



THE INSCRIPTION ABOVE THE FIREPLACE DATES THE YEWDALE INN TO 1898. AT THAT TIME TRAINS RAN ON THE BRANCH LINE TO CONISTON STATION FROM FOXFIELD AND BEYOND. THE TRAINS TRANSPORTED SLATE AND COPPER ORE TO THE DOCKS AND ALSO VISITORS FROM THE LARGE CITIES OF THE NORTHWEST. CONISTON BECAME A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR LAKE CRUISES AND WITH FELL WALKERS AND MOUNTAINEERS.

THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE 20TH CENTURY, THE ESTABLISHMENT WAS OWNED BY THE DISTRICT BANK, FORMERLY THE MANCHESTER & LIVERPOOL DISTRICT BANK WHICH ACQUIRED THE LANCASTER BANK IN 1907. INITIALLY THE BANK BRANCH WAS SITUATED IN THE BAR AREA OF THE INN AND THE REST OF THE BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED BY THE BANK MANAGER, HIS FAMILY AND SERVANTS. IN THE 1920'S, THE BANK MANAGER RELOCATED TO MORE MODEST ACCOMMODATION ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE REST OF THE ESTABLISHMENT WAS OPERATED AS A GUEST HOUSE AND TEA ROOMS CALLED 'THE RAYBURN HOTEL'.

LATER IN THE 1930'S AND 40'S THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO 'THE RAEBURN HOTEL' AND OPERATED BY MRS KATE GRAHAM SEAMANY. NO RENT WAS CHARGED, INSTEAD SHE USED TO PROVIDE COOKING AND CLEANING SERVICES TO THE BANK MANAGER. LATER, THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO 'THE YEWDALE INN' AND REVERTED TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP IN THE 1970'S UNTIL IN 2002 IT WAS ACQUIRED BY SCOTTISH AND NEWCASTLE BREWERY. UNDER THE CURRENT OWNERS, THE INN HAS UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF THE GUEST ROOMS AND PUBLIC AREAS. THE TEA ROOM IS NOW A CONTEMPORARY CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT BUT THE OLD BANK BAR RETAINS SOME OF THE ORIGINAL FEATURES OF THE BANKING PAST OF THIS GLORIOUS BUILDING AND DISPLAYS HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF THE SLATE AND COPPER MINING ACTIVITIES OF THE AREA.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE YEWDALE INN. GUEST ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND. PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT SPECIAL PACKAGES, INCLUDING DINNER, BED & BREAKFAST DURING THE WINTER SEASON. A TALENTED KITCHEN TEAM, UNDER HEAD CHEF, ROSS BOWMAN, PROVIDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON AND MOST DAYS IN THE WINTER. THE RESTAURANT HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR AND A RESERVATION FOR DINNER AT BUSY TIMES IS RECOMMENDED.

ALL OUR HIGH QUALITY AND FRESH FOOD AND DRINKS ARE SOURCED, WHERE POSSIBLE, FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS WHO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

LAKES SPECIALITY FOODS, KENDAL
MYFISH, FLEETWOOD
FAT FLOUR, CONISTON
CATERITE, COCKERMOUTH, CUMBRIA
WELLOCKS, LOMESHAYE, LANCs.
CARTMEL VALLEY GAME, CARTMEL
CHEESE LARDER, KENDAL
TOWN END DAIRY, WINDERMERE
MOMMA'S FOODS, KENDAL
FRANK STAINTON WINES, KENDAL
HEINEKEN, CARLISLE
CUMBRIAN LEGENDARY ALES, HAWKSHEAD
BARNGATES BREWERY, AMBLESIDE

MEAT & POULTRY
FISH & SEAFOOD
BAKERY
GROCERY
FRUIT & VEGETABLES, GROCERY
SAUSAGES, GAME, SMOKED MEATS & FISH
CHEESE
DAIRY
SPECIALITY ITALIAN PRODUCE, ICE CREAM
WINE MERCHANT
BEERS & CIDERS, INTERNATIONAL BRANDS
LOWESWATER GOLD ALE
TAG LAG ALE

