

# The Wainwrights

Autumn 2020

Johan, his team, and the owners would like to welcome you to The Wainwright this very, very strange Autumn. We don't forget absent friends, and our deepest sympathies go out to anyone affected by this horrible virus. Soon though, the long sunny days and, hopefully, face masks, will become distant memories. In the meantime, we're so glad to be back and here's an update from the pub.

## Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

Thankfully, the Government's furlough measures meant we were able to keep all our lovely team. But, like all of us, there has been much soul-searching during lock down, and **Myles**, in the kitchen, and **Jade** behind the bar, have decided to move on. They leave with our thanks for the terrific job they did for us, and we wish them both every success.

As one door closes though, and we welcome **Ben** as a full time team member after the 'helping out' shifts he had been doing (thanks, Ben!). **Geoff** has also joined the bar team. Hard core 'fellies' among you may recognise him from his stints at the Old Dungeon Ghyll and Strands Hotel bars. Most recently, **David** adds his skills to the kitchen, having previously worked at the Sun Inn at Pooley Bridge and the Mill at Mungrisdale.

## A Good Judge

We normally like to give the (very few) celebrity visitors we get a bit of privacy, and the same treatment as any other guest at the pub. However, when they then tell the **Keswick Reminder** that they've been in, the gloves are off. So we can announce (proudly doesn't do it justice) that (drum roll) **Robert 'Judge' Rinder** paid us a visit. He stopped for a pint on a sunny afternoon in August, (as this photo that I managed to sneak from under Mrs Wainwright's pillow shows), with his celeb chum, **Greg Rutherford**. We're told that they were pointed our way by **Stuart Smith**, expedition leader, and irregular regular here. The latter two declared themselves 'nobodies' and spurned Mrs W's advances with the iPhone.



## Visit Allerdale Give Us A Boost

We were surprised, and very chuffed, to find out that Allerdale Borough's website, Visit Allerdale, chose us to appear in their 'Top Pubs' section ([visitallerdale.co.uk/things-to-do/lake-district-pubs](http://visitallerdale.co.uk/things-to-do/lake-district-pubs)). Thanks Allerdale!



The Wainwright, Keswick

Real ale is king at this Keswick free house in the town centre; a haven for those doing the Wainwrights.

## Don't Want To Burst Your Bubble?

For those of you who are still uncomfortable about public gatherings of any kind, or if you can't get the table you want, we have made all of our ales and food (including Sunday lunches) available as takeaway. Just ask a member of staff.

## Lastly, Thanks For Sticking With Us!

We'd like to give you all the biggest possible virtual hug, and thank you for sticking by us through these most trying of times. From putting up with the flimsiest Covid barriers ever created (all home-made of course), to standing outside in the rain, waiting for a table, via all the new rigmarole involved in getting you served, and payment machines that seem to decide for themselves whether or not they will work!

July was a nervous time for everyone allowed to reopen, but particularly those, like us, in tourist areas. We rely on trade in Summer to get us through the Winter, when times can get pretty rough. No-one knew if folk would return to the pub and, even then, would we be able to serve them in safety, and still get the turnover we need to keep the team together through the lean months?

Entirely due to your standing by us and returning in numbers, we've not lost anyone who didn't want to leave and we can look forward with some optimism. But, we all know that a second wave of Covid is predicted in Winter, and how bad that will be, and whether we'll be allowed to remain open, is anyone's guess. So we'll finish this by wishing you all a great Autumn (and Winter) and that we'll see you again soon.

