



# A & W CAMRA Calling

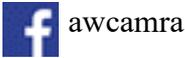
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## Branch Web Sites/Social Media

[www.awcamra.org.uk](http://www.awcamra.org.uk)

[www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk)



## Welcome

This members' newsletter intended to keep you informed of, and give you the opportunity to attend, some notable events planned for the forthcoming weeks and months.

## Branch Diary

18th Feb	GBG Selection	Cambusdoon Sports Club, Alloway; 8pm
19th Feb	S Ayrshire Social	Smoking Goat, Ayr; 7:30pm
21st Feb	N Ayrshire Social	Village Inn, Fairlie; 8pm
26th Feb	E Ayrshire Social	Fanny by Gaslight, Kilmarnock; 7:30pm
2nd Mar	SNIB AGM & Meeting	Canal Station, Paisley; 1pm
4th Mar	Committee Meeting	Wheatsheaf, Kilmarnock; 8pm
16th Mar	Wigtownshire Social	By service bus to Steam Packet, Isle of Whithorn and Newton Stewart pubs
19th Mar	S Ayrshire Social	McKay's, Troon; 7:30pm
21st Mar	N Ayrshire Social	Auld Brig, Irvine; 8pm
16th Mar	Branch AGM Motions Deadline	
<b>23rd Mar</b>	<b>Branch AGM</b>	<b>Abbotsford Hotel, Ayr; 2pm</b>
27th Mar	E Ayrshire Social	Merito, Dunlop; 7:30pm
29th Mar	Branch Social	Larbert Beer Fest Dobbie Hall, Larbert; 2pm
5th-7th Apr	National Members' Weekend	Caird Hall, Dundee
13th Apr	Wigtownshire Social	Rhins Scottish Grand National Coach Trip
15th Apr	Beer Festival Organising Meeting	Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs; 8pm
18th Apr	N Ayrshire Social	Waterside, Largs; 8pm
24th Apr	E Ayrshire Social	Cookhouse & Pub, Kilmarnock; 7:30pm
16th May	N Ayrshire Social	Venue to be confirmed; 8pm
22nd May	E Ayrshire Social	Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs; 7:30pm
30th May	E Ayrshire Social	4 day trip by rail to Bradford

## Good Beer Guide (GBG) Selection

Our annual meeting, to decide which pubs will be included in next year's GBG, will be on **Monday 18th February** in Cambusdoon Sports Club, Alloway commencing at 8pm. All members are encouraged to come along and have some input into what is one of the most important of our branch's activities.

## Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019

This year's AGM will be on **Saturday 23rd March** in the Abbotsford Hotel, 14 Corsehill Road, Ayr, KA7 2ST commencing at 2pm. An agenda for the meeting is attached/enclosed and this serves as formal notice of the event. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Branch Committee

The branch committee is elected annually at the AGM and consists of the following - Chair, Vice-chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Pubs/Clubs Campaigns Coordinator, Public Affairs Officer, Social Secretary and up to 9 other members. These other committee members currently fill to following roles - Beer Festival Organiser, East Ayrshire Social Coordinator, Full Pints Advertising, Full Pints Editor, Public Transport Liaison, Webmaster, Wigtownshire Social Coordinator, Young Members' Officer. Additionally, some members carry out more than one role, e.g. Ian Middleditch is both a Vice-chair and North Ayrshire Social Coordinator. Some of the current committee members have indicated that they will not be putting themselves forward for re-election. Any member interested in filling any of the committee posts should contact the Chairman [chair@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:chair@awcamra.org.uk) who will provide full details. It would be helpful if members could express an interest prior to our committee meeting scheduled for 4th March.

## Pubs of the Year (POTYs)

Each Social Group selects a POTY at the end of the year. For 2018 these POTYs are North Ayrshire Twa Dugs, West Kilbride; South Ayrshire Prestwick Pioneer, Prestwick; East Ayrshire Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs; Wigtownshire The Grapes, Stranraer. These pubs are currently being judged for the overall Branch 2019 POTY Award.

Our Cider POTY for 2019 is the Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn which now goes forward to be considered for the Scotland and Northern Ireland title.

## Full Pints

The next issue of our award-winning magazine is due to be in pubs during the 1st week of March, or shortly after that. Whilst many of you receive an electronic version, why not pop down to your local, pick up a "real" copy and do some beer scoring whilst you are there.

Ideally, Full Pints should be self-sufficient, i.e. advertising income should match or exceed costs for production, distribution, etc. To achieve this we need more advertisers. If you can think of any business, real ale related or not, who might be interested in placing an advert please send details to Mike Tomlinson [advertising@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:advertising@awcamra.org.uk)

## Bus/Rail Socials

Three of these are in the pipeline. Whilst primarily intended to cater for those residing in the relevant social area, all members will be welcomed.

The first is a visit by public service bus to the Steam Packet, Isle of Whithorn and Newton Stewart pubs on **Saturday 16th March**.

The annual Rhins of Galloway outing, to coincide with the Scottish Grand National, will be on **Saturday 13th April**.

Further details for both events from Malcolm McNeill [wigtownshire@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:wigtownshire@awcamra.org.uk)

East Ayrshire members will travel by train to Bradford on **Thursday 30th May**, returning on **Sunday 2nd June**.

Details from Matt Miller [east-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:east-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk)

## Social @ Larbert Real Ale Festival

Join us at this festival, hosted by CAMRA Forth Valley Branch, featuring 50+ real ales, cider and perry on **Friday 29th March** at around 2pm. Easiest way to get there is by train from Glasgow Queen Street (1319 departure arrives Larbert 1351). The venue, Dobie Hall, is 5-10 minutes walk.

## National Members' Week-end and AGM

You are encouraged to attend this event which will take place in the Caird Hall, Dundee during the week-end **5th-7th April**. Full details can be found at <https://agm.camra.org.uk>

## Code of Conduct

Our wish is for everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun on our trips and events. However, please remember that trip organisers have only volunteered to arrange times and/or travel arrangements and to provide information about the venue(s).

You are responsible for your own safety and wellbeing. If you have an existing medical condition that requires assistance you must bring your own backup/carer with you.

CAMRA promotes responsible drinking and so excessive drinking will not be tolerated on CAMRA outings. Members should not behave in any manner that may bring the Campaign into disrepute. Any member doing so may be barred from future events.

## Branch Social Groups

These Groups, catering for the different geographical areas of the Branch, meet on a (roughly) monthly basis. The focus is very much on the social aspect of CAMRA with "official" campaigning business only being dealt with very occasionally.

Further information can be obtained from the appropriate Group Organiser:

**East Ayrshire**

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**North Ayrshire**

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**South Ayrshire**

**Post vacant, interim contact Ray Turpie**

[public\\_affairs@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:public_affairs@awcamra.org.uk)

**Wigtownshire**

**Malcolm McNeill**

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## AGM Motions

If you have any issues, concerns, proposals, etc. you should raise these with a committee member. If the outcome of the committee's deliberations is still an issue then you may submit a motion to the Branch AGM so that the membership as a whole can consider it. Another reason for an AGM motion would be to alter a policy set at a previous AGM.

Motions for debate at this year's AGM, accompanied by names of the proposer and seconder, should be received by the Chairman [chair@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:chair@awcamra.org.uk) by close of play on **Saturday 16th March**.

## Branch Clothing

A couple of years ago we offered garments featuring the CAMRA logo personalised for our branch. These proved to be popular. There has been a request for a repeat order. Prices are polo shirts £8; sweatshirts £10; rugby shirts £12.

An order form is attached which should be sent to Chairman [chair@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:chair@awcamra.org.uk) by **9th March**. Garments can be collected at the branch AGM.

## Beer Festival

Following on from last year's success, this year's event will be **3rd-5th October 2019**, with set-up on the 1st and 2nd and take-down on the 6th. If you would like to get involved with planning this event, and new blood is always welcome, come along to a planning meeting. The next will be in Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs on **Monday 15th April** at 8 p.m.