

The Wainwrites

Spring 2023

Welcome to The Wainwright, in what we hope will be a glorious Spring, from Manager Johan and his team. We hope you have a great visit. As we leave snowdrops behind and head into the season of daffs and wild garlic here's what's been going on since the Winter Wainwrites!

We're in The Great Outdoors!

If you read the Winter Wainwrites you will know that we were shortlisted in The Great Outdoors magazine's Walkers' Pub of the Year readers' award.

Well you didn't let us down and we were commended (second place) in the competition. Thanks to all who voted for us. We'd like to congratulate the winner, the Clachaig Inn in Glen Coe and, in third, the Old Dungeon Gill in Great Langdale.



We're 8 and it's Time for a Change!

At the end of April we will have been open for eight years.

When Kate and I, together with my cousin Brian and his wife Janet, opened the pub in 2015, our aim was to create a pub that we'd like to drink in, and reflected all things Lake District (and, of course, Alfred Wainwright!).

That it exceeded all our expectations is due to the hard work and friendly ambience created by all our fabulous staff (and lovely customers) over the years.

Kate and I took it on entirely when Janet and Brian bowed out in the Summer of 2019, however, having negotiated the Covid lockdowns etc, we feel the time has come for us to pass the mantle on and concentrate our energies on the drinking side of the pub.

Our current manager Johan, and his partner Laura will be taking over. We're sure they'll carry on the great work they've done for us, and we wish them every success in taking the pub forward. We won't be too far away from the pub and will be lending a hand when we can (I'd like to keep writing these newsletters if I'm allowed). Meanwhile, we'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given input into the pub, whether advice, hard work or expert beer tasting!

Lastly, we'd like to thank you all for your custom over the years and we, like you, look forward to enjoying The Wainwright for many years to come.

Ode to a Urinal???

Finally, we are used to customer reviews of the pub focusing on our food, ales, friendly staff etc. Some are bad, but, thankfully, most are good, which gives us all a lift. Once in a while though, a reviewer hits on one of the lesser-appreciated aspects of a visit to the pub, particularly if you're a chap. Reviewer Duncan, we're over the Moon with your contribution, but we've had to redact one word, thanks.

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There is enough said about the food and beer and dog friendliness of this pub, so let me say something about the toilets and specifically the gents. This has the most classic Victorian urinals in the Lake District. Absolutely magnificent. The tiles on the floor are just the initial welcoming. The urinals are majestic. Enormous. Welcoming. After a few of the fabulously well kept beers you will need to use them and you will be surprised and astounded by the experience. The gents toilets should be listed and never changed. Everyone deserves to [redacted] in such surroundings. I can't speak for the ladies, but the gents is up there with the best in the UK.

Until the Summer Wainwrites, enjoy your visit, your beer, and everything else the Lake District has to offer.

