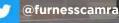


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## Report from the Chair Jack Summers-Glass

Well, we made it to another issue, in no small part thanks to the continuing support of our advertisers! For all of you out there supporting our lovely pubs and clubs, I hope that you are still able to enjoy some time sampling the array of cask ales out there, and of course all the great beers in other forms of container. Things are not going well at the moment in this Country, are they? What with prices going up and pubs and breweries either closing or maybe temporarily mothballing their brewery and waiting for an improvement in the economy.

All of this will no doubt have a effect on our drinking habits but hopefully we will still be able to make it down to our 'Local' for a few pints (or halves or schooners or whatever) and a chat. At this particular time, when money is tighter than ever, pubs are feeling the pinch what with energy costs, material costs and shortage of staff and the last thing they need is a shortage of customers too!

I hope you will all do your best to support your local whenever you can.

The encouraging news of course is the return of the Ulverston Beer Festival in September (see centre pages) and we are all looking forward to meeting everyone there. As always, the Festival is run by volunteers and so if any of you feel like doing a stint helping us to setup and run the Festival then don't be shy. Fill out the very short form to let us know any times you can attend and we will look forward to seeing you. You don't need to be a **CAMRA** member and not only can you bring your skills to the Festival, you will probably get some new ones too,



What on earth is **'Summer of Pub'**? Well, during the course of the year, **CAMRA** has quite a few initiatives going such as Cider Month, Mild Month and the like, all in the hope that it will get everyone down to the pub to enjoy some great beers.

Summer of Pub aims to support and promote pubgoing throughout the summer and getting involved is as easy as planning a trip down your local!

The past few years have presented an enormous challenge for the whole sector, and venues and producers need our support like never before. Pubs are at the heart of so many communities across the UK, serving a huge range of beers, ciders and perries

and hosting events that cater for every taste.

There's something for everyone so check out your Local and see what they have to offer (as well as the beer of course!).

**CAMRA** are encouraging publicans to host a series of celebratory events which they are publicising on their calendar on the main **CAMRA** website. Find out more on:

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The trip began for most of the group of intrepid **CAMRA** members with a pleasant train journey up the coast to Seascale. Pleasant it was, dry it wasn't. It rained, boy did it rain!

We were met by taxis, prebooked by Dave Wilson, our social secretary. I say met, well one minibus turned up more or less bang on time to take all but the last four. who waited for another taxi to arrive. It rained.

After waiting a while. in the

rain, we spotted

a taxi on the other side of the tracks, obviously waiting for his fare, in his car and in the dry. Did I mention it was raining! Neil, being the fittest one of us set off to run round to see if we were the intended fare.

We were! We all piled in, having set off after the expeditionary runner. The taxi driver had waited in the wrong place for us. Hey Ho!



Seascale to Nether Wasdale was stunningly beautiful and that alone made it worth the trip. When we finally arrived at Strands our

Despite the weather the

scenery on the journey from

travel hiccup was forgotten (except for the rain which still persisted).

We were again in beer heaven. There were three marguees joined together with a bar full width complete with waterfalls at their iunctions and carpeted streams under foot. It was raining!

CAMRA member want (except a brolly - did I mention it was raining). Unfortunately, the Screes hotel across the road was shut we were told due to lack of staff. About five o'clock we bid a fond farewell to the beer festival and the

**Branch Outing to Strands** 

by Terry Ridal - Branch Member

The beers were as you would expect in

sat in the pub bar, warm and comfy, with good food on offer and that with the good

ale in fine fettle what more could any

great form with twenty to choose from. See the list below. We hardy travellers mostly

nearly did last time I saw the dance.

The taxis arrive and we repaired to the station at Seascale in time for the train. Happy, contented and very grateful to our social secretary for another great day out. Thanks Dave. P.S. It had stopped raining!

Beer List	abv %
Green Bullet	3.5
Errmmm	3.8
Terrmmminator	5.7
Irresponsibility IPA	4.9
Brown Bitter	5
Double Rotor Session Ale	3.8
Low Flyer	3.5
Single Summit	4.3
Single Summit	3.5
Fruits de la Lune	5.5
Chocolate Lime Porter	8
Zingibeer	3.3
Angry Bee	4.5
Black IPA	5
Barley Wine	10.9
Cinder Toffee Mild	6
Who's Garden	4
Strong Mild	6
1492	3.5
Best Bitter	4.3



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#### **Strands Visit in Poetry**

#### by Terry Ridal - Branch Member

We went to Strands The rains came down But there were tents where you could hide. The problem was that with all the holes It was just as wet inside.

The array of beers raised many cheers The choice made my old brain spin. As time crept on my serious face Was replaced by a well-oiled grin

With "Double Rotor" for a good lift off "Single summit" came into view A" Low Flyer" then came zooming past Then a Bullet with a greenish hue.

A good Brown Bitter with a taste from the wood An Angry Bee with the sweet taste of honey A robust drink "Cinder Toffee Mild" Worth every cent of your money.

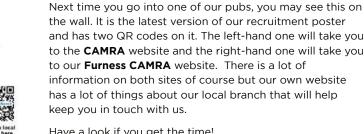
Like Guinness on steroids the "Black IPA" "Who's Garden" was a creamy wheat beer The "IRS" was incredibly strong Too much would make you feel queer.

The list of beers goes on and on It seems it never ends I did my best until I wobbled out Thank God for my CAMRA friends.



MMMM Hic! T.





the wall. It is the latest version of our recruitment poster and has two QR codes on it. The left-hand one will take you to the **CAMRA** website and the right-hand one will take you to our Furness CAMRA website. There is a lot of information on both sites of course but our own website has a lot of things about our local branch that will help

Have a look if you get the time!

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#### We are in the 2022 CAMRA Good Beer Guide

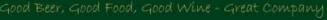
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#### **Branch Awards and Presentations**

Spring 2022

#### Pub of the Season Spring 2022 The Swan Inn, Ulverston

After two years of the Pandemic when we were unable to present our seasonal awards, finally we can restart and (other than the Pub and Club awards that were presented earlier in the year - see the previous issue of **InnQuirer**) **The Swan** became the first award for **2022**.

#### and Another.....

On top of the Seasonal award, **The Swan** also picked up another award for **'Committed to Cask'** and anyone who has had the pleasure of visiting this pub will know what we mean. There is always a good selection of excellent cask ales available and this pub has been the destination of choice for many cask ale drinkers to the town for a long time.

Here we see our Chair presenting the two awards to **Gary Menzler**, the landlord and yes, he is quite tall!

#### A Special award at The Tower Bank Arms, Near Sawrey

While we out and about presenting Certificates, this one was a particular pleasure as **Anthony Hutton** has run **The Tower Bank Arms** for 16 years and during this time has presided over one of the most popular venues in the area. Situated in the village of **Near Sawrey** (that is the name of the village in case you were thinking it was just **near** Sawrey!) it is a busy place, unsurprisingly since it is near **Beatrice Potter's** house. The **cask ales** on offer are always in top condition - and the food is great too.

All this is why we decided to award Anthony the 'Licensee of Excellence' award. Although the award is for him, we mustn't forget the excellent staff that work with him to make this pub a destination of choice for many visitors and a not inconsiderable number of locals too!

Presenting the award is the **Branch Chair** (again) and this time looking a bit bemused as he was the designated driver and was not on the beer but a decent contingent

of Furness members were there but not in the photo and they were sampling the beers!





Not a quiz again - this time, see if you can identify the bars. No prize but helps pass the time while you are enjoying your pint(s)



Answers on page 24



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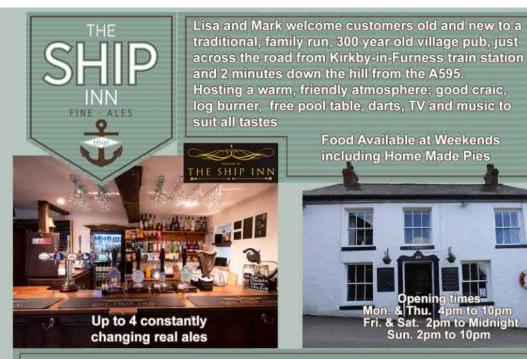
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First of all, this isn't an 'I went to the Festival and these are the beers I drank' article. Actually, I couldn't make it there for the open days, I went to see how the Keg Walls were assembled.

First, a bit of background - at our own Ulverston Beer Festival, alongside the cask ales and ciders, we have a selection of beers from membrane containers (or KeyKegs as they are commonly known). To serve these, we us a device known as a 'Lindr' which is a combined cooler and pressure pump and that allows us to serve the beer without having to resort to gas bottles. Some festivals use these and in fact a lot of bottle-shops that serve beer use these too. Each Lindr will serve one or two beers so at our Festival we have 4 so that we can serve 8 beers.

**CAMRA** has come up with another solution for serving keg/KeyKeg beers and that is the Keg Wall (or Tap Wall if you like) It consists of a backplate with 5 beer taps and all the various bits required to get the beer from the container to your glass. It is a straighforward solution but at first looks fearsome!



All right, you say, that looks a bit simple to

by the Editor

**Tap Walls at Clitheroe** 

me. Well, here's the rear of it



Not quite so simple now, is it? Well actually it is straightforward once you know what goes where. The black bits are just valves to isolate each tap. The strange transparent towers are Fob Detectors (for Fob read Froth if you like). These will shut off the beer flow if they fill up with froth/ foam so you don't waste beer when, for example, you are changing a keg.

Everything else you see is to connect the beer to the keg, the keg to the cooler and the keg to the pressure source. Now this can be cellar gas, just like they use to drive keg beer in a pub or compressed air from a simple (electric) compressor. The only problem with using a compressor is that most are not food-rated which means they are fine for membrane containers as the gas/air never actually touches the beer but for a keg, that isn't the case so an ordinary compressor can't be used in case oil or other contaminants reach the beer not a good plan. (You can get special compressors but these are expensive and probably uneconomic compared to cellar gas so you don't see these at present for CAMRA festivals).

To keep the beer cold, **CAMRA** and others use dedicate coolers. Although Ulverston uses air-coolers blowing over the casks,

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It's back again! As this issue is being put together, the Branch Beer Festival organisers are working hard to get everything ready for September. After two years of the pandemic and two cancelled festivals (well, not really cancelled just not able to get one working with all the various restrictions ) we have made a plan that we think will work!

Much as we would like to return with the a repeat of the last ones, there will be some inevitable changes. Some of these are directly related to the post-pandemic era and others following the changes that have happened in

people's behaviour.

Don't panic! We have no plans to completely change the Festival but there will be some things that we have to do this time so here is a heads-up on what to expect that is different. Of course we are still planning this so things may change if

something here doesn't work out because of unforeseen circumstances.



**Beers** - We will have the usual selection of cask and some membrane-contained ('KeyKeg') beers but the selection has been slightly reduced as we have no idea how many attendees we will have and we don't want to waste any if we can help it.



**Glasses** - We will have glasses with Festival logo and year.

**Cash** - This is the biggest change. We won't be able to run a cash bar as in previous years. We will be moving to a token system (actual details still to be worked-out) but expect to buy a token card on the way-in using card or cash - we will prefer card - and then use the tokens to buy beer. More tokens will be available to purchase of course during your visit. We are still working out how to layout the token sheet but since this is now common at **CAMRA** beer festivals throughout the country, we have plenty of information available to us on how to do this.

**Food** - We are still working on this but as always, there will be food available throughout the Festival.

**Display and online-updates** - As in previous years, there will be a scrolling display of the beers and ciders available above the bar and also there will be an online live update on the status of the beers so you can see if the ones you like are still available or are running out. This will be a web-page and not an app. as we have much more control over web-pages and can make sure that there is no delay if anything needs to be 'tweaked' closer to the festival.

**Volunteering** - We always need volunteers, without them the Festival can't run so if you would like to put yourself forward for any of the time-slots then you can go online and fill out a simple form so we know who to expect.

#### The page is volunteering.ubfest.uk

You don't have to be a **CAMRA** member either (although you can always join if you like!) and you may well pick up some skills from our friendly core volunteers.

If you don't like going online then you can always fill out the form on the right and send it to us - how about taking a photo and sending it to us either by email or to one of our contact numbers - (The Chair is probably the easiest if you are sending by phone). Branch contacts are inside the front page of this issue if you prefer although the online form is the easiest way for us.



#### Monday August 29th - Sunday September 4th 2022

Setup and Open Days

Information from this form is only used so we can contact you. It will be deleted once the Festival has closed.

Hi everyone, we are delighted that we are able to hold our beer festival this year, however for it to run smoothly and provide everyone with a good experience we need volunteers. Please have a think and see if you can help us on any of the sessions. We need people that can help with the set up which includes getting all the stuff into the hall, putting up the bars, building a stillage for the

Casks and getting the hall ready. During the festival we need people to man the front desk and take card payments, sort out glasses, stewards to stand at the doors and

people to serve behind one of the three bars. For take down we need people that can dismantie the bars and the stillage, help move all the equipment out of the hall and generally clean

and fidy the hall.

We will be grateful for any help you can offer us and you'll be provided with a warm welcome

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Tuesday	1pm-5pm			
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most festivals use stand-alone coolers like this one:



It is basically a water-jacket refrigerator with coils sitting in the water where the beer can be pumped-thorough and fed back to the tap. Connecting this to the taps, pipes are fed through a jacket (much like your pipe-insulation at home) which keeps the line cool. On top of this, a further set of pipes is fed through containing the cold water from the cooler which also helps keep the beer in the pipes cool on its way back to the taps. This system of pipes is called a 'python' after what it looks like! These can carry more than one beer line so connecting to the cooler is neater, although as you can see below, with 10 taps the piping can get a little complex but colour-coding makes it manageable.



Tap walls and The Clitheroe Beer Festival (continued)

> The yellow and black tubing on the picture are the 'pythons' and you can see that the feed and cooling lines run into them (if you have good eyesight!).

So, helping to put this together was an interesting session for me as this was the first time I had actually seen them assembled in a live environment. You would be surprised at how much effort goes into building a beer festival and I know I mention this a lot but without our volunteers, these festivals just wouldn't happen.

Of course, there were cask ales and ciders too and these had also to be cooled. The casks were cooled with recirculating cooled water from coolers similar to those used for the keg wall.

The ciders were also cooled by a novel method of carefully inserting a cooling coil



in each cider box and connecting this to a cooler. Now that was a careful task, cutting into the box without puncturing the bag inside!

At **Ulverston**, as I mentioned earlier, we use air-coolers for the casks but don't currently use any cooling for our cider/ perry selection but who know what will happen in the future?







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#### Branch Diary and Pub and Brewery Craic

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Date	Time	Venue
11 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm	Kings Arms, Hawcoat
6 <sup>th</sup> August	tbc	Roe Island Boating Club
1st to 3rd September	See <b>ubfest.uk</b> for opening times	Ulverston Beer Festival The Coro' Ulverston

For the August Meeting, check on our website for the latest information

## **Brewery Craic**

Coastline Brewery in Walney have announced that they are brewing a 5.4% IPA and that will be available in the next couple of months. We don't know where it will be sold yet but they will announce this on their Facebook.

Matthew Mayvers, who rescued the old Hartley's Brewery in Ulverston, is looking for a business partner/ Master Brewer to help reopen the site and bring brewing back to The Old Brewery. He would like to set up a community-led project to create a micro-brewery.

## **Pub Craic**

Anthony Hutton at the **Tower Bank Arms, Near Sawrey**, would like to retire after 16 years there and his lease of this wonderful National Trust owned pub is for sale.

Diane and Steve Hogan at the **Kings Arms in Hawcoat** are also wanting to retire after nearly 10 years there, and the pub is now up for sale.

Aaron Sanderson has now reopened the **Ship Inn, Piel Island**. Access is by ferry, so you will be dependent on both ferry times and the weather! We wish him well for the future.

**The Punch Bowl at The Green**, near Millom, has now been sold. The new owner, Adam Slack took the reins on 27 June 2022; we look forward to seeing where he, his new manager Barry Van Der Vyver and their team take the pub in the future and wish them well.

Don't forget that many pubs are still having difficulty getting staff and their opening hours may vary from week to week! They may open longer during school holidays when there are visitors to the area (summer hours are normally longer than winter ones anyway). Beer offerings also might not be those shown on **WhatPub** as there are still some distribution difficulties, and breweries might not be producing their full range either because of problems with sourcing supplies. If you are aware of any long term or permanent changes to what we show on **WhatPub**, do please use the 'Submit Updates' tab (or perhaps ask the pub landlord or landlady) to send us details - you don't have to be a **CAMRA** member to do this.





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Recently, publicans' trade paper, The Morning Advertiser, had an article headed "Let's stop being cheap with cask" which has triggered discussions in the beer world about whether cask ale should be more expensive. Many of us may think that sometimes it is already overpriced for what we actually get in our glass.

We need to bear in mind that price of beer in pubs depends on many factors, one of which is the actual cost of the beer. Many **CAMRA** members, especially festival organisers and beer orderers, know that the cost of beer varies significantly. Some brewers (e.g. **Coniston**, **Timothy Taylor**) charge nearly double that of others for a similar strength beer. **Coniston** and **Timothy Taylor** are quality brewers, with quality ingredients and processes but some other will try to charge a premium price based on marketing.

Too many large volume cask and keg beers are made with as cheap ingredients as possible to keep the price point down but are then very average in their flavour. (At least **Molson Coors** admits it with their **Cobra**, "A blend of water, malted barley, yeast, rice, maize wheat and three varieties of hops is used to produce the required characteristics".)

Pubs generally price their beers based on ABV (alcohol by volume), so beers of the same strength will be roughly the same price. Some concession to actual wholesale price may be taken into account, but that then means that more expensive beers are being subsidised by cheaper ones. If the cheaper ones are "inferior" in quality terms (brewing quality not pub-cellar quality) they may represent poorer value for money to the drinker.

Does this mean that a pub selling beers that cost them more should charge a higher price? It might mean that they do not sell and the pub stops stocking them, reducing choice at the bar. Would it push drinkers towards cheaper beers which may or may not show cask in the best light, and inadvertently dissuade them from actually choosing a cask ale?

#### What price good beer? Ann Summers-Glass -Pubs Officer

We would love people to think of cask as a premium product (although that shouldn't mean a premium i.e. higher price) but for this to happen it needs to be properly looked after in the pub. We can push how great cask beer is but if you go into the wrong pub (or even attend the wrong festival) you will just not get it, and probably be put off cask for a long time if not forever. Poorly-kept cask can mean cask drinkers (and by extension) **CAMRA** members lost.

So, guality in the pub is the elephant in the room and one that hasn't really been grasped properly. It isn't rocket science to look after cask beer properly (even beers like Greene King IPA, Pedigree, etc can really shine when properly kept, believe it or not). Nobody wants to pay £5 a pint for vinegar or warm flat flavourless beer, but for well-kept beer (if you're a member. think of a score on WhatPub of 3.5 or higher) you might consider it a bit eyewatering but worth it to some extent mind you, you don't want to pay £3 for a pint of vinegar or warm flat flavourless beer! As the Morning Advertiser's article savs "If you're asking someone to pay £5 for a pint, the perception of quality and the premium nature of that product is much higher than if you are charging £3."

Of course, it is just possible we contributed to these problems by being quite successful in getting cask into many pubs - one of **CAMRA's** original aims was to give drinkers the choice of cask in every pub! Too many pubs - many of them Pubco (pub companies) run - don't care about cask and it's obvious when it's not well-kept. Do we need to go back to the days when a relatively small proportion of pubs sold cask? It was these quality issues that caused cask to decline and keg to advance during the 1960s?

The **Morning Advertiser** again: "Is it because campaigners push hard for prices to be kept low? To keep it more affordable? Who's that benefiting? Those same campaigners will often then ask for a discount on top of that?



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For all you long-term members out there, I am sure that you know this but if you didn't then here's an update.

**CAMRA's** long-time printed version of **What's Brewing** has now morphed into an on-line newspaper. This has not been an entirely well-received change but the facts are that printing and sending this out to members had become an unacceptable burden on finances. More and more members use on-line platforms and the change has been subject to a heated debate between members. Some will prefer a

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physical copy and others see this as old-fashioned. Both arguments have merit of course - we won't ask you here at **InnQuirer** what you think as we have no say in it but I suppose we all have to move with the times.

We know here how much effort and cost goes into producing each issue of **InnQuirer** and it is only possible to continue producing it thanks to our **advertisers** and the fact that, apart from actually printing the magazine, all other production work is done by us (well, your Editor) at no cost to the Branch.



or Real Ale



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"

**LCAle** (short for Local Ale if you didn't guess) 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. As list of the pubs serving **LocAle** in our branch region appears twice-yearly (not this time). However, if you look out for the **LocAle** sign in your pub then at least you will know what it means!

#### What price good beer?

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Again, to whose benefit?"

**CAMRA** is not the campaign for cheap beer, but we are a consumer organisation so are on the side of drinkers not being ripped off. Yes, we are happy for pubs to offer discounts to members, but if we demand that cask ales are priced too cheaply we risk the future of pubs and breweries, particularly since their costs both materials and operating costs such as electricity (which doesn't have a price cap for businesses) - are rising faster than we would like.

(Thanks to **National Executive Director Nick Boley** for his personal thoughts on this subject.)

#### Answers to 'Not a Quiz'

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Bar 1	The Farmers Arms, Lowick Green
Bar 2	The Blacksmiths Arms, Broughton Mills
Bar 3	The Old Friends, Ulverston
Bar 4	The Clarence, Dalton-in-Furness
Bar 5	The Hope and Anchor, Ulverston
Bar 6	The Devonshire Arms, Ulverston
Bar 7	The Swan, Ulverston
Bar 8	Avanti Capitola, Ulverston
Bar 9	The Manor Arms, Broughton
Bar 10	The Brown Cow, Dalton-in-Furness
Bar 11	The Stan Laurel, Ulverston
Bar 12	The Commercial Inn, Kirkby-in-Furness
Bar 13	The Wellington, Loppergarth
Bar 14	The Black Dog, Holmes Green
Bar 15	Gather, Ulverston

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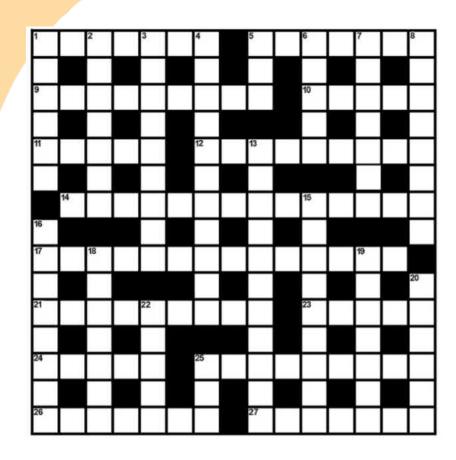




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Bottle? Try this Brewery (7)

5 Acid bar. That's rum (7)

9 Keen Peter upsets attempt to score (9) 10 Eve's partner was involved in road surfacing; forgotten

the century (5)

- 11 Hung on about breathing equipment (5)
- 12 Sang carols. Woman attacked (9) 14 Pub in Ulverston or Lowick to refresh agricultural limbs
- (3.7.4)
- 17 For Trojan hero, care for broadcast after being unwell, with pains surrounding part of lower leg (8,6)
- 21 +1: Bingo oo
- 23 Detest even garb? Phwoar (5)
- 25 Plain drug. One of Dr Spooner's (conversation?) stoppers
- (5,4)

26 Those who refuse to accept stocking measurements (7) 27 Statesman-like speech making; alternatively, a Conservative, perhaps (7)

#### Down

- Scoffers of revolutions: the French out, and Northern Ireland in (6)
- 2 United Nations veracity; Boris Johnson's version? (7)
- Even a gulf can be resentful (9)
- With discord women temper the gaining of influence (11)
- 5 At closing, grab a beer (3)
- , in command (5)
- Puzzler for shaking grates (7) 7 8 I show humility. Quite the contrary ... (8)
- 13 Paste too wet from mashing S American vegetable (5,6)
- 15 Claus, with part of a rupee, as Mexican Napoleon (9)
- 16 Starve? This is what you need, and with haste (4,4)
- 18 Lively dance on Plymouth landmark with fuzz (7)
- 24 At first, one dreadfully odd, ugly rat created a nasty smell (5) 19 Occupational Therapy Department greets Venetian Moor (7)
  - 20 Befuddled by rum-led orgy ... alternatively not (6)
  - 22 Thrice cooked there (5)
  - 25 You must undo some program code to reveal old systems software (3)



How do we work out what pubs serve the best **cask ale**? How do pubs get into the **Good Beer Guide**?

That's where you come in as a **CAMRA** member (and if not, why not?). There are two ways that you can help:

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.





#### **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

**HOWEVER**, you should **not expect** or **demand** a discount **if the pub does not offer one** - but there is no harm is 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 innquirer@furness.camra.org.uk

#### **CAMRA's Aims**

Stop Tax Killing Beer & Pubs	Secure an Effective Government Support Package for pubs		
Encourage People to try a Range of Real Ales, Ciders & Perries	Promote Pubs & Pub-Going		

**CAMRA** is a campaigning organisation with the above four main campaigns. If you want to help us achieve any or all of the these goals then why not join us?

If you are already a member, find out more at https://members.camra.org.uk/group/ guest/key-campaigns



#### Advertising and more

#### plus Crossword Answers

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