race" was not permitted to open when the local Hartlepool Football Club were playing at home; the excellent news is that the Railway Police have had a good look at how "The Rat" operates and have now been pleased to allow opening hours to include "home" matches.

Peter and his Micro Pub continue to have coverage in the media in both local and national newspapers as well as appearing on regional television.

If you are in the area and are thinking about leaving the rat race, don't do it! Instead search out and visit "The Rat Race Ale House" on Hartlepool Station and enjoy a pint or two of good quality real ale along with some real conversation. **DP**

Opening hours: Monday to
Friday 1202 to 1414 and 1602 to 2015,
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(unfortunately) closed.
Address: The Rat Race Ale House,
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NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR WESTMORLAND BREWERY SCENE

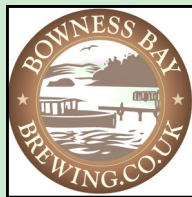
We are extremely pleased and delighted to announce not just one but two new breweries locating in the Westmorland Branch area. What a wonderful endorsement for the Real Ale in this wonderful part of England. We now have ten, (yes ten), breweries operating in our Branch where only some four years ago we had only four!

The two latest ones are:

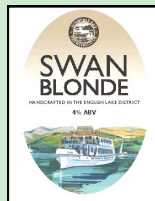
BOWNESS BAY BREWING Co Ltd

Setting up in Bowness with new brewery equipment bought transported from Norwich, Ronnie Mullin, their Director & Mash Tun Wallah, told Lakes & Ale that:

"Bowness Bay Brewing is an inspired new



microbrewery right at the very heart of the English Lake District. In a region renowned for



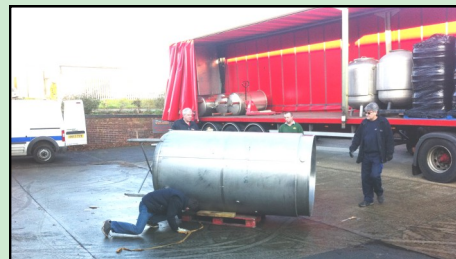
delicious local produce and divine taste experiences we're delivering a range of hand-crafted beers that use the famous Willow Spring Water to create the freshest, cleanest beers

around.

The better the water, the better the beer

Because beers are made with 90% water it goes without saying that the quality of the water is everything. At Bowness Bay Brewing water doesn't get much better or cleaner. We only use Willow Water – fresh, natural spring water from our English Lake District friends just down the road. Because Willow Water incorporates one of the naturally occurring minerals used to create aspirin..... well, you never know, it might not do your hangover any harm! It'll certainly ensure you savour every fresh last drop." Their Beers are;

SWAN BLONDE



Two photos of the loading of the brewery equipment in Norwich

We are told to "Immerse our taste buds in the compellingly crisp, deliciously dry 'hoppishness' of Swan Blond and sail away on a journey of gorgeously pale Lakeland spring water freshness"

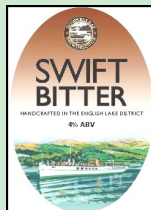
Sounds good to me. It's abv is 4%.

Then there is:

SWIFT BITTER

Again we are all urged to "get aboard for this premium ale flavour experience. Fabulously full

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and ridiculously rounded, Swift Bitter has a strong malty undercurrent to match its hop character". ABV is again 4 %

www.bownessbaybrewing.co.uk

We need to appoint a local Branch Brewery Liaison Officer to keep us updated on this great new venture. Any offers from CAMRA members gratefully accepted.

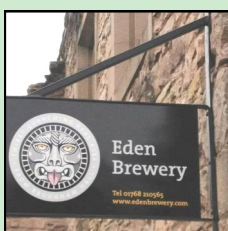
Next up is:

EDEN BREWING Co

We have, however, already nominated Keith Bagley for our Brewery Liaison Officer and once confirmed by CAMRA we can look forward to future updates on this other new venture.

Their entry on Facebook tells us most that we need to know. They have said:

"We are a five barrel brewery based at Brougham Hall, Penrith, Cumbria. 5 Barrels is 20 casks, which is 180 gallons, which is 1440 pints. Our equipment was fabricated and installed by Moody Systems of Retford, and it is an amazing bit of engineering AND an excellent brewery. Also thanks are due to Johnson Brewing Designs. Our beers are produced by, in partnership with Peter Laws who was the Head Brewer at Jennings"



Their unmistakable van outside the Brewery

So, brewing is back at the Old Brewery, Brougham Hall (the 2nd of 3 homes for Tirril) with a new brewery set up by enthusiastic home brewers, Jason Hill and Stephen Mitchell. Over 12 months in the planning, once the venture got underway Jason spent some time at a couple of local breweries gaining knowledge and insight. A chance call to Brougham Hall found the Old Brewery available at the beginning of December 2011. However, it was soon realised that a 1 barrel plant was too small. and a visit to Ulverston Brewery with Vincent Johnson from Johnson Brewing convinced Jason to take new equipment.

The new equipment has all been supplied by Moodys and Johnson Brewing.

After working with brewers locally, and at York and

Titanic breweries, Jason is now brewing on the new 5 barrel plant.

Two brews are on sale;

Eden Gold 4.2% using Maris Otter Malt to give a light golden colour, with distinctive hop character and a pleasant citrus aroma.

Eden Best at 3.8% a classic English ale using Fuggles & Golding hops.

First Emperor, a very new brew, it is a 'pukka' IPA (abv 4.6%) named after Edward VII, the first British Emperor of India. Tasting notes next time.

Congratulations are due from Westmorland CAMRA and we trust that both ventures will have very bright futures.

DC



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CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, has today called for urgent Government action to save Britain's historic pub

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It's time to save your pint and fight back against this year's budget which saw the Government continue its damaging policy of the beer duty escalator.

Every year beer tax increases by 2% above inflation meaning your pint in the pub costs you 5-10p more. This mounting pressure is contributing to the closure of 16 pubs every single week.

CAMRA is calling all beer drinkers and pub goers to sign an online e-petition today by visiting www.camra.org.uk/saveyourpint.

We need 100,000 signatures to trigger a high profile Parliamentary debate and put pressure on the Government ahead of Budget 2013.

To stand a chance of doing this we need your help in reaching as many people as possible. So please sign the petition and then spread the word.

CAMRA also has free material to take down your local and join the campaign. Email claire.cain@camra.org.uk to order free beer mats and posters.

With around £1 on every pint going to the Treasury in beer duty and VAT, it's time to save your pint and call time on the beer duty escalator!

CAMRA BEER DISCOUNT SCHEME

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

Badger Bar, Rydal
Mile Thompson (Wetherspoons), Kendal
Golden Ball, Appleby
Croglin Castle Hotel, Kirkby Stephen
Elleray Hotel, Windermere
George & Dragon, Dent
The Globe, Market Place, Kendal



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Beer Festivals throughout the Year.

In order to give festival goers the full picture it is intended to publish a full list of all such Beer Festivals that we know about and that also meet CAMRA aims.

This list will enable festival visitors to plan ahead and also will especially help the increasing number of Landlords who are seeking to start a new festival. They will be able, if they want, to run their festival at a time which does not clash with neighbouring events.

7 April	Winton	Bay Horse Beer Fest & Hog Roast
6/9 April	Sedbergh	Red Lion
12/14 April	IOM	1st IOM Beer Fest Douglas
13/14/15 April	Windermere	Elleray Hotel. Beer Fest
14/17 April	Kendal	Burgundy's Cumbrian Challenge
19/21 April	Skipton	Town Hall Beer Fest
27/28 April	Staveley	Eagle & Child Beer Fest
18/19 May	Clitheroe	St. Mary's Centre
19/20 May	Sedbergh	Bull Hotel
3/4/5 June	Bowland Bridge	Hare & Hounds Beer Fest.
1/2 June	Keswick	Rugby Club, Keswick 1st Sold Out
8/9/10 June	Sizergh	Strickland Arms Beer Fest
17	Boot	Three pub beer fest in Boot
14/18 June	Witherslack	Derby Arms
22/24 June	Dent	Dent Music & Beer Fest
30/1 June/July	Appleby	Golden Ball Beer Fest
28/1 June/July	Underbarrow	Punchbowl
6/7/8 July	Kirkoswald	Featherstone Inn & Crown Beer Fest
13/14/15 July	Foxfield	POW Ciders and Perries Beer Fest
19/21 July	Staveley	Hawkshead Summer Beer Fest
20/21/22 July	Kings Meaburn	White Horse Summer Beer Fest
3/6 August	Duften	Stag Inn Beer Fest
10/12 August	Tirril	Queens Head Beer & Sausage Fest
17/19 August	Haverthwaite	The Anglers
30/31 Aug/1/2 Sept	Ulverston	Furness Branch Beer Fest
31 Aug/1/2 Sept	Grasmere	Tweedies 6th Grasmere Guzzlers Beer Fest
6/7/8 Sept	Keighley	Keighley Beer Fest New venue Central Hall.
7/8/9 Sept	Windermere	Elleray Hotel Beer Festival
5/7 October	Broughton	Broughton & Foxfield pubs Beer Fest
10/13 October	Kendal	Westmorland Beer Fest, Town Hall.
1/2/3 November	Carlisle	Solway Beer Fest, Hallmark Hotel
9/10 November	Tirril	Pie & beer Fest

A week on the Isle of Wight

By Ken and Jackie Lowe

We set off from our home in Surrey on an overcast and drizzly Saturday morning in June this year. This was our 12th year in succession to have a holiday on the island.

The trains and the ferry across the Solent all ran to schedule although the ferry had a bit of a rough crossing because of high winds.

From here on, to keep this article interesting, we shall only mention the beers we actually consumed in the pubs we visited. Most pubs had 2 to 3 or more real ales on sale.

Our first port of call was the S FOWLER AND CO, a Wetherspoons outlet on Union Street. From Ryde esplanade to here is all uphill so you will be ready for a pint by the time you reach here. If you want a breather half way up, call in at the YELF'S HOTEL. There is a bar that serves 2 or 3 real ales. Usually one of the pumps will be serving an Island beer.

In the S FOWLER AND CO I had the Goddard's Fuggle De Dum, 4.8% which was so good I had a second pint. Jackie had 2 pints of Beartown, Black Bear, 5%.

After getting to our digs and settling in we did a bit of shopping. We are members of the Self-Catering fraternity and I do the cooking.

On our first evening on the Isle, we always have a steak meal cooked in our apartment and a bottle of wine to start the holiday of in style.

This year unfortunately we indulged a bit too much and could hardly move, never mind to go into Ryde for a drink.

Jackie said a definite 'no' to going out but I decided to make an effort and went on my own. I thought the 15-20 minute walk to our nearest pub would do me some good but it didn't.

The SOLENT INN, Monkton Street was the 1st stop. Marston's EPA, 3.8% was

tried. Bitter but not bitter enough for me, also it took me an hour to consume it because of the earlier meal.

Lots of people in and outside the pub as Ryde Esplanade had hosted the inaugural grand opening of the 2011 NatWest Island Games earlier that evening.

Round the corner next, to the SIMEON ARMS. The temperature outside had dropped so I sat inside. It's a busy, lively local's pub. Tonight there was a good group on playing Beatles, Rolling stones and Jimmy Hendrix stuff. Beer I had was Goddards Fuggle De Dum and it took me another hour to drink this before heading up another hill to our digs.

There are a lot of hills on the island, some nearly as good as the Langdales but not as high. They still make you puff though, ascending them.

SUNDAY: Awoke late. Because you are never far away from the sea on the Island the OZONE gets to you and in our opinion just knocks you right out. 'Nothing to do with the Booze, of course'.

Caught the bus to Freshwater, West Wight.

Jackie bought her 7 day Freedom ticket on the bus for £22.00. I use my bus pass, these days.

First stop the PRINCE OF WALES, our annual visit to see Chris and Wendy, who have run this place for the last 37 years.

This pub is one of our Top 5 on the Island. Usually 5 beers on hand pumps and all kept in excellent condition. During a good catch-up chat we sampled, Yates, Mew's, Prince of Ales, 4.5% specially concocted by David Yates Snr for Chris and Wendy to sell in the PRINCE OF WALES only. MEW'S was an old Isle of Wight brewery. Other beers tried were, Ballard's Midhurst Mild, 3.4%, Andwells King John, 4.2% and Daleside Nightjar, 4.6%.

Should you over indulge at this place and miss your bus, the landlord is a taxi driver and has his own taxi, just ask.

After an excellent 3 1/2 hours it was time to move on. The BROADWAY at Totland was next.

Real ales, here, are served straight from the cask, also just like a certain place at INGS it is

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Chris and Wendy the landlords

'Dog Friendly' to well behaved dogs and owners.

Special Delivery, 4.4% was the beer we had. It's brewed by Goddard's to be sold only in this pub. The name comes from the fact that the pub is also the village post office so you can write and send your holiday post-cards and have a pint at the same time.

The bus stop is right outside so then it was next stop Newport Bus Station.

Just outside the station is a small pub called the PRINCE OF WALES. Very handy for popping into when changing buses, here. Another of my top 5 Island pubs. Beer tried was Castle Rock, Preservation ale, 4.4%. Could have stayed longer in here but had to catch the bus back to Ryde before my OAP pass expired at 23:00 hours and I would have to PAY!

Monday & we decided to do some touristy bits so got the bus to Brading and visited the Roman villa. Well worth a visit. www.bradingromanvilla.org.uk for details. Had a bottle, each, of Goddard's Ale of Wight, 4% in the café. They also stock bottles of an Island cider as well.

Sandown next. Made our way to the CASTLE INN. Our luck was in because it was Happy Hour when we arrived at 17.50. All beers at £2.60 a pint. I had Titanic, Iceberg, 4.1% and Beartown, Kodiak Gold, 4.2% for Jackie. Sat outside in the rear garden as it was very warm at the time.

Then round the corner, to the OLD COMICAL for some Yates, Special Draught, 5.5%.

A 10-15 minute stroll to CAULK HEADS, a family orientated pub. Unfortunately the Hook Norton, Old Hooky we had here, was a wee bit on the 'tired' side. This is the second year running we've put up with (in our opinion) sub-standard quality beer in this place. Next year is a question mark.

Back then to the SOLENT INN, Ryde to meet a friend of ours. Jackie had Marston's, EPA 3.6% and myself Hobgoblin, 4.5%, then the digs at 01:00 hours.

TUESDAY: My 66th Birthday started with a thunderstorm that lasted for 2½ hours, this was not a beer!! So we were late setting off to see a brewer we've known for years, Chris Coleman at the Island Brewery, near Newport. Chris used to be head brewer for Goddard's



Chris Coleman, myself and Jackie.

Brewery before he moved here. He produced a bottle of Wight Knight, 4.5% for my Birthday drink. Production here is at maximum capacity, so expansion could be considered in the near future. Chris certainly knows how to brew some of the best Island ales. We've already booked our visit for 2012.

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The Blue Bell Hotel in Heversham, Cumbria is
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We have been informed by a member who uses
the Blue Bell that the brewery were cutting
their deliveries from weekly to fortnightly and
therefore were only going to supply them with
keg beer. A sad day or what.

The Blue Bell confirmed this situation so, no
more cask Samuel Smiths in Cumbria.



**Stop Press The Pub of the Season for
Autumn has been awarded to the
Badger Bar, more news next edition**



The Globe Inn, located in the
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special Thwaites scheme which
allows them a much greater
choice of ales from a selection of
Breweries.

They are finding the CAMRA
discount scheme to be extremely
good for business. Worth a visit!



Nine Standards Adv pdf

Pub of the Season Presentation Spring 2012 Croglin Castle, Kirkby Stephen

In the last Edition we mentioned our new POTS for Spring 2012. Well since then we followed it up with a visit to present the certificate

So, what makes this pub stand out as a Westmorland CAMRA award winner?

Well for a start, the branch love to see breweries rise, phoenix-like, especially when the new fledgling produces consistent quality ales that are the hallmark here. Nine Standards brewery is that said phoenix, rising from the old Croglin Castle site, offering from January this year exciting, consistent beers from its 2.5 barrel operation, making it a real magnet for customers to "The Croggie".

Ian Simkins is now the brewer at Nine Standards and Rob Sanders is mainly in charge of the bar side. What a great job he is doing as well – it is very welcoming to its customers, offers good accommodation to walkers and visitors from the nearby Carlisle-Settle line and is well-supported by locals too.

On the night of the branch award, we had a "tour" round the basement brewery, a hearty welcome and a selection of beers that would be the envy of any aspiring real ale mecca. On the hand pumps that night were:

Original Standard a 3.7% bitter packed with flavour

Gold Standard, at 4.2% a rich



golden fruity beer that was very well received!

And last, but very far from least, *Double Standard*, a magnificent rich porter at 4.7% (the correspondent's particular favourite).

There are quite a few other new ideas in the pipeline too, so get yourselves along to the Croglin Castle and see why we really rate it. **MM**



Ian & Rob receiving their POTS award

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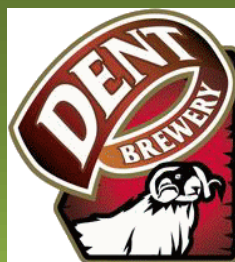
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- 16th June Hike & Pint Sedbergh to Dent + Social
Transport to Sedbergh and return from Dent
see website for more info.
- 18th June Beer Festival Meeting, Farrers, Unit 9, Shap Road Ind. Estate.
- 9th July Pub of the Season Presentation & Branch Meeting
Hare & Hounds, Bowland Bridge. *Usual transport arrangements*
- 16h July Beer Festival meeting, Ruskins Bar, Kendal. 7.30pm
- 13th Aug Social Meeting & Brewery visit, Kendal Brewing Co, Burgundy's
see website for more details re transport
- 17th Sept Pub of the Season Presentation & Branch Meeting
Badger Bar, Rydal, Ambleside.
Normal transport arrangements

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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