

# The Wainwrights

Winter 2016

Welcome to the Wainwright this Winter and a Happy Christmas from Manager Sinead and all her team.

## The Great Outdoors Awards

As you may have seen in the Autumn Wainwrights we were nominated for the pub of the year 2016 in The Great Outdoors magazine awards, thanks to the many kind folks who voted for us. We were in the shortlist of seven pubs nationwide printed in the magazine.

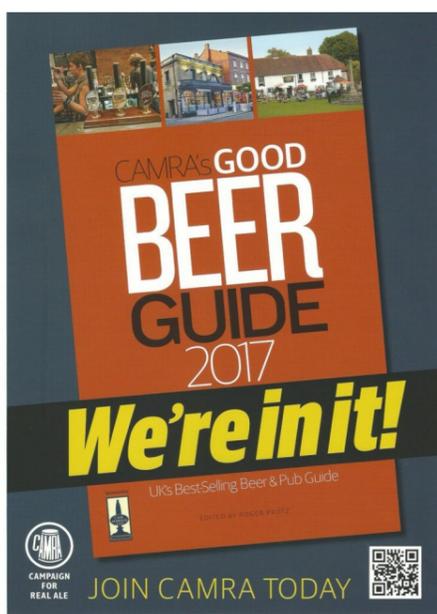
We were very excited to be invited to the awards ceremony in Kendal, where we were pipped at the post by the winner, The Clachaig Inn in Glencoe and runner-up, The Old Dungeon Ghyll in Langdale. Many congratulations to both of them.



Also flying the flag for Keswick, and a fellow family owned small business, the excellent Keswick Boot Co scooped the 'Independent Retailer of the Year' award. Well done to them (not a single seethe of jealousy here!), and if your having a mooch, please pop into their lovely shop on the corner of Station Street and St John's Street.

## We're In It!

The CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2017 was launched on September the 15<sup>th</sup> and we're in it! Having spoken with the folks from the West Cumbria CAMRA branch at the odd beer festival, we know how tricky the guide is for them as they have 150 pubs or so vying for a limited number of places. To get into the guide is a real feather in our cap as we become only the second pub in Keswick to earn a place (alongside some canine and firearm related establishment whose name escapes me).



## 'Bus-pass Bagger' Lands Pub Draw Prize

As you may know we recently held a little prize draw at the pub for anyone leaving a contribution in our suggestions box. The winner of the signed Helvellyn DVD was Mike B, our resident Wainwright walker. Mike has completed the 214 Wainwrights an amazing 5 times, all using only his bus pass for transport. You may have met Mike, as he spent most evenings this Summer, after a hard days bagging, catching the sun outside the pub before his last bus home.

We would like to thank everyone who took part for their helpful and positive suggestions, and thanks to those who just used the opportunity to leave some lovely comments. We won't be taking up the plan posted by 'Anonymous' who suggested 'cheap beer, fag machine and pool table'.

## UK's Bravest Barman?

The marvellous Alan Hinkes OBE (the first and only Briton to have climbed all 14 of the world's mountains over 8000m high) popped into the Wainwright recently. He took a turn behind the bar, while Sinead's back was turned (told you he was brave), as part of a flash prize draw on Twitter. Merry Tweeter @compo\_dave won himself a couple of pints (sadly not pulled by Hinksey!).



Alan pulls a pint of one of our Lakeland ales

Alan, and maestro of the outdoor film, Terry Abraham, were in the area filming as part of Terry's latest project. Having completed two of his 'Life of a Mountain' trilogy, Terry is taking time away from that project to film 'Alan Hinkes OBE', a biopic of the great man (of which we are unofficial sponsors of beer and scran!).

All of us at the Wainwright hope you enjoy your visit, have (had?) a fabulous Christmas and New Year, and that we will see you again soon.

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