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About Us

CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) is an independent, voluntary, consumer organisation whose vision is to have quality real ale, cider & perry and thriving pubs in every community.

Membership is open to all individuals and we currently represent over 150,000 members across the UK. We are governed by a voluntary unpaid national executive, elected by the membership. There is a branch structure which means that all members can join a local CAMRA branch and campaign and socialise locally.

The Ayrshire & Wigtownshire Branch has around 560 members. We have four social group areas - namely North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and Wigtownshire, each of whom organise regular events and meetings. Details on page 4.

Printed copies of Full Pints are available in our real ale outlets thanks to the generosity of our advertisers - please try and support them. It is also emailed to all our Branch members, and can be downloaded from our website.

Whilst our real ale pubs have now reopened, many still have limited or reduced availability of real ale - whatpub.com should show the latest status but please check with any outlets directly to confirm their opening times and availability of real ale.

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Quarterly Diary of Events

Here are details of our forthcoming Branch events that have been organised for you. Any late changes or additions will be shared on our Facebook group.

(SNIB = Scotland & Northern Ireland Branches)

SUN 3 DEC

South Ayrshire Festive Lunch, 2pm

Wellingtons, Ayr. FULLY BOOKED.

WED 13 DEC

North Ayrshire Festive Lunch, 1.30pm

The Twa Dugs, West Kilbride. Email Ian Middleditch at north-avrshire@awcamra.org.uk to book.

THU 28 DEC

Branch Festive Crawl - from 1pm

Stewarton / Kilmaurs / Kilmarnock - full details on opposite page.

SAT 6 JAN 2024

East Ayrshire Festive Lunch, 2pm

Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs Email Alex Burt at east-ayrshire@camra.org.uk to book.

MON 8 JAN

Branch Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

Wheatsheaf, Kilmarnock

SAT 13 JAN

SNIB Social, 2pm

Bellfield Brewery, 46 Stanley Place, Edinburgh EH7 5TB

TUES 16 JAN

South Ayrshire Social & POTY Presentation,

Venue TBC once winner is announced

THURS 18 JAN

North Ayrshire Social, Branch Meeting & POTY Presentation

Venue TBC once winner is announced

WED 31 JAN

East Ayrshire Social & POTY Presentation

Venue TBC once winner is announced



SAT 3 FEB

SNIB Regional Meeting, 1pm

JG Sharps, Largs. All CAMRA members welcome to attend.

THURS 15 FEB

North Ayrshire Social, 7.30pm

Salt Cot, Saltcoats

SAT 17 FEB

Branch 2-Pub Social, Largs

JG Sharps, 2pm and Three Reasons, 3.30pm

TUES 20 FEB

South Ayrshire Social, 2pm

Prestwick Pioneer, Prestwick

MON 26 FEB

Branch Committee Meeting

& GBG Selection Meeting, 7.30pm

Venue TBC

WED 28 FEB

Beer of the Festival Presentation - see p37

Timothy Taylor's Brewery, Keighley

MON 4 MAR

Branch Committee Meeting, 8pm

Venue TBC

TUES 19 MAR

South Ayrshire Social, 2pm

Number 47, Troon

THURS 21 MAR

North Ayrshire Social, 7.30pm

JG Sharps, Largs

SAT 23 MAR

Branch AGM, 2pm

Ardrossan Academicals Rugby Club

WED 27 MAR

East Ayrshire Social

FRI 29 - SAT 30 MAR

Larbert Beer Festival

Dobbie Hall, Larbert. Branch Social, 2pm Friday

FRI 26 - SUN 28 APR

National Members' Weekend, AGM &

Conference

Caird Hall, Dundee

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





This year, it is the turn of East Ayrshire to host the popular CAMRA social event between Christmas and New Year. Thursday 28 December is the day chosen to meet up and celebrate the festive season.



Unfortunately, the real ale options in East Ayrshire have reduced somewhat since the event was last held in Kilmarnock therefore some travelling between venues will be required!

If you can, please start the day at the Mill House, Stewarton at 1pm. There will be one or two real ales available in the bar from Kelburn Brewery, based in Barrhead.



Travel options to Stewarton include the Stagecoach no. 9 service at 12.30pm from Kilmarnock (alight at Old Mill View), the 12.25pm Shuttle Bus from Bank Street in Irvine, Scotrail 12.27pm train from Kilmarnock or 12.13pm from Glasgow Central. Stewarton railway station is a 10/15 minute walk from the Mill House.

Our second venue is the current A & W CAMRA Pub of the Year the **Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs**. Target time here is around 2.15pm and you can expect to find



two cask ales in the cozy bar. The Stagecoach no. 9 bus at 1.55pm from Stewarton is almost a door-to-door service! There is also a train option at 2.11pm from Stewarton.

From Kilmaurs, we move to **Kilmarnock** using either the 3.07pm bus or 3.15pm train. A short walk from either the bus



or rail station will take you to **The First Edition** in Bank Street. Once again, two handpumps dispense ale usually from Fyne Ales or Loch Leven Brewery. Meet here at 3.30pm if you are not visiting the first two pubs.

Our final stop of the afternoon will be the **Wheatsheaf Inn** in Portland Street at approximately 4.30pm. This large J D Wetherspoon pub should have seven or eight ales



available therefore you may want to spend a bit more time here. All of the pubs on our route have food available for lunch or dinner.

There are return trains to Glasgow from Kilmarnock at 5.29pm, 5.59pm and every 30 minutes. Return bus options include:

- Ayr/Prestwick: Service 4 every 30 minutes until 6.55pm then hourly;
- Dundonald/Troon: Service 10/110 at 5.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm;
- Irvine/Ardrossan: Service 11 approximately every 15 minutes;
- Beith: McGills service 337 at 5.59pm.

Please check all train or bus times in case there are special festive timetables in operation.

Everyone is welcome to join for all or part of our festive wander – you don't need to be a CAMRA member! Although all times are approximate, the reliance on public transport does remove some of the flexibility enjoyed at previous events.

If you want to join in at a particular time, you can call **Matt Miller** on **07734 500934** to find out exactly where we are.

Pub of the Year Competition Hillend Tavern, Hillend, Fife

As announced in the last edition, the Hillend Tavern, Hillend, Dalgety Bay has won CAMRA's Scotland & Northern Ireland (SNIB) 2023 Pub of the Year competition.

A presentation by CAMRA's Regional Director Stuart McMahon to the Hillend Tavern took place on Saturday 30th September, and was well attended by members from several CAMRA branches.

The Hillend Tavern has now gone head-to-head with the other 15 regional finalists in the competition, but sadly has not made it to the final four. The overall Pub of the Year winner will be announced in early January. The final four pubs in the competition are the Tamworth Tap.

Tamworth; Nelson Arms, Tonbridge; The Beer Engine, Skipton and the Trafalgar Hotel, Ramsey, Isle of Man.







SNIB Cider Pub of the Year

The Jolly Judge, Edinburgh

The presentation to our Regional Cider Pub of the Year, the Jolly Judge in Edinburgh took place at the end of October

The Jolly Judge, located in a close just off the Royal Mile, usually has around six or seven real ciders or perries available, along with several real ales. It is also the local CAMRA Pub of the Year.





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Festive Meals

The branch will be holding three festive meals this season to which members are invited. Advance booking is essential as places are limited. Full details were included in the November monthly email sent from the branch.

The **South Ayrshire Festive Lunch** will be held on **Sunday 3 December** at 2pm in Wellingtons, Ayr. This event is now fully booked.

There will be a North Ayrshire Festive Lunch in The Twa Dugs,

West Kilbride on Wednesday 13 December at 1.30pm. Contact Ian Middleditch at *north-ayrshire@ awcamra.org.uk* for more information and to book your place.

The **East Ayrshire Festive Lunch** will be held on **Saturday 6 January** at 2pm in the Weston Tavern, Kilmaurs. The cost is £15.95 (2-courses) or £20.95 (3-courses). Contact Alex Burt at *east-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk* for more information and to book your place.



Two heats were held at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival on Friday 6 October. The results of those heats were as follows:

IPAs

1st Cromarty Raptor 2nd Loch Lomond Bravehop 3rd Cromarty Rogue Wave 4th Arran Brewery Dug



STRONG STOUTS AND PORTERS

1st Five Kingdoms Dark Storm 2nd Fyne Sublime Stout 3rd Loch Lomond Silkie Stout 4th Cromarty Ghost Town



Two heats were held at the Alloa Real Ale Festival on Friday 10 November. The results of those heats were as follows:

BROWN, RED ALES, OLD ALES & STRONG MILDS

1st Windswept Wolf 2nd Stewart 80/-3rd Orkney Dark Island 4th Isle of Skye Skye Black



BARLEY WINES AND STRONG ALES

1st Broughton Old Jock 2nd Orkney Skullsplitter



Congratulations to all the winners which will now go forward to the national finals at the Great British Beer Festival in August 2024.

Regional Review Update

CAMRA's National Executive have agreed to proposals that Northern Ireland should become it's own region to assist with campaigning across the province.

As such, nominations for a new Regional Director to cover Northern Ireland will open before the end of November, with an election taking place in March 2024. The new RD will then hopefully be ratified at the NE's next meeting following that in April 2024.

Champion Beer of Scotland

CAMRA's prestigious Champion Beer of Scotland competition was held at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival on 6th October. After a close competition, in which judges blind-tasted all the entries, Cairngorm Brewery's *Black Gold*, a 4.4% Session Stout, was judged to be the Champion Beer of Scotland for 2023.

Black Gold is described as having roast malt which dominates throughout, slight smokiness in aroma leading to a liquorice and blackcurrant background taste giving it a background sweetness. Very long, dry bitter finish. No less than four colours of malt make the grist! A worthy Championship winner.

CAMRA's Scotland Director Stuart McMahon said "Cairngorm Brewery, which is based in Aviemore, is making some great beers at present. Black Gold was a very worthy winner, despite the strong competition from the other category winners. It is a very good example of a rich stout, with the strong roast and burnt malts to the fore, but with a lovely smooth, bitter but sweet aftertaste."

Black Gold also recently won two awards in SIBA's Scottish competition – a gold award in the Cask Session Dark Beers category, and also a silver in the Overall Champion Scottish Cask Beer final. It has previously won CAMRA's Winter Beer of Britain for Stouts in 2012.

Loch Lomond Brewery's Bravehop IPA took the silver award, with **Swannay** Dark Munro winning the bronze award.

A formal presentation to **Cairngorm Brewery** will be arranged soon at the brewery in Aviemore. Pictured below is Ayrshire & Wigtownshire CAMRA member and festival volunteer Fiona MacIsaac with a pint of the winning beer.





Ayrshire Real Ale Festival 2023

5-7 OCTOBER 2023, TROON CONCERT HALL

The festival organisers would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who supported this year's festival and for making it a great success, despite the unplanned challenges of extreme weather and limited trains on the Saturday.

Our Saturday attendance was affected significantly due to the travel issues outwith our control, but we still had 140 beers and 24 real ciders available and our themed "Yorkshire Bar" in the Walker Hall was extremely popular - the first beer to sell out was **Theakston's** Old Peculier, served from a wooden cask. A big thank you to all our sponsors, and to our 103 volunteers who helped out at the festival - we couldn't have managed to run the festival without your support.

Timothy Taylor's Landlord was voted by customers as the Beer of the Festival - see page 37 for details on our proposed trip to Keighley to make the presentation. **Three Saints** Lovely was voted as Cider of the festival and **Ayrshire Riviera Cider's** Red Perry won the Perry of the Festival.

Congratulations to James McEwan for winning our new members' prize draw for 2 nights' B&B at the *Steam Packet Inn*, Isle of Whithorn.

Finally, a very big thank to everyone for their generosity in donating unspent tokens to our festival chairt, Whiteleys Retreat. An amazing £1,300 was donated. The formal presentation was due to take place on Tues 21 November just after this magazine went to print, but we organised a photo (below) with the presentation cheque and some of our festival volunteers at the festival's 'thank you' social held a few weeks after the festival. More info on the charity at whiteleysretreat.com.

Date for your Diary: Next year's festival will be held on 3-5 October 2024.

A selection of photos from this year's festival are shown overleaf.



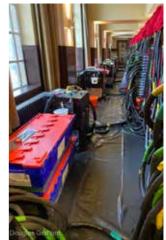
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Photos by Douglas Graham, Stuart McMahon and Diane Gale

View more photos at: www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk/photos-2023-festival

Pub of the Year Competition

It is now the time to receive nominations from our members for your favourite real ale pub located in each of our social areas - a list of all our pubs can be found at the back of this magazine. This is done by members' votes based on their personal experiences over the previous 12 months, considering a number of factors including beer quality and choice, general ambience and support for CAMRA values. Members can vote for pubs in each area if desired. A pub cannot win the award for more than two consecutive years.

Pub nominations should be sent to the area social secretaries no later than 31 December 2023. Our Social Secretaries are:

East Ayrshire	Alex Burt	east-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk
North Ayrshire	Ian Middleditch	north-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk
South Ayrshire	Donald Clark	south-ayrshire@awcamra.org.uk
Wigtownshire	Malcolm McNeill	wigtownshire@awcamra.org.uk

Early in the New Year, our four Area PotYs are assessed by four judges, one from each of the social groups, and that should be completed by 12 March 2024. They use a set of judging criteria based on those used for judging CAMRA's UK National PotY award. The criteria used are shown below, and will hopefully be helpful to publicans in acheiving their highest score. The pub receiving the highest score becomes the overall Branch PotY and progresses to be considered for the Scotland & Northern Ireland award. The criteria used for selecting our Club of the Year (CotY) and Cider Pub of the Year (CPotY) are very similar.

CATEGORY 1 - QUALITY AND CONDITION OF REAL ALE / CIDER / PERRY

- It is the quality and condition that are important, and NOT the number available.
- Aspects to consider include: is it stale, is it too warm or too cold, and does it taste right for the style. Personal tastes for particular styles must be ignored. Page 25 shows how a beer should be scored.

CATEGORY 2 - PROMOTION AND KNOWLEDGE OF REAL ALE

- Is there clear and obvious support and promotion of real ale (real cider / perry if applicable)? Examples include: meet the brewer (cider maker) events, beer festivals, and trips to breweries (cider producers) or other festivals.
- Staff should enthusiastically promote real ale (real cider / perry if applicable) and be able to answer simple queries in relation to these products.
- The provision of information on products, producers, suppliers, etc. is desirable.

CATEGORY 3 - CLEANLINESS AND STAFF HYGIENE

- Toilets should be hygienic and clean with hot water, soap, suitable hand drying facilities etc.
- The pub should be clean throughout, including bar tops, tables and glasses.
- Staff should observe good hygiene practices, eg correct handling of glasses, not eating behind the bar, clean hands and surfaces regularly etc.

CATEGORY 4 - COMMUNITY FOCUS

- There should be a sense of community that is inclusive and welcoming to all age groups and sectors of the community. Do regular customers interact well with strangers?
- There should be support for local activities, such as sports teams, local groups, and local celebrations. Is there a notice board that lists local events, activities, or information on the local area?
- Further information can be found at pubs. camra.org.uk/communitypubs.



CATEGORY 5 - SERVICE AND WELCOME

- All should be welcome. No aspect of the pub should cause offense by anything that could be offensive to a consumer due to their discriminatory nature. This includes websites and other aspects of social media.
- Service should be welcoming, friendly, polite, and also prompt whenever possible. If it is busy, a friendly acknowledgement of your presence is desirable.

CATEGORY 6 - STYLE, DÉCOR AND ATMOSPHERE

- There should be a comfortable, pleasant and safe environment throughout.
- The style should show respect for the building and the décor should enhance it.
 Furnishing should be in a good state of repair.
- · Is there a friendly atmosphere?
- Considering the time and day of the week, is it busy enough to create a good atmosphere?

CATEGORY 7 - SYMPATHY WITH CAMRA'S AIMS (AS LISTED IN CAMRA'S POLICIES)

- Prices and accurate opening hours should be clearly displayed.
- You should get a full measure or a top up without asking. Are oversized glasses used?

- Are there attempts to stimulate interest in the sorts of issues we're concerned about?
- Real ale, cider or perry should not be sold using misleading dispense methods.
- It should be clear who has brewed 'house branded' real ale, cider or perry.
- There should not be any inappropriate noisy electronic amusement machines.
- Real ales should not be served through tight sparklers unless brewed to be dispensed in that way.
- If a number of real ales are available a range of styles and strengths should be offered and a local product, where available.

CATEGORY 8 - OVERALL IMPRESSION AND VALUE

- This category covers the undefined elements that are not considered elsewhere.
- Are other products/services that may enhance a visit available, such as quality soft drinks?
- Did you enjoy your visit? Did you spend more time than you had expected or wish you had been able to stay longer? Would you look forward to a return visit?
- Taking into account the style of establishment and its location, did you feel that you received reasonable value for money?

Champion Beer of Britain Voting

Thank you to all who submitted their nominations for the Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB).

Voting closed on 1 November, and once again Ayrshire & Wigtownshire was the best performing branch in the UK, for both raw numbers and percentage of members voting. 83 members voted, an increase of 6 on last year. Regionally, Scotland and Northern Ireland had an extra 36 members voting. SNIB, with a total of 215 votes, was second to East Midlands and joint equal with East Anglia - well done everyone.

The challenge is to get the remaining 4,200 members in our Region to also take part in the voting process!

Your nominations, along with recommendations from our regional tasting panels, are now used to shortlist the beers that will be entered into next year's CBOB heats.







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From your Regional Director

As I write this, we've just held a quarterly Regional CAMRA meeting in Perth where representatives from our branches came together to discuss a huge variety of topics relating to CAMRA.

However, at the top of the agenda were two items that you'll hear more about in the coming months.

The first is CAMRA's annual Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference which is returning to the Caird Hall in Dundee from 26-28 April 2024. The Members' Weekend was held there back in 2019 and was a great success, and we are looking to do even better this time round.

A huge amount of planning goes into the event, and it also needs a large number of volunteers during the event for it to run smoothly – everything from helping behind the members' bar, being a teller to count votes if required, guiding visitors around the venue and/or pick up points for organised trips. It's free to attend the weekend, and like most CAMRA events, it's good fun and you'll get to meet lots of likeminded folks. You can find out more, along with a volunteering form at camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference/

The second item was to discuss the 50th Anniversary of CAMRA in Scotland, which is also being celebrated in 2024. There are numerous projects being planned including

- A further tranche of outstanding achievement wards for those who missed out on one during the national 50th Anniversary a couple of years back.
- A pub challenge for folks to visit 50 pubs in Scotland.
- · Branded clothing; and
- Several social/brewery events across the country, the first of which will be to visit Edinburgh's Bellfield Brewery on 13 January.

More information on our anniversary events will be available early in the New Year. If you've any additional ideas for our anniversary year, then please do get in touch with me.



For all this to happen successfully, we need the support of all

branches across Scotland, and I encourage you to get involved with us.

The next regional meeting will be held in *JG Sharps* in Largs on Sat 3rd February from 1pm. There's an open invitation for all CAMRA members to come along and hear about the massive variety of work we are doing across Scotland.

As for myself as your Regional Director, I've had a busy but very enjoyable autumn, judging pubs in Consett, Oldham and Ramsey in the Isle of Man as part of CAMRA's Pub of the Year competition, and presenting our own Regional Pub of the Year Award to the *Hillend Tavern* in Fife. It's also been good to see our festivals do well again, despite unplanned setbacks for some.

Winter is never a good time for our pubs, so as we approach Christmas and into the New Year, please remember to try and support your local pubs as much as possible – every extra pint they sell will help them to survive what will undoubtedly be another tough period.

Cheers!

Stuart McMahon, Regional Director, Scotland and Northern Ireland Branches rd.scotlandni@camra.org.uk









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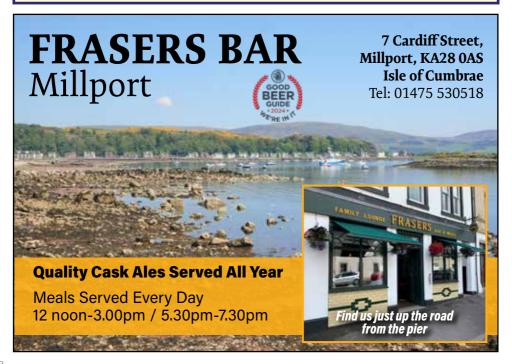
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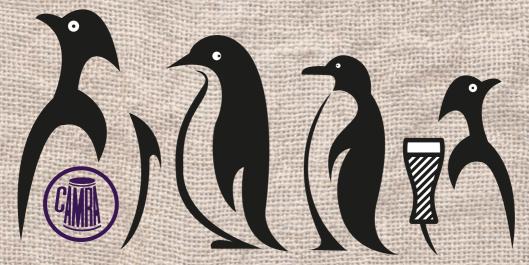
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ARRAN BOTANICAL DRINKS

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The sale of Cladach beach hut appears to have fallen through and the bar has reopened with limited/changing hours for the time being.

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Red Perry was voted as the Perry of the Festival at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival held in Troon.

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New beers include:

Yippee Ki Yay - a 4.5% Red IPA. A festive, hoppy, bitter IPA with hints of caramel, toffee and dark fruits. Hops: Simcoe, Mosaic and Sabro.

Lubelski – 4.3% Single Hop Ale. After popularity in cask the brewery has decided to brew Lubelski for bottle. A single hop pale ale using the Polish noble hop giving a floral, lemon and bergamot aroma.

Nature's Fire - Coming soon in collaboration with Annandale Distillery - the brewery's

biggest beer to date, aged in Annandale
Distillery whisky casks for 6 months. A robust
8.5% imperial stout with rich deep flavours
of vanilla and coconut, finishing with dark
chocolate and coffee.

Latests awards have included Dark Storm winning CAMRA's 2023 Champion Strong Stout of Scotland competition and Judges' Beer of the Festival at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival.

SEAGATE BREWERY

www.seagatebrewery.co.uk

Rise Above 80/- sold out at Ayrshire Real Ale Festival. Trials with can conditioned beers have been successful and will launch at the Bellevue Farmers Market on Sunday 3rd December. The brewery won't be buying any more bottles and moving all beers into cans. The brewery has been approached by Lochranza Country Inn to supply beers in cans, maybe cask. Also in discussion with Lagg Hotel. Have won a nice award LUXlife 'Most Trusted Small Batch Brewery 2023 Scotland' in the Distillery and Brewing Awards 2023.

New beer: Pingu Pale, a 5% Mosaic dry hopped pale ale, named after a wee orphaned Gannet they sponsor at the Arran Animal Rescue Centre, Whiting Bay – he needs a lot of Mackerel!

Local Real Ale Pub News & Updates

If you're the owner or manager in any of our pubs and clubs, please contact fullpints@awcamra.org.uk if you've got any news to share about your premises.

Losses:

Real ale in the The Twa Dugs, **Millport** was short lived. The new manager in the pub has stopped selling it citing poor sales.

Other news:

The *Glen Park Hotel*, **Ayr** remains open on Wednesday to Sunday. Ales from Orkney, Rudgate and Titanic breweries have featured recently.

The Kings Arms, **Ballantrae** has now installed a couple of handpumps.

The Kirkmichael Arms, **Kirkmichael** is reported to be reopening under new ownership hopefully in December, but no word on whether real ale will be available in this former outlet.

As *Full Pints* was going to print, word came through that there may be new tenants lined up to take over the running of *McKay's*, **Troon** in the New Year.

As per recent years the *House O' Hill*, **Bargrennan** has closed for the winter and should reopen sometime in the spring.

By Mick Lee, Branch Pubs Officer

CALLING ALL PUBLICANS - FREE PUBLICITY!

This article first appeared last year but it is worthwhile sharing it again, especially as businesses are still being hit by high costs and fewer customers.

Times are hard for everyone now, and that includes the hospitality industry. Pubs are struggling to attract customers while facing rising costs and bills, and many are reducing the hours, and even days, they are open. Pubs selling real ale may have to reduce their offer, either in the number of ales available or the variety of ales. There are no easy answers, but there are some FREE tools that can help attract and inform real ale drinkers, and below I set out some of these.

REAL ALE FINDER

www.realalefinder.com

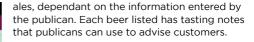
Real Ale Finder is a free app that potential customers can use to check which real ales are available in participating pubs in real time. What is perhaps not so well known is that it is also free to publicans to use to show which ales are available.

Their website describes the two apps, available

for Apple and Android devices, for pubs and for customers and sets out the features for publicans as follows:

- Simplified sharing on social networks
- · A mobile friendly web beer board
- Engaged customers notified via our consumer app
- Reports and tools
- · Feed for an in-pub TV screen
- An easy to use, COMPLETELY FREE service

Pubs can let their customers know what's on the bar today in just a few seconds with the sharing templates or share a single item straight from their inventory. Appropriate breweries are automatically tagged on Twitter. Customers using the app can see a list of local pubs using the app, search on a map for participating pubs or search for a locality to see pubs there using it. When they click on a pub entry the real ales currently available are listed, plus 'coming soon'



There is also a link to whatpub.com (see below) which has more detail about the pub. It takes very little time each day to update the information, and the app indicates when it was last updated so it is in publicans' interest to keep it up to date.

There are currently more than 50 real ale pubs in Ayrshire and Wigtownshire, yet only 7 pubs in our branch area are currently using the app. Real ale drinkers use the app frequently, so many publicans are missing a trick and not using this free facility that can only help to attract customers and real ale drinkers in particular. Publicans – please visit the Real Ale Finder website and see how this free app can help your business.

WHATPUB

www.whatpub.com

WhatPub is a CAMRA pub database that gives up to date information on nearly 55,000 pubs throughout



the UK, with an emphasis on real ale pubs, although not exclusively. Local CAMRA branches are responsible for updating the information but can only do so if provided with the relevant information. WhatPub is a website rather than app but it is available to all and is free to use. Up to date information is





important to encourage drinkers to visit pubs, and publicans can help with this. Please visit the website and check the information for your pub and report any errors or out of date information. Just search on the pub name or, if it is a common pub name, the town and click on the correct one.

On the desktop website all the information is on one page and corrections can be sent to the local CAMRA branch by clicking on the 'Submit Updates' tab. On the mobile website the information about the pub is spread over a number of tabs, and again there is a 'Submit Updates' tab for corrections and updates.

Anyone can submit updates, not just CAMRA members, and the branch will update the information as soon as possible. Publicans – please check important information such as opening hours, food service hours, beers available and report any corrections or updates to the local CAMRA branch through the website.

FACEBOOK (and other social media)

Social media is used by most of the population these days, and real ale drinkers are no exception. Most of the real ale pubs in the Ayrshire and Wigtownshire CAMRA area use Facebook, and some also have a Twitter or Instagram presence.

Some use this to show changes to opening hours, beers available/coming up and forthcoming events such as quizzes, karaoke, live music or meet the brewer nights, but most do not.

If there are regular updates, it is likely that more followers will be attracted who will automatically see the updates. It is much easier to update a Facebook page than a website and it is in publicans' interest to



ensure that up to date information is available when pages are visited.

Real ale drinkers regularly use social media to see what beers are available in an outlet - but if you don't share that basic information, then you are almost certainly losing out on some extra customers. We can share your beer-related posts on our own social media as well.

OUR APPEAL TO ALL REAL ALE PUBLICANS:

Please show which ales you have available online via **Real Ale Finder** and keep it up-to-date, check that the information for your pub on **WhatPub** is correct, and report changes if not, and use **Facebook** or other social media to regularly publicise your pub, beers and events. It is all free, so you know it makes sense!







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Beer Scoring

All CAMRA members are encouraged to score any real ales you may drink in pubs around the country at whatpub.com.

Your scores help branches select the best pubs for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide and help us to monitor beer quality and identify if any pubs may be struggling. Whilst on whatpub.com, if you notice any errors in the content of the listing you can also submit an update.

There are three very simple steps to score beers on your smartphone or computer:

- 1. Sign in to whatpub.com with your CAMRA membership number and password. You can access this on any smartphone or computer.
- 2. Select the pub you wish to score.
- 3. Score your beer using the criteria opposite, select the brewery and then the beer and finally click the Submit button.

Since Jan 2023 we have received 1,897 scores - can we get over 2,000 scores before the end of the year? Pubs with more than six scores and that have an average score above 3.0 are usually considered for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide.

Pubs that currently have fewer than six scores for the year are Blue Peter, Kirkcolm; Clashwhannon, Drummore: Lochranza Country Inn. Lochranza: Maybole Arms, Maybole; Souter's Inn, Kirkoswald; and the Tigh-na-Mara Hotel, Sandhead.

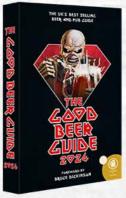
HOW TO SCORE A BEER		
0	Should only be used if no cask ale is available at all.	
0.5 - 1 POOR	Beer is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment. Add a comment why it's poor.	
2 Average	Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way.	
3 G00D	Good beer in good form. You want to stay for another pint and may have the beer again	
4 VERY GOOD	Excellent beer in excellent condition. You stay put!	
5 PERFECT	Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.	

If scoring a pub with a very low score (0 or 0.5) it is helpful to include a comment why that score has been given. Also, please remember that a score of 5 should only be awarded where a beer is in exceptional **condition**. The majority of 'good beers' in our area would normally only merit a score of 4, or occasionally 4.5.

score very rarely.

Our Top 5 pubs for the past three months based on average scores are the Grapes, Stranraer (4.50); Wheatsheaf Inn, Kilmarnock (3.90), JG Sharps, Largs (3.89); Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn (3.89) and Ship Inn, Drummore (3.86).











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Branch Ale Trails

Our series of Ale Trails can be viewed / downloaded from our branch website at www.awcamra.org.uk.

At present, we still recommend conctacting outlets prior to visiting to confirm opening times and availability of real

and availability of real ale.

There are seven trails available in total:

- Rail Trail 1: Ayr to Irvine
- Rail Trail 2: Largs to Saltcoats
- Rail Trail 3: Kilmarnock to Stewarton
- Walking Trail 4: Ayr Real Ale Trails
- Bus Trail 6: South Ayrshire
- · Bus Trail 7: Wigtownshire
- Island Trail 8: Arran (still to be updated)





Every CAMRA branch adheres to CAMRA's privacy policy. Within our branch we use a centralised communications tool for sending out our monthly emails to our branch members.

However, for certain aspects of our work, for example, the beer festival, we will occasionally need to contact folk directly by way of having a 'legitimate interest'. Any communications from our branch will contain details of how to unsubscribe from the emails if that is your desire. However, our hope is that as a member of CAMRA, you value the information that is sent to you, and that it is useful, particularly at branch level. If it isn't, then please talk to us in the first instance so we can understand your concerns.

You can check your email address is correct at www.camra.org.uk. Log in using your memebrship details, and select 'Edit your membership information'.

GETTING AROUND

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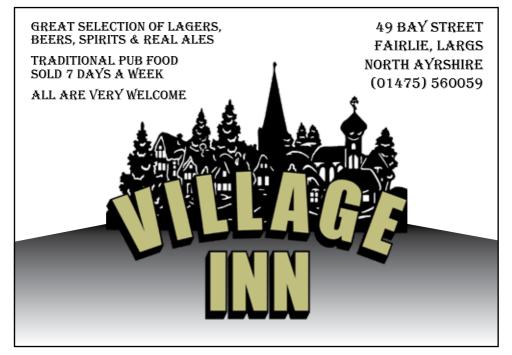
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RECENT SOCIALS

Annan - Blue Bell beer festival

Eight members travelled by train to attend the 16th Annan Beer Festival in the courtyard of Blue Bell Inn, Annan on Saturday 26 August.

16 real ales and nine ciders were on offer. The paddles with three thirds of a pint meant that attendees were able to sample most of the beers. A good day out.





Arran beer festival

A small group of members and a dog headed over on the ferry from Ardrossan to the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran for their annual beer festival, which was also held on Saturday 26 August.

Ten beers were available, and the event was very well attended as always, helped by some decent weather. The musical entertainment was also good, albeit a wee bit on the loud side!











Visit our Facebook Group to see photos and comments from our social events: www.facebook.com/groups/awcamra

CAMRA MEMBERS ON TOUR...



While watching Michael Portillo's Train Journeys programme from Huddersfield, I spotted a pub called "The Head of Steam." It sounded very attractive and having mentioned it to some of my local CAMRA friends, discovered that it is but one of many ale pubs in Huddersfield.

As a result, on the weekend of 14 - 16 October, I took the train to Huddersfield to sample some of the beers and pubs for myself.

I arrived at 17:30 so headed for the *Head of Steam* which is located in the railway station. In fact, I later discovered that it is possible to go to the pub from the platform and vice versa.

The first welcoming sign I saw was at the entrance where a sign directs you to keg beer on the left, craft beer to the right. The



result was that I was confronted with no less than eight hand pumps all of which had ales available.

I ordered a Pie and Mash which seemed appropriate to Yorkshire and accompanied this

with a half pint of Timothy Taylor Dark Mild. (3.5% abv). It was an excellent combination.

I followed the Dark Mild with a half of Yorkshire Brewery Black Heart Stout (4.8% abv). It was excellent and reminiscent of several of the stouts that



we had this year at the festival in Troon.

Having sampled my first ales, I checked into the Premier Inn which is about 15 minutes away on foot. On the way, I passed a great many pubs which announced 'Craft Ale' as being available, including the *Cherry Tree* which is a Wetherspoon's pub. It must be popular as it was mobbed so I gave it a miss.



Later, I returned to the Head of Steam and sampled Cameron's Brown Dog (4.3% abv). It was a typical bitter and in very good condition, followed by Daleside Old Leg Over (4.1% abv). It was another bitter and very similar in taste to the Brown Dog.

My last ale for this visit was a hoppy variety -Vocation Bread and Butter - a dry hopped ale at 4.1%abv. I am an enthusiast for hoppy beers



and this one was great, a definite hoppy flavour with less citrus flavour than many.

The Head of Steam is at one end of the platform at the Huddersfield station. At the other, is The King's Head. I had looked at it on the internet before leaving home and it too boasted several craft ales. However, it was Saturday evening and the place was very busy and with live music. Heaven to some but not to me so I determined that I would try somewhere else. Round the corner from the station is The Sportsman's Bar. It turned out to be an excellent choice too with many hand pumps and beers available.

I first tried the Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker (4.2% abv) which I know well and it didn't disappoint. I



also had another Yorkshire Brewery Black Heart Stout. It was my favourite ale of the trip.

By this time I had sampled many ales and despite only allowing myself half pints, I determined that I would only have one more before retiring. The one I chose turned out to be a good choice – Red Willow Wreckless Ale. (4.1% abv). A typical brown ale and in good condition. This was no surprise as the pub was very busy so I guess the throughput would be high.

Next day, I took the train to **Marsden** which is located on one of the many canals of the area. From there, there is a small "Canal Shuttle" boat that runs from Marsden to the Standedge Tunnel, the highest and longest (3.2 miles) canal tunnel in the UK. There is no fixed charge for the shuttle boat, passengers are invited to contribute as much as they want to help with the maintenance of the service. The trip itself

is only about 15 minutes but as it happened, the weather was excellent and it was very pleasant to sit and enjoy the scenery. There are trips



available to sail through the tunnel, however, I arrived on a Sunday and the service operates on alternate Sundays and I missed out by a week.

There is a small but interesting Standedge Tunnel Museum – again free entry and a small but very good tea room beautifully located on what must have been the waiting area for the canal boats waiting their turn to pass through the tunnel.

A 15 minute boat trip took me back to Marsden then a short rail trip to Huddersfield where I renewed my acquaintance with the *Head of Steam* for a Pie & a Pint – once again, the Yorkshire Black Heart Stout – the perfect accompaniment to a Steak Pie and Mash.

Later, I walked about a mile or so to *The Grove* which had been recommended to me. It had an

impressive number of hand pumps and there were ten ales available. In addition, there were 23 keg craft ales available. I didn't try any of them but the sight was impressive.

I was, however, very surprised that there were only three people in the



establishment and this at about 3pm on a Sunday afternoon. I had Thornbridge Market Porter (4.5% abv) and Oakham Ernest UK



Single hop (4.0

%abv). Both were very good but the bar lacked atmosphere so I made my way back to the Sportsman Beer House for a pre-dinner quickie.

Along the road from the *Sportsman Beer House* is a Thai Restaurant, the *Thai Sakon* where I had an excellent meal - good restaurant and good

location. I felt that I had to return to the King's Head. It was Sunday evening and the pub closed at 21:30 so it was very quiet.



I only had time for one pint so I tried Lord's Brewing Company Midnight Ramble (3.6% abv).

A typical mild and was the favourite of the barman though I found it a bit thin. The pump clip was interesting as it is a stylised version of the Ordnance Survey contour map of Huddersfield.



Next day, I departed from the station but not before having another pint of the Yorkshire Heart Black Heart Stout in the *Head of Steam* which was my favourite combination of the short trip.

Huddersfield itself looked to be a very nice and remarkably well-kept town. There was an air of civic pride about the place. The fact that the barman in the *King's Head* asked me to say how much I had enjoyed my stay in the town and that he pointed out the pump clip seemed

to confirm this but perhaps the best accolade was the sign in the *Head of Steam* simply saying, "Pride in Huddersfield."



Alloa Beer Festival

Branch members attended CAMRA's Alloa Beer Festival held in Alloa Town Hall on both Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November.

Organised by the Forth Valley CAMRA Branch, they had 58 cask ales and 22 ciders available. It was good to see the festival being well attended.





Have you been on any trips recently and visited some local pubs? Why not write a short article for a future edition of Full Pints? Approx 400 words per A5 page needed plus photos, and send to fullpints@awcamra.ore.uk



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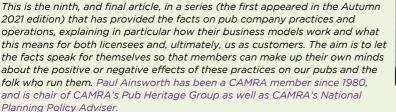
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Campaign for Real Ale

PUB COMPANIES - ASSOCIATED BODIES

By Paul Ainsworth





PART 9. PUB COMPANIES: ASSOCIATED BODIES

A number of bodies exist to represent the interests of pub companies or their licensees, whilst other groups (such as CAMRA) champion pubs on behalf of their customers and therefore have a strong interest in the way pub companies operate.

BRITISH BEER & PUB ASSOCIATION

Formed in 1904 as the Brewers' Society but renamed in 2000 to reflect its growing pub company membership. Its members are responsible for 90% of the beer brewed in Britain and own around 20,000 of the country's pubs. The Chief Executive is Emma McClarkin who succeeded the long serving Brigid Simmonds in 2019.

The BBPA positions itself as 'the voice of the beer and pub industry' and campaigns for lower taxes and less regulation to 'enable growth and investment' in the trade. It provides members with guidance, specialist insight, research and statistics, including a 'licensee forum' offering free advice on matters such as cellar management, p roperty & planning, licensing & regulation and health & safety.

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INNKEEPING

This is a membership organisation with charitable status whose remit is 'to raise professional standards across the sector'. Its 9000 members are drawn from a II areas of the trade tenants, managers, free traders, pub chefs, bar staff etc. Helplines cover issues like human resources, legal, licensing, tax, environmental health and market knowledge.

It also sells services to tenants through their pub companies and in several regards can be seen as a commercial partner of these companies, some of whom offer free BII membership to their tenants/lessees. Several companies are corporate BII members.

FEDERATION OF LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION

Another membership organisation, this one aims to look after the interests of self employed licensees and was formed in 1992. The advice, help and guidance it offers includes matters like contracts of employment, health & safety, staff induction and working time regulations. It has a direct financial/commercial link with Stonegate who offer free membership to all their tenants/ lessees. When the Pubs Code came in, the FLVA notably did not support the Market Rent Only option.

UK HOSPITALITY

The organisation sees itself as the 'single, authoritative voice representing the broad hospitality sector' so not just the licensed trade but also the likes of visitor attractions, nightclubs and bowling alleys. It resulted from a 2018 merger of the British Hospitality Association and the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers and membership is offered to operator and supplier companies plus affiliates



like educational establishments. Kate Nicholls is the Chief Executive. Its current campaigning priorities are 'the future workforce of the sector, tackling the excessive tax burden the sector faces and ensuring regulation on business is proportionate'. Members can access a variety of advice services, including cost savings, employee retention and legislative compliance.

FORUM OF BRITISH PUBS

The FBP was founded in June 2020 by redoubtable tenants' rights campaigner Dave Mountford (the Pub Defender) and Ian Cass, Managing Director of the Forum of Private Business, primarily to protect British pubs and the people who run them. They aim to support all publicans, and tied tenants in particular, as well as being a strong campaigning voice with government and the industry. In their view, there is much bad business practice and unfair behaviour in the latter and the absence of a fair, level playing field keeps many licensees in a state of perpetual jeopardy. There has also been, they say, no true representation until they came along for pub tenants at government level. To help address the imbalance, FBP gives its members access to expert advice and guidance on general and legal issues and. especially, on using (or trying to use) rights under the Pubs Code.

SCOTTISH LICENSED TRADE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1880, this is the leading licensed trade body in Scotland. It is consulted by governments, national boards and the media and members are also represented at local level

through a series of local and regional trade associations. Membership is open to all Scottish licensed trade outlets.

PUBS ADVISORY SERVICE

PAS was set up to help tenants obtain hi gh quality independent advice and support to grow their business. Areas on which it can advise include rent reviews, business rates, unworkable business plans mis selling of agreements and the Market Rent Only option. It also provides pre entry advice for people looking to enter the trade. It has represented many tenants in Pubs Code and other arbitrations.

CAMPAIGNING ORGANISATIONS

As well as CAMRA, several other groups have emerged tocampaign on pubs issues generally. The Campaign for Pubs was launched in June 2020 to campaign for a 'better, freer and fairer, more sustainable' pub sector. It aims to unite publicans, campaigners, suppliers and customers 'in a single mass membership organisation fighting to protect pubs.' **Protect** Pubs (founded 2014) is a 'community led campaign organisation and advice forum for all those who love pubs and want to see them at the heart of British culture'. Its Facebook page has over 2500 members. Fair Deal for **Your Local** and its predecessor Fair Pint has been campaigning for reform of the beer tie since 2007 and claims to have been the first campaign to get the beer tie and the behaviours of the large pub companies on the political agenda. It was set up and is run by tenants and former tenants.



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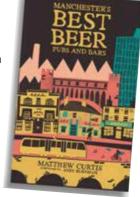
New Book: Manchester's Best Beer Pubs and Bars

WRITTEN BY MATTHEW CURTIS

There is no doubt that the most recent decade in Manchester's long and fascinating beer history is one of its most thrilling. It truly feels like the city has become an epicentre of contemporary beer culture, not just in the North-West but for the nation as a whole.

Most interesting is how the scene has shifted in its most recent years, especially following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Like much of the country, Manchester bore the weight of numerous lockdowns until society gradually returned to normal following the rollout of the vaccine.

This guide will introduce you to Manchester's beer scene and contains detailed reviews of nearly 200 must-visit pubs, bars, taprooms, cafés, bottleshops and other outlets with great beer. With an introduction



by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham this book will set a marker for any beer enthusiast's exploration of the North-West. From traditional pubs serving top-quality cask ale, to the latest on-trend bottle shop bars and funky brewery taprooms, Manchester is bursting with great beer and this new book will direct you to the very best.

Manchester's Best Beer Pubs and Bars is available from the CAMRA shop, *shop1.camra.org.uk/product/manchesters-best-beer-pubs-and-bars* at a member's price of just £14.99.

Beer of the Festival Presentation

Visitors to the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival held in Troon in October are asked to vote for their favourite beer of the festival. The winner this year was Landlord, the best-selling pale ale from Timothy Taylor.

Timothy Taylor's *Knowle Spring Brewery* has been operating since 1863 in **Keighley**, West Yorkshire. A certificate presentation has been arranged for the afternoon of **Wednesday 28 February 2024**. Tours for a maximum of eight folk per tour have also been arranged for Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

The timing of the presentation coincides with the *CAMRA Bradford Beer & Cider Festival* which is being held in nearby Saltaire from 29 February until 2 March.

Why not consider staying in the area for a few nights and enjoy some Yorkshire hospitality! Saltaire village is designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.



A & W CAMRA will not be organising travel arrangements or accommodation but there is a Travelodge in Keighley which would make an excellent base. The easiest way to reach Keighley by public transport is to use the rail service via Carlisle or Lancaster.

Anyone who wishes to visit the Timothy Taylor's brewery **MUST** notify Social Secretary Matt Miller on 07734 500934 or social@awcamra.org.uk.

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ALLOWAY

Cambusdoon Sports Club (SNIB Club of the

Year 2023)

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Chestnuts Hotel Glen Park Hotel

Tam o' Shanter

The Twa Dugs Wellingtons Bar West Kirk C

The Smoking Goat

BALLANTRAE Kings Arms **

DUNDONALD

The Auchans

** Bottle conditioned ales available

Match weekends only

TROON

Harbour Bar McKav's

Marr Rugby Club #

Number Forty-Seven

CAMRA members have noted limited opening hours and/or that real ale is not always available at these outlets.

G CAMRA vouchers accepted

Current Branch Area Pub of the Year

POverall Branch Pub of the Year 2023

Please remember that many outlets may operate seasonal hours - check before visiting

CAMRA members are encouraged to score ales they drink in their local pub, as it assists the committee in considering outlets for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. Please take a few moments to score your beers on whatpub.com if you visit them - see page 19 for quidance.

[§] Special offers for card-carrying CAMRA members



MONDAY MADNESS

Buy One Get One Free on main menu dishes*

* excludes grill dishes and daily specials

GRILL TUESDAY 50% off Grill Dishes

WICKED WEDNESDAY

Free dessert with every main meal

SIZZLING THURSDAY

50% off Sizzlers

DAILY SPECIALS

Available Monday - Thursday

2 courses: £15.95

3 courses: £18.95

Cut out this voucher to receive 10% off all main course dishes, valid until 28 February 2024



Voucher must be presented on arrival to the restaurant

*Not valid with any other offer



