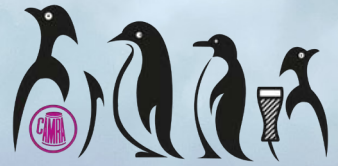


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Welcome to Dundee



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To those of you who weren't here in 2019, welcome to Dundee and the magnificent setting of the Caird Hall. To those of you who were, welcome back.



Colin Valentine
Chairman,
Local Organising
Committee

Why are we back so soon? Well, the first Scottish Branch was formed in 1974 and it seemed appropriate to celebrate our Golden Jubilee by hosting the Members' Weekend. As it's pretty much the same team who put the 2019 event together, we hope you have as good a time as those who attended last time did.

We have ordered beers from all over Scotland, from Orkney to Dumfries, with the current Champion Beer of Scotland – Cairngorm Black Gold – taking pride of place on the Members' Bar in the Marryat Hall. Sadly, logistics have defeated our efforts to have beers from Northern Ireland.

As well as visiting the city's pubs, don't forget to take in the culture of the city. It's not just the V&A, but also Discovery Point, both of which are just across the road from the venue. And, whatever you do, don't miss Dundee's very own penguins, which feature on our logo and have their own Facebook page.

Thanks must go to all of our sponsors and advertisers as running the event without their help and support would be so much more difficult. Please go to their pubs and drink their beer. And if you are a beer orderer, please order some for your festival.

I'm pleased, or sorry, to say this will be my swansong in terms of being involved in organising Members' Weekends. I first chaired the local organising committee in Edinburgh in 1998 and think this is an apt time to bow out. Despite everything, I have enjoyed all four of the events I have been involved in and hope to see you when I'm relaxing in the bar, pint in hand, at a future MW.

Finally, and on a personal note, I would like to pay tribute to two Scottish stalwarts, both, like Jonathan Kemp, from Glasgow, who we lost just after the 2019 event. Alastair Boyd, whose speeches to Conference, especially in Aberdeen in 1989, were legendary. I was honoured, if somewhat daunted, to be the celebrant at his funeral. Ellen McSwiggan was the organiser of the 2005 Members' Weekend in Glasgow and also the only person I knew who owned a Lochgelly. I still miss them both.

Any questions? Just ask!

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Chairman's welcome



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"FÀILTE AIR AIS GU DÙN DÈAGH".

As the above says, 'Welcome back to Dundee' for our 51st in-person Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference.

As well as being CAMRA's 53rd Members' Weekend it is also a celebration of 50 years of CAMRA in Scotland. I'm sure you will all join me in raising a glass of fine Scottish Ale in the Members' Bar to celebrate this momentous achievement.

The beer scene in Scotland has changed significantly over those 50 years. Today we see over 140 breweries in production in Scotland. Of which only two were in production in 1974. Those being Belhaven & Traquair House. One brewery that was in production in Edinburgh all those years ago was Lorimer & Clark who after being taken over by Vaux then Scottish & Newcastle became Caledonian Brewery. In 2008 S&N sold out to the Dutch Brewers Heineken who went on to devastate the proud brewing heritage of Edinburgh by announcing its closure in 2022. Something you will agree we can never forgive.

Dundee isn't just famous for marmalade, some of you will know that at the end of the Victorian era Dundee was also famous for the "three J's": Journalism, Jam and Jute. It is also the birthplace of The Beano and The Dandy, first published in the 1930s, and which during World War II saw them printed on alternative weeks due to ink and paper rationing.

I'm sure over the weekend we will learn much, much more about Dundee. Conference is where we debate potential new policies and change/delete our current policies, and although there are some regular speakers, those attending are always happy to hear from new speakers and to hear their points of view.



Nik Antona
CAMRA National
Chairman

If you have never spoken at Conference before, and there is a Motion you wish to speak on, please come and speak to me and let me know which one. Although I cannot guarantee you a place on the podium I will do my best. The Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference is a great way to meet up with old friends, and to make new, lasting friendships, as well as trying out the city's pubs.

The pubs know we are in the city and to expect us, so let's show Dundee we appreciate what they have to offer!

My colleagues and I on the National Executive welcome the opportunity to speak to you over a beer in the Members' Bar, so please do come and speak to us. We know that some great ideas have come from discussing things over a beer or two.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been involved in organising this weekend, your hard work is very much appreciated. I look forward to "Fàilte air ais gu Dùn Dèagh" and I am sure we will have an enjoyable weekend.



Conference Etiquette

Members who attend the Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference give up a great deal of their time for the Campaign. Similarly, speakers do so in a voluntary capacity. Speakers, whether a guest or a member, may be nervous when addressing such a large audience and all contributors deserve to be treated with respect, whether you agree with them or not. CAMRA has a zero-tolerance approach to discriminatory or offensive language, and everyone attending CAMRA events should abide by the Members' Code of Conduct and Festival Code of Conduct.

While someone is speaking, please do not walk around the auditorium or hold private conversations, as this is discourteous and distracting.

Please switch off, or put on silent, all mobile phones, and other electronic devices before entering the auditorium.

If you intend to speak on a motion, please move towards the front in good time and introduce yourself with your name and your CAMRA branch.

If you need us to make some adjustments to enable you to take part in Conference and debates, please contact membersweekend@camra.org.uk in advance or speak to an usher on site.

Please familiarise yourself with the Conference and AGM Standing Orders. These are printed in the Conference Booklet and online at

www.camra.org.uk/cpc to help you understand the procedures and language used at AGM and Conference, and how you can best make a contribution to debates.

Please note that CAMRA will be making video recordings of proceedings in the auditorium and other activities throughout the weekend. If you'd prefer not to feature in the video recordings, please email membersweekend@camra.org.uk to be edited out of the footage.

Our Codes of Conduct and information on submitting feedback or complaints are available at camra.org.uk/feedback-and-complaints

Our nominated charity - Dundee Bairns

It is a startling fact that 1 in 3 children in Dundee live below the poverty line. **Dundee Bairns** is a children's charity, supporting community projects that are in areas of high multiple deprivation to target the most vulnerable children through the provision of food, clothing, activities and other essentials.

Their mission is to ensure that every child has access to basic necessities regardless of their circumstances. With the help of volunteers and donors, Dundee Bairns has been able to make a positive impact on the lives of children in need.

The *Fun and Food* project delivers thousands of meals across Dundee every

April, Summer and October school holidays. The *Christmas Provision* project supported 850 families over the 2022 Christmas period.

The *Big Hoose* project is an exciting new project which will see hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of household items that would otherwise go to landfill re-distributed to help families.

For more information on Dundee Bairns please visit www.dundeebairns.org. Registered charity no. SCO47425.



Weekend schedule



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Friday 26th April

All timings are approximate
and subject to change

- 4.00pm Registration / Sign-in opens – Caird Hall
- 4.00pm Members' Bar & Shop open – Marryat Hall
- 6.00pm Conference Procedures Committee (CPC) meeting – Craigie Hall (1st floor)
- 6.00pm Coach trips depart from Crichton Street bus stops *
- 6.30pm Walking trips depart from Caird Hall entrance *
- 7.00pm Desi Pubs film screening – Committee Room 1 (Lower Ground Floor)
- 7.00pm National Executive (NE) meeting – Craigie Hall (1st floor)
- 9.00pm Registration / Sign-in closes
- 11.00pm Members' Bar & Shop close

Saturday 27th April

- 8.30am Café opens – Caird Hall
- 8.30am Registration / Sign-in opens – Caird Hall
- 9.30am AGM commences – CAIRD HALL**
 - Chairman's opening remarks
 - Appointment of AGM Tellers
- 9.35am AGM ballot boxes open (Registration Area, Caird Hall)
 - Housekeeping
 - Apologies for absence
 - Notice of AGM
 - Minutes of the 2023 AGM
 - Finance Director's report
 - Adoption of 2023 accounts
 - Appointment of Auditors
 - Authorise the NE to set the remuneration of auditors
- 10.15am AGM recesses
- 11.00am Ballot Boxes close
- 11.00am Conference Opens**
 - CPC Chairman's opening remarks
 - Appointment of Conference Tellers
 - Motions for debate
- 12.00pm Guest Speaker
- 12.30pm Campaigner of the Year presentation
- 12.45pm Lunch; Members' Bar & Shop open – Marryat Hall
- 1.00pm Organ recital – Caird Hall
- 1.45pm Members' Bar & Shop close
- 2.00pm Chairman's address
- 2.30pm Conference business
- 3.00pm Members' Bar & Shop open
- 3.30pm Fringe activities 1-3 start (until 5pm) – Committee Rooms, Lower Ground Floor; Book & Beer fringe activity * – Balcony Café
- 6.00pm Registration / Sign-in closes
- 6.00pm National Executive election results posted
- 6.00pm Coach trips depart from Crichton Street bus stops *
- 6.30pm Walking trips depart from Caird Hall entrance *
- 11.00pm Members' Bar & Shop close

Sunday 28th April

- 8.30am Café opens – Caird Hall
- 8.30am Registration / Sign-in opens – Caird Hall
- 9.30am Conference commences
- 9.35am Conference business and fringe activities feedback
- 10.30am Registration / Sign-in closes
- 11.00am Chief Executive's Address
- 12.30pm Conference closes
- 12.30pm Members' Bar & Shop open
- 12.45pm National Executive meeting – Craigie Hall
- 4.00pm Members' Bar & Shop closes
- 5.00pm Venue closes

* ticketed events - booking essential via camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference/

National Executive Seating Plan

Gillian Hough	Laura Emson	Dean Barrett	Ben Wilkinson	Catherine Tonry	Nik Antona	Ash Corbett-Collins	Nick Boley	Abigail Newton	Gary Chester	Gary Timmins
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Venue information

CAIRD AND MARRYAT HALLS

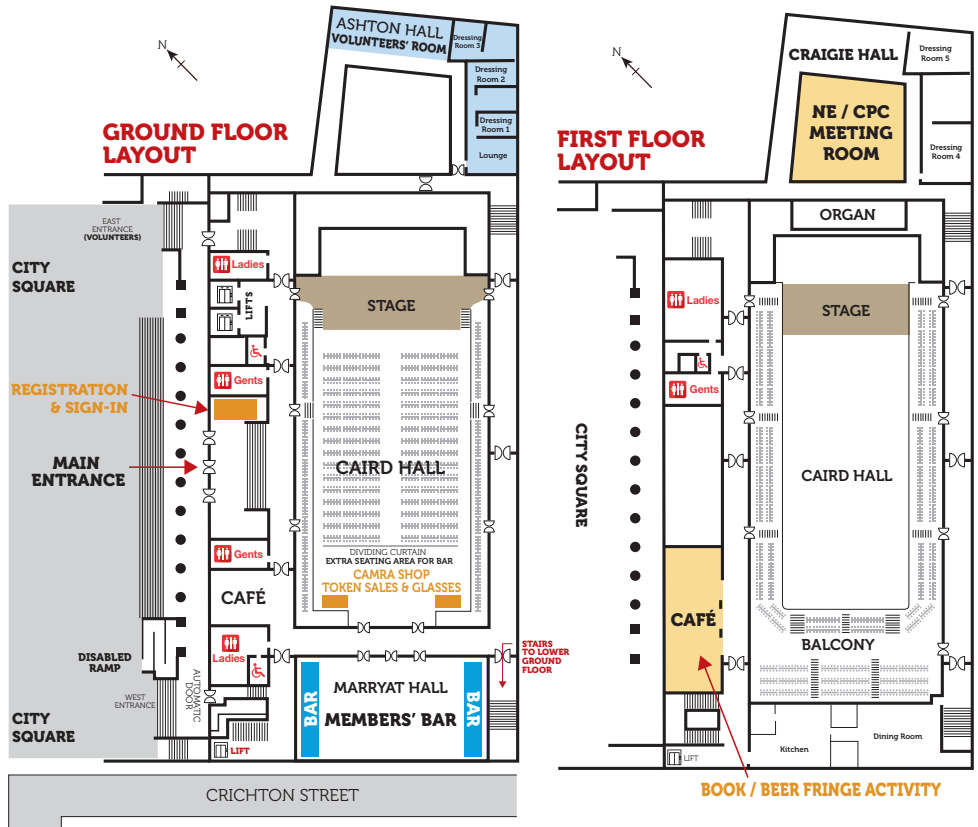
This year's Members' Weekend returns to the Caird Hall in central Dundee with the Members' Bar being held in the adjacent and impressive Marryat Hall.

The Caird Hall was built between 1914 and 1923, after being gifted to the City of Dundee by Sir James Caird – a local jute baron. The foundation stone was laid by King George V and Queen Mary in July 1914. Unfortunately, the First World War hit in the middle of the building works, which resulted in delays and Sir James died before it was complete. As both his wife and family had died before him his fortune passed to his sister Mrs Marryat. As the building project had run out of money, Mrs Marryat gifted in the region of £70,000 to complete the works, including the Marryat Hall which is in Louis XV style and the ten Doric columns on

the front of the building. Today the venue has a capacity of around 2,300 seated.

The hall's historic pipe organ was designed by Alfred Hollins and built in 1923 by Harrison & Harrison, who also completed a restoration in 1992. There will be a recital on it during the Saturday lunchtime break – details on page 15.

Registration/Sign-in will take place at the main entrance to the Caird Hall. Please have your CAMRA membership card or number ready. The **AGM and Conference** will take place in the main **Caird Hall**. The Members' Bar will be





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located on the ground floor in the **Marryat Hall**. There will be two separate bars located at each end of the hall.

There are several free-to-use cash machines located on the corners of City Square, outside the hall.

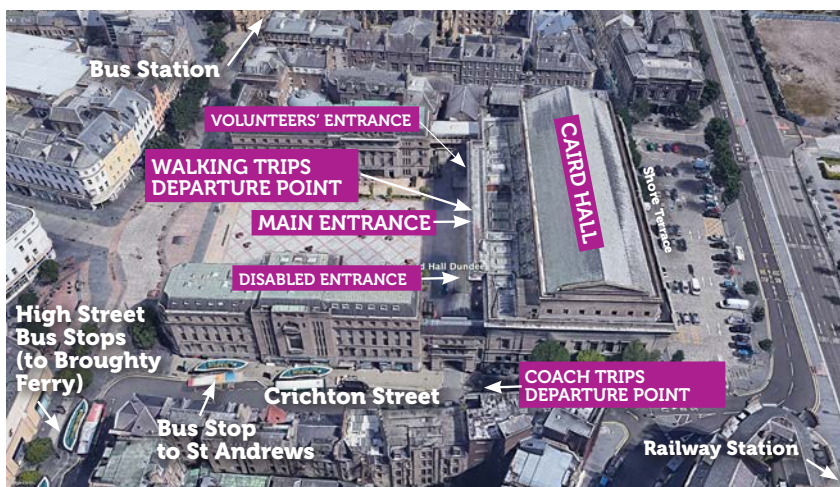
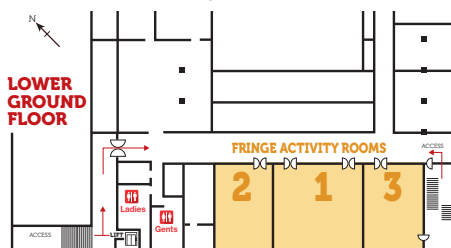
Payment on the bar is either by tokens (purchased via the tokens stand in the main hall with cash or card) or by contactless card on the bars. Please note, no cash taken on the bar. Full refunds will be given on any unused tokens. Alternatively, any unused tokens may be donated to our nominated charity, *Dundee Bairs*.

The **Fringe activities** will take place in various rooms on the Lower Ground Floor - see page 14 for details.

The **coach trips** will depart from the bottom of Crichton Street, beside the Caird Hall and the **walking trips** will leave from the main entrance to the Caird Hall. See page 12 for more information on the trips.

The **CAMRA shop** will be located at the back of the Caird Hall opposite the Members' Bar where there will also be extra seating available.

A range of hot and cold food and drinks will be available from the café within the Caird Hall, but there are also numerous shops, cafés and restaurants in close proximity to the Hall.



Our Members' Weekend logo is based on Dundee's bronze sculptured penguins that were crafted by Angela Hunter and installed in 2005 on the church wall at the Nethergate - a short walk from the Caird Hall. The penguins have become one of Dundee's most popular pieces of public art – they are dressed up at various times of the year (West Midlands CAMRA shirts shown opposite from 2019!) and they even have their own unofficial Facebook page.





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Getting to Dundee and the Caird Hall

Dundee is easily reached by public transport – rail, bus and air options are all available in reaching the city. The rail and bus stations are all located in the city centre and the airport is only a five to ten minute taxi ride from the city centre. The Caird Hall is a five minute walk from Dundee rail station and ten minutes from the bus station. There are numerous public car parks available nearby, charges will be applicable - details at www.dundee.gov.uk/services/roads-travel. **Please do not drink and drive.** The Scottish drink drive limit is just 22 microgrammes in 100ml of breath (the rest of the UK is 35 microgrammes). Dundee's Low Emission Zone (LEZ) enforcement doesn't start until 30 May 2024.

Buses

Stagecoach and **Xplore Dundee** are the two main operators in Dundee with a good network for travelling around the city centre and surrounding towns. Please remember that only Scottish concession passes are valid for discounted travel. The closest bus stops to the Caird Hall are located on Nethergate and Crichton Street, just one minute's walk away. Most of the city centre pubs are all within easy walking distance. However, the pub listings indicate recommended buses for some of the pubs. For members wishing to explore the wider

area, Stagecoach buses offer a wide and reliable service leaving from the bus station. In addition, **Scottish Citylink** has services across Scotland, **Ember Buses** (electric buses) provide services to Stirling, Kinross, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and **FlixBus** also goes to Aberdeen in addition to Glasgow, Edinburgh and stops south of the border.

To check timetables, routes and costs, visit either citylink.co.uk, stagecoachbus.com, exploredundee.com, ember.to, and flixbus.co.uk

Trains

From Dundee, you can easily travel by train to visit Fife, Perth, or Broughty Ferry, Monifieth, Carnoustie, Arbroath and other stations to Aberdeen. Most trains are operated by Scotrail, but LNER and CrossCountry also run occasional services to Aberdeen, Edinburgh and beyond. Timetables and fares are available at www.scotrail.co.uk



Taxis

The main taxi rank is outside the city churches on Nethergate, as well as one at the railway station. There are numerous operators available - search online for "Dundee Taxis" for a selection of them.

Other useful information

In an emergency call 999

Ninewells Hospital (24 hour A&E department)
James Arrott Dr, Dundee DD2 1SY

Pharmacy (opposite Caird Hall)
Boots, 49-53 High Street, Dundee.
9am - 6pm (10.30am - 5pm Sun)

Dundee Police Station (24 hour - call 101)
4 West Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1ADY

Members' Weekend Emergency Contact:
Local Organising Committee Chairman:
Colin Valentine, Tel: 07502 107435

Lost Property:
Ask at CAMRA Shop initially

Staying safe in Dundee

Welcome to Dundee, the vibrant city known for its rich history, stunning landscapes, and, of course, its exceptional beer scene. As you gather for the CAMRA Members' Weekend, we want to ensure that your experience is not only enjoyable but also safe. Here are some essential safety tips and information to make your time in Dundee memorable for all the right reasons:

STAY INFORMED: Familiarise yourself with the layout of the city, including key landmarks and transport hubs. Dundee has a great public transportation system that is considered reliable and safe, making it easy to navigate the city safely. You can find Travel and other useful information on page 11. Please remember though, only Scottish National Entitlement Cards are accepted for free travel, sorry!

BUDDY SYSTEM: Whether you're exploring the local pubs or attending our planned events, it's always a good idea to have a buddy or group to accompany you, especially at night. Look out for each other and ensure everyone gets back to their accommodations safely. If you're participating in one of our scheduled walking tours, simply follow the lead volunteer, identified by their high-visibility jacket.

MODERATION IS KEY: While enjoying the fantastic selection of beers Dundee has to offer, remember to drink responsibly. Pace yourself, stay hydrated, and know your limits. Don't hesitate to seek help or call for assistance if you or someone else needs it.

STAY CONNECTED: Keep your phone charged and have important contacts saved, including local emergency services, your accommodation, fellow attendees, etc. You can find the Members' Weekend contact on page 11. Consider carrying a portable charger or power bank to keep your device powered up throughout the day, providing peace of mind and uninterrupted communication.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS: If something doesn't feel right or if you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, trust your instincts and remove yourself from the situation. Don't hesitate to seek help from venue staff if needed. Approach the bar and discreetly ask for "Angela". The staff will understand that you need help

exiting your situation and will assist you in leaving quietly and without drawing attention.

BE STREET SMART: Like any city, Dundee has its share of traffic and pedestrian hazards. Always use designated crossings, keep to well-lit paths at night, and be mindful of your surroundings, especially when walking in unfamiliar areas. Keep your belongings secure at all times, especially in crowded or busy areas. Carry a small amount of emergency cash in addition to your cards.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: In case of an emergency, dial 999 for immediate assistance from police, fire, or medical services. Know your location and provide as much detail as possible to ensure a swift response. If you're in a situation where you cannot speak or it's not safe to speak, you can dial 999 and then press 55 to indicate to the operator that it's a genuine emergency and help is needed. This service is called the Silent Solution system and is available throughout the UK, including Scotland.

Our wish is for everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun on our trips and events whilst staying safe. CAMRA members should not behave in any manner that may bring the Campaign into disrepute, and be aware of our Code of Conduct which can be viewed here: www.camra.org.uk/member-code-of-conduct. Additionally, please remember that we are not responsible for local bus services and members should check timetables before travelling.

By following these tips, you can enjoy all that Dundee has to offer while staying safe and sound. Have a fantastic time at the CAMRA Members' Weekend, and cheers to good beer and great memories in Dundee!

Organised trips



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All trips and tours leave at the time specified below and aim to be back at the Caird Hall by between 9.30pm and 10pm so that you can finish your evening with a drink in the Members' Bar. Coaches depart at 6pm from the bus stops on Crichton Street. Walking tours depart from Caird Hall at 6.30pm. Please look out for your CAMRA rep in a high-vis jacket. **Please be at your departure point at least 10 minutes in advance.** Should we have any tickets remaining (including returns), these will go back into our ticketing system and can be purchased up until 5pm on the day. Book via camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference/organised-trips-2/

TRIP 1 - INVERALMOND BREWERY, PERTH

Fri/Sat - Departs by Bus at 6pm

Opened in 1997, **Inveralmond** is now owned by Innis & Gunn, but has over a century's combined experience in the brewing of beers.

The brewery is a 40 minute coach trip from Dundee. The trip includes a brewery tour, cask ale samples, a bottle or can to take away plus sandwiches, quiche and crisps.



TRIP 3 - 71 BREWING, DUNDEE

Fri/Sat - Walking trip departs at 6.30pm

71 Brewing is located at the top of Bellfield Street, DD1 5HZ, a 20-minute walk from Caird Hall. Alight at Bellfield Street if using No. 22 Bus. The trip includes samples of real ale and credit to spend in the taproom. No food included but will be available to purchase on site or en-route.



TRIP 2 - LAW BREWING CO., DUNDEE

Fri/Sat - Walking trip departs at 6.30pm

Law is a very small, but popular, brewery in Dundee, located in Unit 17, Mid Wynd, DD1 4JG, a 20-minute walk from the Caird Hall. Alight at Seafeld Lane if using any of the numerous buses servicing Perth Road. The trip includes a talk by the owner/brewer plus two pints of real ale plus some crisps/tortillas.



TRIP 4 - CAIRN O' MOHR, ERROL

Sat only - Departs by Bus at 6pm

Located on the Carse of Gowrie which was famous for its apples, pears and plums in Victorian times, Cairn O' Mohr started as a winery in 1987 producing a range of fruit wines. They now also produce a range of ciders made with some of the old varieties and a mixture of modern ones from the local area. The trip includes a tour, 40ml samples (five of cider and five of wine), a 500ml bottle of cider to take away, Scottish oatcakes and cheeses.



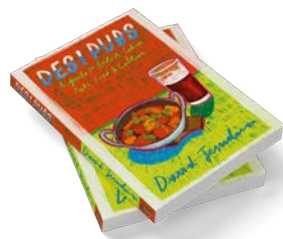
Fringe activities

FRIDAY 26 APRIL, 7.00-8.30PM

DESI – A PUB STORY (Film Screening) – FREE

An educational, awareness-raising and campaigning film, made for the Learn & Discover platform. It expands upon CAMRA's award-winning Desi Pubs book. Featuring 'desi' (people of Indian heritage) pubs, landlords, food, history and culture. It tackles the more difficult moments in the history of desi pubs. A poignant story of pubs serving their communities. Followed by a Q&A with director, Zaki Khan, assisted by Alex Metcalfe, CAMRA's Learn & Discover Manager.

Bring a drink along from the Members' Bar to enjoy during the screening. Book your place at <https://tckty.camra.org.uk/e/229/desi-a-pub-story-film-screening>



SATURDAY 27 APRIL, 3.30-5.00PM

These activities will take place concurrently after Conference has finished. All but the Beer Tasting/Book event are free to attend, and advanced booking is advised. Members can turn up on the day, but preference will be given to those with tickets. Sessions 1-3 take place in the Committee rooms on the lower ground floor. Session no. 4 will be in the café area on the first floor. Tickets available via <https://tckty.camra.org.uk/e/225/members-weekend-fringe-activities-saturday-27-april-330-500pm>

1. Recruiting new and younger members to CAMRA

There are several challenges facing membership recruitment at present. Declining numbers since Covid and an ageing membership mean we need to focus on how we recruit in the future. This workshop will provide advice and idea swapping on recruitment, as well as giving an overview of future activities. Presented by John Cottrell, Head of Membership and Laura Coles, Membership Recruitment Officer.

2. How to Create a Local Pub Heritage Listing

This session will take you on a step-by-step journey through the process of creating and publishing a Local Pub Heritage List: a list of your pubs that have heritage features. Your list will include pubs which are not sufficiently distinctive to qualify for a national listing. Where possible, participants are asked to bring their smartphone, tablet or laptop.

Presented by Dave Pickersgill, Pub Heritage Group member and Sheffield Pub Protection Officer, assisted by Regional Directors, Andrea Briers and Kevin Keaveny.

3. CAMRA Discovery Bars: Helping people to learn more about their favourite drinks with CAMRA.

A presentation explaining the CAMRA festivals Discovery Bar programme, the story so far, resources, equipment and support available for festivals to run their own. This includes a Q&A with volunteers and educators from participating festivals (subject to their availability). Presented by Alex Metcalfe, CAMRA's Learn & Discover Manager.

4. Tasting & Talk: CASK – The real story behind Britain's unique beer culture (£10).

Cask beer has played a crucial role in the rise of beer appreciation and remains a unique format delivering a drinking experience that cannot be achieved in any other way. Explore the origins and history of cask ale, as well as the ways in which it has developed and changed over time. This session will include samples of cask ale from the Members' Bar. Presented by Des de Moor, author of "Cask", assisted by Alan Murphy, Commissioning Editor from CAMRA's Trading team.



Timara Easter

During Saturday's lunchtime break, there will be a short recital given by Timara Easter on the Caird Hall's wonderful organ designed by Alfred Hollins and built by Harrison & Harrison in 1923. It was the company's first organ in a concert hall. Built on a grand scale, it is recognised as one of the finest instruments of its type.

Timara has been a familiar face to many as a volunteer at CAMRA festivals for the past 20 years, be it working behind a bar or as part of the stewarding team. However, away from CAMRA, she is better known as an organist.

Timara was born and educated in St Albans, the birthplace of CAMRA. She studied with Geoff Symon, Peter Dyke, Kevin Bowyer, Jeremiah Stephenson and Naji Hakim; the latter made possible thanks to generous support from the Savinka Foundation. Timara is a prolific transcriber of music for the organ; in particular the piano music of Erik Satie, Louis Vierne and Claude Debussy, some of which is due to

be published by Lyrebird Music later this year.

As a freelance recitalist, she has performed in many major churches and cathedrals across the UK, including Liverpool, Chester, St Edmundsbury, Blackburn, Truro, St Albans, Winchester and Coventry Cathedrals, as well as several appearances at Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow.

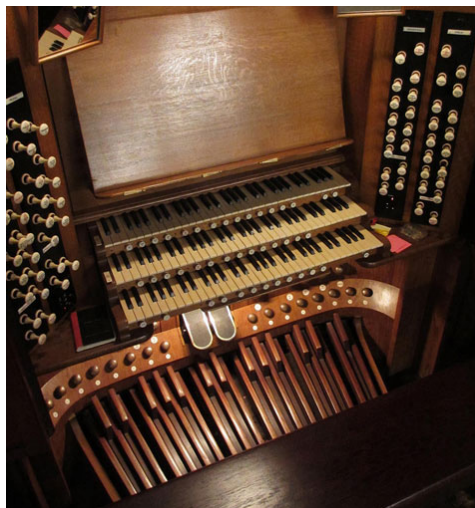
Upcoming recitals in 2024 include Blackburn and Southwark Cathedrals.

For recordings and videos, please visit: www.youtube.com/TimaraEaster.

Recital Programme:

- **Montagues & Capulets** (from 'Romeo & Juliet') - *Sergei Prokofiev* *
- **Cantabile** - *César Franck*
- **Boléro de Concert** - *Louis Lefébure-Wély*
- **Maytime Gavotte** - *Alfred Hollins*
- **Cake-walk** (from Children's Corner) - *Claude Debussy* *
- **Étoile du Soir** (Evening Star) - *Louis Vierne*
- **Finale** (from Symphony no.6) - *Charles-Marie Widor*

* transcribed for organ by Timara Easter



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CAMRA's 50th Anniversary in Scotland

Nationally, the Campaign for the Revitalisation of Ale, and what is now known as CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, was founded in 1971 by four real ale enthusiasts with the aim of saving traditional ales from disappearing due to the introduction of poor quality kegged beer by the "Big Six" breweries – Allied Breweries, Bass Charrington, Courage, Scottish & Newcastle, Watney Mann & Truman, and Whitbread.

During its first few years, CAMRA quickly grew its membership nationally and was visibly and vocally active in campaigning against the "Big Six". Local branches were quickly popping up around the country. In Scotland, a small group of Partick Thistle supporters had signed up as members of CAMRA, and regularly drank in the very small number of ale outlets available in Glasgow at the time. In 1974, when Scottish & Newcastle removed cask ale from all the Glasgow outlets, action was needed. Letters to the Glasgow Herald and Evening Times enquiring if there was still 'beer life' out there solicited a sole reply that the Golf Inn in Bishopton still offered real ale from Belhaven Brewery, and that CAMRA members would be welcomed for their activities.

An initial 'Testing Support Meeting' was held in September 1974 at which 25 people attended. The following 'Inaugural Meeting' in October 1974 drew no fewer than 75 real ale partisans and Scotland's first CAMRA branch was born – Glasgow CAMRA (albeit 15 miles away in darkest Renfrewshire!)

Since then there have been various branches and sub-branches formed across the country – currently with a membership of over 4,400 collectively. 50 years on, our 'region' has actually covered two countries – the whole of Scotland, and Northern Ireland. There are 10 Scottish branches (Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles; Ayrshire & Wigtownshire; Dumfries & Stewartry Sub-Branch; Edinburgh & South East Scotland; Kingdom of Fife; Forth Valley; Glasgow & West of Scotland; Highlands & Western Isles; Renfrewshire; and Tayside.

There is currently one branch in Northern Ireland, but a new Fermanagh & the West



sub-branch has been recently agreed.

Following the Regions Review by CAMRA in 2023, it was agreed that Northern Ireland will become its own region in 2024 which will assist the local campaigners with the political and licensing systems in the province.

In 2014, a booklet containing memories of the first 40 years of CAMRA in Scotland was produced, and it is available to view on the SNIB website at snib.camra.org.uk/50th-anniversary. It contains much more detail and reminiscences of the inaugural years than I could ever pull together and share in this short article. Some photos and press cuttings from the early days are shown opposite.

Breweries are at an all-time high in Scotland with over 170 now in existence, although there are also high numbers of closures, with recent notable closures being Caledonian, Tryst, Ayr, Strathaven and Windswept. One positive is that the number of Scottish Cider and Perry producers is rising rapidly, with the east coast of Scotland being home to many of them.

Like many other regions across the country, we are needing to campaign harder than ever in order for cask ales, breweries and pubs to survive. No-one could have foreseen the damage and extent that COVID has had on the hospitality industry. Opening times are still erratic, and staff recruitment remains challenging. Huge rises in costs for brewers and publicans mean that we are currently seeing pubs closing at a higher rate in Scotland than anywhere else in the UK at present.

The Scottish Government has an agenda to restrict/reduce alcohol consumption to

improve health statistics, rather than addressing sectors such as social poverty where misuse is highest; the Scottish Government also needs to acknowledge that pubs are a vital part of our country's social fabric and need to be supported.

I'd like to thank everyone who has been a part of CAMRA's 50-year journey in Scotland – your support has been greatly appreciated.

There are going to be special events held throughout 2024 across the

country including CAMRA's national Members' Weekend, AGM and Conference here in Dundee. Our branches will also be organising special events / socials for you to enjoy throughout the year.

Here's to the next fifty years.

Stuart McMahon,
CAMRA Director, Scotland



Not enough real ale on sale says CAMRA

Local beer drinkers are getting a raw deal when it comes to their favourite pint according to the newly formed mid-Resfrewshire Branch of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

For although there are hundreds of licensed premises in the area only 19 serve real ale. And now CAMRA which met for the first time in the Masonic Arms, Johnstone is determined to get more pubs in the area to stock it.

Chairman, Elderslie man Derek Moore said: "Basically we believe that real ale – cask conditioned beer – is better."

"You hear older drinkers in pubs saying beer isn't what it used to be – well they're right. Up to the 1960s all beer except lager was real ale."

The basic difference between real ale and ordinary beer is that ordinary beer is

pasteurised and the yeast taken out of it. This means in effect that it is "dead". The only way to put life back into it and give a pint its head is to inject it with carbon dioxide.

Real ale, on the other hand, still has the yeast content in it and this produces a head on the beer naturally without injecting carbon dioxide into it.

"Mr Moore added: "We are not trying to say that every single pub should have cask conditioned beer, we know that isn't possible. We just want to make sure that real ale survives."

Anyone who wants to join the local group should get in touch with Mr Moore at Johnstone 29723.



Members of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale at their inaugural meeting in the Masonic Arms, Johnstone last Wednesday, 1977



40th Anniversary celebrations in Johnstone



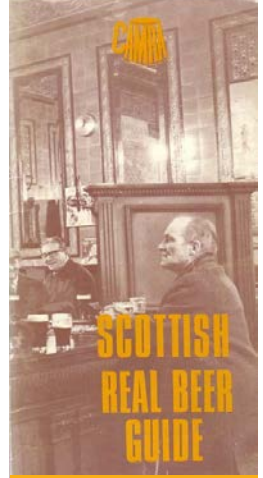
A touch of magic came to Bishopton's Golf Inn recently – in the form of Merlin, a real ale which has been introduced to the bar. And members of CAMRA – the campaign for real ale – were out in force to toast the brew. Raising their glasses are (l-r) David Younger, managing director of Broughton Brewery, Stuart Wallace, CAMRA chairman, Iain Stevenson, Broughton's sales executive. E. Bryce, Golf Inn's licensee and Derek Moore, CAMRA's secretary. (C35)

Rallying call for real ale

A group of beer connoisseurs alarmed at the alleged deterioration in the quality of beer in Scotland, are banding together to protect "real beer" which they define as "living beer kept and served in natural conditions without the assistance of carbon dioxide."

Mr John Whitecross, of 11 Lochside Street, Shawlands, Glasgow, hopes they can find enough support to form a Scottish branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), who have 25,000 members in England and Wales, and to provide a guide to pubs serving real beer.

He called an open meeting of enthusiasts for Monday night, October 7, in the Golf Inn, Bishopton, Renfrewshire.



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1. THE PILLARS

7G Crichton Street, DD1 3AP

An institution for its loyal regulars, The Pillars was taken over by local character John Justice in late 2010. One real ale available. Local MòR ales occasionally available. 30p discount with valid CAMRA membership card.

2. MARKET

7-9 Seagate, DD1 2EG

Popular pub with sports TVs, food and live music. Was formerly the Capitol cinema built in 1945, but then converted into a public house, with a staircase that rises to a large upper seating family area. Four real ales, with Law occasionally available.

3. THE COUNTING HOUSE

67-71 Reform Street, DD1 1SP

This Wetherspoon pub was once a bank, having first opened in 1856. The impressive building was originally designed by George Angus and modified by William Scott. It was reconstructed by Robert Gibson in the 1930s. Smaller than many Wetherspoon pubs, but still boasting a good selection of real ale. Very busy at peak times.

4. STAR & GARTER

42 Union Street, DD1 4BE

This is a fine traditionally-furnished pub with a long bar, green leather seating, fine gantry, and decorative glass panels to the rear, giving the appearance of having not changed much for many decades. Small snug to rear. Two real ales usually available. 10% CAMRA discount available.

5. THE BANK BAR


7-9 Union Street, DD1 4BN

A former bank, celebrated 25 years as a bar in Feb 2024; Bare-board floors, wooden furnishings and a series of alcoves with tables in the tradition of older Scottish city pubs. Four real ales usually available. Food is served until 6pm. Live music is performed most Friday and Saturday nights. Tayside CAMRA Pub Of The Year 2022.

6. PHOENIX

103 Nethergate, DD1 4DH

One of Dundee's oldest pubs with sturdy wooden seats and tables, green leather benches, and a rare Ballingall Brewery mirror, all giving the Phoenix its special traditional character; Five real ales usually available, and excellent pub food at reasonable prices.

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7. DISCOVERY BEERS

6 Queens Hotel Buildings, Nethergate DD1 4DT

Dundee's first dedicated craft beer shop with a wide range of beers from around the world, including some local RAIB beers, available to sit in or take away.

8. THE MAKER

142 Perth Road, DD1 4JW

Launched by 71 Brewing in December 2023, beers are mainly keg but one real ale should be available during the Members' Weekend. A spiral staircase takes you down to the toilets and also to a further seating area, which can be booked for small functions.

9. THE GEORGE ORWELL

168 Perth Road, DD1 4JS

Lots of George Orwell memorabilia and book-covers compliment the decoration. A good selection of bottled ales. One real ale often from Law available. Opens from 4pm. 10% CAMRA discount available.

10. SPEEDWELL BAR (MENNIES)

165-167 Perth Road, DD2 1AS
This B-listed pub has a lovely Edwardian interior, located at the bottom of a plain four-storey tenement and was built in 1903 by the architects John Bruce & Son. It comprises two distinct parts. Immediately in front, and to the right of the central entrance, is a large bar with an L-shaped servery which has a most impressive four-tier mirrored gantry, stocked with over 150 single malts. This bar is divided in two by a screen (with door) at the angle of the L. It is covered by an ornate Jacobean ceiling, and the left-hand area has a fine frieze. To the left of this main bar are a couple of rooms separated by a glazed screen. Both have wall panelling, original fireplaces and bell-pushes, but the seating is modern. The gents' toilets are definitely worth a look for their Edwardian lavatorial excellence of mosaic flooring, white tiling, Shanks 'odourless' urinals and cistern. Usually three real ales available, plus a selection of bottled Belgian beers. 150 malt whiskies served. Tayside CAMRA Pub Of The Year 2017, 2023 and 2024 and Scottish CAMRA Pub of the Year 2023 runner-up. 10% CAMRA discount available.

11. FREW'S

117 Strathmartine Road, DD3 7SD
A three-roomed B-listed pub with a public bar (fitted out in 1915), flanked by an important pair of Art Deco lounges. The public bar has been amalgamated with a tiny snug on the right by the removal of a short partition, which is evident on the floor. On the back of one of the pots which decorate the inglenook-style fireplace is written 'H & F Thomson Architect, Alex Fair

Wood Carver, John Scott Joiner' and 'Mr Stewart License Holder 18th October 1915'. The back gantry with bevelled mirror panels may well date from 1915, although other fittings are more recent. The metal-framed windows are typical interwar work and the corner ones depict a plough (the old name of the pub) in stained glass. On the right is a lounge with stylish interwar panelling, counter front and brass bell-pushes. At the rear is a second lounge which also retains its Art Deco fittings, including the copper-fronted counter, small fixed tables and other fittings. The 'Sporting Memories Lounge' is only open Friday nights, on Saturday, or by arrangement. The plethora of pictures and sporting memorabilia make it hard to appreciate the full effect of the 1930s work. Two real ales usually available. Ten minute walk from here to the Clep. **Buses 1 and 22 are nearby.**

12. CLEP BAR

96-98 Clepington Road, DD3 7SW
Behind the simple single-storey is a truly superb survival, which gives a perfect impression of how small urban Scottish pubs were being built at the start of the Second World War. This B-listed pub was purpose-built, with two adjoining shops, in 1940-1 and probably designed by J. MacLellan Brown, the city architect. The layout of public bar, lounge and jug and bottle is just as it was. The public bar has a projecting fireplace behind which are the tiny loos (entered from very narrow doors; the gents' still has original tiling). It has original three-quarter-height panelled walls, plus counter and gantry. The fixed bench seating has a number of solid wooden dividers and the fixed tables are original too. The delightful lounge

also has partitions forming seating bays, more small fixed tables and panelling, together with leaded windows, including one advertising 'Bernard's Edinburgh Ales'. There are working bell-pushes and those in the lounge are still responded to. The off sales on the right still opens occasionally. NO REAL ALE.

Bus no. 18.

13. LADYWELL TAVERN

16 Victoria Road, DD1 1JN
One of Dundee's oldest pubs, now B-listed, was formerly the brewery tap of the Victoria Brewery, and was created by converting an existing two storey building beside the entrance to the brewery yard. Originally drawing water from the Lady Well. Features to see are the gantry, cellar and the old pump on display which is still operational. Very much a community pub. NO REAL ALE.

14. ST ANDREWS BREWING COMPANY

2-3 Shore Terrace, DD1 3RD
A spacious outlet right behind the Caird Hall with a wide range of keg and bottles (real ale should be available during the Members' Weekend).



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1. The Royal Arch
2. The Anchor
3. Jolly's Hotel
4. Fisherman's Tavern
5. Ship Inn

Broughty Ferry

1. THE ROYAL ARCH

285 Brook Street, DD5 2DS

A popular locally-owned pub in the town centre. There are three TVs in the public bar for the many sports fans, and good-quality meals are served in the Art Deco lounge. CAMRA lists the Royal Arch as a Pub with Outstanding Conversion or Restoration. The gantry in the public bar was rescued in the past from the demolished Craigour Bar in Dens Road. The exterior was refurbished in 2014. Three guest real ales usually available. 10% CAMRA discount available. The station is close by and train times are displayed on a screen in the bar.

2. THE ANCHOR

48 Gray Street, DD5 2BJ

A fine anchor sign hangs on the exterior wall with a 1741 date. The interior is large, part-divided into three areas, all served from a central bar with five handpumps, although only two are usually in use. Nautical theme internally with a fine selection of old spirits mirrors on the walls. Food available most of the day.

3. JOLLY'S HOTEL

43a Gray Street, DD5 2BJ

Named after John Jolly, its proprietor for two decades in the late 19th century, this 25-room hotel was bought by Wetherspoon and re-opened in early 2014 after a major re-fit. There are two large areas, one area being more relaxed with comfy chairs the other more functional. Large selection of real ales available. The TV screens are usually muted. An outdoor patio area has a good number of tables.

4. FISHERMAN'S TAVERN

1-16 Fort Street, DD5 2AD

Licensed since 1857, this famous pub consists of three fishermen's cottages converted into a small hotel. The bar is to the right of the entrance, with a snug on the left, leading to the dining room/lounge, which has a real fire. The lounge to the rear has disabled access from Bell's Lane. This Belhaven-managed house, refurbished in 2018, has many changing real ales. Has featured in over 45 editions of the *Good Beer Guide* and was Joint National Pub of the Year in 1993. 10% CAMRA discount available.

5. SHIP INN

121 Fisher Street, DD5 2BR

The Ship Inn is a traditional free house situated on the waterfront, with views over the Tay towards Fife. Dating back to 1847, this cosy retreat is atmospheric and interesting, with several nautical features. A range of tasty bar meals is on offer and there is a restaurant upstairs. Usually three real ales available. Pavement seating available outside in good weather.

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Perth

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1. THE TWA TAMS

79-81 Scott Street, PH2 8JR
Taken over in Spring 2019 by Mad Ferret duo. Now Perth's premier music pub. Atmospheric bar with beamed low ceiling. Large outdoor drinking area. Formerly an army commandants house. Opened as a pub by the original twa Tams in 1975. Usually one real ale and a local cider available.

2. CULLACH TAP ROOM

50 Princes Street, PH2 8LJ
Perth's only independent taproom. Six free-flow taps dispense craft beers direct from key kegs, mostly Cullach's own range of beers - unfiltered, unpasteurised, and naturally carbonated. Some guest beers may not be real ale by CAMRA's definition. Best to ask.

3. CAPITAL ASSET

26 Tay Street, PH1 5LQ
Wetherspoon pub that was formerly a Savings Bank. The high ceilings and ornate cornices have been retained and pictures of old Perth adorn the walls of the open-plan lounge which overlooks the River Tay. The large safe from its banking days can be found in the family area. Six real ales are available.

4. OLD SHIP INN

31 High Street, PH1 5TJ
Said to be the oldest pub in Perth dating back to 1665, with no name change. Walls are timber-lined with white painted ceiling and frieze lightening up the bar. A large oil painting of a sailing ship is of particular interest. Lounge area to left of bar with a selection of books for reading. Also an upstairs lounge. Three real ales usually available. Tayside CAMRA's Perth City Pub of the Year 2023.

5. THE BUNKER

222 South Street, PH2 8NY
Former bank converted to lounge bar with golf simulators and games room. One real ale available, usually Timothy Taylor's Landlord. Food available all day. Closed Mondays.

6. THE SILVERY TAY

189 South Street, PH2 8NY
Conveniently located at historic South Street Port, this B-listed building dating from 1900 has a high-ceilinged, single-room establishment with dark wood panelling and a fine staircase up to the closed first floor. There are a number of alcoved seating areas,

making for privacy if desired. One real ale usually available.

7. CHERRYBANK INN

210 Glasgow Road, PH2 0NA
This 250-year-old family-owned former drovers' inn is a popular watering hole for locals. Three real ales are available from the public bar or in the larger L-shaped lounge with views up to a woodland walk. Large sunny elevated wooden decking area to rear. Good bar lunches and evening meals are served. No. 7 and 8 buses are handy.

8. GLOVER ARMS

Crieff Road, Huntingtower Park, PH1 3JJ
This Vintage Inn is located approx three miles west of the town centre beside a Travelodge. The Glover Arms is a country pub and restaurant with a mix of traditional with a few contemporary touches makes this a relaxing place to visit. The décor of natural wood and stone with a log fire provides a cosy atmosphere. Up to three real ales usually available. 20p CAMRA discount available. The No. 14 or 15 buses stop nearby.

St Andrews

Stagecoach 99 goes from Dundee to St Andrews.
Nearest station is Leuchars (then a bus to St Andrews).



1. WHEY PAT TAVERN

1 Bridge Street, KY16 9EX

The original birth place of the Kingdom of Fife CAMRA branch. The Whey Pat Tavern has the longest history in St Andrews; the current building dates from 1902, but there's been a hostelry here since 1580. The front bar is L-shaped with a dartboard and TV, and there is an airy lounge to the rear. 10% CAMRA discount on production of membership card. Up to four real ales available.

2. ST ANDREWS BREWING COMPANY

177 South Street, KY16 9EE

This craft brew pub showcases a wide range of St Andrews Brewing Co beers in cask, keg and bottle form. 18 taps are available, four taps are dedicated to real ales, normally two to STABCO ales, a guest ale, and a craft cider. This pub is popular with students, tourists and visitors alike. Enjoy a quick 1/3rd or 1/2 pint downstairs by the fireplace or upstairs in the beer hall.

3. AIKMANS

32 Bell Street, KY16 9UX

Aikmans is located between the two main streets in St Andrews – North Street and South Street. The unique two level outlet comprises a bistro at street level and the cellar bar on the lower. This retro decorated outlet offers a relax atmosphere enjoyed by tourists and students alike, be it for quick bite to eat or to sample one of the three real ales usually available.

4. THE RULE

116 South Street, KA16 9QD

The Rule is situated in the heart of the town. It is a favourite watering hole of locals, families and students alike, providing good food, live sport and music. Two real ales available.

5. THE CENTRAL

77 Market Street, KY16 9NU

This large bar is, as its name suggests, centrally located in the town of St Andrews. It has a Victorian-style island bar, large windows and ornate mirrors. Live sports are shown on the tv, bar meals are served all day. Three real ales usually available. 10% discount with CAMRA membership card.

6. THE CRITERION

99 South Street, KY16 9QW

One of the few family run pubs in St Andrews, the Criterion was established back in 1874. Situated on one of the main shopping streets in this university town, it is popular with locals, tourists, students and golfers. The famous "Cri-Pie" being available until 11:45pm. In addition to four real ales, a large selection of whiskies and gins are stocked. The Criterion operates a card payment service only.



Slightly further afield...



Campaign
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Real Ale

If you are willing to travel a little bit further during your visit to Dundee, then it's possible to visit pubs in Aberdeen and Stonehaven by train or bus. However, we'd like to highlight some pubs worth visiting that aren't too far from Dundee.

The first is the **Ericht Alehouse** (whatpub.com/pubs/TAY/61/ericht-alehouse-blairgowrie) in Blairgowrie, now being run by community volunteers. It is a former Tayside CAMRA Pub of the Year and is CAMRA's Perthshire Pub of the Year 2023. Six real ales are usually available. Closed Mon, open from 5pm Tues-Sat, 2pm Sun. Stagecoach buses 57, 57A or 59 run regularly to Blairgowrie. Last bus to Dundee departs Blairgowrie at 2155 (midweek), 2210 (Sat) or 2055 (Sun). Also worth visiting in Blairgowrie is the **Stormont Arms**, which has a CAMRA Historic Pub Listing (whatpub.com/pubs/TAY/64/stormont-arms-blairgowrie).

The other pub we'd like to highlight is the **Hillend Tavern** (whatpub.com/pubs/FIF/50/hillend-tavern-hillend).

It is our current 2023 Scotland & Northern Ireland CAMRA Pub of the Year, and also Kingdom of Fife CAMRA Pub of the Year 2024. Four real ales available.

Located just five minutes' walk away from Dalgety Bay rail station in Fife, it is open every day from 4pm (3pm Fri and 1pm Sat/Sun). Trains are approx. hourly and take just over an hour from Dundee to Dalgety Bay. Last train back departs 2327.



Forthcoming Scottish CAMRA Beer Festivals



Glasgow Real Ale Festival

6-8 June 2024

The Briggait,
141 Bridgegate, Glasgow
G1 5HZ

g-raf.camra.org.uk



Ayrshire Real Ale Festival

3-5 October 2024

Tron Concert Hall,
South Beach, Troon
KA10 6EF

ayrshirebeerfestival.co.uk



31st Alloa Cask Ale & Cider Festival

8-9 November 2024

Alloa Town Hall,
Marshall, Alloa
FK10 1AB

forthvalley.camra.org.uk

Attractions to visit in the area

DUNDEE



VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM

Riverside Esplanade, DD1 4EZ

Located on Dundee's waterfront, this iconic building is the first ever dedicated design museum in Scotland and the only other V&A museum anywhere in the world outside London.

RRS DISCOVERY

Riverside Drive, DD1 4XA

Located next to the V&A is Discovery Point, home to RRS Discovery and tells the story of her amazing Antarctic expedition with Captain Scott.

MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT

Market Street, DD1 3LA

Dundee's Museum of Transport tells the stories of local transport pioneers and innovators as well as displaying vehicles from local and national collections.

DUNDEE LAW

Dundee Law is a hill in the centre of Dundee, and is the highest point in the city.



VERDANT WORKS

West Henderson's Wynd, DD1 5BT

Verdant Works tells the story of Dundee's industrial textile (jute) heritage in the atmospheric setting of a beautifully refurbished Mill building.

THE McMANUS

Albert Square, Meadowside, DD1 1DA

Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, which celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2017, is located right in the heart of the city centre. Look for 'Oor Wullie' outside the museum.



ST ANDREWS

St Andrews needs little introduction with it's world-famous golf course, but a short stroll down towards the sea takes you past the ruins of St Andrews Castle and the impressive ruined Cathedral.



EAST NEUK OF FIFE

The East Neuk is home to the attractive towns of **Elie**, **Pittenweem**, **Anstruther** and **Crail** to name a few. Steeped in fishing heritage and wildlife, with views over the Firth of Forth, there are several real ale pubs and restaurants worth visiting!

Tay Bridge Disaster

William Topaz McGonagall, poet and tragedian of Dundee, has been widely hailed as the writer of the worst poetry in the English language. A self-educated hand loom weaver of Irish descent, he discovered his discordant muse in 1877 and embarked upon a 25 year career as a working poet, delighting and appalling audiences across Scotland and beyond.



The Tay Bridge Disaster remains one of Britain's worst ever railway accidents, and the events of 28 December 1879 have been long remembered, partly due to McGonagall's poem.

*Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay!
Alas! I am very sorry to say
That ninety lives have been taken away
On the last Sabbath day of 1879,
Which will be remember'd for a very long time.*

*'Twas about seven o'clock at night,
And the wind it blew with all its might,
And the rain came pouring down,
And the dark clouds seem'd to frown,
And the Demon of the air seem'd to say-
"I'll blow down the Bridge of Tay."*

*When the train left Edinburgh
The passengers' hearts were light and felt no sorrow,
But Boreas blew a terrific gale,
Which made their hearts for to quail,
And many of the passengers with fear did say-
"I hope God will send us safe across the Bridge of Tay."*

*But when the train came near to Wormit Bay,
Boreas he did loud and angry bray,
And shook the central girders of the Bridge of Tay
On the last Sabbath day of 1879,
Which will be remember'd for a very long time.*

*So the train sped on with all its might,
And Bonnie Dundee soon hove in sight,
And the passengers' hearts felt light,
Thinking they would enjoy themselves on the New Year,
With their friends at home they lov'd most dear,
And wish them all a happy New Year.*

*So the train mov'd slowly along the Bridge of Tay,
Until it was about midway,
Then the central girders with a crash gave way,
And down went the train and passengers into the Tay!
The Storm Fiend did loudly bray,
Because ninety lives had been taken away,
On the last Sabbath day of 1879,
Which will be remember'd for a very long time.*

*As soon as the catastrophe came to be known
The alarm from mouth to mouth was blown,
And the cry rang out all o'er the town,
Good Heavens! the Tay Bridge is blown down,
And a passenger train from Edinburgh,
Which fill'd all the peoples hearts with sorrow,
And made them for to turn pale,
Because none of the passengers were sav'd to tell the tale
How the disaster happen'd on the last Sabbath day of 1879,
Which will be remember'd for a very long time.*

*It must have been an awful sight,
To witness in the dusky moonlight,
While the Storm Fiend did laugh, and angry did bray,
Along the Railway Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay,
Oh! ill-fated Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay,
I must now conclude my lay
By telling the world fearlessly without the least dismay,
That your central girders would not have given way,
At least many sensible men do say,
Had they been supported on each side with buttresses,
At least many sensible men confesses,
For the stronger we our houses do build,
The less chance we have of being killed.*

wetherspoon

Real ale at Wetherspoon

Wetherspoon supports brewers of all sizes, across the UK and Ireland, so that customers can enjoy a diverse range of real ales.

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The Counting House

67–71 Reform Street, Dundee
DD1 1SP 01382 225251



Jolly's Hotel

43A Gray Street, Broughty Ferry
DD5 2BJ 01382 734910

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A Warm Welcome to the English Riviera



**CAMRA Members' Weekend,
AGM & Conference
Riviera Centre, Torquay
11-13 April 2025
Hosted by Devon Branches**



2 THREE B'S MICRO PUB 2

REAL ALES

REAL CIDERS



EVER-CHANGING
RANGE OF ALES

10 CIDERS

LARGE GIN
SELECTION

30
SEATS

& OUTDOOR
SEATING

OPEN

SUMMER | WINTER

SUN

12 - 9 | 2 - 9

MON - TUE

closed

WED - SAT

12 - 10 | 1 - 9

BAR SNACKS

CHILDREN &
DOGS WELCOME

HOT & COLD
SOFT DRINKS

TAKEOUT
AVAILABLE



Scarborough

Bridlington

York



Bridlington's
Real Ale
Destination



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