

A&W CAMRA Calling April 2024

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Branch Events in April

Tuesday, 16 April, South Ayrshire Social

West Kirk, 58a Sandgate, Ayr, KA7 1BX; 14:00

Targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are equally welcome.

Thursday, 18 April, South Ayrshire Social

Twa Dugs, 71 Main St, West Kilbride, KA23 9AW; 19:30

Targeted at members residing in North Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are equally welcome.

Saturday, 20 April, Presentation to Five Kingdoms Brewery

This is a reminder of the coach pickup times (estimated return time in brackets) for those who have booked.

Saltcoats (railway station) 09:45 (21:00)

Kilmarnock (Palace Theatre, Green Street) 10:15 (20:30)

Prestwick (Main Street, after Saunterne Road) 10:35 (20:10)

Ayr (Station Road, bus stop on opposite side of road from station) 10:45 (20:00)

Estimated time of arrival at the Steam Packet, Isle of Whithorn is 13:00. We will welcome those making their own way there at around this time.

Our Pub of the Year, the Harbour Inn, Garlieston, feel they cannot cope with 50+ of us visiting at the same time, and so only a limited number of us will travel there by public transport, or by making their own way there, for the presentation at around 16.30.

Wednesday, 24 April, East Ayrshire Social

Weston Tavern, 25-27 Main St, Kilmaurs, KA3 2RQ; 14:30

Targeted at members residing in East Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are equally welcome.

Friday 26 - Sunday 28 April, National Members Weekend

Caird Hall, City Square, Dundee, DD1 3BB

Full details can be found at <https://camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference/>

Members attending are also encouraged to volunteer as staff at

<https://camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference/volunteer/>

Branch AGM Minutes

These minutes are available on application from the Branch Secretary, Ken Middleditch secretary@awcamra.org.uk

Branch Committee Update

Some changes took place at the aforementioned AGM.

- Douglas Graham has decided to “hang up his boots”, after many years, as Beer Festival Organiser and committee member. He still intends to be involved with the festival and wishes to be a corresponding member of the committee.
- Malcolm McNeill has relinquished his role as Wigtownshire Social Coordinator. He will continue to distribute Full Pints and to communicate with the committee on any local news or events which are worthy of CAMRA support. He wishes to pass on his thanks to the many members who have faithfully supported Wigtownshire Socials over the years, particularly Grand National Trips and Grapes Beer Festivals. Great memories! Much appreciated.
- Donald Clark did not stand again as a branch committee member but will continue as South Ayrshire Social Coordinator and wishes to be a corresponding member of the committee.
- Stuart Cambridge will not continue with his press/publicity role but wishes to remain as a committee member.

The Chair extends his thanks to all of them for their work, commitment, and input over the years. Eric Johns joins as a new member of the committee.

Campaigning Targets 2024-25

This is an extract from the AGM Minutes:

“It was agreed to have three campaigning targets, with one pub focused, as it was when having campaigning targets was statutory. The committee suggested two targets (Investigate ways to encourage publicans to support CAMRA and continue selling real ale. Encourage younger members to become more active.) and invited suggestions for a third from the floor. Two rough suggestions were made (Monitor pub change of use applications and object/campaign against them. Become involved in any bus service consultations/campaign for better public transport.). It was agreed that Lindsay Grant would ask for further campaigning target suggestions in the next A&W CAMRA Calling (by email to Andrew Middleditch, campaigns@awcamra.org.uk) by 13 May, when the committee would decide at their meeting.”

So, any suggestions should be forwarded to Andrew Middleditch campaigns@awcamra.org.uk by 13 May.

Pubs of the Year, Club of the Year, Beer of the Year and Brewery of the Year

- Pub of the Year Harbour Inn, Garlieston – presentation 20 April at 16:30
- Cider Pub of the Year Anchorage, Dunure – presentation to be arranged.
- Club of the Year Ardrossan Academicals Rugby Club – presented 23 March during AGM.
- Beer of the Year, as voted during the AGM, Loch Lomond Silkie Stout – presentation to be arranged.
- Brewery of the Year, again as voted during the AGM, Five Kingdoms – presentation 20 April.

50 Years of CAMRA in Scotland

50th Anniversary Pub Trail Challenge

The challenge is to visit 50 real ale pubs during 2024. This will take the form of a 3-tier award, i.e. bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

- Bronze - Visit any 50 real ale pubs.
- Silver - Visit 50 Good Beer Guide (GBG) 2024 pubs from any of the Scottish GBG Counties*.
- Gold - Visit 50 GBG 2024 pubs from 10 of the Scottish GBG Counties*
- Platinum – Visit 5 pubs from each of 10 Scottish GBG Counties in the 2024 GBG.

*A GBG county is a section of the GBG. So, for example, Ayrshire & Arran is a GBG county.

To participate in the challenge, you must download the appropriate form from the branch website at <https://awcamra.org.uk/50th-anniversary/> You are also encouraged to score your beers on the National Beer Scoring System (NBSS).

Full Pints Advertising

The viability of our award-winning magazine, *Full Pints*, is dependent on advertising income covering production and distribution costs. To this end, we are always on the lookout for new advertisers. If you are aware of any business, doesn't have to be real ale related, who might like to advertise in our magazine, please supply details to our Advertising Manager Janis Wood advertising@awcamra.org.uk

Branch Code of Conduct

This applies to all events.

Our wish is for everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun on our trips and events. However please remember that 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 well-being. If you have an existing medical condition that requires support, you must bring your own backup/carer with you.