

CAMRA in West Cumbria issues awards throughout the year to our pubs, recognising continued excellence and meritable achievements. In some cases our pubs go on to compete at county, regional and national level. Many of the premises in this Guide have been recipients of such awards over the years. As an indication we have included details, in the entries, of awards made over the last three years. These are:

POTS - Pub of the Season (awarded quarterly to recognise meritable achievement).
POTY - Pub of the Year (voted by members to be the best pub in the Branch area).
CPOTY - Cider Pub of the Year (voted by members to be the best cider pub in the Branch area).
COTY - Club of the Year (voted by members to be the best club in the Branch area).
CPOTY - Cumbria Pub of the Year (voted by the members across Cumbria to be the best pub in the county).
CCOTY - Cumbria Club of the Year (voted by the members across Cumbria to be the best club in the county).
GBG - Good Beer Guide entry (selected by the members to be included in this prestigious national CAMRA publication).

- See individual premises facility listings
- Quiet premises: free from piped music, jukeboxes, electronic games or TVs (at least one room).
 - Family premises: where the licensee guarantees that families are warmly (and legally) welcome and in at least one distinct area of the premises: not just in a corridor or a corner of the main bar or lounge.
 - Outdoor drinking area: this may vary from a garden to benches on a pavement or even a village green.
 - Accommodation: rooms to let (no assessment of quality or price is made).
 Lunchtime meals: not snacks but substantial fare (including one hot dish) and in the premises itself, not in a separate restaurant.
 - Evening meals: as for lunchtime meals: separate restaurants are often mentioned in the premises description.
 - Wheelchair access: easy access to the premises and WCs.
 - Camping: camping facilities for tents at the premises or within one mile; sometimes caravans are also welcomed and this is often mentioned.
 - Bus routes that regularly pass close to the premises.
 - Traditional pub games played.
 - Real draught cider (not keg) available.
 - Premises has its own car park.
 - Dog friendly.
 - WiFi access.
 - Oversize lined pint glasses: used for some or all beers.

FACILITIES SYMBOLS

21 SALLY @ THRELKELD (Previously SALUTATION)

Threlkeld CA12 4SQ 017687 79614
www.thesalutation.co.uk
 12-2 5-11 (M-F) 12-11 (Sat&Sun)
HOLT Two Hoots, MARSTONS Wainwright, THEAKSTON Black Bull Bitter, plus up to three changing guests



Seventeenth-century traditional lakeland pub, recently refurbished, large garden with panoramic views at the rear. Flag stone floors, oak beams and log fires in winter. Convenient for walkers. Secure storage for cyclists.

Bus services

There are services to many locations. Go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses for full details of timetables.

Braithwaite, Portinscale, Crosthwaite, Threlkeld and Scales

The X4/X5 services (Workington to Penrith via Keswick) serves the premises at these locations. For Portinscale alight on the A66, and a short walk.

Borrowdale, Rosthwaite, Stonethwaite and Seatoller

The 78 service (Keswick to Seatoller) serves the premises at these locations.

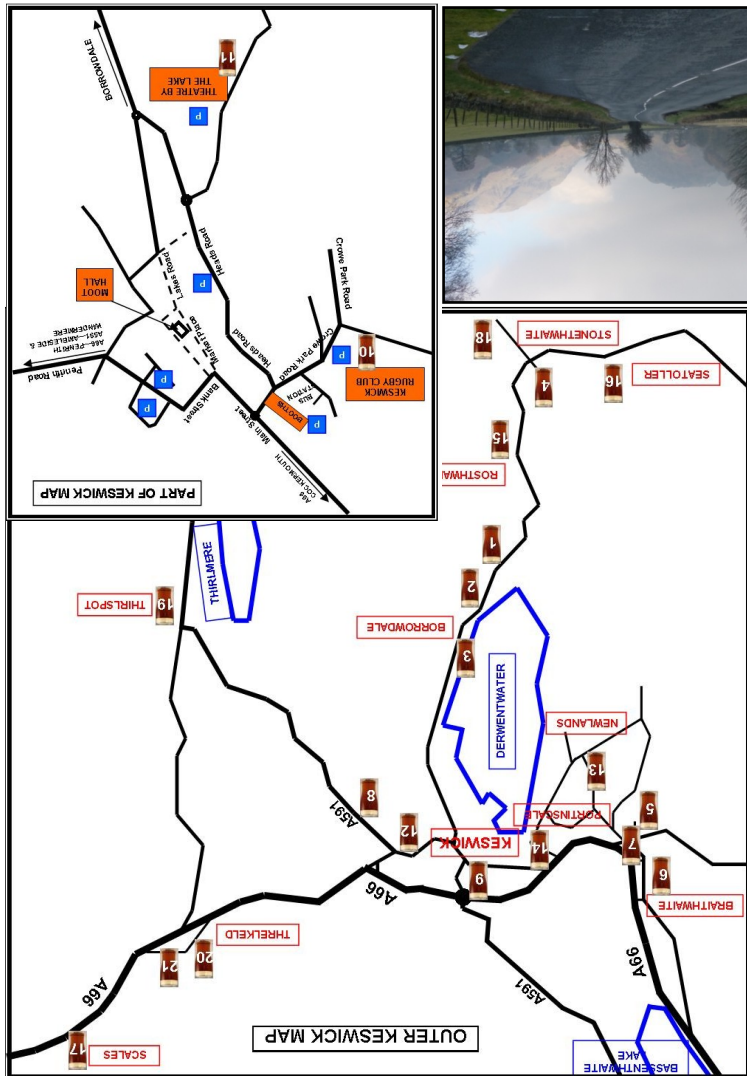
Castlerigg (Heights Hotel) and Thirlspot

The 555 service (Keswick to Lancaster) serves the premises at these locations.

Newlands

No frequent bus service. The 77 (Honister Rambler-Keswick to Lorton) service runs close by, but with no designated stop and is only once a day each way on school days.

CAMRA cannot accept any responsibility for errors or changes. Premises' contact details are shown to enable anyone to check out any facility, opening times or beers available, etc, before travelling to those premises. Visit our website at <http://www.camrawestcumbriaguides.org.uk/index.html> for information on CAMRA and updates. You can also download a current version of this Guide. **WARNING:** Information in this Guide is the copyright of CAMRA and intended for private use only. No other use is permitted. Photographs are copyrighted and donated by their owners. Please do not re-use without our written permission. If you wish to comment or suggest any updates, please email them to Jim Chapple at jimchapple@msn.com. Please note that an (*) asterisk alongside a beer entry for a premises denotes that it is a "house beer" supplied to them by the brewery indicated.



FREE

Outer Keswick Real Ale Guide

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The area outside of Keswick town centre is a mixture of villages and hamlets mostly located in picturesque valleys, surrounded by some of the highest and most scenic fells the Lake District can offer. Entering West Cumbria from the East on the A66 the first location is Scales, a hamlet alongside the main road with stunning views across to the western and northern fells towards Derwentwater. Down the hill is Threlkeld, an old mining village, sitting below Blencathra. It has a mining museum. Further along, on the edge of Keswick, off a crossroad at the junction with the A591 is Crosthwaite. Next, just off the A66, is Portinscale, located on the north western edge of Derwentwater and home to a large sailing club and marina. Entering the area from the West is Braithwaite, at the foot of Whinlatter Pass, and close by Grisedale Pike. South from Portinscale and Braithwaite is the beautiful Newlands Valley, overlooked by the popular Catbells. South from Keswick, along the eastern side of Derwentwater is the stunningly picturesque Borrowdale valley, home to the Bowder Stone, beyond are the villages of Rosthwaite and Stonethwaite, on the way to Honister Pass. The A591 south from Keswick towards Ambleside and Windermere passes close to Castlerigg, the scenic site of the standing stones, and Thirlspot, at the head of Thirlmere. This Guide has been produced by members of the West Cumbria Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale) to promote the excellent real ale premises that we enjoy in and around Keswick.

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1 BORROWDALE HOTEL
 Borrowdale CA12 5UY 017687 77224
 www.theborrowdalehotel.co.uk
 8-11 (M-Sun)



JENNINGS Cumberland Ale, plus up to two changing guests

Taking guests since 1866, one of the first coaching inns in the valley Has a colourful history. Sympathetic modernisation retaining old features. Scenically set beside Derwentwater. Extensive gardens.


2 LODORE FALLS HOTEL
 Borrowdale CA12 5UX 017687 77285
 www.lodorefallsotel.co.uk
 11-11 (M-Sat) 11-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS Cumberland Ale, plus up to two changing guests

Large up market hotel, Lake View Lounge open to non-residents. Well situated overlooking the lake, with views of the fells beyond. The impressive falls are accessible behind the hotel. Doggie menu in Lounge.

3 MARY MOUNT HOTEL
 Borrowdale CA12 5UU 017687 72233
 www.marymounthotel.co.uk
 11-11 (M-Sun)



Varies, up to two changing guests (usually Cumbrian)

Hotel with a bar open to non-residents. On the shores of Derwentwater with fantastic views of the lake and fells beyond. Yards from the Lodore launch landing stage.

4 YHA (BORROWDALE)
 Borrowdale (Longthwaite) CA12 5XE 017687 77257
 www.yha.org.uk/hostel/borrowdale
 12-12 (M-Sun)



Varies, up to two changing guests, plus a real cider

Real ale bar in an extensive Youth Hostel facility, with a very large outdoor area. Bar open to the public.

5 COLEDALE INN
 Braithwaite CA12 5TN 017687 78272
 www.coledale-inn.co.uk
 11-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



YATES Bitter, plus up to two changing guests (usually Cumbrian)

Historic building, once a mill and pencil factory. Note typical Lakeland carved oak bar. Long standing outlet for Yates Bitter. Two bars and separate dining room.

6 MIDDLE RUDDINGS COUNTRY INN
 Braithwaite CA12 5RY 017687 78436
 www.middle-ruddings.co.uk
 10.30-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



Varies, up to three changing guests (usually Cumbrian) and one real cider

Comfortable country hotel, with bar comprising two rooms and a lounge. Separate conservatory restaurant serving home-made meals, using locally-sourced produce.

7 ROYAL OAK
 Braithwaite CA12 5SY 017687 78533
 www.royaloak-braithwaite.co.uk
 12-12 (M-Sat) 12-11 (Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop, Cumberland Ale, Sneck Lifter, plus an occasional changing guest (Marstons list)

Comfortable, extended and refurbished village pub, L-shaped with low beams and part flag stone floor. Welcoming open fire in winter.

8 HEIGHTS HOTEL (CRAG BAR)
 Keswick Rakefoot Lane, Castlerigg CA12 4TE 017687 72251
 www.theheightshotel.co.uk
 7-11 (M-Sat) 7-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS Cumberland Ale

Small hotel bar open to non-residents, summer season. Popular with campers from nearby campsites. Separate residents bar. Gardens with extensive views. May close in winter months.

9 PHEASANT INN
 Keswick Crosthwaite Road CA12 5PP 017687 72219
 www.pheasantinnkeswick.co.uk
 12-11 (M-Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop, Cumberland Ale, plus one changing guest (Marstons list)

Multi-roomed, low beams, flagged floors and open fire. Spacious popular dining venue, busy at weekends. A number of original "Wilks" (John Wilkinson) works on the walls. Ladyside Pike Alpine Club meeting venue.

10 KESWICK RUGBY CLUB
 Keswick Crow Park Road CA12 5EG
 www.keswickrugby.com
 Closed (M-W) 7-10 (Th) 7-11 (F) 11-11 (Sat) 11-3 Sun (Winter)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop

Rugby clubhouse open to non-members. Log Fire for cold days, large patio with extensive views of surrounding fells. Pool Table and darts board. Sky Sports large screen TV.

11 THEATRE BY THE LAKE
 Keswick Lakeside CA12 5DJ 017687 74411
 www.theatrebythelake.co.uk
 10-11 (M-Sat) 10-10.30 (Sun)



Varies, up to two changing guests

Occupies a stunning position overlooking Derwentwater. Stalls bar open to public in evening when there is a performance. Food served on mezzanine floor.

12 TWA DOGS INN
 Keswick Penrith Road CA12 4JU 017687 72599
 www.twadogs.co.uk
 11-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop

Regular theme nights, raises funds for charities. Only example of Cumbrian Bogart on display. Folk singing Sunday afternoons. Prize winning outside floral display. Reduced hours in Winter.


13 SWINSIDE INN
 Newlands CA12 5UE 017687 78253
 www.swinsideinn.co.uk
 11-11 (M-Sat) 11-10.30 (Sun)



A THEAKSTONS, plus up to three changing guests

Friendly, family owned traditional seventeenth century Lakeland inn. Recently refurbished and extended. Wonderful views across Newlands Valley to Causey Pike.

14 FARMERS ARMS
 Portinscale CA12 5RW 017687 75066
 www.farmersarmspub.co.uk
 4-11 (M-Th) 12-11 (F-Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cumberland Ale, plus up to two changing guests (Marstons list)

Primarily a pub that offers good value meals. Multi roomed with a seated "drinking area" around the bar. Beams and wooden and tiled floors. Adjoining raised room with plenty of seating. Interesting outdoor patio area to rear of pub.


15 SCAFELL HOTEL
 Rosthwaite CA12 5XB
 www.scafell.co.uk
 12-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS BITTER, plus up to five changing guests

Bar to the side/rear of the hotel. Popular with walkers. Home of the classic annual Borrowdale Fell Race. Set amongst the fells, with a river view. Has a good selection of malt whiskies. Re-opens early February.


16 GLARAMARA HOTEL & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
 Seatoller CA12 5XQ 017687 77222
 www.glaramarahouse.co.uk
 10-12 (M-Sun) (please check as sometimes closed for functions)



Up to two changing guests (usually at least one Cumbrian)

Hotel which caters for outdoor activities. Very scenic location. Modern décor bar with seating and red brick open fire. Separate lounges, outdoor area and a restaurant open to non-residents. Lunchtime bar snacks.


17 WHITE HORSE INN
 Scales CA12 4SY 017687 79241
 www.thewhitehorse-blencathra.co.uk
 10-11 (M-Sun)



Varies, up to two changing guests

Traditional lakeland roadside pub. Great for drinkers coming off Blencathra and the surrounding fells. Small patio to front. Offers bunkhouse accommodation.


18 LANGSTRATH COUNTRY INN
 Stonethwaite CA12 5XG 017687 77239
 www.thelangstrath.com
 Closed (M) 12-10.30 Tu-Sun)



JENNINGS Cocker Hoop, Cumberland Ale, KESWICK Gold, Special Bitter

Country Inn on the crossroads of the C2C walk and Cumbria Way, at the head of Borrowdale. Popular with walkers. Closed end November to mid February.

19 KINGS HEAD
 Thirlspot CA12 4TN 017687 72393
 www.lakedistrictinns.co.uk
 12-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop, Sneck Lifter, plus a seasonal guest

Multi-roomed traditional roadside inn. Pool room with wide-screen TV and non-smoking eating area with real fires to the sides of the bar. Walkers and dogs welcome.

20 HORSE & FARRIER
 Threlkeld CA12 4SQ 017687 79688
 www.horseandfarrier.com
 12-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop, Cumberland Ale, Sneck Lifter

Large traditional lakeland pub which mainly caters for diners, but also welcomes drinkers. Been serving since 1688. A number of different seated areas. Dogs welcome other than meal times.