

Festive Crawl 2018

This year it is the turn of Kilmarnock to host the annual Christmas/New Year Crawl on Thursday 27th December.

Festivities will commence at 1 p.m. in the village of Kilmaurs at the **Weston Tavern, 27 Main Street**. Here we can expect 1 real ale, usually from Ayr or Kelburn.

From the bus stop on Main Street take either McGills bus 337 at 1.39 p.m. or Stagecoach 9 at 1.47 p.m. to Kilmarnock Bus Station. From there it is a 5-minute walk to the first Kilmarnock pub, the **Wheatsheaf Inn, 70 Portland Street**.

For many the **Wheatsheaf Inn**, at 2 p.m., will be the starting venue for the crawl. This Wetherspoon pub offers Greene King Abbot and Sharp's Doom Bar along with up to 6 guest ales.

Turn left on leaving the pub and left again into West George Street. A short distance along here we find our next pub, **Fanny by Gaslight** at 2.45 p.m. Here we can expect to find 2 ales which can be from any of a range of breweries. Note, CAMRA considers this pub to have an important historic interior.

Walk towards the Railway Station and cross the road junction to climb Langlands Brae. Take the first left into Langlands Street and the **Saltire Bar**, formerly Braehead Bar, (target time 3.30 p.m.) is on the next corner. At the time of writing, this is under new management and so we are unsure of what beers will be on offer.

Turn left down Park Street and then right at its junction with Grange Street. Continue along here and the **Brass & Granite**, at 4.15 p.m., is on your right. 3 changing guest beers here, often from Kelburn or Strathaven.

Retrace your steps along Grange Street and turn right into Grange Place. Continue to cross John Finnie Street into Bank Place. At its junction with Bank Street our final pub, the **First Edition** (5 p.m.), is almost directly opposite. Caledonian Deuchars IPA is the regular beer here, along with 3 guests. Note, this pub offers a discount to CAMRA members.

All are welcome, indeed encouraged, to join us for all or part of the crawl. Whilst we do our best to adhere to the published times, it is the nature of this sort of event that timings can become "flexible" (especially towards the end of the crawl). If you want to join the crawl at any particular time, then you can call Lindsay Grant on 07734 063712 to find out exactly where we are.

The organisers have only volunteered to arrange times and/or travel arrangements and to provide information about the venue(s). CAMRA promotes responsible drinking and so excessive drinking is not tolerated on CAMRA outings. Members must not behave in any way that may bring CAMRA into disrepute. Any member doing so may be barred from future events. You are responsible for your own safety and wellbeing. If you have a medical condition that requires assistance you must bring your own backup/carer with you.