

CONISTON MEET – SPRING IN THE LAKES

April 26th to 28th 2019



We hope you will join us for one of the first meetings of the season, held at Coniston Water in the beautiful Lake District National Park. It is a wonderful stretch of water with opportunities to visit Peel Island and Allan Tarn, known as 'Wild Cat Island' and 'Octopus Lagoon' in Arthur Ransome's *'Swallows and Amazons'*. Even more importantly, there are at least three cafés to visit, conveniently placed around the shore. As usual, arrival is from Friday lunchtime onwards, Saturday sailing will be free for cruising in groups and on Sunday morning there may be some friendly racing for anyone who is interested. There will be a briefing meeting at 10.00am on Saturday morning.

Campsite. As last year, we will be based at the Coniston Hall campsite. It is a large site with good facilities and should be relatively quiet at that time of year. We should be able to cluster together near to the water and we will put up some signs to indicate our group. The launching area is excellent, as shown on the photograph above.

The campsite is currently closed for the winter but our group is booked in for the new season. The camping fees this year are as follows:

£10 per person per night in a tent (£5 for children)

£2 per vehicle per day

£2 per canoe per day

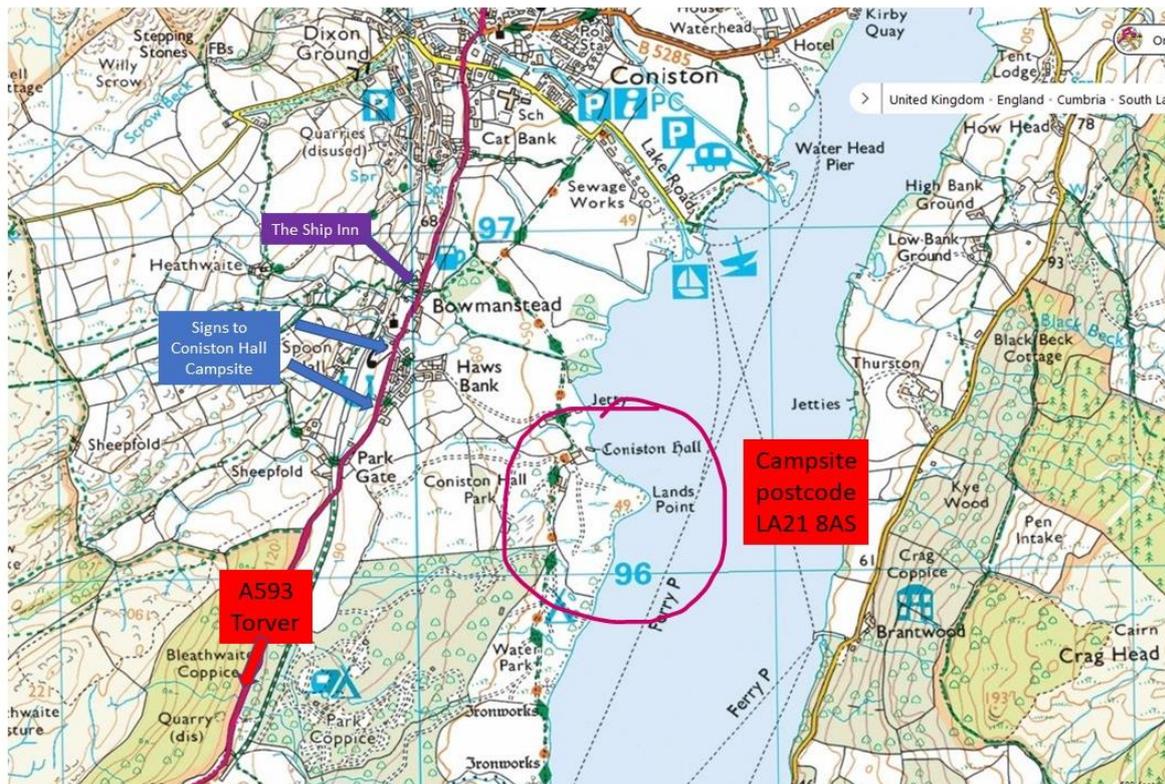
£22 per night for a motorhome with 2 people

£10 deposit for a barrier card, returnable when you hand it in on leaving

Normally campers are expected to leave by midday, but I have explained that we will be staying until the Sunday afternoon. There will therefore be an additional charge of £4 for 'parking' that afternoon and we can then leave as we wish. Please indicate what you plan to do when you pay your fees directly to the campsite on arrival.

If you plan to sail from the campsite but are not camping, the charges will be £4 for parking plus £2 for canoe launching, per day.

Fires are permitted if they are raised off the ground. No group shelters permitted I'm afraid.



Saturday Evening Meal at The Ship Inn, 7.30pm

We will have a group meal at the Ship Inn on Saturday evening if you wish to join us. It is a short walk from the campsite, as shown on the map, and also has accommodation so may be of interest for those who don't wish to camp (Tel 01539 441224, <https://www.robinsonsbrewery.com/shipinnconiston>). Jean, the very helpful landlady, is happy for us to choose from the full menu, as printed below. We will be in the back room as a group, and she will try to fit us onto larger tables this year. Please could you let me have your choices for starter, main course and dessert (it is not obligatory to have all three!) by Thursday April 18th, so that I can let Jean know and make the catering easier. Please pay your own individual bill directly to the pub before you leave, preferably with cash – you can set up a 'tab' with your chums if you wish.

It would be very helpful if you could give me a preliminary indication if you will be coming, and whether you will be joining us for the Saturday meal, so that I can give the campsite and landlady likely numbers. I will pester you again nearer the time for meal choices. If you need any further information at this stage please contact me via info@ocsg.org.uk

I have again placed an order for spring sunshine and good winds, so I hope we have an excellent weekend. See you all there.

Best wishes,

Peter Robinson, Organiser

Nigel Timmins, Safety Advisor



Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day	£4.60
Served with a roll	
Luxury Icelandic Prawns	£6.00
On a bed of crispy lettuce, salad and Marie Rose sauce, with wholemeal bread and butter	
Chefs own Breaded Crispy Mushrooms	£6.00
With garlic mayonnaise dip and salad garnish (V)	
Deep-fried Camembert	£6.25
With redcurrant jelly and salad garnish (V)	
Duck or Vegetable Spring Rolls	£6.00
With Hoi Sin sauce and salad garnish (V)	
Garlic and Herb Salmon Goujons	£6.00
With lemon mayonnaise dip and salad garnish	

Main Courses

Braised Lamb Shank in Red Wine and Rosemary or Mint Sauce Served with chips and vegetables	£13.95
8oz Sirloin Steak Served with grilled tomato, mushrooms, onion rings, salad and chips (g)	£16.50
Cumberland Sausage Curl Served with seasonal vegetables, gravy and your choice of potatoes (g)	£10.50
Gammon Steak Served with seasonal vegetables and chips, pineapple slices or a fried egg (g)	£11.99
Beef in Stilton and Pepper Sauce Served with seasonal vegetables and chips or new potatoes	£11.50
Chicken Breast with Cheese, Leek and Bacon in a Creamy Sauce Served with seasonal vegetables and chips (g)	£10.50
Lamb's Liver in Onion Gravy Served with seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and mashed potatoes, chips or new potatoes	£10.50
Traditional Beef Lasagne Served with salad, coleslaw and garlic bread	£9.95
Vegetable Lasagne Served with salad, coleslaw and garlic bread (V)	£9.95
Stilton and Vegetable Crumble Served with salad and coleslaw (V)	£9.95
Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni Served with salad, coleslaw and garlic bread (V)	£10.00
Salmon and Dill Fishcakes and Prawns With a sweet chilli dip, served with salad and coleslaw	£10.50
Scampi Served with coleslaw, salad and chips or new potatoes	£9.95

Curries

All served with rice, poppadom and mango chutney

Beef Madras (g) Chicken Tikka Masala (g) Moghul Chicken (g) Goan Vegetable (V)	£10.95
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Popular Pies

Short crust pastry, all served with vegetables, chips and a rich, meaty Chef's special gravy

**Steak and Ale • Steak and Black Pudding
Pulled Beef Brisket • Chicken Ham and Leek**

£10.45

Pizza

12" Chicago Town Stuffed Crust,
big enough to share!

Pizza's - Eat in or Take Away until 10:00pm

Choose from:

Four Cheese, Chicken and Bacon,
Pepperoni, Manhattan Meaty, Vegetarian
£8.50

Add Mushrooms, Red Onion,
Mixed Peppers, or spice it up with Chilli
£0.50

Add Chips £2.00

Desserts

Sticky Toffee Pudding	£4.95
Served with custard, ice cream or fresh cream	
Warm Chocolate Fudge Cake	£4.95
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Lemon Sponge	£4.95
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Toffee Crunch Pie	£4.95
Served with ice cream or fresh cream	
Banoffee Pie	£4.95
Served with ice cream or fresh cream	