



# A & W CAMRA Calling

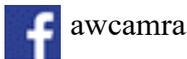
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## Branch Web Sites/Social Media

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

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



## Welcome

This members' newsletter is intended to keep you informed of current branch activity, forthcoming events, etc. We hope you will participate in some of the activities featured.

## Branch Diary

18th May	2-Pub Social/Brewery of the Year	Glen Park Hotel/Wellingtons, Ayr; 2pm/3:30pm
21st May	S Ayrshire Social	Prestwick Pioneer, Prestwick; 8pm
22nd May	E Ayrshire Social	Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs; 7:30pm
30th May	E Ayrshire Social	4 day trip by rail to Bradford
8th Jun	Branch Meeting/POTY Presentation/	Twa Dugs, West Kilbride; 2pm
10th Jun	Beer Festival Planning Meeting	South Beach Hotel, Troon; 8pm
18th Jun	S Ayrshire Social	West Kirk, Ayr; 8pm
20th Jun	Branch Social	Glasgow Real Ale Festival; 7:30pm
24th Jun	Branch Committee Meeting	Twa Dugs, West Kilbride; 8pm
26th Jun	E Ayrshire Social	Saltire, Kilmarnock; 7:30pm
27th-29th Jun	Ardrossan Accies Festival (Independent)	Ardrossan Accies Rugby Club
27th Jun	N Ayrshire Social	Ardrossan Accies Festival; 8pm
29th Jun	Wigtownshire Summer BBQ Social	Blue Peter, Kirkcolum
18th Jul	N Ayrshire Social	JG Sharps, Largs; 8pm
19th-21st Jul	Grapes Festival (Independent)	Grapes, Stranraer
20th Jul	Wigtownshire Social	Grapes Festival, Stranraer; 12noon
22nd Jul	Beer Festival Planning Meeting	R&A Sports Bar, Irvine; 8pm
27th Jul	Branch Meeting/E Ayrshire Bus Social	Sorn and Stair
15th Aug	N Ayrshire Social	Venue tbc; 8pm
24th Aug	SNIB Meeting	MacGregor's Bar, Inverness; 1pm
24th Aug	Wigtownshire Social	Sulwath Brewery Summer Fest, Castle Douglas
24th Aug	Kinloch Festival (Independent)	Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, Arran
28th Aug	E Ayrshire Social	Brass & Granite, Kilmarnock; 7:30pm
14th Sep	Branch Meeting/Wigtownshire Social	Stranraer Oyster Festival

## Pub of the Year Presentation

The presentation to this year's Branch Pub of the Year, the Twa Dugs, Main Street, West Kilbride, will take place at 2.00pm on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

The pub is 5 minutes walk from West Kilbride railway station which has an hourly service from Glasgow. If coming from the south there is a good connecting service at Kilwinning. The No 11 bus from Kilmarnock to Ardrossan connects with the train at Saltcoats or the 585, Ayr-Greenock, service stops at the pub door, ask for Bank Corner.

The Twa Dugs has two hand pulls usually with a light and dark ale on. For the presentation beers will be a selection from local breweries (Ayr, Five Kingdoms, Lowland, Kelburn), subject to availability.

Food is available in the pub - paninis, soup, baked potatoes, etc. Alternatively, for the train home, there is a chip shop and take away Indian/pizza outlet within 50 yards.

West Kilbride is Scotland's 'Craft Town' with a variety of craft and curio shops well worth a visit before or after the presentation. For non-beer drinkers the Twa Dugs serves a wide range of craft gins and cocktails.

The Twa Dugs is currently being judged in the first round of the Scotland & Northern Ireland Pub of the Year competition.

## Club of the Year

This year's Branch Club of the Year is Cambusdoon Sports Club, Alloway. A presentation will be arranged in due course.

## Beer Festival Trade Session

One of our campaigning targets for 2019-20 (see below) is to try to increase the number of real ale outlets in the branch area. To this end we will be hosting a trade session, sponsored by Ayr Brewing Company, on the Thursday of our Festival in Troon. We do not have the resources to invite every publican in the branch area. However, we would like to include those of pubs which currently do not offer real ale but could, potentially, do so in the future. Whilst we have some in mind, we feel that our wider membership would be better placed to nominate local pubs. Please send your ideas to Bob Wallace [bobwallace1869@gmail.com](mailto:bobwallace1869@gmail.com)

## Campaigning Targets

Our targets for 2019-20, set at our AGM in March, are:

- Update bus and rail ale trails. If you can assist with this, please contact Tom Parish [publictransport@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:publictransport@awcamra.org.uk)
- Improve the quality and range of photographs on WhatPub and the branch website. Photographs of pubs should be sent to Mick Lee [pubs@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:pubs@awcamra.org.uk) and to Ronnie Beveridge [webmaster@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@awcamra.org.uk)
- Encourage members to visit pubs and score beers. Use the data to inform us of pubs' eligibility for GBG entry and to assist us in improving beer quality. See Summer of Pub below.
- Increase real ale outlets including continuing with the campaign with a local brewer. See above.
- Continue to encourage members to lobby their MSP to support Neil Bibby MSP's Bill on Tied Pubs and Adjudicator. This now in preparation with the Non-Government Bill Unit with no date for when it will be introduced to Parliament. You will be "nagged" if and when the time comes.

## Summer of Pub

This national campaign, to encourage pub visiting over the summer months, will be launched on 20th May. It fits in nicely with our 3rd campaigning target above. Full details are available at [www.camra.org.uk/summerofpub/](http://www.camra.org.uk/summerofpub/)  
Our first contribution to this campaign will be to choose the pub with the best beer garden and arrange to present the award. Nominations for this award should be sent to Lindsay Grant [chair@awcamra.org.uk](mailto:chair@awcamra.org.uk) in advance of the next branch committee meeting scheduled for 24th June.

## Full Pints

Our branch magazine *Full Pints* has, yet again and for the second year in a row, been awarded CAMRA's national Magazine of the Year. This is no mean feat for such a small branch. To put it into perspective, the runner-up Bristol has a membership larger than that of the whole of Scotland. Congratulations to Stuart McMahon, Mike Tomlinson and all who are involved.

The next issue is due to be in pubs during the 2nd week of June. 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)

## 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:

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**South Ayrshire**

**Post vacant, interim contact Ray Turpie**

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**Wigtownshire**

**Malcolm McNeill**

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## Social @ Glasgow Real Ale Festival

Join us at this festival, hosted by CAMRA Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch, on **Thursday 20th June** at around 7:30pm. The festival will be in the Briggait, Bridgegate, Glasgow.

## Ayrshire Real Ale 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 the South Beach Hotel, Troon on **Monday 10th June** at 8 p.m.

## 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.

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.