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Spring Pub of the Season



Wheatsheaf, Wetheral

Congratulations to Lynne, Graham and the staff of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Wetheral on their latest award, our Pub of the Season, for Spring 2018.



Lynne and Graham are entering their tenth year in charge of 'The Wheaty', a traditional village local, which has been

a pub for over 200 years. It was formerly under State Management and, a lot further back in its history, was a meeting house where tenants came to pay both their dues and their fines to the Lord of the Manor.

Three real ales are on offer, with Corby Ale, brewed just across the River Eden at Cumberland Brewery, being a permanent fixture on the bar. The other two hand pumps now feature only beers from Cumbrian Breweries. At the time of writing, two beers from Bowness Bay were on sale. You are also likely to see beers from the likes of Keswick, Cumbrian Legendary Ales and Coniston on the bar, amongst others.

Food is served from Wednesday to Sunday, both lunchtimes and evenings. Bookings are advisable at weekends. The pub opens at midday, every day.

On Tuesday nights, you can take part in their popular quiz, with its jackpot round. "The Wheaty" also has its own football team, playing in one of the local leagues and big sporting events are shown live at the pub.

There is a good-sized beer garden, which is deservedly popular when the British weather is behaving itself! Rural Cumbria has suffered from transport cutbacks in recent years, but, thankfully, you can still make a journey out to Wetheral, by bus, during the daytime, or by train - the station



being no more than a sedate ten-minute walk away.

Alongside three Solway CAMRA Pub of the Season awards, "The Wheaty" was the recipient of 'Carlisle Living' magazine's 2017 'Best Country Pub' award and the numerous reviews on various websites, pay testament to this.

In an ever-expanding village, "The Wheaty" retains its rightful place at the heart of the community and is highly deserving of this latest award.

The award presentation will be made on the afternoon of Saturday, 10th March.

Richard Weir

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What's Brewing?



Appleby

The brewery is still brewing out of temporary premises at an undisclosed venue and have been concentrating mostly on Haweswater Blonde, the new 3.6% Golden Ale, which has been accepted very well.

Appleby Brewery has introduced a mail order service for their bottled beers. Now, anyone in mainland UK can order any combination of their 5 beers in cases of 12. Their address is:

applebybrewery.co.uk/index.php/mail-order.

Richard Owen

Brack'n'Brew

Sales of the brewery's new 500ml bottle range are going really well. They are really pleased with how these have gone and look forward to seeing them stocked in businesses all over Cumbria and maybe further afield!

In February, Brack'n'Brew sponsored the "Rockmantic" rock music festival at the Brickyard and Embers.

The brewery is working on some different ideas for some new beers to add to our range of beers. 2018 is certainly going to be an exciting year for them.

Ben Clementson

Carlisle

The brewery had a great Christmas: bottle sales were up and the partnership with Pioneer has been really positive. Alison did a meet and greet at their Rosehill store, which went well. Christmas Peeve, a seasonal beer, was received well and there's been some good feedback.

Silverback has been brewed again, finally giving in to demand, and that's been very successful.

The brewery has gained a few new customers over the winter and it's really good to see some pubs being re-opened or revitalised and adding real ale to their bar.

January has been a time for planning and re-stocking. The brewery is looking forward to seeing what 2018 will bring!

Alison Davis

Cumberland

The move from the Forge to the Honey Factory (just across the village green) took place in December and the first brew in the new premises was actually the brewery's 1500th brew. The Honey Factory is a huge, sandstone constructed warehouse-style building, with ample space for further development. The way the brew plant has been constructed, with high up metal grid walkways, both improves the cleaning process for the plant makes it a simple enough process to add further vessels, as and when the need arises. A cold store will be constructed, for beer storage and the brewery has also begun wholesaling a range of Irish spirits and keg beers from the sister brewery, Station Works, in Newry, Northern Ireland.

26 firkins of a 4.3% beer, 'Nemo' were produced in December and proved very popular. It may reappear sometime in the future, as brewery manager Rob Sheldon looks to commence producing monthly specials, meanwhile, production of Corby Red has ceased.

The original brewery site is to be turned into a brewery tap and visitor centre, with work planned to commence on this soon and be open in time for summer.

Richard Weir

Cumbrian Legendary Heroes

Roger Humphreys tells us that the brewery have acquired some of Yates brewing equipment. This is currently being installed at their Cumbria Legendary Ales brewery near Hawkshead at Esthwaite.

The brewery organises the popular Loweswater Beer Festival at the Kirkstile Inn, Loweswater (April 26th-29th). It is certainly worth the effort to get there! You will find a mix of CLA brews as well as beers

sourced from elsewhere. Their famous Kirkstile Tatie Pot and Hopbread will be available, together with the normal menu.

Eileen Lithgow

Derwent

The 18th January marked Mark and Allie's 5th anniversary as owners of Derwent brewery.

At the moment, Derwent is brewing, Silloth Porter, Blond and Carlisle State Bitter. The latter has been chosen by the Workington Conservative Club to replace Yates Bitter.

This year, Derwent will supply the Ireby Music Festival with real ale. The festival takes place on the 25th and 26th of May,

Keep an eye out for a new beer around Easter. I eagerly await Marks next creation.

Colin Lister

Eden

2017 was one of change for Eden, moving premises in June and 2018 promises to be even busier with various subtle changes to be made.

Bottling and canning have gone very well over the past few months. A 750ml bottle of Rebel Rebel, an American IPA at 6% ABV, will be out soon, sold in local outlets.

This year, the brewery will concentrate on stabilising the range of beers with a core range of six beers: Gold, Best, Cracker, First Emperor, Pale and Fuggle.

Aimed at the café and restaurant market, 330ml bottles of Eden Dunkel (4.9% ABV) and Eden Pilsner (5.6% ABV) will be available.

Second year design and illustration students at the University of Cumbria are now designing a range of four craft cans as part of their degree course. One of the students work will be chosen to feature on a limited range of craft beers in cans, with an ABV range of between 5 & 6%, due to be launched in May 2018.

Richard Owen

Hesket Newmarket

Jim and Liz Fearnley started brewing in a barn at the back of the Old Crown pub in

April 1988. Hesket Newmarket brewery will be marking the occasion in April 2018 with a 30th anniversary beer called "XXX".

It is an auspicious moment in the brewery's history, a just cause for celebration and an opportunity for everyone to sample its continuing work. Shareholders in the brewery co-operative were recently asked to vote on what sort of beer should mark the occasion and a stout style beer at around 4.4% narrowly came out top for this event.

The brewery has a long history of birthday celebrations, many people visiting "the brewery tap" at The Old Crown, Hesket Newmarket are still asking for Doris' 90th Birthday Ale despite the pub having a wide selection of newer brewery creations on offer.

Many Cumbria pubs reported sales were quiet over 2017 Christmas period, however, Hesket Newmarket brewery overall sold same volume as last year, cask volumes were slightly down, but compensated by an increase in bottles sold.

Visitors to the Old Crown can now find at least 12 bottle beers on sale from Hesket Newmarket brewery and pub customers are regularly drinking those especially if their favourite brew isn't available on cask.

Robin Murray

Sulwath

Not a great deal to report this time. At the end of February, Sulwath will be launching a limited edition bottle beer with a whisky twist.

Keith Bruce

Tirril

By popular request, Tirril is again distributing their beers in and around the Barnard Castle and Middleton-in-Teesdale area of County Durham, where they have been received well as old acquaintances.

Richard Owen

Penrith Pub Crawl



Recently, twenty-five members from Solway CAMRA had a very enjoyable afternoon pub crawl in Penrith. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to visit all Penrith pubs selling real ale - must try harder next time!

Royal

The Royal is a very busy pub opposite the Town Hall. It was our branch pub of the season for autumn 2016 when it was managed by Lenny and Julie.



The Royal is a traditional pub featuring tiled walls and lots of mellow wood. It has three separate areas served by one bar. Three handpumps offer beers from all over the UK including LocAles. On our visit, White Rat from the Rat Brewery, Blonde Witch from Moorhouses Brewery and Southern Cross from Fell Brewery were on sale.

General Wolfe



The General Wolfe is a friendly local situated in the heart of Penrith. The pub frontage doesn't reflect the large size of this pub with rooms and alcoves that go back a long way. The pub

was full refurbished in November 2015.

There are two handpumps on the bar.

During our visit, Timothy Taylor Knowle Spring and Tirrel Grasmere Gold were on sale.

Board & Elbow



The Board & Elbow is situated in the heart of Penrith town centre. It is a very friendly locals pub with a warm welcome. Although a single room, this atmospheric pub has many nooks

and crannies.

Three real ales were on sale during our visit: West Berkshire Mr Chubbs, Sharps Sea Fury and Marstons Lancaster Bomber

Dockray Hall

The Dockray Hall was our winter 2017/18 pub of the season! This Grade 1 listed building, a former home of Richard III, was built in 1400 and has been a pub since 1719.



The pub has been sensitively restored with original panelling and wonderful open fires.

The pub is owned by Cumbria Legendary Ales and features their real ales. On our visit, Loweswater Gold, Esthwaite Bitter, Pacific Voyage and Vanilla Oatmeal Stout were on sale.

Dog Beck

Named after the historic Dog Beck that ran nearby, this Wetherspoons pub is in the converted Toppers nightclub.



The bar and downstairs area is a large, open plan room on different levels. There is also a large upstairs outside courtyard area.

The pub has the usual Wetherspoons large range of real ales. On our visit these were: Carlisle Spun Gold, Derwent Parsons Pledge, Marstons Wainwright, Sharps Doom Bar, Greene King Ruddles Best Bitter and Greene King Abbots Ale

Fell Bar



The Fell Bar is a very small, intimate pub in the centre of Penrith. It is on three floors and was only turned

into a pub in 2012.

The Bar was taken over by Fell Brewery and re-opened in August last year. The pub is very friendly with knowledgeable and helpful staff.

As well as being an outlet for Fell Brewery beers, the Bar sells real ales from other breweries as well as a range of craft beers.

Cask beers on sale during our visit were: Ghyll, Southern Cross and Robust Porter all

from Fell Brewery. Other breweries beers were: Neptune Jack May, Wylam Macchiato and Wylam O13. Three traditional ciders were also on sale including Green Valley (sweet) and Crossmans Prime (medium).

Agricultural

The "Aggie", close to Penrith railway station, was our last port of call. This pub was the branch pub of the year in 2013.



The pub, built from local sandstone, is open plan with a dining room and bar with steps from one to the other. The pub features a Victorian shuttered bar of sash screens.

On sale when we visited were: Charles Wells Youngs Special, Courage Directors (brewed by Marstons), Jennings Sneck Lifter and Jennings Cumberland Ale.

More information about the above pubs (and the other pubs in Penrith) can be found on the CAMRA website, whatpub.com





Drovers Rest, Monkhill - A fourfold success!

Oh yes! Deja vu all over again and again and again! Once more, the Drovers Rest in Monkhill is celebrating success in the Solway CAMRA annual members' ballot to select the best real ale pub in North Cumbria.

That being the case we must, afresh, congratulate Linda and Bill Robinson as well as daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Sandy Williamson for outstanding service to real ale, real cider, real pubs, good food and a friendly atmosphere!



So, what is it that appears to be leading the Drovers' team to continual success? Could it be

the quality and range of the real ales offered?



So far, the pub has served 756 different real ales! That's a mere tip of the iceberg when you realise that there are more than 30,000 real ales now available!

As well as serving top quality beers, Sandy and Sarah have been experimenting with brewing their own beers thanks to help from Bowness Bay Brewery. So far, drinkers have enjoyed three unique brews:

Seeing Red - A red beer - well I never!!
It's Nectar - A honey and oatmeal pale ale.
Forager - a dark beer made from locally gathered blackberries described by one drinker as, "The best beer I've ever tasted."

The Drovers devotion to real ale and cider has led to the pub's annual beer festival becoming a "go to" calendar fixture. The next one is on 11th - 13th May.

Or, could it be the quality of the food using local ingredients?

Perhaps it's the community focus? The Drover's once again hosted the local churches' annual carol service and there is a weekly visit by the County Library.

Maybe it's the friendly atmosphere that welcomes you as soon as you cross the threshold?

Whatever it is, it has meant that the Drovers



can be proud to call itself an award-winning pub! See below if you don't believe me!

2014 - Solway CAMRA Branch Autumn Pub of the Season

2015 - Solway CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year; Cumbria Pub of the Year; West Pennines Pub of the Year; National Pub of the Year finalist

2016 - Solway CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year; Cumbria Pub of the Year

2017 - Solway CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year; Cumbria Pub of the Year, West Pennines Pub of the Year.

2018: Solway CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year (so far!)

So, it's well done to a successful family enterprise - keep up the good work!

I strongly encourage you to find out for yourself by visiting the Drovers and making a resolution to visit the beer festival in May!!! I know you won't be disappointed.

Mick Jones



New Brewery in Lockerbie



The idea for brewing beer and producing gin was born at a works night out in Palnackie at the Willow Tree in April 2016. Every two months or so, the team at

Chefs In Scotland (CIS), Scotland's Premier Chef Agency, head out for something to eat and a couple of gins, always with a designated driver.

CIS originated on Skye in 1998 where Managing Director Michael Tough had formerly worked as a chef.

Over the years, CIS has diversified into property; be it record shop in Moffat, a holiday apartment in the Costa del Sol or a cottage in Crocketford.

When 8 Well Street in Lockerbie came onto the market, a former painter and decorator's workshop, it felt like a good opportunity to do something in Lockerbie where Michael had gone to school.

Tom Barr has a passion for making beer and after completing University and a postgraduate in entrepreneurship in Canada, the chance to work at Lowland Brewing was too good an opportunity to turn down.

Tom joined the company in September 2016 and has been busy ever since, helping with chef recruitment in the busy Moffat offices of CIS but concentrating on getting recipes standardised for when production starts in Lockerbie.

Initially, Lowland Brewing will be making two beers, Dryfe Blonde 5 and Dryfe Ale; both of which were well received at the Beer Tasting and Tapas night at the CIS offices on 15th December 2017.

We are holding another Beer Tasting and Tapas night at the Mid Annandale Comrades Club in Lockerbie on Friday 23rd of March at 6pm to 9pm where free samples will be available.

Tom is currently on Skye working at The Cuillin Brewery on Skye learning about large scale brewing.

Lowland Brewing put in an application for change of use at the premises in Lockerbie to Dumfries and Galloway Council. That was granted in January 2018 to enable building works to take place at 8 Well Street Lockerbie. Work is now underway with Michael meeting builders.

We hope to be operational in late April or May this year and to start production of beer then, with Lockerbie Gin coming on stream later in the year.

Lowland Brewing is the trading name of the company registered with companies house, Gallidachd na h-Alba Brewery Ltd. This is Gaelic for Lowlands of Scotland.

There are 600 shares in the company and we are offering 120 of them for sale at £500 per share.

If anyone is interested in getting the Lowland Brewing prospectus please email: tom@chefsinscotland.co.uk or call the brewery mobile that is 07493716521. For more information visit the brewery's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LowlandBrewing/>.

Michael and Tom have ambitious plans for Lowland Brewing.

Michael Tough, Lowland Brewery





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.

CALDBECK



James and Emma are the new publicans at the Oddfellows Arms having taken over the pub in December.

Jennings real ales are on sale.

CARLISLE



Following extensive alterations and refurbishment, the Crown Inn, Stanwix reopened in

December. Rhona Bill is the new manager. Upto three real ales are on sale usually: Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Harviestoun Bitter and Twisted and Greene King Ruddles County.

The Reiver recently won the “heart of the Community” award from the owning group, Heineken Star Pubs. Many congratulations to licensees Tony and Michelle Grierson. Sadly real ale is not available.

GREAT CORBY



The Queen Inn reopened in December and retains its smart appearance and comfortable

atmosphere. Three cask ales from Cumberland Brewery are available, alongside three keg beers from Northern

Irish sister brewery, Station Works, including a gluten-free lager. On Bar Fly's visit in January, Kentucky Ale, from Alltech Lexington - who own both Station Works and Cumberland breweries - was also available on tap. Food should be available at the Queen by the end of January, so the opening times which, at the time of writing (mid-January) may extend from the current ones, which are 3pm-11pm Monday-Thursday and from midday, Friday-Sunday.

GREAT ORTON



The Wellington Inn is now a free house and is featuring a wider choice of real ales, many from

local breweries.

MOORHOUSE



The Royal Oak has been taken over and reopened in December. Real ale was introduced in January. Two real ales are on sale.

At the moment, both will change, but the publican intends selecting the most popular as the regular beer.

WHITBARROW

The Whitbarrow Hotel has four hand pumps in the Eden Bar. When Bar Fly visited in January, Tirril Academy and Tirril Borrowdale Bitter were on sale in good condition.

Full details of real ale pubs in our area and most of the UK can be found on the CAMRA website: **whatpub.com**.

Please note that pub opening hours and meal times are subject to change.

To avoid disappointment, Bar Fly advises that you check times with the pub before you travel.

Beer Festivals in Cumbria



IN OUR BRANCH AREA

May 4-7	Pheasant Inn, Cumwhitton
May 11 - 13	Drovers Rest, Monkhill
May 25 - 27	Stone Inn, Hayton
Sept 21 - 22	Greystoke Beer Festival
Nov 1 - 3	CARLISLE BEER FESTIVAL, @ The Venue, Portland Place

ELSEWHERE IN CUMBRIA

Mar 23 - 24	Hawkshead Beer Hall,
Apr 26 - 29	Kirkstile Inn, Loweswater
Apr 26 - 29	Woolpack Inn, Eskdale
May 11 - 13	Strands, Nether Wasdale
May 25 - 27	Lowther Club, Whitehaven
Jun 1 - 2	Keswick Lions & Rugby Club
Jun 7 - 10	Boot Festival, Eskdale
Jun 7 - 10	King George IV, Eskdale
Jun 15 - 16	Egremont Rugby Union Club, Bleach Green

Jul 19 - 21	Hawkshead Beer Hall, Staveley
Aug 17 - 19	Albert, St. Bees
Aug 26 - 28	Gosforth Hall Hotel,
Aug 30 - Sep 1	Furness CAMRA, Coronation Hall, Ulverston
Aug 31 - Sep 2	Tweedies Bar, Grasmere
Sep 7 - 8	Swinside Inn, Newlands Valley
Sep 27 - 30	Broughton Festival of Beer
Sep 28 - 29	Rotary Festival, Carnegie Hall, Workington
Oct 22 - 28	Middle Ruddings, Braithwaite
Nov 29 - Dec 1	Round Table Festival, Kirkgate, Cockermouth

A Brewery Tour that lasted 12 years!

When Ian Macartney joined fellow Solway CAMRA members for a tour of Hesket Newmarket brewery in 2006, little did he know it would be the start of twelve years working for the brewery!

At that time, Mike Parker was Brewery Manager and was in the process of introducing a new in-house bottle condition process. Ian expressed an interest and quickly became our bottle-conditioned beer guru!



Ian has been the perfect employee, diligent, thorough, reliable and flexible, able to regularly turn a hand to all brewing activities as well as packaging and delivering.

With increasing importance of bottle sales, the brewery decided, in 2014, to outsource its bottling. We couldn't, however, lose Ian's positive attitude so he was encouraged to take on sales and administration duties.

Once again, Ian characteristically rose to the new challenges quietly managing our stock control, administration and computer system as well as building and maintaining relationships with customers.

Nathan Gregory, our current Brewery Manager, has the hard task of finding a replacement for Ian! Hopefully he will find someone passionate about beer and with a head for figures. If anyone wants to be considered the role contact

nathan@hesketbrewery.co.uk or phone 016974 78066 for more information.

Robin Murray
Hesket Newmarket Brewery

What's in a name?



There's been a kaffuffle on social media recently over beer names and pump clip designs. Whether you think that it's a big fuss about nothing or you're firmly on the side that breweries shouldn't, in this day and age, produce branding that can be deemed offensive to any group, it did make me think about the importance of names for both breweries and their beers.

There is a difference between the big boys and us smaller breweries in that decisions in naming products usually aren't run by marketing departments, but by individuals and that makes for an interesting range of outlooks. Every beer named usually has a meaning for the person naming it and, of course, one person's sense of humour isn't another's. As much as some beers are named for commercial reasons, there are many out there that are named after the brewer's dog or granny. We've recently



started looking at local dialect and phrases for our seasonal beers and it's been great getting feedback from people about names such as "Clarty Jewkle" and "Christmas Peeve", especially people

outside the area who haven't come across these terms before!

We are aware that some publicans are very careful about putting 'novelty' named beers on their bar as it just doesn't suit their style of pub. So it has to be a commercial decision whether or not to go ahead with a certain name. You have to have an element of hope in that your customers will also go along with your beer names!

Naming beers is a fairly difficult job unless you decide to follow a certain pattern or slant but it's really hard not to paint yourself into a corner - we started calling our first beers after connections to our pub, The Spinners Arms, so we had Spun Gold and



his Magic Number!

At that point we realised we had to look at each beer as it came out, look at what was important to us and our brewery and a



sense of place for where we brewed. We then moved to

names like Carlisle Bell, Carlisle Experiment, Cumbrian Bitter, etc.

Names are so important - it's what you want people to remember and ask for when they see it on a bar. There are so many beers out there that you want the name of your beer to be memorable, especially if it's one of your core range of beers. And, unless you like a bit of contention, you don't want that memory to be one that offends someone, after all, the whole idea of a name is to encourage someone to try your beer!

I'd really appreciate knowing what you think. Are there any names that you think have been a bit close to the knuckle? Do you think it's all a storm in a teacup? Do you think it's completely correct that CAMRA (and other organisations) are showing their disapproval? Feel free to comment either on twitter @carlislebrewing or on www.facebook.com/CarlisleBrewingCo

Alison Davis

Take a walk on the Mildside!



Make May a Mild Month!

Each May, CAMRA promotes Mild ales throughout May encouraging publicans to stock Mild on their bars and customers to give them a try.

Mild is a beer style that, a bit like its dark brethren, stout and porter, saw a huge fall in popularity, during the 1980s and 1990s.

During this period, mild's former northern and midland heartlands suffered huge industrial decline, as those who traditionally drank it in great quantities straight off shift, saw their livelihoods close down.

It was popular for being low in strength and light bodied, whilst retaining plenty of flavour from the dark malts used, making it very quaffable for those wanting to slake a raging thirst.

This wasn't always the case as mild, initially brewed without hops, was quite a strong beer style, mainly to help extend their shelf life. The introduction of hops (which can also act as a preservative), from Belgium, Holland and Germany, saw their strengths fall.

Characteristically, their flavours are usually chocolatey, nutty and fruity, but not



exclusively. Light milds do exist in small numbers, the best known example probably being Timothy Taylor's Golden Best, from Keighley and in Scotland, they can

sometimes be found on bars as 60 shilling, or 'light' - Belhaven's 60/- being a well-known example.

Thankfully, mild's popularity and availability has seen resurgence over the last few years and many of the thousand or so independent breweries around the UK produce one either regularly, or during May, which is CAMRA's 'Mild Month'. Hopefully, some of our branch area pubs will have some on sale!

In Cumbria you can find Jennings excellent Dark Mild, which is becoming harder to find, especially in this part of the county; Great Gable's 'Yewbarrow', which is a superb strong dark mild, weighing in at 5.5%; and, 'Black Beard' from the Watermill Inn brewpub, at Ings, between Staveley and Windermere, all well worth seeking out on your travels.

Richard Weir

Good news for Carlisle Beer Festival fans!

Going into the 2017 Beer Festival, the Festival Organiser, Paul Claringbold, announced this would be his last as organiser. Paul has a wealth of beer festival experience and knowledge, so his decision could potentially badly affect the event.

Three months later, the Solway branch of CAMRA is delighted (and mightily



relieved!) to hear Paul has changed his mind and will continue in his role.

Paul (right) presenting our 2017 Beer Festival "Cumbria Beer Challenge" winners award to Roger Humphreys of Cumbrian Legendary Ales.

Cider Update



Solway Cider Pub of the Year 2018



Every year CAMRA branches are invited to select the pub in their area that members feel best

promotes Real Cider and Perry. These selections are then put through to the later stages of the national Cider Pub of the Year competition.

Huge congratulations to The Cumberland Inn of Alston who have been awarded this year's Solway Branch Cider Pub of the Year.

Helen and Guy Harmer, have owned and run The Cumberland for 15 years and have received this award 3 times before as well as numerous Pub of the Year and Pub of the

Season awards.

In the Solway branch area, finding a pub that sells just one Real Cider is quite a task, so finding one as dedicated as The Cumberland who regularly has three or four available is a real treat for us cider drinkers! Their regular Cider is Weston's Old Rosie, and on a recent Ale Trail their choices included Bootleg Moonshine from Weymouth Cider and Gwynt Y Draig's Dancing Dog.

The ciders are kept in the cellar which enables them to be served them at Real Cider's optimum temperature making it a worthy winner of this year's award.

Guy and Helen will receive their award on Friday 27 April when our Ale Trail visits their pub. We will also be visiting Garrigill and Nenthead.

Julie Smithson
Branch Cider Officer



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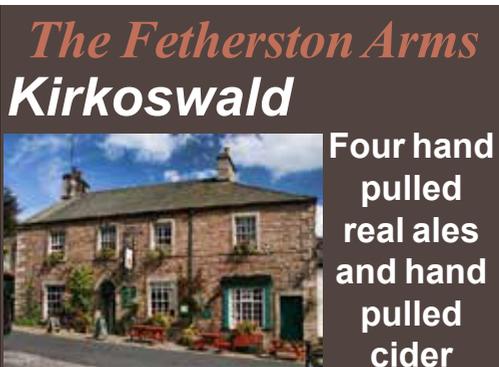
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Meetings

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Mon 30 Apr 8pm @ Howard Arms, Carlisle

Mon 21 May 8pm @ Kings Head, Carlisle.

**Mon 25 Jun 8pm @ Fat Gadgie, Carlisle -
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**Mon 30 Jul 8pm @ Woodrow Wilson,
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Socials

Socials usually visit several real ale pubs.

Members and non-members are welcome.

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details.**

Fri 27 Apr - Ale Trail social.

Fri 11 May - Ale Trail social.

Fri 15 Jun - Ale Trail social.

Beer Festivals

*(see separate article on Cumbrian Beer
Festivals)*

11-13 May - Drovers Rest, Monkhill

25-27 May - Stone Inn, Hayton Opens
6-11pm on 25th and 1-11pm the other days.

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