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Newsletter

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Off to Foreign Climes

Well, Chorley actually but in one of Furness CAMRA's away days, a group of Members braved the train to try out some of the excellent drinking venues in Chorley, aided but suggestions from their local CAMRA branch. Feedback was this the day went very well with the exception of the (usual) crammed train ride from Barrow/Ulverston. Well, it was a Saturday and the train was going to Manchester so no real surprises there. Look at all those 'happy' faces!



Cumbrian Branches

Travelling around the Cumbrian Branches recently, your editor got to meet a lot of the active members in Solway and West Cumbria Branches and put faces to names. Given how scattered we all are, we don't get a chance very often but what a great way to get a feel for what other Branches are doing and try out some of their pubs and some beers that we don't see down the southern end of the area. I can definitely say that there are some great pubs in both Carlisle and Cockermouth!

The Missing Link

Westmorland Branch is currently operating as a sub-branch of Solway so it hasn't disappeared but plans are afoot to return it to a full Branch later this year. Unfortunately, this takes time so in the meantime, if you are in the area then you can still go to their excellent pubs and score their great variety of live beers. This will keep the focus on the area and show your support for that part of Cumbria.

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Branch Pub of the Year

The Swan in Ulverston has been voted as the Furness CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year (PoTY) for the second year running. Quite an achievement considering the number of great pubs there are in the area.

Torquay Members Weekend

As you are no doubt aware, CAMRA holds its Members Weekend along with their Annual General Meeting in various venues throughout the country every year. Last year it was in Dundee (that was a great weekend) and this year it is in Torquay.

If you are intending to go this time then it should be another interesting weekend. If not then why not think about next year. You do find out an awful lot about how CAMRA works over the weekend and the various trips organised can be fun (depending on the cost of course).

Don't forget, as a CAMRA member (if you are) then you can vote for the candidates on the National Executive Committee. If you do want to do this then you need to find out more on CAMRA's website. (Closing date for voting is 11:59pm on 9th April)

Beer Scoring - not a geek activity, honestly!

If you are a CAMRA member and you want to have a say in how well the beer you are drinking is served and kept then the new website ((eventually replacing WhatPub) makes it easy to score the beer. The difficult bit is actually deciding how well looked-after the beer is. A lot of help is available on the website but after a while, it becomes second-nature. Branches depend on your score to help them work out who to submit for an entry in the next Good Beer Guide and the more members who submit scores then the easier it is to work out how good/consistent/bad the pub's beer is.

Off to the pub now.....