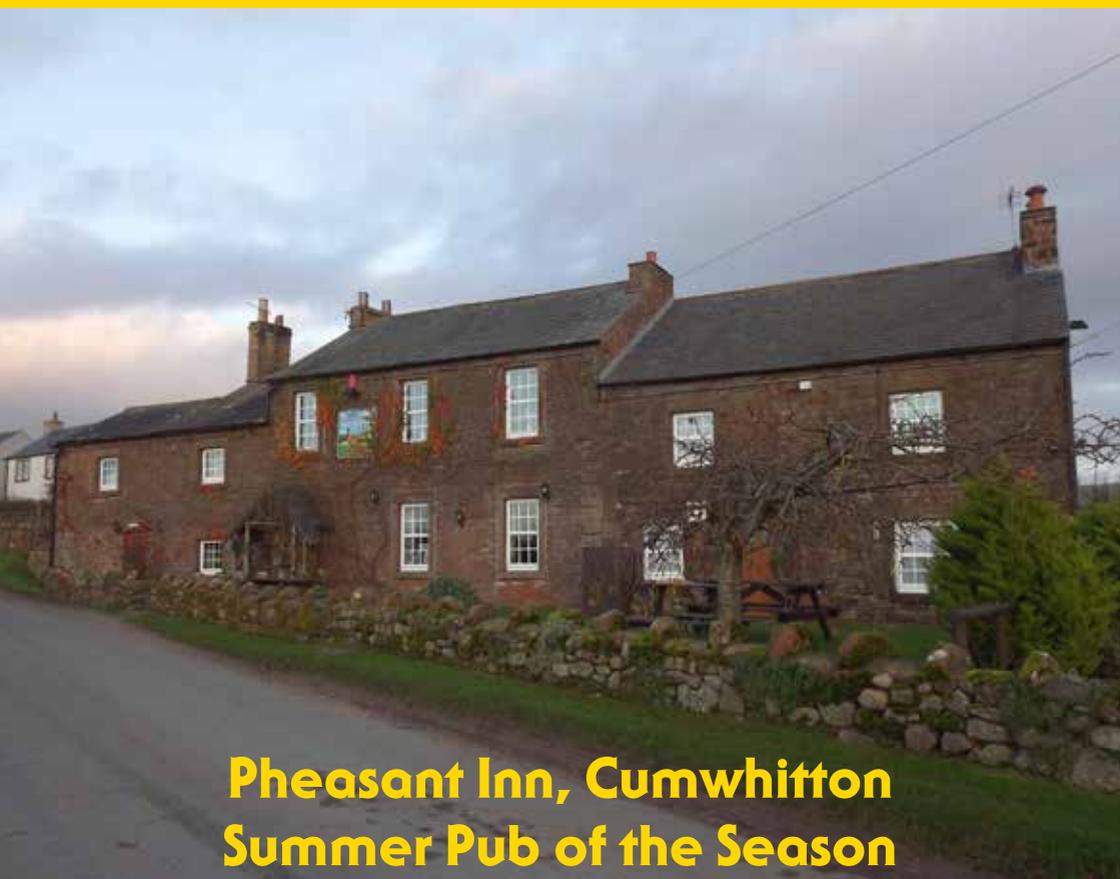




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Summer Pub of the Season

Pheasant Inn, Cumwhitton

Situated in the beautiful Eden Valley, this lovely sandstone inn dates back to 1810. It does, however, have a 17th Century farm cottage incorporated in the building.



Inside there are original beams, two period fireplaces and a stone flagged floor. The collection of over a hundred Pub Jugs is well worth seeing. There is an original Auctioneers poster for the site of the pub.

You are always assured of a warm welcome

from owners Sara and Norman Drogomirecki and Chris Marshall. The Pheasant is at the centre of the local community with fortnightly quizzes, darts teams and a domino team.

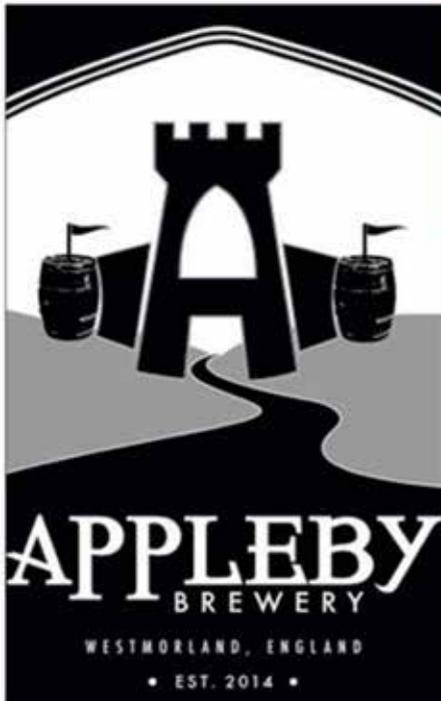
The inn has many accolades including two Pub of the Year awards from Solway CAMRA. It is Locale and Cask Marque accredited and has series of Trip Advisor Certificates of Excellence including one for this year.

The Pheasant Inn is closed on Monday and Tuesday, opens 6-11pm Wednesday to Saturday and 1 to 10.30pm on Sunday. Food is served from 6-8pm and 1-3pm (on Sunday).

The inn also organises an annual beer festival the first weekend in May.

The Pheasant Inn is a worthy winner of our Pub of the Season award. Congratulations to staff and owners Sara, Norman and Chris.

Colin Lister, Vice Chairman



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Long and Winding Road

As regular readers will know, 2015 saw the Drovers Rest at Monkhill win the branch, county, regional and super regional CAMRA pub of the year awards! This placed the Drovers in the final with three other pubs where it finished as a runner-up. What a tremendous achievement this was when you consider that the CAMRA pubs website, WhatPub.com, contains details of almost 36,000 real ale pubs!

The search for the 2016 CAMRA pub of the year started a while back! At our branch level, the Drovers Rest, Monkhill was short listed alongside four other superb local pubs: Kings Head, Carlisle; Cumberland Inn, Alston; Plough inn, Wreay; and, Spinners Arms, Cummersdale.

Branch members voted and the Drovers were presented with the Solway Branch 2016 Pub of the Year award in March.

It then went forward in competition with the Pub of the Year winners from the Furness, West Cumbria and Westmorland branches.

In late April, a minibus of Solway CAMRA members set off to judge the other branches winners.

1. Strands Inn, Nether Wasdale West Cumbria 2016 Pub of the Year

We left Carlisle around 10am and travelled the 50 or so miles to Nether Wasdale.



The Strands Inn is an attractive, traditional pub at the centre of the beautiful hamlet of Nether Wasdale. A banner on the front of the pub proudly proclaims, "West Cumbria CAMRA Pub

of the Year 2016".

Inside, the pub consists of a large bar and several small rooms, all traditionally decorated. To the rear there is a very pleasant beer garden.

Unfortunately for us, our visit was a couple of weeks before the annual Beer Festival! The bar, however, has six hand pumps selling real ales brewed by the pub's own brewery. Pleasingly, all six were in action with an excellent range of beers of varying styles.

We settled ourselves in the bar to sample the beers and peruse the extensive menu. Our food came fairly quickly and was very good.

The Strands is a three times winner of the West Cumbria Pub of the Year award having also won in 2009 and 2011.

Children are welcome as are dogs and muddy boots! Wifi is free, which was very useful as we discovered there is no mobile phone reception in the valley!

So, it was back on the bus for the 20 mile journey to Foxfield near Broughton in Furness.

2. Prince of Wales, Foxfield Furness 2016 Pub of the Year

The Prince of Wales is an interesting pub handily located across the road from Foxfield railway station.



Stuart and Lynda have developed the Prince of Wales over many years with their passion and hard work. A lovely couple with a warm welcome for locals and travellers like us.

Like the Drovers, the Prince of Wales is a former Cumbrian and Regional pub of the year winning the awards in 2014.

The Prince of Wales also has its own on site microbrewery. As well as featuring their own beers, several guest ales were also on sale including the splendidly named Gadd's Dr Sunshine's Special Friendly Kentish Wheat Beer! I just asked for a half of that, please!

The Prince of Wales is definitely a "destination pub" for real ale drinkers. It was pretty full when we arrived so some of us joined a long table where we met a couple from the Wakefield branch of CAMRA. I also met another group of real ale drinkers from Carlisle!

I managed to resist the temptation of playing the piano right next to me and sampled a few more beers.

We then headed about 35 miles across the south of the county to Staveley near Kendal for our final visit of the day.

3. Beer Hall, Staveley Westmorland Pub of the Year

This was our third pub and our third brewery! Of course, the Beer Hall is also home to Hawkshead Brewery.



The Beer Hall, however, couldn't be more different to the other contenders. It is a modern development built around two large stainless steel conditioning tanks. Traditional it is not!

The pub is light and airy and is spread over two floors. Downstairs there is has a long bar with more handpumps than I could count! All of these, of course, dispense Hawkshead beers.

In the interests of judging, some of us occupied a table near the bar, whilst the rest headed upstairs where there are more tables and some comfy couches. There's also a great view of the

nearby hills.

The Beer Hall was packed when we arrived. It's also on many real ale drinkers "must visit" list. Despite the number of customers, service was both quick and very friendly.

All that was left to do was pour ourselves back on the minibus for the 60 mile drive back to Carlisle!

Which of these three pubs (we aren't allowed to judge our own pub) came top amongst our judges? Well, it was very close with all three pubs coming within one point of each other! The Price of Wales won (on our day) by a "very short nose"!

AND THE CUMBRIA WINNER IS ... DROVERS REST, MONKHILL

Naturally, we are delighted that the Drovers has won the 2016 Cumbria Pub of the Year award. It now goes into competition with other area winners in the West Pennines region.

Alan Welsh
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Ale Trail

Our featured Ale Trail takes us to some excellent real ale pubs just north of Penrith. We enjoyed some excellent beer and were made very welcome. It was really good to see many local ales on sale.

1. Dog & Gun, Skelton

The Dog & Gun is a friendly, comfortable pub located at the centre of village. The traditional frontage carries through into the welcoming interior with timber beams, cosy window seats and an open fireplace.



The pub dates back nearly 300 years. It was originally called the Drovers Inn as it stood beside a drovers road providing rest and refreshment for drovers taking their flocks to sell at the market in Carlisle.

The Dog & Gun is very popular for meals. One changing real ale is on sale, usually from Keswick Brewery. On our visit this was Keswick K2.

2. Clickham Inn, Blencow

The Clickham Inn is a traditional country inn situated at a crossroads on the B5288 between Penrith and Greystoke.



This cosy, friendly inn is "open plan", but definitely has the feel of three separate rooms. The room to the right of the bar is set out for meals and has an impressive exposed stonewall.

The two handpumps were serving Wychwood Dirty Tackle and Tirril Grasmere Golden our visit.

3. Sun Inn, Newton Reigny

The Sun Inn is a large, refurbished, welcoming village pub. There is a large dining room beyond the bar to the rear. To the left of the entrance there is a games area, including a pool table. This area also features a stained glass 'fox' panel. A large fire separates that area from the bar and very pleasant seated areas.



On our visit, the three handpumps were serving: Chadwick's IPA, Brack'N'Brew Helianthus and Cumberland Corby Blonde.

4. Stoneybeck Inn, Stoneybeck

The Stoneybeck Inn is a large pub located on the A6 and close to M6, junction 41, about 3 miles north of Penrith.



This welcoming inn, which has been under the same management for almost ten years, has a modern/contemporary decor with comfortable leather seats in the bar area.

Ale Trail

The focus is very much on good food with a very attractive restaurant area to the left of the bar. A very ornate staircase leads to an upstairs function room. The Ullswater Suite function area can accommodate 150-seated guests.

The three handpumps featured Heskett Newmarket High Pike and Tirril Ullswater Blonde. Tirril 1823 had just finished before we arrived.

5. Globe Inn, Calthwaite

The Globe is a friendly, traditional village inn. It was extensively refurbished in 2012 and now features a central bar with comfortable seating to both the left and right and a real fire. There is also a separate, cosy dining room and an enclosed beer garden.

Cumberland Corby Ale and Theakstons XB were the real ales on sale when we visited.



Globe Inn, Calthwaite

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One thing the Organising Committee has agreed is that we will not be selling Advance Tickets this year as the take up has been fairly poor and, with a bigger venue, there should be plenty of room for everyone.

Speaking of the venue, you will probably know we are moving to **The Venue** in Portland Place, Carlisle. The spring edition of Ale Tales included

an article explaining the reasons for the move. The best one being there is more room for more real ales and real ciders!

For those that don't know the city, **The Venue** is in Portland Place just off Botchergate (the main road heading south from the city centre). From the Railway Station, walk past the Hallmark to the Griffin, turn right along Botchergate and turn left at the Border Rambler (*no real ale*). You will come to The Venue on the right after just a few yards.

It's far too early for beer and cider lists! We will have more beers than we've ever had. We will search out another interesting array of styles in keeping with the Festival's reputation for a superb beer list.

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£55 and full page £100. Each sponsor/advertiser will receive 2 free admission tickets to all sessions plus a couple of free pints.

We will be writing to branch members asking for volunteers to help set up and run the Festival. Many thanks to those members who have helped make the Festival possible over a number of years.

More details in the autumn edition!

Paul Claringbold
Festival Organiser

Solway CAMRA 40th Anniversary

Our 40th Anniversary celebrations continued with a superb meal at the Old Crown, Hesket Newmarket - our Spring pub of the season.

In this issue, we turn the clock back 30 years mainly through surviving copies of our magazine, "CarlAle".

PENRITH SUB-BRANCH

During 1986, the branch launched a sub-branch based in Penrith with a meeting at the Museum Inn. Sadly, although CAMRA had many members in the immediate area, the sub-branch didn't really take off. We have many more members in that area now; perhaps it's something we should try again?

GETTING RATTY AT MATTIES

In late summer 1986, the "major news ... must be Matthew Brown's decision to close the Carlisle brewery." "CarlAle" described the plan as a "major stab in the back for the drinking public, Theakston's workforce and CAMRA."

Why the vitriolic attack? CAMRA felt aggrieved as it had provided very active support to Matthew Brown ("Matties") during an unwelcome takeover bid from giant brewing company, Scottish & Newcastle (S&N).

During this takeover struggle, "Matties" had expressed concern to CAMRA that, if the S&N bid were successful, it would inevitably lead to closure of Theakstons brewery in Carlisle. Now "Matties" were doing exactly that themselves.

I think it's fair to say that relations between CAMRA and "Matties" were, at that time, a bit strained! Of course, S&N were later successful in their takeover.

SAVE OUR BREWERIES

Another edition focused on the fight to "save our breweries". At that time, giant brewing companies had a voracious appetite for taking over and then closing small, independent breweries. In fact, CAMRA predicted that, if something wasn't done, there would be no established breweries left in Britain by 1999!

Clearly that didn't happen mainly due to the

work of the CAMRA and the Competition Commission that culminated in the introduction of the "Beer Orders" in 1989. These Statutory Instruments restricted the number of tied pubs breweries could own in the UK to 2,000 and required large brewer landlords to allow tenants to sell guest ales.

The Beer Orders were revoked in 2003 by which time the pub industry had changed considerably.

Of course, rolling forward to 2016, the fight has changed from saving our breweries to saving our pubs!

CARLISE BEER FESTIVAL 1986

1986 saw the 10th Carlisle Beer Festival take place in the Sands Centre. 44 real ales from 33 breweries were on sale.

Breweries represented at the Festival included: Davenport's, Boddingtons, Maclays, Lorimer & Clark, Traquair House, Federation, Vaux, Camerons, Darleys and Wards.

Cumbrian breweries represented were: Hartleys (still brewing at Ulverston in those days); Jennings; Theakstons (still brewing in Carlisle) and, a recently established microbrewery, Yates of Westnewton!

Alan Welsh
Branch Chairman

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Brewer on the Hop!

Fred Mills, Appleby Brewery



When did your brewery start?

March 2015

How's things going at the brewery?

Very well. We have just completed a move from (half of) an industrial

unit in Appleby to a Grade II listed stables in the lovely Eden Valley village of Morland, where we are doing brewery tours, courses, workshops and have a brewery bar and shop.

What real ales are you currently brewing?

Midlife Crisis, a 4.2% IPA

Senior Moment, a 3.9% Best Bitter

Middle-Aged Spread, a 5.2% English Stout

Horse Fair, a 3.6% Golden Ale

What are the pros and cons of brewing where you brew?

Pros

- We have space.
- The building and the village are beautiful; it is a lovely place to work.
- We have a shop and can now attract visitors to courses, tours and other events at the brewery.

Cons

- No natural drains in the brewhouse so we have a 'Heath Robinson' arrangement to get dirty water out.
- Low water pressure on fresh supplies.

What awards have your real ales won?

We haven't yet entered any competitions, but we have high hopes for Middle-Aged Spread Stout, it is getting a LOT of love from all who have tried it.

How do you develop recipes for your real ales?

I had been home brewing for years and kept very thorough notes so I had a good idea of what might (and might not) work. I also use an iPad app to help me scale recipes up from homebrew quantities to production levels.

I use my old home brew kit to develop recipes and then get some eager volunteers to sample the results and give 'warts and all' feedback.

What plans do you have for new brews over the next few months?

We may do the occasional 'Special' but, for now, the plan is to brew all four beers for cask and bottles all year round.

What changes would you like the Government to make to help the brewing industry?

Red Tape, it really is time consuming all the admin that is expected.

Soften the way HMRC talks to the industry, the default setting is always so confrontational.

Although we pay duty at half the rate of the big boys, it is still a significant pull on cash flow when you are in your startup phase. I would like a duty holiday for the first 12 months to let new breweries get established.

Hurry up and end the brewery/pub tie!

Any embarrassing/funny brewing incidents?

Not really. Sorry

Your ales aside, what are your favourite five ales?

- Cumbria Legendary's Loweswater Gold, they should put it in the reservoirs!
- Hawkshead Brodie's Prime, I could hurt myself on that stuff!
- Parker Brewery Viking Blonde, almost (and I mean this as a compliment) as good as Loweswater.
- Jennings's Sneek Lifter (see Brodie's Prime)
- Wadworth's 6X, I was raised in South West England and weaned on 6X

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Branch Diary

MEETINGS

Business includes: breweries & pubs news, pub awards, beer festivals, socials, beer guides, etc.

Sat 9 Jul - 1pm @ Club Britannia

Revitalisation Project consultation meeting

Mon 25 Jul - 8pm @ Queen Inn, Gt Corby

Mon 22 Aug - 8pm @ Woodrow Wilson,

Carlisle

Mon 26 Sep - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm @ Kings Head, Carlisle (venue to be confirmed)

Mon 24 Oct - 8pm @ General Wolfe, Penrith

SOCIALS

Socials usually visit several real ale pubs.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Please check our website for further details.

Sat 2 Jul - Kirkoswald Beer Festival

Fri 15 Jul - Ale Trail social.

Fri 5 Aug - Ale Trail social.

Fri 2 Sep - Ale Trail social.

BEER FESTIVALS

1-3 Jul - Kirkoswald Beer Festival

16 Jul - Tullie House Museum, Carlisle

16-17 Sep - Greystoke Beer Festival

3-5 Nov 2016 - Carlisle Beer Festival at The Venue, Portland Place, Carlisle.

Read Ale about it!

Find "Ale Tales" in the following real ale pubs:

Abbeytown, Wheatsheaf; **Aikton**, Aikton Arms; **Alston**, Angel, Cumberland, Nent House Hotel, Turks Head; **Armathwaite**, Dukes Head, Fox & Pheasant; **Blencow**, Clickham Inn; **Bolton Low Houses**, Oddfellows, **Bowness on Solway**, Kings Arms; **Bowskar**, Stoneybeck Inn; **Brampton**, Brambles Bistro, Golf Club, Howard Arms, Nags Head, Shoulder of Mutton; **Broadfield**, Crown; **Burgh by Sands**, Greyhound; **Caldbeck**, Oddfellows; **Calthwaite**, Globe; **Carlisle**, Apple Tree, Beehive, Boardroom, Caledonian, Coach & Horses, Crown (Stanwix), Crown & Thistle, Eaten by Monsters, Gosling Bridge, Griffin, Hour Glass, Joiners Arms, Jovial Sailor, Kings Head, Linton Holme, Milbourne Arms, Moo Bar, Museum Inn, Near Boot, Spinners Arms, Sportsman, William Rufus, Woodrow Wilson; **Castle Carrock**, Duke of Cumberland; **Cotehill**, Greyhound; **Culgaith**, Black Swan; **Cumwhinton**, Lowther; **Cumwhitton**, Pheasant; **Curthwaite**, Royal Oak; **Dalston**, Blue Bell, Bridge End; **Faugh**, String of Horses; **Garrigill**, George & Dragon; **Glasson**, Highland Laddie; **Great Corby**, Queen Inn; **Great Orton**, Wellington; **Great Salkeld**, Highland Drive; **Greystoke**, Boot & Shoe; **Halbankgate**, Belted Will; **Hayton**, Lane End; **Hesket Newmarket**, Old Crown; **Hethersgill**, Black Lion; **Ireby**, Emily's Black Lion; **Kirkbride**, Bush; **Kirkoswald**, Crown, Fetherston; **Langwathby**, Shepherds; **Lazonby**, Joiners Arms, Midland; **Longtown**, Graham Arms; **Low Hesket**, Rose & Crown; **Meimerby**, Shepherds; **Monkhill**, Drovers Rest; **Mungrisdale**, Mill Inn; **Nenthead**, Miners; **Newbiggin**, Blue Bell; **Newton Reigny**, Sun; **Oulton**, Bird in Hand; **Ousby**, Fox; **Penrith**, Agricultural, Board & Elbow, British Legion Club, Cross Keys, Dog Beck Inn, Druids, Foundry 34, General Wolfe, George, Moo Bar, North Lakes Hotel, Robin Hood, Royal; **Penruddock**, Herdwick; **Penton**, Bridge; **Port Carlisle**, Hope & Anchor; **Red Dial**, Sun; **Rockcliffe**, Crown & Thistle; **Roweltown**, Crossings Inn; **Ruleholme**, Golden Fleece; **Scotby**, Royal Oak; **Sebergham**, Sour Nook; **Skelton**, Dog & Gun; **Silloth**, Albion, Cumberland, Golf Hotel; **Talkin**, Blacksmiths Arms; **Thursby**, Ship; **Troutbeck**, Sportsman; **Udale**, Snooty Fox; **Warwick**, Queens; **Wetheral**, Crown, Fantails, Wheatsheaf; **Wigton**, Black-a-Moor; **Wreay**, Plough.

Autumn "Ale Tales" out in September

Bar Fly Pub News



If you are aware of any changes taking place in a pub in our area then please let us know. Bar Fly is good but it is hard getting

around over 150 outlets, even with wings! See Branch Contact for details of how to keep in touch.

BRAMPTON



The **Nags Head** is under new management. The pub serves two real ales: Jennings Cumberland Ale and Brakespear Bitter on Bar Fly's visit.

CARLISLE

There will be a beer and music festival at Tullie House Museum, Carlisle on Saturday 16 July from 11am to 4pm. This is part of an exhibition about the Carlisle State Management Scheme.

Unfortunately, the **Cranemakers** no longer sells real ale. They do hope to try it again.

Carlisle Cricket Club has reopened and is selling a real ale and a real cider.

COTEHILL



The **Greyhound Inn** has new owners and is selling two changing Tirril Ales. More details

in the next edition.

DALSTON



The **Blue Bell Inn**, located in the centre of Dalston, has re-introduced real ale. They have one real ale on sale, currently rotating between Caledonian Deuchars IPA and Theakstons Lightfoot.

GILSLAND

Good news for thirsty Hadrian's Wall walkers, the **Bridge Inn** is selling real ale again - Prince Bishop Ale from Big Lamp brewery.

LITTLE CORBY



The Haywain Inn, which has been closed for a while, has recently been renamed the **Otter Inn**. Bar Fly hopes this is a sign it will be reopening soon.

PENRITH



The Gloucester Arms is to reopen under a new name, **Dockray Hall**. More details in the next edition.

SILLOTH

The **Golf Hotel** has been sold but will continue to sell real ale (Jennings).

SMITHFIELD



The **Robin Hood** at Smithfield (on the A6071 Longtown/Brampton road) is another pub returning to real ale. The pub also sells real cider from local cider makers, Waulkmill.

WIGTON

The **Hare & Hounds** is selling real ale, Wychwood Hobgoblin.

CAMRA MEMBERS DISCOUNT

As far as we are aware, the following pubs offer discounts on real ales to CAMRA members:

Apple Tree, Carlisle
Beehive, Carlisle
Griffin, Carlisle
Kings Head, Carlisle
Crown Hotel, Wetheral
Plough Inn, Wreay
If you know of any more, please let us know.

Please note that pub opening hours are always subject to change. To avoid disappointment, Bar Fly advises that you check the hours with the pub before you travel.

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What's Brewing

Appleby



The brewery has successfully moved from an industrial unit in Appleby to converted stables in village of Morland. A far larger and daughter, Katie, to expand their business.

Inside the new premises, as well as the brew house, there is also a small shop and a bar. It is open between 9am and 6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Brewery tours have started and Westmorland CAMRA members will be visiting in July. In addition to tours, Fred is also offering a brewery training courses: "How to brew from the grain" and "How to start your own micro-brewery".

Once they had settled in, they decided to brew all four of their beers all year round. The original plan was to keep **Horse Fair Golden Ale** for summertime and **Middle-Aged Spread**, for winter. Both have, however, been popular and in demand, hence the decision to brew them all year round.

Even more remarkable amongst the brewery move and with that was all going on, Fred's daughter, Katie, found time to marry her fiancée, Jon Metcalfe; congratulations to both.

Richard Owen

Derwent



The brewery has launched a new beer called

Hudson Bay. This 4.3% golden hoppy ale has many additions of hops throughout the brewing. It is named after the Hudson Lockheed Bomber that many Canadian Airmen learned to fly in, on Moricambe Bay, which is just North of the brewery.

Real Ale sales are excellent as are those of bottled beers, all of which are RAIB (real ale in a bottle).

Brewer, Mark, has appeared in the Hairy Bikers, "The Pubs that made Britain". He served them

Carlisle State Bitter. Mark was also interviewed by Radio

Cumbria in which he told about the brewery and the beers he brews.

Tullie House Museum is organising an exhibition about the Carlisle State Management Scheme. They also interviewed Mark for the Audio Visual Display they intend to use in the Exhibition.

Colin Lister

Eden



Eden Brewery continues to be very busy with ever-increasing sales. Their latest new ale is **Sharp Edge Ale**. This is exclusively available at Rheged Centre near Penrith. It was

brewed to celebrate the launch of Terry Abrahams new film, "Life of a Mountain - Blencathra", which premiered on 15th May.

During June 2016, there will be limited release of 200ml **Eden Gold** Bottle Conditioned Ale to Booths supermarkets.

Richard Owen

Galloway Lights



This is a new brewing company based in Dumfries and run by a local couple. They are currently looking for suitable premises for a brewery. Meanwhile, beer is currently being brewed at the

Bowness Bay brewery in Kendal.

Rob Ryan

Hesket Newmarket



The brewery has had a profitable quarter, with sales of cask and bottles on the up. A new fermenter and liquor

tank have been added, allowing more brewing capacity for their beers.

Black Sail has been tweaked with the addition of

What's Brewing

oats, and it is selling as fast as it can be brewed. There's been a resurgence of interest in **Doris 90th**, which has pleased the brewery.

Paul Claringbold

Sulwath



Sulwath will be the main sponsor at the Scottish Beer Festival at the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh on 7 to 9 July 2016.

Keith Bruce

Tirril



Tirril Brewery now have their own Brewery Tap in the shape of the **New Inn** at Brampton, north of Appleby, situated just 2 miles from the brewery

Richard Owen

in Long Marton.

Hot on the heels of the success of their Lakeland range of beers last year (Ullswater Blonde, Borrowdale Bitter and Grasmere Gold), Tirril have launched two more ales, **Langdale Light**, a 3.9% ABV "classic session beer, refreshing and easy drinking" and **Windermere IPA**, a 4.3% ABV "strong pale ale: crisp, hoppy and bitter".

Both beers have been launched to positive reviews and are now available.

Music on the Marr

The **real ale and music festival**, Music on the Marr, Cumbria's most friendly musical event, returns from **21 to 24** July this year.

The village festival with the feel good factor will feature Ray Laidlaw & Billy Mitchell together with The Lindisfarne Story Band who present "Fog on the Tyne".

Well-loved Anglo-Australian duo and BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winners, Nancy Kerr & James Fagan share the stage on Friday with young Welsh ambassadors, Calan who bring ancient Celtic tunes right up to date.

The traditional sounds of remote equatorial African villages come to Castle Carrock with Congolese band, Kasaï Masaï, adding a unique and contemporary twist on the way. They are joined on Saturday by popular folk fusion outfit from Hexhamshire, Whapweasel.

Other headliners include Penrith born claw-hammer banjo champion, Dan Walsh, and the five piece, all female fiddle band from Orkney, Fara, who were nominated for a Scottish Trad.

Award last year in the best new act category.

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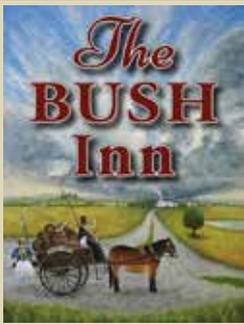
Full weekend tickets are on sale for £75.00. A variety of other tickets are available from £15. All accompanied under 16's have free access to the entire festival.

Further information and tickets from www.musiconthemarr.com

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