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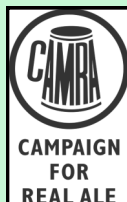
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**WEST PENNINES MAGAZINE
OF THE YEAR 2016/17**



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EDITORIAL

Hullo to all our readers. Well, here we are getting through summer at a tremendous rate and all too soon Autumn will be with us but with Autumn come some really good local beer festivals. One of my favourites is the Grasmere Guzzler held at Tweedies in Grasmere itself. Early September will see me on the bus complete with Bus Pass looking forward to some beer and great food and probably rain!

Unfortunately, as many local folks already know, there is to be no Westmorland Beer Fest in Kendal this year but fear not The Factory Tap has stepped in and will have their own festival at that time with perhaps a little help from some CAMRA members. Hopefully we will be back next year.

Congratulations to the Mortal Man who are our CAMRA Cider/Perry Pub of the Year 2017.

There is a good programme of meetings and social events and this year it has been agreed to hold the Christmas Social in Kendal. Do watch out on social media and our website for more details.

Remember to drink responsibly.

Cheers

David Currington

Closing date for contributions to the next Issue is 20th November 2017

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Chairman's waffle

Steve Charlton

I can scarcely believe it's three months since I last scribed my random thoughts on how things progress. Summer is slowly slipping away and those long balmy (barmy) evenings are drawing in, but at least our fine pubs adapt and the first wisps of smoke will soon appear, beckoning to enjoy another pint or two of local ale.

Upon which note we are pleased to welcome the Fell Brewery who have opened a bar in our branch area.

For the third year running the Mortal Man at Troutbeck is deservedly our Cider POTY, it's not bad on the beer front either and the gardens are pretty awesome too.

The Branch has been busy trying to ascertain assets of community value (ACV's) to help protect our pubs from closure, but on a positive note the Greyhound at Shap has reopened after a lengthy closure. More info next issue.

We now have, so I am reliably informed, become very proactive on the interweb thingy with Twitter and such like. (There speaks a confirmed luddite). Have a look to see what we're up to, then let me know! Enjoy your ales
Cheers Steve Charlton Chairman

WESTMORLAND CAMRA

EVENTS DIARY

Please let Jill know if you are planning to attend. If you are a driver, please give her the names of all your passengers – it's the best way to avoid double-counting. Many thanks. All meetings start at 8pm.

Monday Sept 11 Branch Meeting, Butcher's Arms,

Crosby Ravensworth

Monday 9 Oct Kirkby Lonsdale Pub Crawl starting at Royal Barn, no snacks

Monday 13 Nov Branch Meeting, Dalesman PH, Sedbergh

The Christmas Social will be held in Kendal. Details TBA

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TAP

New advert

May 17

Keep pubs afloat

Cut the tax burden on our pubs.



A Message from CAMRA HQ

The results of the latest business rates revaluation were released in November 2016, and four out of ten pubs were handed an increase in their business rates bills. For many licensees, this means putting up prices for consumers or closing their pubs.

In the Spring Budget, the Chancellor recognised the large backlash against the revaluation, and the roles that pubs play as community facilities and announced two key measures.

That all pubs in England with a rateable value of under £100,000 will receive a £1,000 reduction in their business rates bill this year, subject to State Aid rules.

That local authorities will be given a discretionary fund totalling £300 million across England to help businesses hardest hit by the revaluation (please note that this is for all businesses, and not just pubs).

Through our campaigning, we have secured three cuts in Beer Duty and saw the scrapping of the much hated Beer Duty Escalator; but this action does not go far enough to help keep many pubs afloat.

Ahead of the next Budget which is expected in November, we are launching a National Campaign focusing on business rates and the tax levels faced by pubs.

We are asking the Chancellor to seriously consider and implement our two campaign requests which are:

1. An annual £5,000 business rate relief for pubs.
2. A freeze on Beer Duty for the rest of this Parliament.

For more information on our campaigns please visit: www.camra.org.uk/campaigns or email us on campaigns@camra.org.uk

Crossword Clues are often loosely beer related

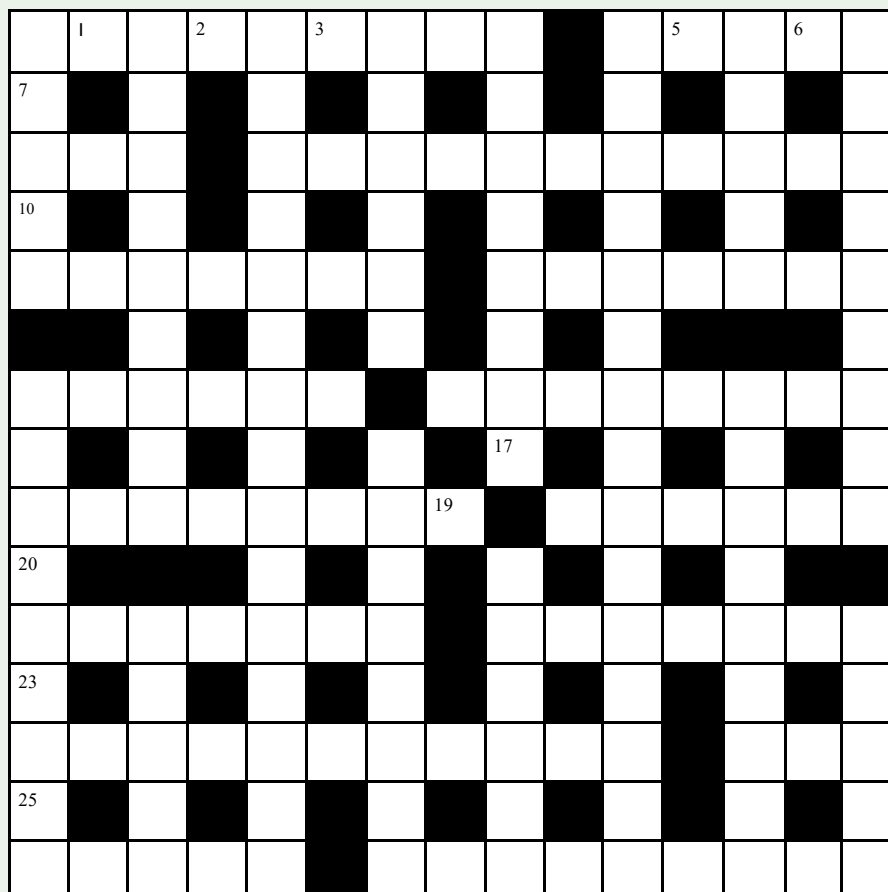
Across

- 1. Beery birds of Coniston? (9)
- 6. Cried change from an orchard. (5)
- 9. George Hodgson's Bow Brewery was amongst the first whose ales became popular here. (5)
- 10. Helplessly inebriated, informally. (9)
- 11. Overindulgence in this strong Belgian tippie and you might get it. (8, 7)
- 13. A chocolate coated confection preceding the Queen after fifty makes a partygoer. (8)
- 14. Spontaneous fermentation creates this sour Belgian brew. (6)
- 16. Cocktail forename of James Stewart's pookah. (6)
- 18. Bovine settlements associated with the USA and Australia. (8)
- 21. On reconfiguring mite's sting, brood on these compact accommodations. (10, 5)
- 23. Home of Tooheys, Cascade and Castlemaine. (9)
- 25. A snow leopard, weighing very little. (5)
- 26. Moods change but a traditional home of vice and corruption lives on. (5)
- 27. Exposed to sunlight, perhaps excessively. (9)

Down.

- 1. Belinda drops ecstasy and beginning, and now cannot see. (5)
- 2. Reviled nude changes position and was not set free. (11)
- 3. Possessing the requisite two ears. (7)
- 4. Alternative super rat experienced these over favourite beer, perhaps. (8)
- 5. Aperol, prosecco and soda water constitute a refreshing contemporary favourite. (6)
- 6 Decal derailed but still demonstrating the aftermath of volcanic activity. (7)
- 7. Little Dorothy lost four letters. (3)
- 8. Used regularly to shift food and drink on the fells. (9)
- 12. Essential mechanisms for raising a glass of beer. (5, 6)
- 13. More than one bottle capable of holding six bottles of wine. (9)
- 15. Doombar's home and dry, inland. (8)
- 17. Pig and mare combine to produce a short satirical poem. (7)
- 19. That which makes wine what it is? (7)
- 20. Stephen perhaps, used these to produce whisky. (6)
- 22. Monies pending? Viv Nicholson had the answer thrice. (5)
- 24. Nancy followed him in the film version. (3)

Again grateful thanks to our member David Snaith, we are
proud to present the second edition of
Lakes & Ale's our crossword.
We hope again that you enjoy it.
Still no prizes, but clues are on page opposite.
Answers on page 34



BADGER BAR Advert

Ring O'Bells

Good news that the Ring O' Bells in Kendal was awarded Spring pub of the season. When I lived in the town in the mid 70s it was amongst my favourites. I remember my first visit, there was no bar in the lounge, you rang a little bell and someone appeared to take your

This and That and London

Roger Davies



One of our fabulous 599 buses. London has nothing remotely as good as this.



Here's a picture of the back up bus in its own special livery based on Ribble's 1948/50 double deck coaches,

order. The guy who appeared looked just like my man who ran Ambleside bus depot for the Ribble bus company which I worked for. He was a lovely guy named Ernie Nightingale. When the drinks arrived, they were served

by a guy who looked even more like Ernie. I rang him the next day and told him. He explained the first man had been his brother, the second his twin brother. Wonderful. The beer was a Vaux product, Lorrimer's best Scotch, quite common around here then and a drop of good stuff.

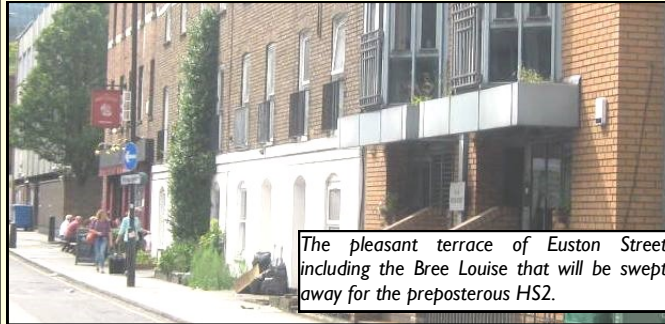
Speaking of the Ribble bus company, this mighty organisation would be 100 years old in 2019 had it survived. It covered a huge tract of the North West and its coaches covered all Britain. I'm on the look out for memories for a commemorative book, if you have any, get in touch with me via Lakes & Ale.

I had cause to gently reprimand our esteemed editor for his comment in the last L&A about the fabulous buses used on our 555 route through the heart of the Lakes saying "London had them some time ago". London has nothing like the quality of bus we have on the 555, its buses are dull, utilitarian and lacking in modern requirements such as wi fi. Since then, this magnificent dozen has been joined by seven brand new open top buses for the 599 line between Bowness and Grasmere. They are spectacular, they were welcomed by some dire weather but literally shone

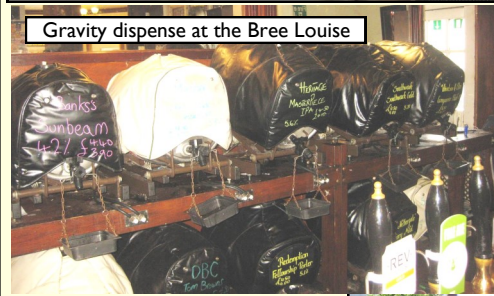
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E&Child pdf new from Neil

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The pleasant terrace of Euston Street including the Bree Louise that will be swept away for the preposterous HS2.



Gravity dispense at the Bree Louise

through it causing many appreciative comments. London eat your heart out. Buses are of course the ideal way to get around and visit our great pubs and not

have to worry about driving, we are lucky to still have a pretty comprehensive network despite Cumbria County Council, disgracefully, washing its hands of such things.

I've had cause to visit London of late and after reading Caroline Schwaller's excellent piece in the last L&A decided I must try her recommendation of the Bree Louise near Euston. It is indeed a fine pub and it took me back to my early days with CAMRA. They have a range of beers direct from the cask and it reminded me that there really is no other way to properly appreciate a good, well kept pint. Wonderful Bass

direct from the barrel looked after by

Mrs Ford in the amazing Barley Mow in Kirk Ireton, Derbyshire probably did more for my fondness for real ale than anything else. I've never really had any time for affectations like a head on a pint and the fabulous pint of Heritage

IPA straight from the barrel that I had in the Bree Louise reminded me of my early days discovering real ale. It was, quite simply, delicious.

On my second London visit, I had a free morning. The Great British Beer Festival was on so, not having tried it



The queue for the GBBF at Olympia

since around 1979, I decided to give it a go. Then it was in Ally Pally and I much enjoyed it so thought it would be nice to renew our acquaintance. I took various forms of Transport for London and arrived at Kensington Olympia as did rather a lot of other people. It was about ten minutes before opening and the queue was immense. The sun was out, it was warm and I thought, am I going to queue for a beer? Not likely, I was on the train back thinking the Bree Louise is a little beer festival of its own, I'm going there.

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Station Hotel PDF OK

Amended Application form

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I settled down with a nice pint and a



The beer list at the Bree Louise.

tasty cheese plate. On the next table was a group of guys clearly associated with CAMRA, some on their way to work at the GBBF, the pub was obviously a favourite. I introduced

myself and explained I wouldn't be there if not for L&A. They were impressed but said I was lucky as it and others are due for demolition to make way for HS2. If ever you needed yet another reason to oppose this obscene, unnecessary, unaffordable stupidity of a project, then surely this is it. It will do nothing for us in Cumbria, ruin our train service and the days of me catching the 1530 from Euston and settling down with a nice restorative in my home in Kendal at 1830 will be long gone. Don't believe the propaganda from the HS2 snake oil salesmen. If the wretched thing hasn't been cancelled by the time you read this, let us hope that happy day is not too far away. RD

Letters to the Branch

Could I offer some beer news? I work in the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside whose bar manager is moving on. We have had Black Dog Freddy on regularly lately and hope this continues.

The White Lion across the road has four regular real ales on and does a £2.49 promotion all day on Mondays. Jennings Cumberland is normally £3.50, Theakston's Ember, their house ale by Paul Theakston (and daughter?) is £3.60, the ubiquitous Sharp's Doom Bar at £3.55 should (in my view) be left in Cornwall, Thwaites' Wainwright at £3.90 is little expensive and Titanic Plum Porter at £3.95

I visited Wetherspoon's in Kendal on Wednesday just gone. Moorhouse's had offloaded some half decent beer. Premier cost £1.89 a pint and was nearest the entrance. It was very good and getting "skelped" as well it should, but did take the trade off the rest which cost £2.29 apart from Abbott at £2.59. Pride of Pendle (in good condition) and Blond Witch were the other two from Moorhouse.

I'll try to keep in touch.

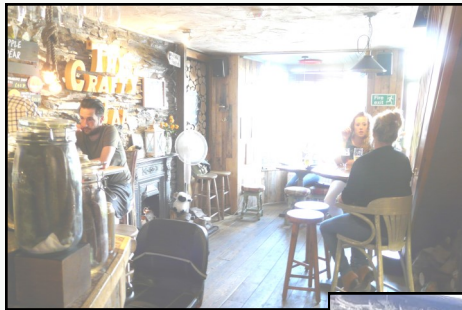
Yours sincerely, Graham

Strickland OK

KENDAL PRINTER'S ADV PDF

Continuing my survey of some of the real ale pubs in our wonderful Westmorland area of the Lakes I found time was short before publication day. So I again hopped on a 555 bus but this time only went as far as Windermere.

No quite such an eventful journey as last time to Ambleside and I was soon deposited at Windermere Station in the middle of the massed ranks of tourists who had obviously come from far and wide. The first call was to the new Crafty Baa just a short walk, (or for me a short drive) down from the



Station. It looked, and is, quite small although there is more space up on the first floor. But to my surprise I drove straight up to the front door, pushed it open and drove straight in; well there was a slight grating on the metal threshold but easily overcome. Behind the bar a very



Getting in and out ! Drinking for disability scooter users Part II

David Currington

helpful lady pulled me a drink, took down my order for a small snack then introduced me to Vince one of the Baa's partners. There are now over a 100 Craft/Belgium beers available plus four beer pumps of which I had a half of Crafty Pale Ale brewed for the pub by Oakham Ales.

The snacks were delicious, the nibbles were free and the loo (note the singular) was very small. Not sure how you would go on if you were (unlike me) totally confined to a wheelchair. Next I moved on to an old favourite of CAMRA Westmorland in days gone by; the Elleray Hotel.

No chance with either the main entrance or, the only other one I knew, the dining room entrance the corner at the back, both had clearly insurmountable steps. As I can still hobble about a little I gingerly clung on to the handrail on the main entrance and 'staggered' towards the

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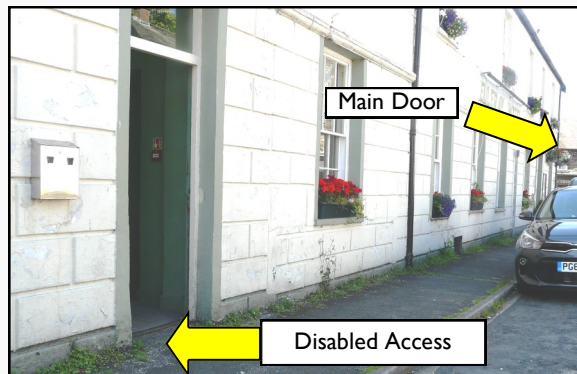
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Steve and Angie look forward to seeing you

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bar. On enquiring if there was indeed a disabled access to the



Hotel I was surprised to be told 'Yes' It was back on the street but some way further down the side road. "Why no disabled signage?" I enquired. "Might be an idea" came the reply." Words failed me but I still managed a very good half pint.



Having finishing my half pint I moved on into the town centre I passed the gloriously flower bedecked Queens.

I intended going in but one look at the mighty entrance steps and with no clear sign of disability access signs I admitted defeat and moved on. That's another half pint they've missed, but are they bothered?

Further down the main street I espied the Pig, graciously

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Alexander's
new advert

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mentioned to me back in the Baa. Talking to the two fellows outside they turned out to be partners in the Pig and I found out that they serve two real ales, but again access for me was not viable. Still, a new find



folks! However, one very useful piece of news was that the café across the road is also theirs and late in the year they hope to convert it into a proper real ale pub/bar. We will have to wait and see what materialises. Finally I dropped down to the Grey Walls

Bar & Restaurant.; yes you guessed it, no access to me due to steps.

More disconcertingly was the fact the very helpful and courteous young lady behind the bar struggled to understand the difference between keg beers and real ales! Not her fault, she obviously wasn't from

these shores. The word 'training' comes to mind

So only one out of six was fully accessible.....

On this somewhat disappointing note I went back to Kendal. Where to next time, I wonder? DC

Jazz at Burgundy's Kendal

The following bands are booked for Thursday nights

Entry is free

07-Sep	Round Midnight
14-Sep	Paul Palmer
21-Sep	Quincy Street Quintet
28-Sep	BlueJam
05-Oct	mbq
12-Oct	Quincy Street Quintet
19-Oct	Jazz Police
02-Nov	Bruce Carnaffin Hope Swings Eternal
09-Nov	Quincy Street Quintet
16-Nov	Boogie Bill's Billionaires
30-Nov	Steve Oakes Quartet
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In May I paid my third return visit to the Isle of Man having lived and worked there for eighteen years, leaving in 1991.

During my stay I visited the Hooded Ram brewery in Douglas to arrange a tour. Due to them being very busy at present I was disappointed to discover they no longer did them. However Rob the owner did kindly agree to show me round and tell me more about it.

He started the brewery in 2013 as a



1000 litre beer containers

2.5 barrel plant but a year later had expanded to a 10 barrel plant. They were soon expecting to expand even further into new premises and may

A Brewery Visit by Colin Ashton



have done so by now. When I arrived they were just arranging bulk containers with 1000 litres in each for shipping to a bottling plant in Preston.

They have also like many breweries gone down the canning route and at present this also has to be done off the Island. These products can be seen in Oddbins shops in the UK.

A fascinating fact that Rob told me was that in the days of their first bottles they stamped the labels with the beer name, and the batch no and best before date were handwritten on the label. Also the beer description was hung on the neck of the bottle on a little tag which his mother spent hours doing. (See picture). He kindly gave me one of these original bottles.



Due to their continued success and the growth of the business they opened their first pub

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Royal Barn

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in Douglas in 2016 and this year have opened pubs in Wolverhampton and Birmingham. They have also been granted the concession for the Bottleneck Car Park beer tent during the TT festival taking over from another established IOM



The bottle of Mosaic single hop pale ale he gave me was excellent and I am sure on my next visit I will seek out the cask version.

And now for something completely different:

I also visited the Foraging Vintners Winery on the breakwater in Port Erin. This is a new venture this year just started by an Australian family producing local non grape varieties of sparkling wine. At the time of my visit they had 1500 litres of rhubarb wine ready to go on the bar. This was a fascinating small venue next door with unusual pictures on the wall which I was told were of TT riders, but never having followed the TT I will have to take their word for it. Colin Ashton.

brewery who had held it for 20 years. Their Little King Louis IPA @ 6% also features in a well known supermarket Christmas pudding.

Unfortunately due to the short time I had available I was not able to visit their own pub and none of the pubs I did visit had their beers on the bar.



Mountain Factor full page new pdf
advert

CAMRA WESTMORLAND Cider Pub of the Year 2017 Mortal Man, Troutbeck



The Westmorland CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2017 was again won by the Mortal Man Troutbeck. The pub has continued to sell a wide range of Ciders and Perry.

The presentation was made by our Chairman Steve Charlton to Garry Dunckers. A good night was enjoyed by members attending. So come on you Westmorland Pubs why not try to unseat them. It is not just numbers of ciders and perry on sale but, as with beers, quality plays a

major part.

Right: Chairman Steve presents Garry Dunckers with our Shield

Below: A quirky picture that I just couldn't leave out



Cartmel half page new pdf

Crafty Bar Advert
T/F (new one)

The summer months of July and August saw three fine beer festivals run by local pubs.

First up on the last weekend in July was the Kings Meaburn beer and music festival held on a farm just outside the village run and organised by Paul and Jess from the White Horse.

BEER FESTIVALS IN THE EDEN AREA

Steve Charlton



White Horse Beer tent 2017



White Horse Beer Festival 2017

This is a cracking little affair held in a marquee with around 30 beers and a good selection of ciders. The site affords spectacular views of the North Pennines, free camping and discounts for CAMRA members. The following weekend saw the Midland at Appleby take up the mantle with their festival.

This is a fine town pub just a stone's throw from the station. Around 15 ales on offer plus ciders. Great home made food on offer including a cheese platter with their own home made beer bread. What's not to like!

Next up on the first weekend in August is The Stag at Dufton with around twenty beers and again an

interesting choice of ciders. This pub, for those that don't know the area, is the last of the fellside pubs serving the remote villages situated under the western side of the North Pennines and on



Stag Beer Garden

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the Pennines Way itself. Again the views from the garden over Dufton Pike and beyond are superb. Pick of the beers in my humble opinion were Wild Boys Texas Brown 5.5% and the ever wonderful and

perennial Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby. All in all a great effort by three fine pubs in the Eden Valley, a beautiful and QUIET corner of Cumbria. Make a note in your diary for next year. SC



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New Kings
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Kendal's Other Pub of the Year The Albion Social & Snooker Club

Some days ago, I was tootling along Sandes Avenue towards the river when a sign-board caught my eye and I read Kendal Pub of the Year.

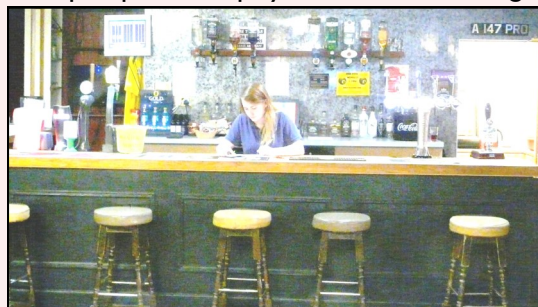
It pointed down a Yard to the rear of the shops and I was mightily intrigued. Had a pub magically appeared overnight? Had I lived in Kendal for some twenty five years and missed out on what was obviously purporting to be a good real ale outlet? I turned left and went to see.

It turned out to be The Albion Social &



Snooker Club!

Even more intrigued I dismounted from my trusty scooter and clambered up the steps very carefully. Inside it opened out into a well stocked bar with two hand pumps on display. These are changing ales at £2.90 a pint. The lady



behind the bar was very helpful and even recognised me from when I regularly attended the Castle Inn and where she was once behind their bar.

For those who, like me, have no knowledge of the place it seems that the current owners, Katie &

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WESTMORLAND CAMRA

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER CAMRA EVENTS

Thursday 5th—Sunday 8th October 2017

Broughton-in-Furness

Festival of Beer, held in the pubs in and around Broughton-in-Furness.

<http://broughtonfestivalofbeer.org.uk/>

Woodlands Silverdale Beer Festival

Friday 20th—Sunday 22nd October 2017

Woodlands Hotel, Silverdale

Beer Festival at the Woodlands Hotel in Silverdale, access from Silverdale

Railway station by 20 minute walk across fields, or day time bus. [https://](https://en-gb.facebook.com/WoodiesSilverdale/)

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Friday 26th—Monday 29th October 2017

Factory Tap

Beer Festival at the Factory Tap in Kendal.

For more details go to <http://thefactorytap.co.uk/>

Thursday 2nd—Saturday 4th November 2017

CAMRA Carlisle Beer Festival

The Venue, Carlisle

CAMRA Solway's Beer Festival. <https://www.solway.camra.org.uk/festival>

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Thursday 25th—Saturday 27th January 2018

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Sam Wilson, have been there for 6 years. It has four pool tables and eight snooker tables. They have teams in the local darts, snooker and pool leagues. Indeed so popular is it that it has, like the sign outside said, won the Westmorland Gazette 'Best Pub of the Year 2017'

It is open 7 days a week Mon-Tues 5pm – 11pm and Wed – Sun noon to 11pm. The Swan Blonde is apparently the most popular tipple. So I must resolve for a change to occasionally drop in and of course get my grandson to show me how good he is (or isn't) at pool. Definitely worth a look in. DC

Brewery Updates

Updates have been received by our Brewery Liaison Officers
from the following Breweries

Appleby Brewery

Fred is busy scaling up production. The four main beers (Midlife Crisis, Senior Moment, Middle-Aged Spread and Horse Fair) are all now stocked by Booths supermarkets. There has been difficulty in keeping a stock supply of bottles, but now plans are in place for increased production, that will see the Brewery in good stock of all beers, both in cask and bottles.

The new ale launched earlier this year, Vanya Yam, is a charity beer in collaboration with Eden Mencap, and 10% of all profits from it go to their 'help us buy our home' appeal. Sales in both cask and bottle have been very good and a bottle was presented in July to each member of the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancasters Regiment, following their visit to the town, when they were presented with the 'Freedom of Appleby' by the Mayor. This was a public thank you to the Army for their help in rescuing and helping residents of the town, during the December 2015 floods.

There are no immediate plans for a new beer this year. Fred's priority is increased production, without loss of quality. *Richard Owen, BLO*

Bowness Bay Brewery

Brewery contacted but no reply.

Marilyn Molloy BLO

Brac'N'brew

Brack'N'brew have undergone a major rebranding of the beer range but essentially the same brews. Progress is still increasing and beers now available in more local outlets.

Steve Charlton BLO



Brewshine Brewery.

No report received

Chadwicks Brewery

Both the American IPA and Capellan are still proving to be very popular and Tim is currently brewing these regularly. He will probably brew an

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autumn beer but has no clear plans yet.

Marilyn Molloy BLO

Dent Brewery

No report received this edition.

Eden Brewery

After a delayed move of premises, Eden Brewery moved lock, stock and barrel from Brougham, based South of Penrith to a site on an industrial estate, four times larger in North Penrith in June this year. 8,000 square foot and with now 4 full-time staff, brewing capacity is going to be 75-80 barrels a week. It is a shiny, modern plant.

In addition, a major order from a national supermarket chain has been awarded to Eden resulting in 18 branches of the Co-op in the Cumbria area stocking bottles of Eden Gold, Best, First Emperor, Thunderbolt, Dynamite and Depth Charge by the autumn. A major coup for a small, but growing brewery.

Rationalising has also been carried out due to the rising price of beer ingredients and worldwide hop crop poor harvest, so the Eden range is changing. Eden Gold and Best will still be the two leading cask ales, but welcome soon to Eden Pale, a 3.6% blonde, fruity, Slovenian styrian Wolf and German Bavarian Manderina ale. Also, branded as Eden Cracker, at 4% abv, this is an English challenger hopped ale using Maris Otter and crystal malts. Cracker has been previously sold as Patterdale Terrier, Dufton Pike and Cumbria Cracker in a few selected pubs in Cumbria

Eden Fuggle and Blonde Knight beers will be limited edition brews.

For those who enjoy stronger beers, the Eden range will have on sale by Autumn, Thirsty Dog, a 6% abv American ale sold in a can plus Steamin Monk, a 9.3% Belgian trapist tripel ale in a bottle. Life is never dull at Eden.

Richard Owen, BLO

Handsome Brewery

After a successful event at the Royal Lancashire Show running the bars, the brewery is now providing all the extra external bars at the Kendal Mountaineering Film Festival, at the Brewery Arts Centre in November, an exciting new beer is being produced in conjunction with the Brewery and will be available from late September. The open weekend for August Bank Holiday was a huge success with several hundred people in

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attendance. Plans for the new bar area which were on view were well received by a number of visitors to the brewery. They are now in planning and include change of use of the offices on the river side and a large feature terrace to the rear at the south end overhanging the river Kent. If you didn't make it to the open weekend the plans are available to view on the company web site www.handsomebrew.co.uk

Handsome have just done a deal with the Co-op which will be starting to stock their full range of beers under their buy local initiative, production will be ramped up to supply over 500,000 bottles a year. Handsome will also feature in the Co-op's magazine with an article about the brewery due out in October.

Ronnie Mullin BLO

Hawkshead Brewery

New Beers

Passionfruit Gose – a 4.5% highly refreshing tart and fruity beer with a hint of salt. Available in keg and limited cask.

Session IPA 4.7% – the most recent batch was hopped with Jester, Citra, Mosaic and Centennial.

The latest cask session series brew is a returning favourite - *XPA Extra Pale Ale 3.5%* this time with a new hop blend.

Champion Beer of Britain Finalist

Windermere Pale was a finalist in the Champion Beer of Britain competition. This is the 7th year in a row Hawkshead have had a beer in the finals.

The International Rainbow Project

September sees the launch of the International Rainbow Project, now in it's fifth year. This year saw the 7 UK breweries paired with 7 from the USA and in a slight twist - 2 colours drawn. The second colour inspiring a barrel aged beer for release in 2018. Hawkshead are paired with Modern Times (San Diego, California) and once again have the colour green for 2017. The Beer Hall are hosting an official launch of all the collab beers on the 8th September.



Hop Buying Trip

Head Brewer Matt was invited by hop merchants Charles Faram to Slovenia and the Czech Republic for their annual hop selection process.

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It's a great opportunity to chat to growers, sample new varieties and check out the coming harvest.

Hawkshead Feature at Norwegian International Festival

The brewery served their beers at Norway's oldest craft beer festival, Grünerløkka Mikrobryggerifestival, held at Grunerløkka Bryggerhus in Oslo. They were one of two British breweries to be invited (along with Wild Beer Co), 20 breweries featured in all including; Lervig, Nøgne Ø, Lindheim Ølkompani, Ballast Point and Toccalmatto. *David Currington BLO*

Helm Bar Appleby

Brewery contacted but no reply.

Steve Charlton BLO

Kendal Brewing Co

Brewing continues as normal

David Currington BLO

Kirkby Lonsdale Brewery

Since my last report their beer "Pennine Ambler" is now in full production. This is a 4.1% thirst quenching amber ale and is one of the official beers produced for the National Trail i.e. the Pennine Way. It will be available in a number of pubs along the route as well as their usual outlets. It is also available in a bottle as a gift to take home after completing your walk. The brewery are making a donation of 30p for every pint and bottle sold to the National Trail organisation.

They have recently brewed a light fruity summer ale called "Summer Dreams" @ 4.2%. This however was a one off so may no longer be available. However their "Green Dragon" a single hopped IPA @ 3.6% brewed using fresh English hops from this years harvest will be available in September.

Due out before Christmas will be a new dark winter ale with coffee notes involved, details in our next issue.

Colin Ashton BLO

Tirril Brewery

Brewery contacted but no reply.

Richard Owen BLO

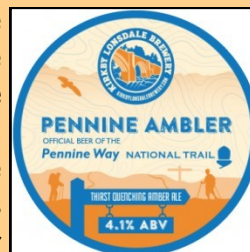
Watermill Brewery

The Watermill & Windermere Brewing Co continues to thrive at the most pleasant Watermill Inn, most of Brian's extensive range of excellent ales are on tap for the majority of the week, with up to three guest ales at any one time.

Wild Boar Brewery

No change from last report.

Juan Kinley BLO



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