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The Campaign for Real Ale

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Front :*The Punchbowl Underbarrow.*
Westmorland CAMRA Pub of the Season — Autumn 2010.

Editorial

Dear Readers.

Thanks once more for taking the time to browse through our quarterly magazine. This is the largest edition ever produced at 48 pages.

My grateful thanks to all our members who have contributed the various articles. We have the Pub of the Season to report (well done to the Punchbowl at Underbarrow), the Cumbria Pub of the Year presentation to the White Horse at Kings Meaburn plus a report on their Beer Festival. There is a look at a couple of pubs twixt Tebay and Appleby, a Hike & Pint and much more.

Also, it is time I said a grateful thanks to all our advertisers. Without their support we could not produce this magazine and their support is much valued.

We are approaching a very busy time in Westmorland Branch. In October we have our well respected Beer festival, again in the Kendal Town Hall. We would love to see you all come & enjoy the beer & cider, food and entertainment.

In November, we have a new venture, with our first Beer Lover's Dinner in Kendal with a great beer raconteur in Pete Brown as our after dinner speaker. (See the details on pages 6&7). Why not club together with your friends and book a table for ten, remember the price of the meal includes all the beer served with each course and if you still have room there will be a cash bar afterwards. I would remind you that these events are only possible with the help of our CAMRA volunteers, so grateful thanks to them also.

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Musings from the Vice-Chair...

Dear Readers,

Chris Holland, the Westmorland CAMRA Chair, is extremely busy at the moment and I've been volunteered to attempt to replace him on this occasion.

Are CAMRA and Real Ale total success and can we relax?

CAMRA now has over 100,000 members nationally; Westmorland Branch membership is gently increasing year on year. Real ale breweries are becoming ever more numerous, with breweries seeming to open every month with many of them surviving through the extremely difficult initial set up period. More and more varieties of real ale are becoming readily available.

So, there's nothing to worry about and we can all relax?

Well, maybe not.

A record number of pubs are closing each month. When this happens in small rural villages the heart of the community is ripped out. "The pub is the hub" is a campaign that all of us can consider supporting, as well as actually visiting the village local.

Government taxation always seems to hit easy targets such as alcohol on the grounds that it will help to cut back on "Binge drinking."

In my experience I have never seen real

ale drinkers "Pre-loading" on cut price supermarket alcohol before going out and then drink "cheap" drinks in the pubs. The real ale drinkers I know appreciate savouring different real ale, cider and perry as well as the atmosphere that can be found in a genuine "Local." There is a vast difference between "Binge drinking" and enjoying a few excellent beers in the controlled environment of a well run pub.

Any guidance that can be given by CAMRA in stressing these and other problems can only be to the good and your help can make a difference

You probably are a real ale drinker, because you probably wouldn't be reading this article if you were not interested in real ale. Why not give some consideration to joining up and finding out a bit more about the organisation and the product. An application form can be found in this magazine. There are many benefits, including discount beer vouchers, free or reduced entry price to CAMRA organised beer festivals, discounts available at some real ale pubs, as well as informative regular newspapers and magazines delivered to your door.

You may be an existing member; why not try going to some of the local festivals, joining in on one of the regular social evenings, or even becoming even more active and trying, for example, helping

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with your local beer festival – there are a lot of things to do and volunteers are always wanted and welcome – don't worry, full training is available. Some branch contact details are also available in this magazine.

Even if you don't fancy doing any of the above I hope that you'll continue to enjoy the real ale and as we approach Autumn and Winter the breweries are dusting off their "Winter Warmer" recipes to add diversity to the golden summer ales that are becoming more available now. So many different types of beer are now available and I hope you'll be able to take the time to try styles of beer that you may not have thought of previously trying.

So here's to sensible enjoyable drinking and not "Binge Drinking."

The Champion Beers of Britain have been announced at the recent Great British Beer festival and the Campaign for Real Ale, was proud to announce that Castle Rock (of Nottingham) brewery's Harvest Pale has been crowned the 'Best Beer' in Britain at the Great British Beer Festival, Earls Court, London.

Harvest Pale, which has an ABV of 3.8%, is described in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2010 as 'blonde and refreshing with distinctive citrus hop.'

Overall winners

Champion Beer of Britain - Castle Rock, Harvest Pale (3.8% ABV, Nottingham, Notts)

Second - Timothy Taylor, Landlord (4.3% ABV, Keighley, West Yorkshire)

Third - Surrey Hills, Hammer Mild (3.8% ABV, Guildford, Surrey)

The Category results were:

Mild category

Gold - Surrey Hills, Hammer Mild (3.8% ABV, Guildford, Surrey)

Silver - Greene King, XX Mild (3% ABV, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk)

Joint Bronze - Golcar, Dark Mild (3.4% ABV, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire)

Joint Bronze- Nottingham, Rock Ale Mild (3.8% ABV, Nottingham, Notts)

Bitter category

Gold - RCH, PG Steam (3.9% ABV, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset)

Silver - Moor, Revival (3.8% ABV, Pitney, Somerset)

Joint Bronze - Orkney, Raven (3.8% ABV, Stromness, Orkney)

Joint Bronze- Purple Moose, Snowdonia Ale (3.6% ABV, Portmadog, Gwynedd)

Best Bitter category

Gold - Timothy Taylor, Landlord (4.3% ABV, Keighley, West Yorkshire)

Silver - St Austell, Tribute (4.2% ABV, St Austell, Cornwall)

Joint Bronze - Evan Evans, Cwrw (4.2% ABV, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire)

Joint Bronze- Great Oakley, Gobble (4.5% ABV, Great Oakley, Northamptonshire)

Golden Ale category

Gold - Castle Rock, Harvest Pale (3.8% ABV, Nottingham, Notts)

Silver - Marble, Manchester Bitter (4.2%, Manchester, Gtr Manchester)

Bronze - St Austell, Proper Job (4.5% ABV, St Austell, Cornwall)

Strong Bitter category

Gold - Thornbridge, Jaipur IPA (5.9% ABV, Bakewell, Derbyshire)

Silver - Fuller's, Gales HSB (4.8% ABV, Chiswick, Gtr London)

Bronze - Beckstones, Rev Rob (4.6% ABV, Millom, Cumbria)

Speciality Beer category

Gold - Amber, Chocolate Orange Stout (4% ABV, Ripley, Derbyshire)

Silver - O'Hanlon's, Port Stout (4.8% ABV, Whimple, Devon)

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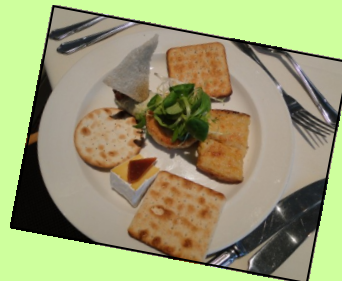
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***We are pleased to have as our
Guest Speaker
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Pete Brown was born in Barnsley, South Yorkshire and now lives in London.

He has written three *books*

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"Beer Writer of the Year" in 2009,

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Bronze - Breconshire, Ysbrid y Ddraig
(6.5% ABV, Brecon, Powys)

Winter Beer of Britain winner

(announced in January 2010)

Elland, 1872 Porter (6.5% ABV, Elland,
West Yorkshire)

Bottled Beer of Britain winners

(sponsored by Travelodge)

Gold - St Austell, Admiral's Ale (5% ABV,
St Austell, Cornwall)

Silver - Pitfield, 1850 London Porter (5%
ABV, Epping, Essex)

Bronze - Great Oakley, Delapre Dark
(4.6% ABV, Great Oakley,
Northamptonshire)

Finally, our Branch has two important
events taking place this autumn. First we
have our 17th Westmorland CAMRA
Beer Festival in October (see page 43)
and our first Beer Lover's Dinner in
November see page 6/7). We would love
to see our many friends and real ale

lovers at one or both of these events.

Monies raised will be shared between our
named Charities and for CAMRA

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So many beers and so little time! Enjoy!
Cheers!

David M. Prickett

Westmorland CAMRA Vice Chair

August 2010



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The road from Tebay to Appleby is the B6260 and the distance some 12½ miles. Mostly when I travel this road I am heading for a destination in Appleby or beyond. So maybe it was time to stop at

a couple of the inns along the route. The one place I used to stop was the New Inn at Hoff but sadly that is no more.

So, on what turned out to be a wet morning varying between showers and heavier rain. I made my way to the first pub at Orton. This is the George Hotel in the centre of the village and a Jennings/Marston house.

The pub advertised that 'Customers were wanted' and so I went.



a well stocked bar and games area.

There were several real ales from the Marston's catalogue on sale which are



The George Hotel, Orton.

ever changing, and the half I had was very acceptable.

It is not fair to judge a pub properly on a brief visit on a wet Friday lunch, but being the only one in the village it is well used

by the locals and by tourist passing by. It has en-suite accommodation and is therefore well used as a refuelling point and, if necessary, an overnight B&B stop



April serving up my half.

by people on the coast-to-coast walks and on the Cycle C2C.

The pub, which is open from noon to 2.30pm and 6pm till late plus all day Sat/Sunday, has a beer garden, children are welcome and it is dog friendly and can

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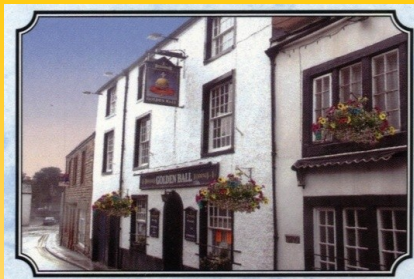
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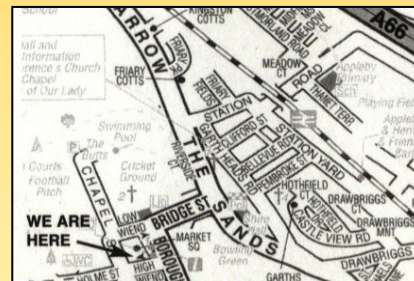
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serve up good, well cooked local food. Well worth a stop if passing.

Continuing north towards Appleby, and with the loss of Hoff, then there appeared to be no pubs until Appleby, but about half way to Appleby and off to the right across the open fell is the village of Great Asby, clustered around a freshwater spring which is still drinkable.

After the three country miles, which always seem twice as long, the pretty village of Gt. Asby came into view. It is spread remarkably wide and is at the meeting point of several fell roads. The Beck, in wet spells, runs through the middle of the village and in the centre near to the School and Village sits the Three Greyhounds pub. In fact their stone replicas adorn the adjacent wall out front.

The present landlords, since December last year, are Mark and Kirsty. This is not just any old 'Kirsty' but it is 'Thirsty Kirsty' the erstwhile bar lady at one of our Branch's former Pubs of the Season, the Midland Hotel at Appleby. Kirsty has the distinction of having Keswick Brewery supply both the Midland and now the Greyhounds with her own brew called 'Thirsty Kirsty'.

The pub was basically one slightly 'L' shaped room with a fire burning away in an old



The Three
Greyhounds
Gt Asby

kitchen range. The pub serves 2 changing local real ales whilst there is as yet no accommodation. The pub welcomes children and dogs. Being on the Dales Highway & the Walney to Whitby C2C Cycle track they get a good share of walkers in needs of resuscitation .

The pub is open in summer/autumn on Tues-Fri (12 till 3 & 6-11pm); Sat/Sunday (noon-11pm); closed Mondays (except Bank Hols). In Winter the hours may be reduced.

Food is readily available from noon-2.30pm and 6-9 pm.

There is a great well manicured beer garden at the rear, but plenty of room to just sit outside in the front if you want to watch the world go by. But in peaceful Gt. Asby that is likely to happen very slowly. Again this pub is well worth the detour from the busy Appleby to Tebay road. You should give it some time; you will not be disappointed and the surrounding views there and back are terrific . **Titus O'Newt**



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Kirsty
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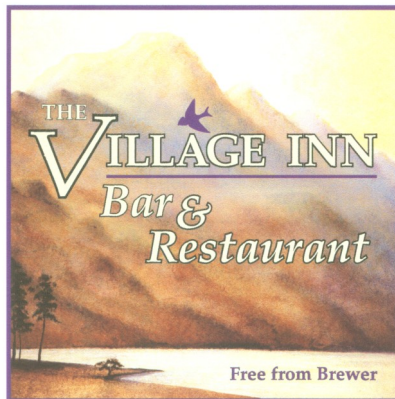
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What next?

Jon and Dawn Hamilton had worked for fifteen years at The Dalesman at Sedburgh and had decided that it was time for a change.

After looking around they made the decision to rent the 200 year old White Horse Inn, in the small village of Kings Meaburn, from the local landowners.

Over the intervening years they have built it into the superb pub that it is today.



It has taken a lot of hard work by them and the local staff who form the rest of the team.

It is a real village pub that was the hub of the community long before "Make the Pub the Hub" campaign was ever thought of.

The decision was made at the beginning that the quality of the real ale was paramount and Cask Marque accreditation was obtained in 2003 and has been maintained ever since.

It is not only the quality of the beer that you will enjoy if you visit, it is also the service from people who are interested in you, as against you only being a source of revenue, as well as the enjoyable atmosphere and the welcome from other customers in the bar whether they are local or visiting.

Locally sourced freshly prepared food is available as well. As if this was not enough there are two annual beer festivals as well.

The next indoor beer festival will take place during Easter weekend 2011.

Although there were concerns over the future of the outside beer festival, because of massive increases in insurance costs, it can now be confirmed that it is proposed

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that next year's outside festival will take place on 22nd to 24th July 2011.

This year's outside festival nearly got cancelled when at 5.30 a.m. on the Friday morning, the day that the festival was to open, the winds rose to gale force and the



entire marquee was blown away and extensively damaged. It could not be repaired and had to be replaced with a new marquee which was only able to be put into position because the entire village rallied around and helped to set everything up again.

The festival opened up on time on Friday evening and it looked completely normal, as though nothing untoward had happened.

There was something to drink for everyone, with the exception of the few who wanted fizzy lager; there were 54 different beers, 5 different ciders and 4 different types of perry.

By Sunday evening there were only a few pints of festival beer left so the pub had to be opened so that customers could drink the fresh supplies inside, this was not a great hardship for them!

Jon thought that this year's festival was a brilliant success and also added "The Summer festival has been going for seven years and in that time there has not even

been a sniff of bad behaviour; nobody has ever been ejected; this is because of the atmosphere at a local real ale festival."

There were seven local bands supplying well received entertainment to the festival goers over the three days.

Even more food was available this year, that is, until it ran out, again. The coffee, tea and cakes were also well received. This year free fruit juice was also on offer for drivers.

There was more beer and more food organised for this year and still everything ran out, so next year's festival is planned to be even bigger and even better, with an even bigger and definitely more secure marquee!

The aim of the festival charity was to raise money for the Village Hall and £150.00 was raised. Eden Arts were also present and were selling clothing raising awareness of "Best in Eden."

Many regular attendees also travelled to the village from far and wide and all the accommodation in Kings Meaburn and the surrounding area were fully booked; with many bookings for next year already being made.

The "Cumbria CAMRA Pub of the Year" was awarded to Jon and Dawn during the festival by CAMRA's Chris Holland.

To receive "Westmorland CAMRA Pub of the Season," considering the number of excellent pubs in the area is a mark of recognition of the excellence of the pub.

To receive "Cumbria CAMRA Pub of the Year," is even more meritorious and is a stunningly good award for any pub to receive.

It is to be stressed that for CAMRA members from throughout Cumbria to

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make the completely independent decision to award "Cumbria CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010" to The White Horse recognises the continuing high standards that Jon, Dawn and the team maintain.

The competition goes on, with the individual Pubs of the Year from Cumbria, Lancashire and the Isle of Man being visited and assessed to see which one of them goes forward as Regional Pub of the Year.

Getting any of the awards is meritorious but receiving "Cumbria CAMRA Pub of the Year" is fantastic. We all wish The White Horse good luck in progressing further.

When Jon was told of the Westmorland award he was "*Gobsmacked*."

When he heard about the Cumbria award he had to sit down and was "*Amazed and*

could not believe it."

He had not previously thought that a "*Small village pub could ever get such awards.*"

Locals, staff and clientele were also "*Really chuffed!*"

Plans for the future include carrying on with what they are already doing and although the next few years will probably be very difficult, building on achievements and looking for further improvements. On the subject of building, it is also hoped that 2011 might see an extension made to the bar which will also include improved toilet facilities.

In conclusion Jon said "Thank you to all of the Cumbrian Breweries, our staff and all of the customers who have supported us through the years."

David Prickett August 2010

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Dropping into Sedbergh the other day to get a troublesome tooth fixed at my dentist I decided to drop into the Bull Hotel to see how it was going along and to clear details for his forthcoming, (not upcoming, how I detest that terrible word) beer festival.

Now we know that the Red Lion in the town is a good place to get an on-form real ale but the Bull in recent times, well.... The last time we were in there was for a CAMRA Branch meeting & the landlord had run out of light bulbs to replace the 'duff ones' in the meeting room so we had a unique meeting in a Dickensian atmosphere by candle light! Yes, he resorted to candles.

In chatting to the new landlord I discovered that he had been the Chef under the previous tenants but had now taken over the whole establishment under the new owners. The hotel has been bought by the expanding hotel group J & G Inns who also own The Brackenrigg Inn, Ullswater, Warkworth House Hotel, Alnwick and The Lord Crewe Arms, Blanchland.

The Bull is scheduled for a two month closure starting in October when the property will undergo a £250,000 refurbishment opening in time for the Christmas period. The distinct style and

architectural features of the 17th Century property will be restored to their former glory, with the addition of more modern facilities. Primarily the focus will be on the ground floor including bars, kitchens, restaurant and toilets all receiving attention.

In the new year a further programme of refurbishment will see improvement to the guest bedrooms to a 3 star standard. The plan allows for at least half the bedrooms to be completed by Easter 2011.

The bars at the Bull Hotel will remain traditional with a focus on serving 5 -6 quality local cask ales all year round. This can only be further good news for the real drinker should be worth a visit by the Branch sometime next year. Meantime see page 28 re their beer festival on the 24/25th September to visit and enjoy. **DC**



Brackenrigg Inn, Ullswater

CAMRA @ KENDAL CALLING



Chris, Marilyn, Judith, Phil, Gary, Rebecca and Amy with the music in full

Kendal Calling (KC) is a music festival situated near Penrith. Now described as a 'mini Glastonbury', K C started out life in Abbot Hall Park in Kendal. 5 years on and the festival has outgrown its original Kendal roots, hence it is now based in the beautiful surroundings at Lowther Deer Park.

This, the festival's 5th year, included a real ale festival based in a large marquee, featuring beers from Hawkshead, Tirrel and Dent. Dent brewed a festival beer named "Kendale Calling" a copper colour ale with sweet caramel flavours. Top marks however go to Hawkshead brewery, who had the majority of beers

on offer, and were pushing the boundaries of an outside festival by hiring a 7.5 tonne refrigerated truck, set at 12 degrees centigrade for stillage. The barrels with a widget system in place, fed beer through a cooler to control the temperature, which was dispensed at a perfect temperature through hand pumps. This was a clever move as the weather was for once brilliant for the Lake District!

Our role at the festival was to promote CAMRA and recruit new young members at an event aimed at the younger real ale lover. As an incentive

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we offered anyone who joined CAMRA over the weekend a complementary good beer guide. This concept proved valuable, welcoming and signing up 27 new CAMRA members. We also met

and talked with lots of young drinkers of both sexes, to whom we normally wouldn't reach out.

We younger members felt honoured to be representing the CAMRA cause and enjoyed the festival immensely. It was a

fantastic way to meet new people and make new friends.

Phil Walker



Amy & Phil signing up other CAMRA member

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NOW THEN

OK so I know you don't want to read about the country's economic woes in a beer magazine. But, we can't get away from the fact that it is bound to impact on the industry that generates our interest. People will be careful about what they spend and popping out to the pub is likely to be something that is questioned.

In the early days of CAMRA, pubs were basically drinking houses, provided by brewers to be an outlet for their products, hence the tie system. I suppose those of us who can remember those days look back with a certain amount of fondness on the "traditional" pub, but was it as nice as we recall ?

For starters they were smokey, basic, uncomfortable places and, let's be honest, in 2010, such places are not likely to lure huge numbers of customers. I grew up in Cardiff and scrumpy cider was part of the drinking scene. Indeed, one of the local beer brewers, Hancocks, had their roots in Somerset and had crossed the Bristol Channel to cash in on the industrial growth in South Wales. I recall going into a Hancocks pub in Llandaff that had draught scrumpy, (I like to think it was pumped under the sea from Somerset), and being greeted with silence and antagonistic stares by the locals. It was most uncomfortable and, despite being only 9d (3p) a half, I never returned.

Such atmospheres will have no place in the next few years, and, let's not kid ourselves, they do still exist. A pleasant greeting can make all the difference, and it's not hard. It only takes about 15 seconds to say "Welcome, I'll be with you in a minute". Then there's those dreadful irritations, bar staff talking amongst themselves, grumbling about conditions,

or, worst crime of all, off duty sitting at the bar, chatting to colleagues and eating a, no doubt free, meal. Such places have to sharpen up their act as folk will not complain but will not return either. And they'll tell their friends. I went into a pub in Shrewsbury, the Three Fishes, a bit of a local institution.

There was a bewildering array of beers, all unknown to me. I asked the barmaid and she confessed to not knowing much about them b u t



The Three Fishes in Shrewsbury with a blast from the past on top of the sign.

advised which ones were popular. She offered to draw a tasting to ensure I liked the beer before buying. Excellent, I'd go there again.

Like all things, pubs have to move with the times and I really think that in the Lake District, we are showing the way. There is a stark contrast in Kendal. A number of pubs open and shut, open again or shut forever. A number I knew in the 70s are no

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longer there, their time is past. The same applies to my student haunts in Sheffield city centre. In contrast, most of the pubs, (I think I can say all), that I knew in the Lakes are still there, but my, how they've changed. Some have gone the whole hog and are really hotels and restaurants with a mere nod to their pub past. But we have so many that do combine both, remain a pleasant local but offering top quality food. The latter is often promoted as being local produce and again I believe Cumbria is ahead of the game and showing a lead in the tough times ahead. The same can be said for promoting local ales. I really do think there is a new category for pubs such as these, not the dreadful "gastro pub" but something that identifies a real quality local outlet.

I'll tell you a true story. Some business colleagues of mine now insist that, rather than me go to London, they come up here. The train service is so fast, round about

uninterrupted work on the thing. But the key point is that these guys are really picky about food and the last time they visited, they simply could not choose from the pub menu, everything was so good. This is the way forward.

We must be aware of the passage of time. My indulgence, a Jaguar, recently needed a small part. I rang the dealer and they said it was now on the "classic cars" list. Still seems new to me. Which brings me back to my original point about traditional pubs. I remember being in one such in the late 60's, (no doubt drinking Double Diamond but don't tell anyone), and a group of blokes gathered around the piano and started singing old songs. Jokingly, I said when we were older we'd be gathered round the piano in the pub singing Beatles songs. I got it part right, Beatles songs are here, there and everywhere these days, it's the pubs and pianos that have gone.

Roger Davies 7/2010.



The classic car outside the Strickland Arms one of the very many that fit into the new category I'm talking about.

two and a half hours, (we don't need a stupid expensive high speed railway, we've got one already), and they can do some



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The well attended Pirates day at the Watermill in Ings last May raised an amazing £7100 for the Alzheimer's Charity. Brian wishes to say a big thanks to all concerned. There were 10 beers on sale in the bar plus a further 16 in the beet tent which some of our members helped staff on the day.

The Golden Ball at Appleby is now offering a 10% discount on beer sales to card carrying CAMRA members.

The Black Swan in Kendal has reopened under new management.

Unfortunately, since the last issue, we have seen the Victoria and the Feathers, both in 'Doodleshire' in Kendal close within days of each other. No news on reopening yet.

It is alleged that the Midland Hotel in Appleby, a former pub of the Season & which closed almost a year ago at the end of the tenancy, is under offer. If this is successful & after a possible renovation it will be good to see this great 'local' pub reopen. .

The George & Dragon in Kendal is currently undergoing a refit and it to reopen soon. With the Globe & the Masons also again now open it is good to see all our Kendal Town centre pubs open once more.

THE GREAT NORTHERN BEER FESTIVAL

of

THE SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT BREWERS (SIBA)

Hawkshead's Alex Brodie and ex-Furness CAMRA's Graham Donning have joined forces to launch "The Great Northern Beer Festival" at **The Palace Hotel, Manchester from October 21-23.**

It is the beer competition of the North region of SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) and the beer festival which follows will be to drink the entries.

Graham (who is organiser of the CAMRA National Winter Ales Festival) has been sub-contracted by Alex, who is the North West trustee of SIBA, to manage and organise the cellar and the bar. They signed contracts in early June.

Up to 300 casks will be on, from dozens of Northern brewers and in what Alex believes is a first for a big festival, all beers will be served "in the Northern manner" by hand pull, through tight sparklers and thus with a fresh glass every time - a logistical nightmare solved by The Palace's industrial glass washing capability.

Alex said: " There are more than a hundred SIBA brewers in The North now. To do our annual competition justice we needed a big city centre venue. This is it. This is about the producers, the brewers, taking control of exhibiting their own beers, in the best condition. It is also about SIBA and CAMRA working closer together

than ever before, something Graham and I both feel strongly about, to promote Northern breweries.

The cause that should matter most now to both SIBA and CAMRA, is ensuring that the current proliferation of small independent breweries is permanent."

Alex said: "This is an extremely ambitious project. But I felt it was time that the producers took responsibility for showcasing their own beer.

SIBA North's annual competition had got so big that I felt it could only be done justice by being sited in the heart of a great northern city, so that the public could enjoy drinking the competition entries, immediately, while the beer is in best condition.

The problem of where you can do this was solved by the manager of The Palace, Richard Morrell, himself an enthusiast for proper beer. The Hotel's "Grand Room" is huge. We are turning store rooms off it into a temporary cellar, with portable industrial coolers to bring it down to cellar temperature. We are borrowing Graham and CAMRA's expertise to run the bar and a percentage of profits will be paid to the CAMRA branches involved. "

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Brewery Updates

Croglin Brewery BLO finding it difficult to contact, we are a little worried by reports of possible problems!

Dent Brewery nothing new to report this edition

Hawkshead Brewery

Two new 11,500 litre (70 barrel) fermentation vessels have been levered into place at Hawkshead Brewery (see picture.) They will increase brewing capacity by 80% over the current 100 barrels (3600 gallons) per week.

The tanks have been installed in the glass fronted building into which the brewery is expanding. Building work is expected to be completed by September.



The new building will bring even closer together the brewing and retail sides of the business, further to showcase real ale. A new fermentation room will be installed in full public view and a new brewery tap, over two floors, built around it. There will also be the long-planned specialist beer shop. The existing Beer Hall will remain as a function room.

Hawkshead's July beer festival was a sell out again -- more than 130 casks being drunk dry by Sunday teatime. Bar Manager Katie, calculated that throughout the 12 hours of Saturday opening her staff pulled 7 pints per minute. She hopes to cut queues next year because the brewery's expansion means that there can be 3 bars and 3 cellars dispensing. At one point Hawkshead's mightily hopped Windermere Pale (3.5%) was selling at a cask per 15 minutes.

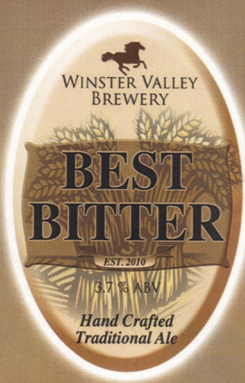
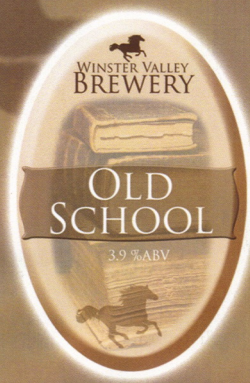
Following the success of Hawkshead's cask conditioned Lakeland Lager at Wetherspoons nationwide Spring Beer Festival – it was voted top British beer by customers –Wetherspoons have placed orders for 800 casks of Hawkshead beers for the coming year. Hawkshead Brewery has also won silver and bronze medals in the 2010 International Beer Challenge for two of its bottled beers.

- “Lakeland Gold” won bronze and “Red” a silver in the largest bottled beer competition in Britain

Kirkby Lonsdale

Nothing particularly new, working to full capacity, business very good.

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Tirril

The Brewery has had a very busy summer and we are now informed that the Brewery is to go into collaboration with Paul, currently head brewer at Dent Brewery, who is leaving to join Tirril at the end of the summer. This will hopefully allow them to develop the Tirril range of beers; so watch this space, and your Tirril pub.

Watermill Brewing Co.

Brewery working to full capacity, New news is that a planning application has just gone in to SLDC for the new brewery building on the extended site.

Winster Brewery

The brewery continues to work flat out with four brews per week. They have now commenced bottling their two ales and in a very few weeks sales have exceeded all expectations with retail outlets in off-licences and local licensed hotels.



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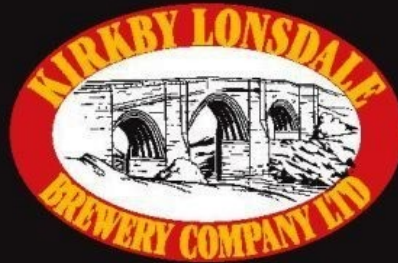
Today mine hosts at the Castle are Geoff & Christine, an engaging couple who have made this traditional hostelry, hidden away in the heart of the Town, a popular meeting place. The Inn has its own darts, pool and quiz teams, and a few more teams have made it their favourite watering hole after matches.

Christine is in charge of the kitchen, offering a wide choice of quality food every lunchtime between noon and 2pm plus a homemade roast on Sundays.

Real Ale lovers will be at home at the Castle Inn since there are always guest ales on tap; at the present Black Sheep, Hawkshead, Jennings Speckled Hen & Tribute.

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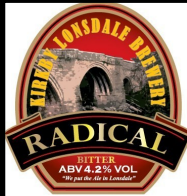


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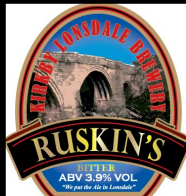
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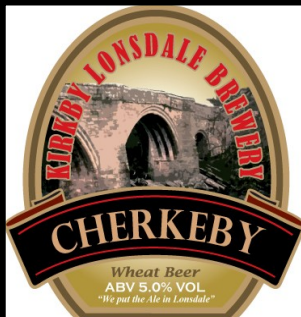
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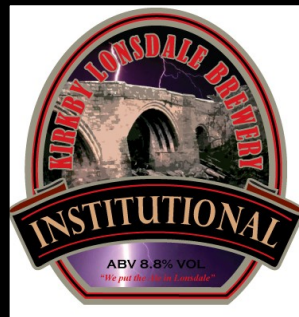


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Kirkby Lonsdale Beer Festival and Real Ale Trail

The historic market town of Kirkby Lonsdale in South Lakeland Cumbria will be the venue for the first ever **Fork Fest** 4th & 5th September 2010.

Fork Fest a celebration of local food, real ale and gardening will be opened on Saturday at 11.30am by Celebrity Chef Simon Rimmer and feature Sean Wilson at Demo Fest.

The weekend is packed with music, demos, food sampling, an ale trail and plenty of entertainment for the children.

Fork Fest is intended to be a fun filled family weekend, and is all about the underlying theme of buying local, & it blends in well with CAMRA's own LocAle campaign by encouraging people to adopt some sustainable practices as well to help look after the environment. Under the umbrella of **Fork Fest** there will be:

- 30 producers at the Food Fest offering food sampling and the chance to meet the producer,
- **10 beers on tap at the Beer Fest combined with the Real Ale Trail festival goers will also be able to try local beers on tap around the bars and pubs of Kirkby Lonsdale.**
- In the Institute Demo Fest will be taking place with speakers such as Booths talking about the Slow Food movement, Sean Wilson discussing his new venture the Saddleworth Cheese Company and Greenlands Farm unearthing the real reason for farm diversification.
- With Little Fest, the kids are sure to be kept entertained with food related workshops running all day, face painting and an animal farm.
- Within the town Flower Fest will be held at St Mary's Church, while in the shop windows the Children's Shoe Flower Boxes are on display, the competition winner will be announced at the Producers Charity Auction.

Tickets, Adults £5, Children under 16 free, can be ordered prior to **Fork Fest**, so pick up a brochure and send to the Fork Fest office by the 20th August. Or visit www.forkfest.co.uk

Fork Fest 2010
Kirkby Lonsdale
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Enjoy an afternoon of sampling the best ales from the region at the Beer Fest tent, which brings together 10 local breweries into one location. Real Ale tickets available at the ticket tent.

Real Ale Trail
Buy your Real Ale Trail score card and tankard from the Fork Fest ticket tent, £10, and sample the 10 Beer Fest ales and guide yourself around the town's hosteries to determine the winning Brewery on the Real Ale Trail.

Food Fest
Meet the local producers and delight your tastebuds with fresh produce, regional favourites and Cumbrian specialities.

Little Fest
Especially for the little ones, Little Fest will keep the kids entertained with animals, workshops and face painting.

Demo Fest
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The First Music and Beer Festival at The Kings Arms Hotel, Kirkby Stephen.

Mine hosts, Janet Cross and Jeff Scott wanted to put a real music and real ale festival on at their hotel with the idea of putting Kirkby Stephen "On the map."

The festival ran from 30th July to 1st August and only took place because of a lot of hard work, planning and building work that Janet, Jeff and the team did.

Some support was requested from Westmorland CAMRA and this was willingly given.

In spite of the fact that other CAMRA events were taking place on the festival weekend local Appleby CAMRA members not only staffed the recently constructed real ale bar on the Friday night but also returned to the festival on Saturday to drink some of the excellent ales on offer. An enjoyable time was had by all concerned on both days.

There were over 30 beers, all served by hand pump as well as 2 ciders available in the festival, with entertainment taking

place inside the pub as well as the outside real ale bar area.

There was no entrance fee to the Music and Beer Festival except for headline acts in the hall on Sunday evening.

Although we visited the festival for the beer it must be mentioned that the music was varied, good and appreciated by the large audiences, with Adrian Byron-Burns, in particular, coming across as an excellent and professional entertainer.

Locally sourced excellent festival food as well as the normal menu was available throughout the event.

It is intended that the festival will become an annual event. Watch out for dates in the local press next year.

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We followed the old Canal path from Kendal and diverted to the river path just before Sedgwick. After a 2 hour stroll we arrived at the Strickland Arms ready to sample a few beers.

There were over 25 local beers all in excellent condition. Whilst we enjoyed the beer and sunshine we were accompanied by music from the Credit Crunch Orchestra (consisting of one musician) and

entertainment from a juggler on stilts.

There was also a pig roast and bar-b-q for those who needed some food.

Some returned to Kendal on foot and some on the bus.

Unfortunately there are no photos as nobody brought a camera.

Thanks to all at the Strickland for a very enjoyable beer festival.

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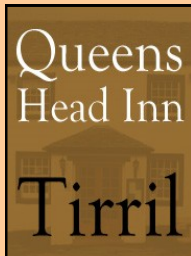


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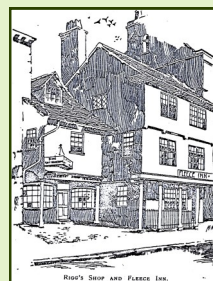
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EVENTS DIARY & BEER FESTIVALS

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2-4 Sept	Furness Branch Beer Festival Coronation Hall, Ulverston (www.furnesscamra.co.uk)
3-5 Sept	Tweedies Bar Grasmere 4th Grasmere Guzzler Beer Festival, (www.tweediesbargrasmere.co.uk)
4-5 Sept	Fork Fest, Kirkby Lonsdale (see page 35)
10-11 Sept	MAC Fest 2010, Mostly Acoustic Cumbria. At the Black Swan, Ravenstonedale. Details at (http://www.mostlyacousticcumbria.co.uk/)
13 September	Branch Meeting Punchbowl, Underbarrow. Presentation Of POTS Summer Award. Usual Transport Arrangements £3
23-25 Sept	Keighley Beer Festival, details at (http://www.keighleyandcravencamra.org.uk/)
24-25 Sep	5th Beer Festival at Bull Hotel, Sedbergh details at (www.bullhotelsedbergh.co.uk)
1-3 Oct	Appleby Beer & Blues Festival at Public Hall Boroughgate. Details at (www.applebybeerandblues.co.uk)
1-3 Oct	Broughton Festival of Beer, the pubs in Broughton-in-Furness. Details at (http://www.broughtonfestivalofbeer.org.uk/)
7-9 Oct	Solway Beer festival details at (http://freespace.virgin.net/philip.tuer/)
13-16 Oct	Westmorland Beer Festival Town Hall Kendal
21 Oct	Beer Festival Race Day, Carlisle racecourse
21-23 Oct	Great Northern Beer Festival, Palace hotel, Manchester (http://www.carlisle-races.co.uk/RacingFixtures.asp)
21 -24th Oct	Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Beer Festival: try real ale in the only CAMRA GBG listed RAILWAY TRAIN BUFFET BAR, as well as many more beers available at both OXENHOPE and KEIGHLEY stations.
12 November	Beer Lover's Dinner at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. (Details see page s6/7)
12—14 Nov	Pie & Beer Festival Queens Head, Tirril http://www.queensheadinn.co.uk/



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