

A&W CAMRA Calling July 2026

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Branch Events in July

Friday, 3 July to Sunday, 5 July 9th Alloway Beer Festival

Cambusdoon Sports Club, 2 Burns' Wicket, Alloway, Ayr, KA7 4NH; 16:00 Friday, 12 noon Saturday/Sunday

Independent (i.e. non-CAMRA but with our support) Real Ale Festival, featuring ales and ciders from all over the UK, with hot food, live music, cricket and fundraising events. See https://www.facebook.com/groups/1566792620305004/?locale=en_GB for details.

Friday, 3 July, Champion Beer of Britain Presentation

Cairngorm Brewery, Dalfaber Dr, Aviemore, PH22 1ST; 14:00

The brewery will welcome visitors from 1pm for a 2pm presentation of the Overall Silver Award and the Strong Bitter Category Gold Award for their Wildcat beer. The brewery is kindly arranging a buffet for the celebratory event, and Emily Green, CBOB Coordinator for Scotland and NI, will require an RSVP by Tuesday lunchtime, 30th June, to gauge numbers, let the brewery know for ordering the buffet, and advise of any allergens or if you are vegan. Please contact Emily, at competitions@scotb.camra.org.uk if you intend to attend.

Saturday, 4 July Joint Social with Renfrewshire Branch

Brown Bull, 33 Main St, Lochwinnoch, PA12 4AH; 14:00

Come along for a few pints with members from one of our neighbouring CAMRA branches.

Sunday, 5 July Branch Social

9th Alloway Beer Festival; 14:00

Join in with other like-minded members and friends. See above for details.

Monday, 6 July, Branch Committee Meeting

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

Obviously targeted at committee members, but anyone interested is more than welcome to attend.

Thursday, 16 July, North Ayrshire Social

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

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

Saturday, 18 July, Branch Beer of the Year Presentation

Loch Lomond Brewery, Unit 11, Block 2, Vale of Leven Industrial Estate, Dumbarton, G82 3PD; 14:00

Join us, with Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch, for the presentation of our Beer of the Year for Silkie Stout. The brewery is a short walk from Renton Railway Station. The brewery has asked for an estimate of the number likely to attend, so please notify our Social Secretary, Matt Miller, at social@ayr.camra.org.uk if you intend to attend.

Saturday, 18 July, Branch Pub of the Year Presentation

Steam Packet Inn, Harbour Row, Isle of Whithorn, DG8 8LL; 14:00

Vice-chair Ian Middleditch will present this award.

Monday, 20 July Beer Festival Planning Meeting

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

Planning continues for our flagship event, the Ayrshire Beer and Cider Festival, in Troon's Concert and Walker Halls, scheduled for 1 - 3 October. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, 21 July, South Ayrshire Social & Branch Meeting

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

Targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch will be equally welcome, especially as it will feature a very short bimonthly branch meeting demanded by our constitution.

Wednesday, 29 July, East Ayrshire Social

Weston Tavern, 25-27 Main St, Kilmaurs, KA3 2RQ; 19:30

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.

- 1 Aug Stewarton Beer Festival (independent)**
- 6 -8 Aug Glasgow Real Ale Festival (CAMRA), Briggait, Glasgow**
- 7 Aug Branch Social, Glasgow Real Ale Festival**
- 22 Aug Joint Social with Edinburgh & South East Scotland Branch, Troon**
- 28 - 30 Aug Twa Dugs Beer Festival (independent), West Kilbride**
- 29 Aug Branch Social, Twa Dugs Beer Festival**
- 12 Sep 2 Pub Social, Millport/Largs**
- 1 – 3 Oct Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival, (CAMRA), Troon Concert & Walker Halls**
- 29 - 31 Oct Carlisle Beer & Cider Festival (CAMRA), Station Hotel, Carlisle**
- 6 – 7 Nov Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival (CAMRA)**

Branch Officer Vacancies

We still have some vacant volunteering roles in our branch which need filling. Contact branch chair Lindsay Grant at 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. The 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 provide feedback on 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.

Surplus Home Brewing Equipment

Lindsay Grant has a quantity of surplus equipment, free to a good home. Simply collect from his home. Please see the separate email for details.

Full Pints Advertising

The viability of our multi-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, 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 well-being. If you have an existing medical condition that requires support, you must bring your own backup/carer with you.