

A&W CAMRA Calling June 2026

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Branch Events in June

Saturday, 13 June Joint Social with Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch

Smoking Goat, 2A Academy St, Ayr, KA7 1HS; 12:00

This will start at the Smoking Goat and then progress to the West Kirk, Wellingtons and the Twa Dugs. Contact Matt Miller social@ayr.camra.org.uk for further details or, if you want to join in at a particular time, you can call him on **07734 500934** to find out exactly where we are.

Tuesday, 16 June South Ayrshire Social

Prestwick Pioneer, 87 Main St, Prestwick KA9 1JS; 19:00

Targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire but those from other areas of the branch will be equally welcome. We are sometimes criticised for an over emphasis on midweek afternoon meetings and this evening schedule is an attempt to address this.

Thursday, 18 June North Ayrshire Social

Railway Inn, 4 Main St, Glengarnock, KA14 3AT; 19:30

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

Wednesday, 24 June East Ayrshire Social

Black Bull, 24 West Main St, Darvel, KA17 0AQ; 14:30

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

Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 June Indie Beer Scotland

The Pitt Venue, 20 West Shore Road, Edinburgh, EH5 1QD

An independent, i.e. non-CAMRA, festival organised by SIBA, the Society of Independent Brewers and Associates. Details, including a link to online tickets sales, at

<https://siba.co.uk/indiebeerscotland/>

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.

3 – 5 July	9th Alloway Beer Festival (independent), Cambusdoon Sports Club, Alloway
4 July	Joint Social with Renfrewshire Branch, Brown Bull, Lochwinnoch
5 July	Branch Social, Alloway Beer Festival
18 July	Beer of the Festival Presentation, Loch Lomond Brewery
1 Aug	Stewarton Beer Festival (independent)
6 – 8 August	Glasgow Real Ale Festival (CAMRA), Briggait, Glasgow
7 August	Branch Social, Glasgow Real Ale Festival

22 August	Joint Social with Edinburgh & South East Scotland Branch, Troon
28 – 30 August	Twa Dugs Beer Festival (independent), West Kilbride
29 August	Branch Social, Twa Dugs Beer Festival
12 September	2 Pub Social, Millport/Largs
1 – 3 October	Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival, (CAMRA), Troon Concert & Walker Halls
29 – 31 October	Carlisle Beer & Cider Festival (CAMRA), Station Hotel, Carlisle
6 - 7 November	Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival (CAMRA)

Full Pints Summer 2026

The latest edition of our award-winning magazine Full Pints is now available. The link to the online flappable version can be found at <https://ayr.camra.org.uk/publications/full-pints/> Alternatively, you can download a PDF version from the same address. Hard copies will appear in our cask ale outlets from the first week in June onwards. Why not pop into your local for a pint, collect a copy and score the beer whilst you are there?

Beer Scoring Changes and Competition

The online 0-5 scoring system will be replaced with text ratings on 1 June. You will simply be asked to rate the beer as excellent, very good, good, acceptable, poor or undrinkable.

One of our branch campaigns this year is to increase the number of scores we receive, which ultimately helps us select the best pubs for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. As an incentive, we are running a competition to win a 5L mini cask of beer, by encouraging members to visit as many pubs as possible in our branch area (currently around 49 pubs). The prize will be awarded to the A&W branch member who scores beers in the most branch pubs. 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 who has submitted the most beer scores in total.

Proposed Scottish Winter Beer Festival

The next online planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 June at 19:30. Anyone interested is encouraged to join in. Joining details for Teams below:

Scottish Winter Beer Festival planning meeting

2 June 2026

19:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Meeting link: [Scottish Winter Beer Festival planning meeting | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Branch Officer Vacancies

We have some vacant volunteering roles in our branch which need filling. Contact branch chair Lindsay Grant branchchair@ayr.camra.org.uk if you are interested in any of the roles.

Full Pints Advertising Manager - contact existing and potential advertisers for Full Pints. Current requirement is to make contact four times a year, plus any follow-up calls.

South Ayrshire Social Secretary - organise regular social events, currently monthly, around South Ayrshire cask ale pubs.

Wigtownshire Social Secretary - organise regular social events around the Wigtownshire pubs and feedback any news or updates about the outlets in the area.

Young Persons' Contact - be a point of contact for any of our younger members and organise socials and events for them on a regular basis, some of which could be based around non-cask outlets.

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 our Editor Stuart McMahon full_pints@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.