Ho, ho, ho! and welcome to The Wainwright, and a very Merry Christmas, from Manager Johan and his team. Since last time, here's what's been happening at The Wainwright.

Bye-Bye Barman Sam

Our friendly Antipodean barman Sam is taking off for faraway shores to see his folks in Australia, and to introduce girlfriend Leah to life down under (as it were).

A firm favourite with his team-mates and customers alike, Sam was responsible for sourcing all the great Cumbrian ales we've been able to bring you since he took over from Myles. We wish them every happiness for the future and, you never know, their feet might turn Cumbria way again in the future.



L to R: Myles, Sam and Manager Johan.

The Kindness of ex-Strangers

If you take a look at the walls of the pub you may notice a couple of new items that have been donated by kind patrons. The first is a print featuring portraits of a number of Lakeland giants (AW, Allan Hinkes, Josh Naylor and David Powell-Thomson) in the unique portraiture style of John Gallagher, presented by the man himself. See more of his work on Twitter at @JohnGal_luvlife.

The second kind donation to the pub was an original unissued Westmorland Gazette dust jacket from 'The Northen Fells' (the issue containing Keswick and district).

It was kindly donated by Chris Butterfield who has probably the largest collection of Wainwright memorabilia in existence. He regularly features treasures from his archive on his social media sites which are a must for Wainwright-ophiles. Check out his twitter feed on @AW_archivist.



L to R: Artworks by John Gallagher and Chris Butterfield

A Bridge Too Far?

The controversial work to repair the Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Trail, closed since December 2015, after the destruction of Storm Desmond, is well underway.

The picture shows a temporary bridge put in to allow works access, however, the work has as many enemies as friends following the decision by the National Park authority to replace the gravel track with tarmac.



Take a look at this site for info - https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/news/threlkeld-railway-path

Until the next Wainwrites, all of us at the Wainwright hope you have (had?) a fabulous Christmas and New Year, and we hope you'll visit again soon.









