

Fancy an Old Fecker? You do? Then join us on August 22

A real treat awaits in August – a trip to one of the newest micro-breweries in the North West, and one that everyone's talking about: the Grindleton Brewhouse in Clitheroe, home of the premium bitter Old Fecker and several other outstanding brews.

Grindleton began brewing only in February 2007, and just two months later was forced to move to bigger premises, increasing capacity to 30 barrels a week. The brewery team is fiercely dedicated to the principle of locally produced cask ales. "Our mission is to meet and exceed consumers' demands for more choice and higher quality beers," says the team. "We're committed to brewing the highest quality real ale possible, with no compromise on ingredients."

Sign up now for a place on the coach and evening tour of the brewery, with unlimited sampling, plus visit to the nearby Pendle Hotel for a meal (optional). There is no obligation at this stage, but it's important that you reserve your place as the numbers are limited.

Graduation time

Once again the outstanding Graduate College bar (GradBar) at Lancaster University is holding its phenomenal June Beer & Cider Fest (19th - 22nd) and CAMRA members will be meeting there on **Friday 20th from 8 p.m. onwards.**

GradBar's pioneering manager and recipient of Lunesdale CAMRA's award for Outstanding Services to Real Ale Gareth Ellis, said: "I don't believe that a beer festival should simply offer more of the same. People want beers that are different, a bit out of the ordinary, and that's what we aim to provide." **Gareth says there should be at least 22 ales available when CAMRA "visits" on the Friday night.**

(We won't be laying on transport as there is a very good bus service available all evening till late. Stagecoach service 3 runs to and from the South West campus about every 20 minutes and there is a stop just a few yards from the GradBar. Services 2 and 2a (Morecambe and Heysham) call at/leave from the Underpass, or you can catch/leave the service 3 at Lancaster bus station. For those coming from/going back to Blackpool, Garstang and Preston, evening services of the 40 and 42 call at the South West campus.)

Not drowning but waving

All aboard for The Skylark! (Or is it a Great Crested Grebe?) Join us on the morning of **Saturday 19 July** for a canal boat trip to Hest Bank and Carnforth. Sub-lieutenant Findus (we couldn't afford Captain Birdseye) will guide us through the exotic waterways for a mere £7 one way (£5 if you are in the galley, rowing). Opportunities for walking, spotting wild life, visiting pubs, and waving. Contact Social Secretary for further details.

Paler Shade of Ale

The latest example of independent thinking at Wetherspoon's Green Ayre (Lancaster) is a **pale ale festival** between **16 and 28 July**. I've yet to have confirmation and details from manager Stuart Blackburn, but the moment I do, you will know.

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Lunesdale CAMRA meetings

Our next branch meeting is on **Wednesday 11 June at The Collegian Club**, Gage Street, Lancaster, starting at 8 p.m.

The venue for our meeting on **Thursday 10 July is The Smugglers' Den**, Poulton Road, Morecambe, also at 8 p.m.

If you're not yet a CAMRA member but would like to discover more about our meetings and what we do – don't worry, there are no secret handshakes or rolled up trouser legs, well, not at branch meetings anyway – you're most welcome to come along to a meeting to find out. (Then you can tell us.)

CONTACT

To reserve, without obligation, a place on the trip to **Grindleton Brewery** and/or the **Boat Trip to Hest Bank/Carnforth** contact Julian Holt (Social Secretary) as soon as possible by email (jay45@talktalk.net) or telephone (0798 264 3161).

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