

InnQuirer

Newsletter

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Logan Beck Presentation



We finally got to present Alex Douglas of Logan Beck Brewery with his certificate for Proper, an English Bitter, that won gold in the Champion Beer of Britain awards for 2024 (in the Session Bitter category).

Thanks to Stephen Walker for travelling down from West Cumbria to present the certificate to Alex at The Devonshire Arms in Ulverston on Saturday (1st February). You can't see us in the photo but the Branch was out in force to see the presentation and to enjoy a few pints of Proper (and other beers of course).

Alex brews quite a number of interesting beers at his Duddon Valley based

Brewery so look out for more if they stock it in your local or wherever!

Visit to JJ Crossfield in Arnside

An out-of-Branch visit to Arnside to check out the JJ Crosfield bar in



Arnside was well-attended and turned out to be an excellent evening. Thanks to Northern Rail for actually running trains in both directions so that we could get there and it was a very interesting meeting.

Thanks to Ken Parr for sorting this out and thanks to all the staff there for making us feel welcome.

The venue is a different take on a micropub as it doesn't actually have a bar that you can go up to, rather the staff take your order and deliver it to your table. The beer (Lancaster Brewery) was, as expected, first rate and hopefully we all scored out beers despite it being out of our Branch (but still in North West Region, of course).

Dry January, again

Well, I hope you all got through this alright, whether-or-not you decided to go the whole month, part of the month or none of the month without alcohol. Whatever you managed, I do hope you didn't abandon the pub. Well done, regardless.

CAMRA Rebranding

You may have heard that CAMRA has undergone a major rebranding in the past few weeks but don't worry, there is nothing to worry about. They have new logos and colours as well as new templates and pretty near everything that comes out of CAMRA will reflect the new look. It is certainly more up-to-date and a cleaner look but like all rebrandings, it doesn't change what CAMRA is trying to achieve so they still rely on volunteers to get the message out there. If you want to know more then have a look at the main CAMRA website.

GBBF Winter

The Great British Beer Festival is on 12th-15th February at The Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham. If you are thinking of going then see the website on: <https://winter.gbbf.org.uk>

The Royal Oak, Spark Bridge

Looks like this is now actually open but from what we can tell, the focus is now on food, looking at their menu. No reports on the beer as yet but the neighbouring Farmers Arms at Lowick Green is having a bit of a rethink. Their cafe is now being run by a group of teenagers but no hands-on view of the bar. As we know, the previous brewery that was running the bar for a few months couldn't make it viable so we will see what happens now. Of course, the pub was rescued a few years back and does major on workshops and community events so it is a bit different in focus. More when we get a chance to check it fully.

Trips and outings

At the next Branch meeting, we will be looking at the potential outings and trips (and meetings of course) for the coming year. Once we have discussed the list and get a fixed plan, we will update the website and probably add it to one of these newsletters so that we can get more members involved, maybe. Some trips are limited in number but others that don't need a bus (like train trips) don't need to be restricted so we hope to see some new faces during the year to come.