

A&W CAMRA Calling September 2026

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Branch Events in September

Saturday 5th September Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival Volunteer Application Deadline

See separate article below.

Monday, 7 September Club of the Year Presentation and Committee Meeting

Cambusdoon Sports Club, [2 Burns' Wicket, Alloway, Ayr, KA7 4NH](#); 20:00

Presentation of our Branch Club of the Year award followed by a meeting targeted at Branch Committee members but anyone interested is more than welcome to attend.

Saturday, 12 September 2-pub Social

Frasers Bar, [9 Cardiff St, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0AS](#); 14:30 / Paddle Steamer, [30 Gallowgate St, Largs, KA30 8LX](#); 16:30

Take the 14:10, or earlier, ferry from Largs to join up with others in Frasers at around 14:30. Catch the 16:10 ferry back to Largs to finish up in the Paddle Steamer.

Monday, 14 September Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival Planning Meeting

Harbour Bar, [169 -173 Templehill, Troon, KA10 6BH](#); 20:00

Final planning meeting prior to the festival. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, 15 September South Ayrshire Social

The Portland, [91 Portland St, Troon, KA10 6QN](#); 14:00

Targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are more than welcome to attend.

Thursday, 17 September North Ayrshire Social

Venue and time to be confirmed

Targeted at members residing in North Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are more than welcome to attend.

Wednesday, 23 September East Ayrshire Social and Branch Meeting

First Edition, [50 Bank St, Kilmarnock, KA1 1HA](#); 19:30

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

Saturday, 26 August Scottish Pub of the Year Presentation

Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn

See separate article below.

Tuesday, 29 and Wednesday, 30 September Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival Set-up

Troon Concert & Walker Halls

Only applies to those registered as volunteer staff on those days. See separate article below.

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 - 3 Oct Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival, (CAMRA), Troon Concert & Walker Halls

4 - 5 Oct Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival Take-down

24 - 25 Oct Ardrossan Accies Festival (Independent), Sorbie Road, Ardrossan

29 - 31 Oct Carlisle Beer & Cider Festival (CAMRA), Station Hotel, Carlisle

6/7 Nov Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival (CAMRA), Alloa Town Hall

29 Dec Festive Crawl, Largs/Fairlie/West Kilbride

Branch and Scottish Officer Vacancies

We still 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.

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

Scottish Branches have vacancies for a **Young Persons' Coordinator** and **Transport Coordinator**. Anyone interested should contact the Scottish Director Stewart Campbell rd.scotland@camra.org.uk

Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival

Should you be unable to volunteer (see below), we hope you will come along to support our festival. Entry for members is free; you only have to pay £3 for your glass and programme. With over 150 beers and ciders on offer, what's not to like? Full details at <https://www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk/>

Without volunteers to staff our flagship event, the Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival, the event simply could not happen. Previous volunteers should have received an invitation to do so again this year and, for them, apologies for repetition. However, we are always on the lookout for "new blood" and would encourage all of you to consider volunteering this year. Volunteers are needed during set-up (29/30 September), when the festival is open (1-3 October) and for take-down (4/5 October).

The application form can be found on the branch website at <https://ayr.camra.org.uk/festivals/abc-festival/> or on the festival website <https://www.ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk/volunteering2026/>

You can also apply online via the festival website. Please note that the closing date for applications is Saturday 5th September.

Full Pints Autumn Edition

Printed copies of the new autumn edition are now available in local real ale outlets (or will be very soon!). Why not visit your local for a pint (or 2), score the beer(s), pick up a copy and/or pass one to some of your friends.

Branch Clothing

We hope to offer clothing featuring the new CAMRA logo (see below) but this will be subject to a minimum total order of 20 items to make prices viable. Items available will be

- Short sleeved polo shirt (grey) £9
- Long sleeved polo shirt (grey) £11
- Sweatshirt (navy) £12
- Rugby shirt (navy) £16
- Fleece jacket (navy) £15

Orders may be collected and paid for at the Ayrshire Real Ale Festival or can be posted to you for which a postage and packaging fee of £3.50 applies.

The order form is available on the branch website at <https://ayr.camra.org.uk/> and full details can be found on the form. The closing date for orders is Saturday 5th September.

Scottish Pub of the Year Presentation

The presentation to the Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn will take place on Saturday, 26 August at around 14:00. Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch are organising a coach, picking up at Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock 10:15, Station Road, Ayr 11:00, arriving Isle of Whithorn 13:00. Cost £12.50. This is subsidised by CAMRA nationally, as a campaigning event, and also includes a complimentary lunch provided by the pub. Applications will be via TCKTY, on a first come first served basis, so look out for details.

Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB) Nominations

Online voting for beers to be included in CBOB heats in 2027 starts on Tuesday, 1 September and runs until Saturday, 31 October via CAMRA's national website <https://camra.org.uk/cbob>

For several years now, our branch has been the best performing branch in the UK. Last year 81 of you participated. It would be great if we could achieve that accolade again this year. You are, therefore, encouraged to participate.

Receive News from Other CAMRA Branches

Did you know you can opt in to receive communications from additional CAMRA branches? This is particularly useful if you are a student, travel regularly, often visit another area, or live close to a branch boundary.

To add extra branches:

1. Log in to My Membership: <https://members.camra.org.uk/my-membership/>
2. Select 'Branches'.
3. Scroll to 'Interested in hearing from other branches?'
4. Choose the branches you'd like to hear from and save your preferences.

This helps you stay up to date with socials, meetings, festivals and campaigning activities in the areas that matter to you.

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 fullpints@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.