

# A&W CAMRA Calling September 2024

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## Branch Events in September

### Monday 2 September Committee Meeting

**Auld Brig, Units 13-15, Rivergate Shopping Centre, Irvine, KA12 8EH; 20:00**

Obviously, it is targeted at committee members, but any interested member is welcome to attend.

### Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September Indie Beer Scotland

**Clyde Rooms, Edmiston House, Edmiston Dr, Glasgow, G51 2YX; Friday 17:30, Saturday 11:30 and 17:30**

Independent Festival, details at <https://www.siba.co.uk/indiebeerscotland2024/>

### Saturday, 7 September Dumfries & Stewartry Sub-branch Minibus Tour to Moniaive

**Meet Pleuchie's Howff, 97 Annan Rd, Dumfries, DG1 3EW; 12 noon**

A & W members have been invited to join this; details are at <https://dumfries.camra.org.uk/>.

Potential attendees should contact [socialsecretary@dumfries.camra.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@dumfries.camra.org.uk)

### Monday, 9 September Ayrshire Real Ale Festival Planning Meeting

**Twa Dugs, 71 Main St, West Kilbride, KA23 9AW; 20:00**

We are getting very close to our flagship event on 3 -5 October, and planning continues. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

### Friday, 13 September Scottish Pub of the Year Presentation

**Hillend Tavern, 37-39 Main St, Dalgety Bay, KY11 9ND; 16:00**

The pub opens at 15:00 and is about a 5-minute walk from Dalgety Bay rail station.

### Saturday, 14 September 3-Branch Social

#### See below for venues and timings

Part of 50 years of CAMRA in Scotland celebrations. Start in Ayr or Largs.

- Ayr: Twa Dugs 11.15; Ayrshire & Galloway Hotel 12.00, then train at 13.05 to Paisley Gilmour Street.
- Largs: Paddle Steamer 11.15; Three Reasons 12.00, then train at 13.07 to Paisley Gilmour Street.
- Paisley: Bull Inn 14.00; Last Post 15.00, then train at 16.15 to Glasgow Central.
- Glasgow: Pot Still 16.30; Drum & Monkey 17.30.

### Saturday, 14 and Sunday, 15 September Stranraer Oyster Festival

Five Kingdoms, Portpatrick and Sulwath Breweries will all be present, although possibly only Portpatrick will have a beer on hand pull. Details at <https://stranraeroysterfestival.com/>

## **Tuesday, 17 September South Ayrshire Social**

**Number Forty-Seven, 47 Templehill, Troon, KA10 6BQ; 14:00**

Primarily targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the branch will be made equally welcome.

## **Thursday, 19 September North Ayrshire Social and Branch Meeting**

**The Village Inn, 46 Bay St, Fairlie, KA29 0AL; 19:30**

Again, it is primarily targeted at members residing in North Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the Branch will be made equally welcome, particularly as it will include a very short branch meeting.

## **Wednesday, 25 September East Ayrshire Social**

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

Again, it is primarily targeted at members residing in East Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the Branch will be made equally welcome. We will take the opportunity to present the pub with their long-standing Good Beer Guide entry certificate.

## **Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September Forth Valley Dark Trail by Rail**

Organised by CAMRA's Forth Valley Branch. This is recommended to you, but we have decided not to have a branch social as, in previous years, attendees have tended to do their own thing.

The following pubs have agreed to stock dark beers.

- Tappit Hen, Dunblane
- Village Inn, Dunblane
- Allanwater Brewhouse, Bridge of Allan
- Settle Inn, Stirling
- No. 2 Baker Street, Stirling
- Curly Coo Bar, Stirling
- Station Hotel Larbert
- Wheatsheaf, Falkirk
- Carron Works, Falkirk
- Four Marys, Linlithgow
- Platform 3, Linlithgow

## **Ayrshire Real Ale Festival (ARAF) Volunteering**

It is that time of year again when we seek volunteers to staff our flagship event, the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival, in Troon. This year's dates are Set up on 1 and 2 October, Festival Open on 3 – 5 October, and take-down on 6 and 7 October; volunteers are required for all these dates.

Last year's volunteers, and some from previous years, should have received a personal invitation to volunteer. For others, and we are always looking for "new blood", the staffing form can be downloaded from the festival website at <https://www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk/volunteering/> Alternatively, contact the Festival's Volunteer Manager, Lindsay Grant, at [arafvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:arafvolunteers@gmail.com)

You can also volunteer online via the festival website. Please note that the application deadline is Saturday, 7 September.

## 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 4-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 five pubs from each of 10 Scottish GBG Counties in the 2024 GBG.

\* A GBG county is a section of the GBG. 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).

### Social to Mark the Setting-up of the First Branch

Just a date for your diary, i.e. Saturday, 12 October in the Bon Accord, Glasgow. Full details will be provided in the October edition of this newsletter.

### Anniversary Clothing

Orders for a second run of clothing featuring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo are invited. The order form can be found at <https://scotb.camra.org.uk/50th-anniversary/>. Please note that the closing date for orders is Saturday, 7 September.

## Festive Crawl

This is advance notification, a date for your diary, that the popular annual festive crawl is scheduled for Saturday, 28 December, in West Kilbride/Fairlie/Largs.

## Full Pints Autumn 2024 Edition

The latest edition of our multi-award-winning magazine is available to view and download from <https://awcamra.org.uk/publications/full-pints/>. Hard copies will appear in our real ale outlets during the coming weeks. Why not pop into your local for a pint or two, collect a copy, and score the beers while you are there?

## Full Pints Advertising

The viability of our multi-award-winning magazine, Full Pints, is dependant 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, which 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](mailto: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, 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.