

# Innquirer

## Newsletter

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### **Future Newsletters**

If you are reading this via the 2024 Christmas email then the link that you received only takes you directly to *this* newsletter. To see all of them (in the future since this is the second one), go to:  
<https://www.innquirer.uk>

### **Royal Oak Sparkbridge - Update**

We have now heard that The Royal Oak will, apparently, re-open before Christmas once some re-decoration has been done. Yet another landlord by the look of it, we don't know what happened to the last encumbant but we'll be keeping our eyes open for any further news.

### **THE Kings Arms, Hawkshead**

This now looks to be opening sometime in 2025 after a major refurbishment. Things in Hawkshead haven't been the same since the pub closed ages ago (it seems) as this was a great destination when visiting and also a major outlet for Cumbrian Ales beers since the Brewery is pretty nearly just around the corner.

I'm sure that visitors and locals will welcome the re-opening when it happens - the Branch may well have to include Hawkshead in the near future in one of its survey trips (presumably in the summer as we don't have a date for the opening yet).

### **The Great British Beer Festival**

Now that Ulverston Beer Festival is, at least for the time being, no more, those of us that enjoy Beer Festival visits may well want to visit GBBF next year. Lots of information on CAMRA's main

website ([camra.org.uk](http://camra.org.uk)) but for the record:

**GBBF Winter** 12-15 February 2025 at the Magna Science Adventure Center, Rotherham

**GBBF** 5-9 August 2025 at the NEC, Birmingham

## **Branch Events**

The next significant event is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February when we have our Annual General Meeting. Members should be getting notice of time and venue early in 2025.

More trips and visits are planned but organising is still in the early stages. Once we have fixed plans, we will post on the main Furness CAMRA website ([furness.camra.org.uk](http://furness.camra.org.uk)).

## **Christmas**

Furness Branch had its Christmas Party in The Stan Laurel, Ulverston at the beginning of December and it was great to get together with most of our active members, only slightly spoiled by the complete lack of trains so one or two members missed out but no doubt we'll make up for it in the New Year sometime.

Can't believe that another year has passed and thankfully, most of our favourite pubs are still there serving great cask beers (and other great beers for that matter). We wish you a good Christmas and hope you can find the time to visit your local or locals! With a bit of luck, transport won't disappear completely so stay safe and enjoy the Festive Season.