

# A&W CAMRA Calling April 2026

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## Branch Events in April

### **Friday, 3 April and Saturday, 4 April: Larbert Real Ale & Cider Festival**

#### **Dobbie Hall, Main St, Larbert, FK5 4BL**

Courtesy of CAMRA's Forth Valley Branch, this festival features 55 - 60 real ales and 15 -18 ciders. Opening times are Friday 13:00 - 22:30 and Saturday 12 noon - 22:30. Full details at <https://camra.org.uk/event/larbert-real-ale-and-cider-festival-83416>

### **Friday, 3 April: Branch Social**

#### **Larbert Real Ale & Cider Festival; 13:00**

Join likeminded others for a convivial afternoon at this festival.

### **Saturday, 11 April: Two Pub Social**

#### **Mill House, 4 Dean Street, Stewarton, KA3 5EQ; 14:00 / Weston Tavern, 25-27 Main St, Kilmaurs, KA3 2RQ; 15:45**

Join in for a social at either or both of these pubs.

### **Wednesday, 15 April to Saturday, 18 April: Newcastle Beer & Cider Festival**

#### **Northumbria Students Union, 2 Sandyford Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8SB**

We have been asked to advertise this festival, organised by CAMRA's Tyneside & Northumberland Branch, and are pleased to do so. Details at

<https://tckty.camra.org.uk/e/471/newcastle-beer-cider-festival-2026?ref=scottishmembers#details>

### **Thursday, 16 April: North Ayrshire Social**

#### **Saltcot, 7 Hamilton St, Saltcoats, KA21 5DS 19:30**

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

### **Tuesday, 21 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 will be equally welcome.

### **Friday, 24 April to Saturday, 25 April: CAMRA Beer Tent at Paisley Food & Drink Festival**

#### **Bridge Street, Paisley, PA1 1FA**

Courtesy of CAMRA's Renfrewshire Branch, the festival is open on Friday from 16:00 - 22:00 and on Saturday, 12noon - 21:00m. Details at <https://camra.org.uk/articles/2420> Volunteers as staff are still required, see separate article below.

## Saturday, 25 April: Branch Social

### CAMRA Beer Tent at Paisley Food & Drink Festival; 12 noon

Join likeminded others for a convivial afternoon at this festival.

## Wednesday, 29 April: East Ayrshire Social

### The Auchans, 29-31 Main St, Dundonald, KA2 9HH; 14:30

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

## Dates for Your Diary

This is advance notice of some forthcoming events. Full details will appear in the relevant A&W CAMRA Calling in advance of each event.

26 - 26 May	East Ayrshire trip to Preston. Details from and names to Alex Burt <a href="mailto:east-ayrshire@ayr.camra.org.uk">east-ayrshire@ayr.camra.org.uk</a>
30 May	Kilmarnock Beer Festival (independent)
13 June	Joint Social in Ayr with Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch
1 August	Stewarton Beer Festival (independent)
6 – 8 August	Glasgow Real Ale Festival (CAMRA), Briggait, Glasgow
28 – 30 August	Twa Dugs Beer Festival (independent)
5 September	Two Pub Social
1 - 3 October	Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival, (CAMRA), Troon Concert & Walker Halls
6 - 7 November	Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival (CAMRA)

## Full Pints Advertising Manager

We still have a vacancy for this role. Ideally this would suit someone with a marketing background, but this is not essential. We must stress the importance of finding someone to do this. Otherwise, there is a distinct possibility that production of the magazine will cease. Anybody interested in taking up a role should contact Lindsay Grant [branchchair@ayr.camra.org.uk](mailto:branchchair@ayr.camra.org.uk) urgently.

## Great British Pub Crawl

Dale Harvie will visit Ayr on Friday, 10 April and Kilmarnock on Saturday, 11 April. See

<https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatBritishPubCrawl> and

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheGreatBritishPubCrawl> for details. You might like to try and meet up with him. In particular, a group of CAMRA members and friends habitually meet up in the West Kirk, Ayr on a Friday between 13:00 and 16:00.

## Paisley CAMRA Beer Tent at Paisley Food & Drink Festival

This, courtesy of Renfrewshire CAMRA, is scheduled for 24 and 25 April and they are looking for volunteer staff. The volunteer form can be found at [Volunteer Form](#)

## Heritage Pubs

Alan Graham has taken on the Scottish Heritage Pubs role and, with a view to setting up a local inventory for our branch area, he would be interested to hear of any possible candidates. Contact Alan at

[pub.heritage@scotb.camra.org.uk](mailto:pub.heritage@scotb.camra.org.uk)

Details of what we are looking for can be found at

[https://camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs?gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=23393133980&gbraid=0AAAAACzAWMwaTbHiT1no4cCjnNLb3U9Na&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1ZjOBhCmARIsADDuFTDiDoqDoYKLyCdKJmMpfJmFFwuoEDMvovkQI4OJQ2emlwQG67jdRfkaAk\\_jEALw\\_wcB](https://camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23393133980&gbraid=0AAAAACzAWMwaTbHiT1no4cCjnNLb3U9Na&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1ZjOBhCmARIsADDuFTDiDoqDoYKLyCdKJmMpfJmFFwuoEDMvovkQI4OJQ2emlwQG67jdRfkaAk_jEALw_wcB)

## Campaigning Targets 2026-2027

During the Branch AGM, held on Saturday, 28 March 2026, the following campaigning targets were agreed:

- Target 1. Increase the number of beer scores logged by our branch members on [camra.org.uk](http://camra.org.uk).
- Target 2. Retain and increase CAMRA membership within our branch.
- Target 3. Encourage younger people to attend CAMRA supported events.

We seek your support to achieve these targets.

## Beer Scoring Competition

- To support interest in Target 1, and to encourage members to visit pubs out with their normal locals, a prize will be awarded to the A&W branch member who scores beers in the most branch pubs.
- Whilst you are encouraged to score every beer you drink the winning branch member will be the person who scored beer in the greatest number of pubs.
- Currently there is a potential maximum of 49 pubs to visit and score within our branch.
- The competition will run from Sunday, 29 March 2026 to Sunday, 7 March 2027.
- If two or more members have scored the same number of pubs, then the winner will be the member submitted the most beer scores in total.
- The prize will be a 5L mini cask of real ale.

## Full Pints Advertising

The viability of our multi award-winning magazine *Full Pints* is dependant in 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, in the meantime, to [advertising@ayr.camra.org.uk](mailto:advertising@ayr.camra.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 wellbeing. If you have an existing medical condition that requires support, you must bring your own backup/carer with you.