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Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 4th	7pm	Branch Social	The Swan, Ulverston
August 5th	2pm	Branch Meeting	Venue to be confirmed.
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## Report from the Chair

Jack Summers-Glass

As I write this, it is sunny but is the outlook for our pubs the same? Everywhere you see signs of pubs closing, being re-purposed into holiday flats or demolished to make way for more housing. You would think we are on a never-ending spiral downwards but it is amazing how resilient the pub community is, as well as the customers who don't want to see their local disappear.

Talking to our local pubs, I'm not sure that 'optimistic' is the right word but they seem determined to weather the current economic storm and that doesn't just depend on all the various costs being brought back under control. Pubs cannot function without customers, obvious isn't it? So get out there and help by frequenting your local pub (or pubs if you have more than one) and be sensible about what and how much you drink of course.

Being situated where we are makes the pub-scene a bit more complicated than, say, Manchester where there are lots of pubs, micro-pubs and brewery taps that are relatively easy to get to, at least compared with here. In the tourist areas, there are the locals of course but large numbers of visitors and their expectations may well be different and certainly the pricing structure is different from your local village pub (mainly!). Major pubs that are owned by the Pub Companies are struggling under the PubCo model which often means the tenant has an extremely difficult time bringing in enough income to cover the costs. Remember, when you buy your pint, it isn't just the cost of the beer to the landlord that has to be covered but the whole cost of running the pub and that can be astronomical, particularly at present.

If a major Pub Company refurbishes a pub, that cost has to be recovered and that means probable increases in prices, a move to 'fine dining' and increasing the number of customers. Add into that equation the shortage of available staff, the difficulty for potential staff to find affordable accommodation in the area around the pub and the general lack of a good public transport network and you can see what the scale of the problem is. Have a look at **page 12** for a more detailed view of the pubco model.

Not many pubs are actually owned by the people running them and those that are need to make money as that is their income. In our area, quite a few pubs are owned by small companies/individuals not based in the area and, like holiday rentals, the income from the pub is their livelihood and they may or may not have any interest in the actual pub, just the business.

As you can tell, popping in to your local for a quick pint with your mates sounds ideal and as far as you know, everything is going well. It is surprising how many people don't really think about who owns the pub and maybe don't see it as a 'shop' that generates income for the owner but this is how things are now. The days of the small, landlord-owned pub are disappearing fast and the normal situation now is for a pub to be owned by a corporation with their eyes on their balance sheet rather than your pint. Unfair in some cases, yes, but not in others. Of course, there are good guys out there so this isn't meant to be a blanket criticism of all PubCo's but you know what I mean.

The moral of this - support your landlords, regardless of who owns the pubs as they are at the sharp-end and it is their living as well as your leisure.

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## Campaigning Trips are Back Branch Chair and others

Since the mighty Covid, things have been a bit slow down here in Furness Branch. Rail strikes, lack of public transport and a myriad of other issues have put paid to regular trips over the last few years. The frightening increase in costs of getting around mean finding the money to fund trips within the area has not been easy. The £2 bus fare cap at the moment is all very well but you actually need buses and in Furness, that doesn't get us to the more remote pubs, in fact even the not-so-remote pubs don't get to see us for the same reasons.

However, we have managed to fund a campaigning trip down to the Cartmel peninsula to visit, check and do some CAMRA promotion work as well as beer scoring and tasting (for the uninitiated that means a bit of analysing beers that are new or haven't been checked out for CAMRA Champion Beer competitions and not just 'necking' a pint back just for the fun of it!)

Anyway - on to the trip itself. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June a merry band of Branch Members embarked on a round trip through the Cartmel Peninsula and beyond, hiring a minibus since there is no public transport for the most part around there.

First port-of-call was **Cartmel** itself where there were plenty of hosteleries to visit but before the group was let out into the wild, we had a quick Branch Meeting in the **Royal Oak** then Terry Ridal presented the Bar Manager, Alex Lunan, there, admittedly a bit late but we couldn't organise anything before then, with the Certificate for Furness Cider Pub of the Year 2023.

After checking out some of their new beers, a **light mild** and a **dark mild** plus the ever-popular **Ghyll** (which is now sporting an abv of 3.4% which, by co-incidence, is the same abv as the milds) and the rest of

the offerings from **Fell Brewery**, the group split and went into roaming mode to visit the remaining hosteleries in the area.

Visits included the **Kings Arms**, **The Cavendish**, **The Priory Hotel** and **Unsworth's Yard** and a lot of beer scoring was done. Not every beer in every location was checked out but we made a great job of trying!

Organiser, **Dave Wilson** said: "Went to **Unsworths Yard**, **CAMRA** discount, nice beer and friendly welcome. I had **Eel River** which was excellent. **Royal Oak** was great with **Light Mild** surprised me as how good it was. All their cask beers were quite low ABV, for tax reasons. **Cavendish** was quiet and generic beer from **Theakstons** was average"

Branch Chair, **Jack Summers-Glass** and Pubs Officer, **Ann Summers-Glass**, managed to get into most the pubs in Cartmel with the intention of updating their details for **WhatPub** as well as checking out the beers. Sadly, **The Priory** is up for sale as both **Loweswater Gold** and **Unsworth's Crasader Gold** available were top quality. Some others who went their thought that the beer was a bit on the warm side but that was probably as they had the first pull of the day as, by the time we got there, the



Terry Ridal presents the Cider Pub of The Year Certificate to Alex Lunan

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You can find out more about the **2024 Edition** (released September 28<sup>th</sup>) and pre-order your copy from:

<https://shop1.camra.org.uk/product/the-good-beer-guide-2024/>



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temperature was fine. Just goes to show what an art looking after live beer can be!

Once we had all finished with Cartmel, it was back on the coach for the next stop which was the **Pheasant** in **Allithwaite**. We didn't have any complaints there and I know that at least the **Loweswater Gold** (a regular there) was good as that was what I had. They also had **Courage Directors** which some tried - now there's a blast-from-the-past for me.

Time to gather for a team photo before moving on to the next stop which was **Heft** in **High Newton**. Previously known as **The Crown** it is now a Michelin Star rated restaurant



The Team Photo!

but that hasn't stopped it serving cask ales from mainly local breweries and in keeping with the food quality, the beer was top-notch too. The **Chaff** from **Farm Yard Brewery** seemed to go down well as did the others on tap. Kevin Tickle who



Branch Members relaxing in Heft, High Newton, last-but-two stop on the trip.

## Campaigning Trips are Back

Branch Chair and others

owns the place started out in the **Prince of Wales, Foxfield** so it is no surprise that the beer was well-kept.

What should have been the last stop on the tour was to **The Angler's Arms, Haverthwaite** which has recently been refurbished by **Thwaites** and we welcome the new tenants, **Dani** and **Vaslie ('Pav') Pavalascu**, and hope that they do well. The pub was certainly busy when we were there but we managed to sample some of **Thwaites Brewery** beers and they seemed to be in fine condition. The Anglers has had a difficult time over the past few years but hopefully, this is the start of its return as a popular venue.

On the way back, some of us added a further stop in **Ulverston at The Swan**, a regular haunt for live/real ale drinkers and a final beer and natter finished off the day well. The usual decent selection of live beers was on so I tried **Hawkshead Stout** and that seemed like an appropriate way to finish the trip.

### Our Pubs Officer's thoughts on the trip:

Survey trips are really useful as it gives all of us an opportunity to check how well pubs are looking after their beers - we need that information to help us decide who is good enough to be in the Good Beer Guide, and pubs not easily reached by public transport tend to fall by the wayside because there are never enough scores. We can also talk to the landlord or landlady to bring them up to date with what CAMRA is up to, and to find out if the information we have is correct.

I was personally impressed by how well the pubs we visited this time have sprung back after the Covid-19 lockdowns. There had been a number of changes, with pubs having been refurbished or with new people in charge. And I felt that they were all, in their own ways, catering for not just the great number of visitors that the Cartmel Peninsula attracts but for the locals as well.

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**Scott Varty** receiving the **Furness CAMRA Pub of The Year 2023** award from our Branch Chair.

Not the first time that this excellent pub has picked up the award and quite a few 'Pubs of The Season' awards as well.

Congratulations to Scott and all at The Manor for their consistently excellent array of Cask Ales and on top of that, and keeping a quality pub overall.

As an aside, The Manor very **nearly** made it into the **Cumbria Pub of The Year** too but was pipped at the post by The Drovers Rest, Monkhill (up Carlisle Way!) Shame but we are biased, just a bit.



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## Furness Walks

**By Mike Petty - Branch Member**

Living on the Furness Peninsula there are many pleasant walks. The walks I do often end by visiting a number of real ale pubs!

A walk to **Dalton** was one of the first I did, and this would take me from **Roose to Dalton**, setting off along Parkside Road by the remnants of Yarkside tramway that served the **Yarlsdale** mine which connected to Roose and was opened in 1868.

Walking further on you come to the ruins of the **Furness Abbey** which was built in 1123. This was once the second wealthiest abbey in the country, after Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire.

The walk continues past the old Abbey Tavern which has now been closed for some considerable time. Take a path on your right to Abbey Road and cross to a footpath, which leads into **Dalton** where you will find your first pub, **The Brown Cow**.

The Brown Cow is the oldest pub in Dalton dating from back to the 15th century, which maintains much of its old world character with low beamed ceilings and old flag floors. Entering the pub you will find the bar facing you. Up to six changing real ales, many from local breweries are there for you to choose from. There is a lovely outside seating area, what a joy on a summer's day.

When you feel you might like a change, you could turn left at the front door, joining the main road, and then pass a large old building which used to be the primary school. Proceed up a slight hill until you reach a major T junction. Now look

across the road and you will see **The Red Lion**, ( a sister pub of The Brown Cow).

The Red Lion was closed for some time before re-opening. It is one of two pubs in Dalton with a grade 2 listing. It serves 4 regular real ales, Loweswater Gold, Swan Blonde, Coniston and Wainwrights. Outside is a small seating area where you can watch the world go by.

If you feel like a venture along the narrow main street of Dalton, that was once the capital of the Furness area, you could look at the curb side cottages with pretty gardens and the small flower-filled mining trucks. It is a busy little town with friendly people but if you walk up through the town centre towards the outskirts and along **Ulverston Road** you will see the corner street entrance of **The Clarence**.

The Clarence\* is the second Dalton public house which is a grade 2 listed building.

The pub had been closed, but on the day it was due to be opened, it was closed because of the Covid lock down. But it has survived!!

**Kerian Mcdaid** a man who has lived in Dalton all his life, is now the landlord of the Clarence along with his wife **Louise**. They have 2 changing beers that are usually local brews. We wish you both good luck for the future.

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## How is your local pub run?

### Branch Pubs Officer

Did you know that there are a number of different ways a pub can be run? These days most pubs are in the hands of a **pubco** - that's a pub owning company - as even the more modestly sized brewers have split the brewing and property arms of their business. The **pubco** may give the licensee a fixed term lease, a tenancy or put a manager in to run the pub. These days, there is another model - the "Partnership", where the tenant in effect becomes an 'operator', with them running the business through their own company. All the big players have been converting their most profitable tenancies to this model since **The Pubs Code** took effect.

**The 'Pubs Code and Adjudicator Regulations 2016'** was introduced to give tenants more rights. It applies to companies with **500 or more tied premises**. (There is also a Code of Practice which applies to operators with less than 500 tied premises.) The key thing for the pubco is that the **Pubs Code** doesn't apply to "Partnership" pubs so the new 'operators' can't go to the ombudsman if they have a dispute. This leaves them with little protection if things go wrong.

The various Pub Company models as a rule of thumb are £5,000 to go in with the 'operator' receiving approximately 18% to 23% of turnover as income, out of which all staff costs have to be paid. There are a few with higher percentages. For example, **Amber Taverns has 165** pubs run through their hybrid operator-managed business model. The pubs are almost all freehold, serve no food, each turns over upwards of half a million pounds per year, and the publican receives around £100,000 out of which they pay staff. They keep the rest and live over the pub. Bear in mind that the average salary (June 2023) for a Bar/

Cellarman is £30,155 per year, with ordinary bar staff rarely getting much more than minimum wage \*\*. That £100k doesn't go far!

**Ei / Stonegate** has **Craft Union Pub Co**, **Punch** has **Punch Pub Partnerships**, **Marston's** has **Marston's Partners / Retail Agreement / Pillar Partnership**, and **Greene King** has **Hive**, all with the business risk being taken by the 'operator' who has limited freedom to change the business model.

There are also smaller pub owning businesses such as **Black Country Ales** who use this sort of trading model.

The smaller pubco Code of Practice doesn't always offer much protection either. Depending on the type of agreement, the tenant might not have protection under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, and if they have negotiated a Free of Tie agreement so that they don't have to buy from the pubco's list (which might not include any local beers), the Code doesn't apply, leaving them unprotected if the pubco decides not to renew the agreement.

Of course, **not all pubcos are bad!** Many, if not most, look after their tenants - after all, a **happy tenant makes for a happy pub** and that is good for the pubco, the tenant and the customer alike. But just remember - in most cases, the tenant will be restricted to the beers they can stock, they probably don't have the freedom - or the margins - to offer a discount, and the prices they charge may be set by the pubco anyway. Just be grateful there is still a pub.

\*\* Information from <https://www.glassdoor.co.uk>

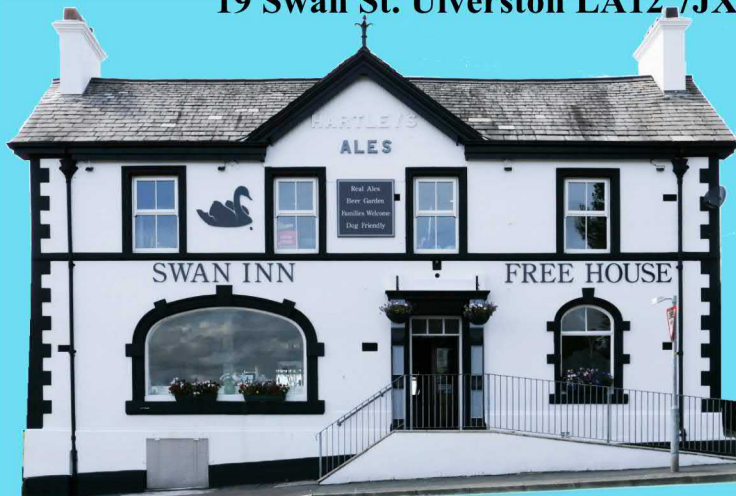


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A beer just over 3.5% ABV will incur over £16 per cask more duty than one just under 3.5% ABV, so it is likely that a number of breweries will reduce the strength of at least one of their beers. The savings will be taken up by increases in energy prices and raw materials so it is extremely unlikely prices in the pub will drop, but it will help in keeping the price lower than it would otherwise have been.

These changes introduce different duty rates for draught products and small pack (e.g. cans and bottles) - this is to help pubs who are struggling against the supermarket slabs (although since these don't have to reflect all the costs a supermarket has, the playing field isn't being completely levelled). The change does have an unintended consequence though....

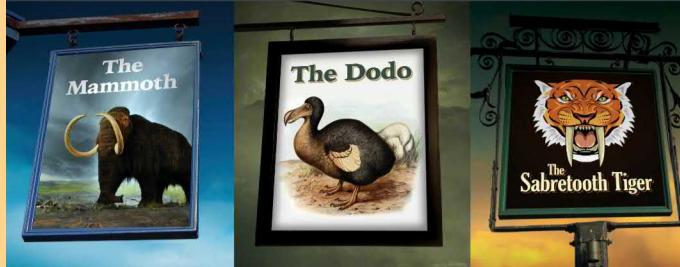
Do you sometimes go to the pub for a beer or two, then get a take-out of the same beer to drink once you get home? It could be a growler fill, a plastic flagon or milk bottle type container, or your pub might have a canning machine on the premises. If the brewery has paid the reduced rate of duty on the cask or keykeg, then the pub cannot sell the beer to take away. And pubs (and breweries) are unlikely to buy/pay the full tax rate on the off-chance that someone might want to take a couple of pints home.

So - the price of beer in the pub won't go up as much as it might, especially if the ABV is under 3.5%, but a drink at home will have to be from a commercially prepared bottle or can on which the higher duty has been paid.

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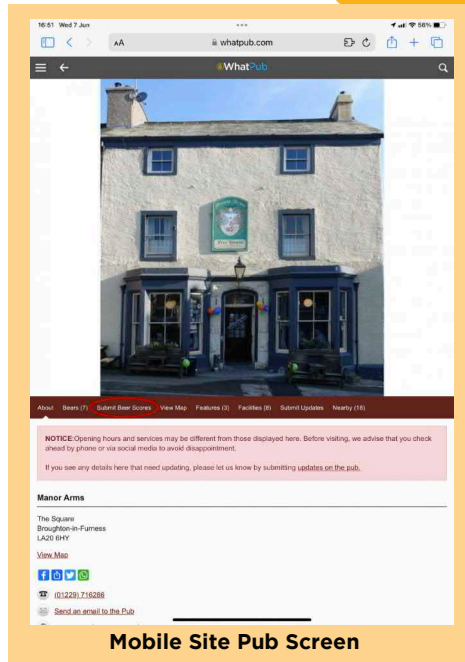
Pub opening hours can be very hit or miss over the course of the year, particularly in tourist areas where school holidays in particular have a major impact. A pub may choose to stay closed on Mondays, for example, but will open on a Bank Holiday Monday. They may open for longer hours and more days during the summer, but revert to shorter hours in quiet times, especially if most of the local housing is being let as **AirBnBs** or are second homes, when there is a lot less people about.

We all hope that **CAMRA's WhatPub** list of pubs, clubs, and licensed hotels is up to date, but this can be very difficult to achieve. We rely not just on local gossip, checks on Facebook and websites, but on feedback from anyone, **CAMRA** member or not, via **WhatPub's** own 'Submit Updates' section.

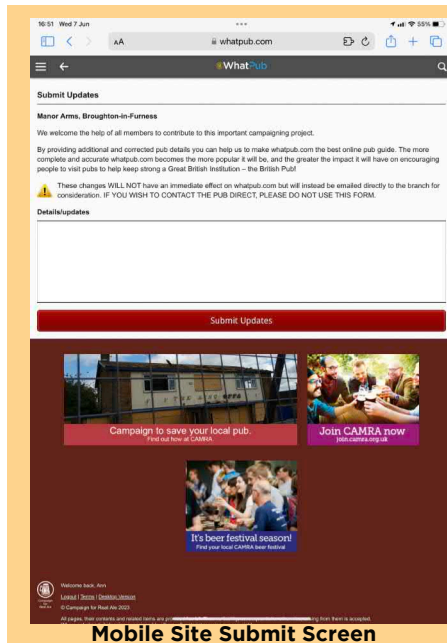
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It's not just the opening hours which cause problems. Food hours can be an issue these days as pubs which have done food either stop or cut back because of staff shortages. If a new tenant has taken over, the contact details may have changed - some pubs have a number of **Facebook** pages as new tenants start a fresh one so always check the date of the last posting!

So - we'd love you to help us keep everything up to date! Visit **https://whatpub.com** and search for the pub you have information for (if you can't find it easily there's a list of filters - if the pub smells of fresh paint un-ticking 'open pubs only' might help as



Mobile Site Pub Screen



Mobile Site Submit Screen

## Ann Summers-Glass Branch Pubs Officer

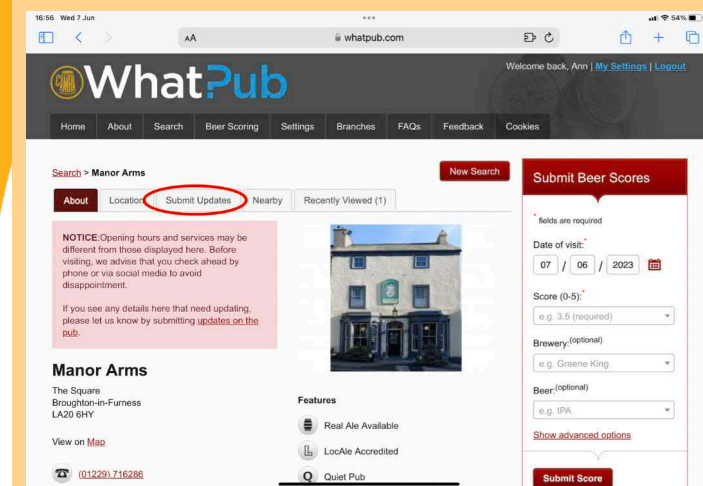
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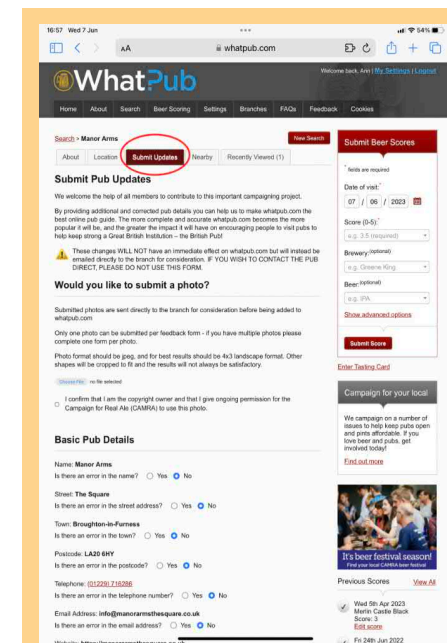
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We'll do some quick checks - we may need to follow it up with the pub - and get it all sorted out.

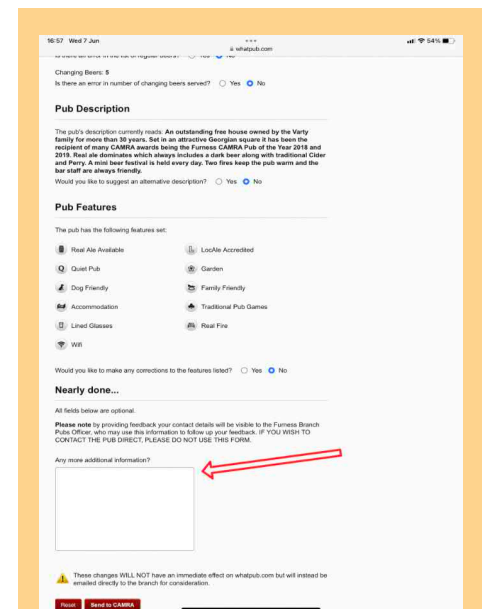
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1. Go to the **WhatPub** website, log-in then look for the pub you want to score. You can check out what information we have on the pub then use the 'Submit Beer Scores' section to score the beer. (You can also **email** our **pubs officer** (see page 2) if something that **WhatPub** says about the pub is wrong or missing).
2. If you have the **Good Beer Guide app**. Installed on your phone or tablet then you can do the same from there. If you are an avid mobile phone user then you might find this option the easier.

Remember that you are rating the **quality** of the beer and not if it is one of your favourites or you particularly like that type of beer. There are other non-CAMRA apps and websites where you can rate whether or not you like the beer and even make notes on what the beer tastes like. These are very helpful for checking out beers but are not really helpful when we are trying to find pubs that look after their cask ales.

The more people score the beers then the more accurate is our understanding of the particular pub and how well it looks after its cask ale. Once you start, I bet you'll find it fun.

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## How does CAMRA actually work?

**Ash Corbett-Collins** National Executive Director - CAMRA

**CAMRA** is organised into **seven committees**, each with their own remit:

**People** - recruitment and activation of members, all things volunteering

**Campaigns** - strategy and ownership of all campaigns with child committees:

- **Beer, Cider and Perry** - all campaigning efforts around liquids;
- **Pubs & Clubs** - all campaigning efforts around bricks and mortar
- **Awards** - recognition of excellence in liquids or bricks and mortar

**Commercial** - everything we publish and sell

**Events** - strategy and support for festivals and other events

**Disciplinary** - investigating, solving and/or punishing things that break our rules

**Finance** - what money we have, how it's spent, and planning to have enough money in the future

**Branches** - collection of all **Regional Directors**, representing their constituent branches

Anything else, such as working groups or advisory groups, are small groups of volunteers either working on a project (working group) with a fixed time frame or using their expertise to advise a lead committee (advisory group). They almost all report to one of the committees listed above or, if not, the National Executive itself (in the case of Digital Futures Working Group). The top committees can direct, instruct or support as needed any comment, question or request from a member or non-member.

All (apart from Disciplinary, obviously!) are listed here, with links to their remits and minutes: <https://camra.org.uk/volunteers-area/national-committees/>

You do need to be a member to sign in!

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## The Breweries of Furness Active in 2023

<b>Barngates</b>	Based at The Drunken Duck Inn at Barngates, Nr. Ambleside.
<b>Coastline</b>	A fairly new brewery based on Walney with a small but interesting catalogue
<b>Coniston</b>	Adjacent to the Black Bull in Coniston where you can find all their beers
<b>Cumbrian Ales</b>	Located just outside Hawkshead, previously know as Cumbrian Legendary Ales
<b>Fell</b>	Located on the outskirts of Flookburgh in the Cartmel peninsula
<b>Healey's</b>	A microbrewery located in The Wellington Inn, Loppergarth, just off the A590 near Swarthmoor
<b>Logan Beck</b>	Based near Duddon Bridge, not far from Broughton-in-Furness
<b>Old Friends</b>	A micro brewery located in the Old Friends pub in Ulverston
<b>Shaw's of Grange</b>	Located in Grange-over-Sands, specialising in bottled ales
<b>Townhouse</b>	Originally based in Staffordshire, now located in Dalton-in-Furness
<b>Ulverston</b>	Set in the Heart of Ulverston at the Old Auction Mart
<b>Unsworth's Yard</b>	Based in Cartmel with a thriving beer garden
<b>And an honourable mention, often seen in Furness pubs but actually not located in the Branch area:</b>	
<b>Hawkshead</b>	Based in <b>Staveley (Westmorland Branch)</b> , for a short while the head office and second brewery was in <b>Flookburgh</b> but that is now producing spirits in Flookburgh so not actually a <b>Furness Branch</b> brewery!

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# LocAle

## LocalAle - Get it?

**Of course you do** but do have you thought about what it actually means?

When you are choosing your beer, do you just go for your 'usual' or do you have a look at what is on offer and make your decision based on the style or strength of the beer without thinking about where it comes from? How about looking for some local breweries' beers? Now this is where things become complicated.

For some reason, not just here but all over the country, it seems that local beers come second in choice to the Nationals or regional brewers. Of course this could mean that you don't like your local brewers but these days it is more common that finding local ales amongst the plethora of well-known names on the bar is not easy. Even when you do, are the beers the style that you are looking for?

These days, people are getting interested in helping with the environmental impact of everything, from heating and travel to food and consumer products. Anything that we can do to reduce the impact must be a good thing, surely, and buying things that are produced locally will have an impact.



Drink  
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**LocAle** is a **CAMRA** national initiative to promote pubs that sell locally sourced beers. Not only does this encourage you to try a locally brewed beer but also to help reduce 'beer miles' - the number of miles your beer has to travel from the brewery to the pub. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues.

**Furness** is only one of 125 **CAMRA** branches taking part in the initiative. You can find a list of our LocAle pubs on the Branch website ([www.furness.camra.org.uk](http://www.furness.camra.org.uk)) and occasionally in this magazine but as things are changing all the time, just look out for the LocAle sign in your, um! Local.

### Changes to LocAle for 2023

**LocAle** recognition is now for one year as this will more accurately identify those establishments that **continue** to sell local ales through the year rather than **occasionally** have a locally produced beer available. This makes more sense to visitors who are looking for local beers as in this way, they should be able to expect to find a local beer throughout the year (unless there are temporary problems, of course).

The usual **CAMRA** definition of **LocAle** is for beer that is brewed up to 30 miles from the point of sale but here in **Furness**, because of our more remote location and low density of population, we define **LocAle** as:

**"All beers brewed within Cumbria, plus those in North Lancashire as far south as Lancaster and Morecambe"**

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# Roa Island Boating Club

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**CAMRA West Pennines  
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2022**

Bar:

Thursday 6pm - 10pm

Friday 12 noon - 3:30pm  
6:30pm - 10:30pm

Saturday 12 noon - 9:00pm

Sunday 12 noon - 9:00pm

Food:

Friday 12 noon - 2:30pm  
6pm - 8:30pm

Saturday 12 noon - 8:00pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4:30pm



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## Pub and Brewery Craic

**Ann Summers-Glass**

**Lorraine and Paul Bibby** have retired from **Roa Island Boating Club**. With Paul retiring, the Roa Island Brewery has now been mothballed. At the time of writing, no formal announcement has been made about a new Club Steward, but it's confirmed that the bar will be open Friday to Sunday noon to 7pm, and that cask ales from **Ulverston Brewery** will continue to be available.

**The Black Cock in Broughton-in-Furness** has been sold to **CGP Estates**, and is to be refurbished before it reopens. CGP purchased the **Prince of Wales, Foxfield**, earlier this year, and also own the popular **Greyhound Inn at Grizebeck**.

Both the **Anglers Arms at Haverthwaite** (a Daniel Thwaites pub) and the **Crown Inn in Coniston** (Robinsons Brewery) have reopened after refurbishment.

**Robinsons** are seeking new tenants for the **Pig and Whistle, Cartmel, The Globe, Ulverston**, and the **General Burgoyne, Great Urswick**. The first two are to be refurbished, with **The Globe** to be a **café bar**.

**The King's Arms in Ulverston** ('The Big Kings') has undergone a full refurbishment and is now open serving Thai Food alongside their drinks portfolio.

We believe the **Kings Arms, Hawkshead**, has now been sold, and is being extensively renovated, with a rumoured reopening date some time in 2025.

**The Priory Hotel in Cartmel** is for sale.

The long-closed **Dirty Duck in Barrow** has been purchased by a local businessman who intends to reopen it as a pub once the building has been refurbished.

**Fell Brewery** has reduced the ABV of **Ghyll** from 3.7% to 3.4% because of the new duty rates being introduced on 1 August. We expect other breweries to also review their beer range.

Fell, who already produced a seasonal **Dark Mild**, brewed a **Light Mild** for Mild Month in May. **The Light Mild won Best in Class at the Great Exhibition of Prize Ales**, organised by **Kirkstall Brewery in Leeds** over the end of May Bank Holiday. The Light Mild will also be a seasonal brew.

No news yet on the eventual fate of **Lakeland Brewhouse** (Stringers to those who have longer memories) since the company and its related **Lakeland Inns** operation are in administration and that is unlikely to be a fast process.

Don't forget, our **Facebook** feed and our **Furness CAMRA** website may well have more up-to-date information than this publication.

For those of you who have not been in-the-loop, there is **no Ulverston Beer Festival** this year for various reasons though we haven't ruled out a 2024 version yet. There are tentative plans to run an independent festival later in the year at the old **Hartley's Brewery** but this would not be organised or run by **CAMRA**. We have no concrete information at this time but will update our online feeds if and when we hear more.





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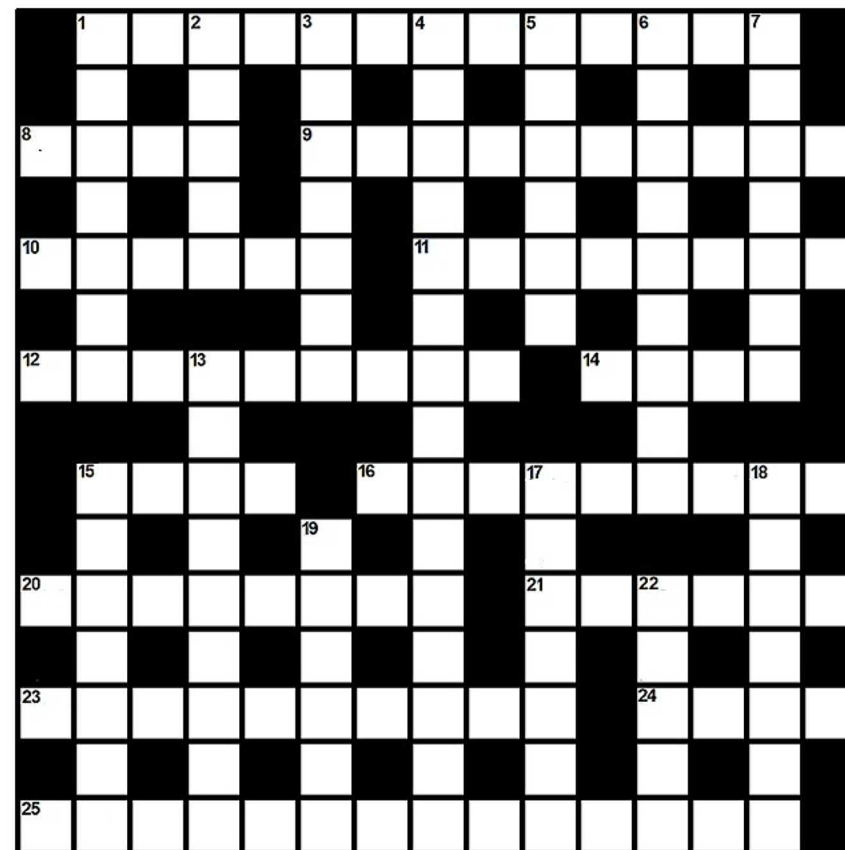
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## Crossword No. 41 by PeeGee



Across

- 1 Lost by a Tudor in Hawkshead (3,6,4)
- 8 Sounds like something magic to add to tonic water? (4)
- 9 Collection of money orders by phone to stop reserve (10)
- 10 Aim for the top (1,5 or 6)
- 11 Reject reject (5,3 or 8)
- 12 Ogles tail of dress and gets tiredness of vision (4,5 or 9)
- 14 Pinnacle of past generations' toys (4)
- 15 This poet was initially born a real dramatist (4)
- 16 Rendering defenceless by amputating limbs? (9)
- 20 A mother is after nicer synthesis to produce wide screen viewing (8)
- 21 Dog consumed vicar's assistant (6)
- 23 Ironworker is a legend, in spoken tradition, of coloured people (10)
- 24 Observe return of 14 across (4)
- 25 Redesigned Mini is declared to be made legal (14)

Down

- 1 Did you say Thursday? Time for a drink (7)
- 2 At the beginning, every new name undermined identity and created boredom (5)
- 3 Uncertain, post nuclear explosion (7)
- 4 Create ionic lift by change over to clean form of energy (15)
- 5 Stuffy piazza (6)
- 6 Nudge chamber to gain space (5,4 or 9)
- 7 Dog user designs wind socks (7)
- 13 Good person caterer concocts something desirable (9)
- 15 With Norman castles, it used be said that a Scottish local government official always pushed a barrow in front of him (7)
- 17 Intoxicating liquor with coal burnt on short vacation (9)
- 18 Verdict on person who shouted, in confusion, "NO" to God (3,4)
- 19 Cabbies would have told you that this horse-drawn carriage was good-looking (6)
- 22 'Orses running at 'Aydock, in a different order, not likely to smell as sweetly as these (5)

Answers on page 30





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## CAMRA Discounts

### The CAMRA discount voucher scheme

This is the official way to get a **CAMRA**-backed discount. **Members** get a **sheet of discount vouchers** every year when they renew their membership (and of course when they first join).

These are only **valid** for **pubs that take part in this scheme** (particularly the **Wetherspoons** group) so to find out which pubs in our area (or indeed in other areas) are part of this scheme, you need to visit **CAMRA's** website on:

<https://camra.org.uk/join/membership-benefits/camra-voucher-scheme/>

### Individual pub discounts for CAMRA members

**CAMRA** has a scheme aimed at pubs who offer discounts to members.

This is from **CAMRA's** web page:

To find out more, go to:

[www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme](http://www.camra.org.uk/discountscheme)

**HOWEVER**, you should **not expect** or **demand** a discount **if the pub does not offer one** - but there is no harm in asking politely in case they do and we don't know about it or they want to participate but don't know that there is support for pubs offering a cask ale discount.

If you have any further information, please let us know to us at either:  
**chairman@furness.camra.org.uk** or **inquirer@furness.camra.org.uk**

### Just one small point on discounts

Given the real problems facing our pubs at the moment, we do need to support them as best we can. We know that everything is rocketing in price from the cost of materials and utilities for the breweries, through the increasing transport cost of getting the beer to your pub (particularly if it is not a local brew), and finally down to the pub.

Most pubs are trying to keep the price of your beer as low as they can but given that it isn't just the beer that they have to make some profit on, it has to include a portion of actually running the pub itself which these days is not insignificant.

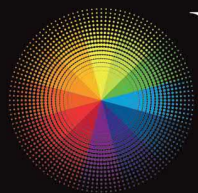
I am sure you all appreciate that but the purpose of this little section is to encourage you to be tolerant if the pub is not offering a discount and even if they are, you don't have to take it if you don't need or want to!

Remember, pubs are not supermarkets - they don't have the luxury of scale nor are they able to sell from thousands of products under one roof.

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pub cellar.

Learn more at [camra.org.uk/locale](http://camra.org.uk/locale)



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## Advertising and more plus Crossword Answers

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**Rail travel** is along the Furness line from Lancaster to Barrow and Barrow to Carlisle along the coastal route. However, since the area is rural, most locations are generally accessible via car or taxi as public transport coverage other than on the main routes is poor. Check <https://www.journeycheck.com/northern> for latest timetable.

**InnQuirer** is normally published quarterly, **Spring, Summer, Autumn** and **Winter**. However, we reserve the right to change the frequency if it is not practical to produce quarterly issues in future.

For information on the latest deadlines, contact the Editor at:

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* Please note that advertising rates may be subject to change for future issues.		

## Crossword 41 Answers

### Across

- 1 **The Queens Head**
- 8 **Jinn** Homophone (sounds like)
- 9 **Chequebook** Homophone (by phone) of check + book
- 10 **A + spire**
- 11 **Throw out** **Rejéct réjéct**
- 12 **Eyes + train**
- 14 **Tops**
- 15 **Bard** First letters (initially) of born a real dramatist
- 16 **Disarming**
- 20 **Cinerama** Anag (synthesis) of nicer + a mother
- 21 **Cur + ate**
- 23 **Blacks' + mith** Homophone (in spoken tradition) of myth
- 24 **Spot** Tops backwards (return of)
- 25 **Decriminalised** Anag (Redesigned) of Mini is declared

### Down

- 1 **Thirsty** Homophone (did you say)
- 2 **Ennu** Every first letter (At first) of every ..... identity
- 3 **Unclear** Anag (explosion) of **nuclear**
- 4 **Electrification** Anag (by change over) of **Create ionic lift**
- 5 **Square**
- 6 **Elbow + room**
- 7 **Drogu** Anag (designs) of **Dog user**
- 13 **Streetcar** S(ain)t + anag (concocts) of **caterer**
- 15 **Baillie** as in motte and [homophone (it used to be said)] of bailey
- 17 **Alcohol** Anag (burnt) of Coal on hol
- 18 **Not good** Anag (said) of **"No" to God**
- 19 **Hansom** Homophone (would have told you) of handsome
- 22 **Roses** Anag (running) of **'Orses**



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