

A&W CAMRA Calling October 2024

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Branch Events in October

Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 October Ayrshire Real Ale Festival (ARAF) Set-up

Troon Concert & Walker Halls; from 09:00

Volunteers have been contacted with details.

Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 October ARAF

Troon Concert & Walker Halls; Thursday 12:00 to 23:00; Friday 11:00 to 23:00; Saturday 11:00 to 22:00

See the article below.

Sunday 6 and Monday 7 October ARAF Take-down

Troon Concert & Walker Halls; from 10:00

Volunteers have been contacted with details.

Saturday 12 October 50 Years of CAMRA in Scotland Social

Bon Accord, 153 North St, Glasgow, G3 7DA; 14:00

A social to celebrate 50 years since the setting-up of the first CAMRA branch in Scotland. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 12 October Bob Yates 80th Birthday Social

Paddle Steamer, 30 Gallowgate St, Largs, KA30 8LX; 18:00

See the article below.

Tuesday 15 October South Ayrshire Social

Prestwick Pioneer, 87 Main St, Prestwick, KA9 1JS; 14:00

This is primarily targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the Branch will be made equally welcome.

Thursday 17 October North Ayrshire Social

Sharps, 34-36 Nelson St, Largs, KA30 8LW; 19:30

Again, this is primarily targeted at members residing in North Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the Branch will be made equally welcome.

Saturday 19 October ARAF Volunteer Social

Twa Dugs, 71 Main St, West Kilbride, KA23 9AW; 13:00

Relevant only to festival volunteers who will have indicated their intention to attend.

Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 October 31st Carlisle Beer and Cider Festival

Station Hotel, Court Square, Carlisle, CA1 1QY; Thursday 14:00-23:00, Friday 12:00 - 23:00, Saturday 12:00 - 22:00

CAMRA Solway Branch's festival is recommended to you.

Wednesday 30 October East Ayrshire Social

Wheatsheaf Inn, 70 Portland Street East, Kilmarnock, KA1 1JG; 19:30

Again, this is primarily targeted at members residing in East Ayrshire, but members from other areas of the Branch will be made equally welcome.

Ayrshire Real Ale Festival (ARAF)

Thank you to the 95 of you who have volunteered as staff. For the rest of you, our flagship event, in Troon's Concert and Walker Halls, runs from Thursday, 3 October until Saturday, 5 October. With over 150 beers and ciders available, what's not to enjoy? Please come along to support both your local branch and the Campaign in general. Details, including lists of the beers/ciders available, can be found

at <https://www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk/>

Bob Yates 80th Birthday Social

See this from Bob's son Matt: "Our distant traveller, my father, Bob, will be returning home from Thailand to visit us all for his 80th birthday. I am trying to assemble a gaggle of his pals to have a catch-up on Saturday, 12 October, in Wetherspoons, Largs, at about 18:00. Please would you be able to put the word out to the rest of the group to see who's likely to go? I know he'd really appreciate it, and it'd be a lovely surprise for him to see as many folks as possible there."

50 Years of CAMRA in Scotland

Social to Celebrate 50 Years Since the Setting-up of the First Branch in Scotland

See Branch Events in October above for details.

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 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).

Festive Crawl

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

Champion Beer of Britain Nominations

Online voting for beers to be included in CBoB heats in 2025 started on Thursday, 12 September and runs until Monday, 4 November, at <https://cbob.camra.org.uk/>

For several years now, our branch has been the best performing branch in the UK. Last year, 83 of you participated. It would be great if we could achieve that accolade again this year. You are, therefore, encouraged to participate.

Good Beer Guide 2025

We will have 20 copies of next year's Guide for sale at the ARAF Hub. Festival volunteers' price will be £12, other members £14.99 and non-members £16.99. Thereafter, any surplus copies will be available to attendees at branch socials for £12.

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

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.