

A&W CAMRA Calling October 2026

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Branch Events in October

**Thursday, 1 to Saturday, 3 October: Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival (ABCF) (CAMRA)
Troon Concert and Walker Halls**

See separate article below.

Wednesday, 15 October: North Ayrshire Social

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

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

Tuesday, 20 October: South Ayrshire & New Members Social

West Kirk, 58a Sandgate, Ayr, KA7 1BX; From 18:00

Targeted at members residing in South Ayrshire, but those from other areas of the branch are more than welcome to attend. All new members are invited and encouraged to attend the social, with any new attendees getting a complimentary pint as a 'thank you'.

Saturday, 24 and Sunday, 25 October: Ardrossan Accies Beer Festival (Independent)

Ardrossan Accies RFC Clubhouse, Sorbie Rd, Ardrossan KA22 8AP

A small independent festival which is recommended to you.

Saturday, 24 October: ABCF Staff Social

Ardrossan Accies Beer Festival; 13:00

Only applicable to festival volunteer staff.

Wednesday, 28 October: East Ayrshire Social

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 are more than welcome to attend.

Thursday, 29 to Saturday, 31 October: Carlisle Beer & Cider Festival (CAMRA)

Station Hotel, Court Square, Carlisle, CA1 1QY; 12 noon to 22:00 daily

Several members usually visit this festival, the venue for which is adjacent to the railway station.

Full details at <https://camra.org.uk/event/carlisle-beer-and-cider-festival-83931>

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.

6 - 7 Nov	Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival (CAMRA), Alloa Town Hall
5 Dec	South Ayrshire Festive Lunch, Chestnuts, Ayr (see article below)
16 Dec	North Ayrshire Festive Lunch; Twa Dugs, West Kilbride (details from Ian Middleditch north-ayrshire@ayr.camra.org.uk)
29 Dec	Festive Crawl, Largs/Fairlie/West Kilbride
9 Jan	East Ayrshire Festive Lunch, Auchans, Dundonald

Douglas Graham RIP

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Dougie Graham passed away during the early hours of Sunday morning 27 September. Dougie was probably best known as a former Organiser of Ayrshire Real Ale Festival in Troon, a role he carried out for many years. However, he also had several other roles within A&W Branch during his 20+ years as a CAMRA activist. Our thoughts go to his family, friends and CAMRA colleagues, past and present. We intend to mark his passing somehow during the forthcoming Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival. Dougie's funeral is scheduled for Thursday, 8 October at 14:00 in Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr.

Ayrshire Beer & Cider Festival

We hope you will come along to support our festival. Entry for members is free; you only need 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/>

South Ayrshire Festive Lunch

- Chestnuts Hotel, Ayr Saturday, 5 December 14:30
- £26.95 for 2 courses, £32.95 for 3 courses (includes tea or coffee). Menu choices are not required in advance.
- Bookings by 21 November to Matt Miller (social@ayr.camra.org.uk). £10 deposit required to reserve a place. This can be paid in cash or, if you require bank details, contact Matt.

- Menu

Homemade soup of the day
Prawn & crayfish tian
Platter of fresh fruit with raspberry sorbet
Chicken liver pâté
Garlic button mushrooms

Traditional roast turkey
Beef bourguignon
Pan-fried breast of chicken
Fillet of salmon
Moroccan spiced chickpea & mixed bean cassoulet
Grilled goat's cheese salad

Lemon & lime cheesecake
Traditional Christmas pudding
Salted caramel choux buns
Snowball coupe
Platter of fruit with strawberry ice cream
Cheese platter

Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB) Nominations

Online voting for beers to be included in CBOB heats in 2027 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.

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

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.