

AVA NEWSLETTER

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AVA Christmas Luncheon 2024

Join Us for the Unmissable AVA Christmas Luncheon!

Tickets for the highly anticipated AVA Christmas Luncheon are now available, and you won't want to miss this highlight of the vending calendar. Secure your spot today for an unforgettable experience filled with exceptional food, drinks, entertainment, and more.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday 12th December 2024

Time: Luncheon 11:30 - 16:30 | After Party 17:00 - late

Location: HAC, Honourable Artillery Company, City Road, London EC1Y 2BQ

What's Included:

Welcome Drinks: Kick off the festivities with a variety of beverages.

Three-Course Lunch: Savour a sumptuous meal crafted to delight your taste buds.

Unlimited Beverages: Enjoy unlimited wine, beer, and soft drinks throughout the event.

Entertainment: Be captivated by top-notch entertainment that promises to enchant.

After Party: Dance the night away at Q-Shoreditch, a venue exuding elegance and sophistication.

After Party Highlights:

Q-Shoreditch

Games: Challenge friends and co-workers at pool tables, blackjack, and poker (just for fun).

Cocktails: Indulge in an impressive selection of handcrafted cocktails.

Late-Night Nibbles: Enjoy delicious finger foods available from 17:00 until late.

Table Bookings:

Seats: Tables available for up to eight guests.

Customisation: Personalise your table with branded table numbers and Christmas gifts for your guests.

Give your customers and guests an unparalleled Christmas experience at the AVA Christmas Luncheon. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment and the dreaded waiting list by booking now!

To Book Tickets:

Email: kennedy.warwick@the-ava.com

Don't miss out on this exclusive event. We look forward to celebrating with you!





AVA Golf Days!

Tee Off with the AVA Summer Golf Days!

Summer might be unpredictable, but the weather is always perfect at the AVA Golf Days! Don't miss out on two fantastic events designed for fun, networking, and great golf.

First up is the AVA Northern Golf Day on Thursday, 25th July, from 09:30 to 21:00 at Wetherby Golf Club, proudly sponsored by Nestlé Professional. Act fast, as there are only a few places remaining!

Next, join us for the AVA Southern Golf Day on Wednesday, 28th August, at Pryford Lakes, sponsored by H2O Direct.

Both golf days are priced at £85 per person (+ VAT) and include food and drink throughout the day.

Enjoy a day of golfing excellence, camaraderie, and delicious refreshments. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a beginner, these events are perfect for enjoying the sport while making valuable connections.

To book your place, simply email kennedy.warwick@the-ava.com. Spaces are filling up quickly, so secure your spot today. We look forward to seeing you on the green!



Announcing the Results of the AVA Board Elections

We are excited to announce the results of last month's [AVA Board](#) elections, where many AVA Members cast their votes to elect two new Operator Representatives. We are delighted to welcome Chris Skipper and Tom Williams to the AVA Board. Thank you to everyone who voted and participated in the election process.

We are also pleased to confirm Stuart Coutts as an Operator representative and Adrian Pratt for Commodities.

Chris Skipper:

Chris has been involved in the vending industry since 1984, starting in a family business which was purchased by NVCS in 1993. He has developed his career in the operational and technical aspects of the industry and became a director of NVCS in 2006. Passionate about raising industry standards, Chris has served on the AVA technical committee for over 15 years and has been

instrumental in advocating for industry-specific training for technical staff. An avid AVA supporter, Chris looks forward to adding further value to membership and the industry during his tenure on the board.

Tom Williams:

Tom brings extensive experience, an innovative mindset, and a commitment to advancing the vending industry. As the Sales & Marketing Manager and now Managing Director at Coinadrink, Tom has gained valuable insights into customer preferences, industry trends, and technological advancements. His forward-thinking approach, proven track record of implementing cutting-edge technologies, and operational strategies make him a strong advocate for the interests of operators within the AVA. Tom is deeply committed to the success and reputation of the vending industry, and his leadership will be invaluable in shaping the AVA's initiatives and policies.

Please join us in giving both Chris and Tom a warm welcome to the [AVA Board](#).



AVA Futures Webinar Recap: Insights into the Future of Vending

Earlier this month, the AVA Futures group hosted an enlightening online webinar offering industry insights into the future of vending. Our special guests included Pascal Uffler from **Boost Inc.**, Gillian White from **enavant**, Helen Hewlett from **CCEP**, and Dan Balnave from **Nestlé Professional**. Plus Angus Burrell, from **Paycomplete** and James Birch of **VMC**.

The webinar covered key topics such as strategies for adapting to market changes, anticipated future consumer trends, and emerging technologies that can enhance your efficiency and growth.

If you missed this spectacular event, don't worry—we've got you covered. [Watch the recording now.](#)

For more exciting events like this, check our [calendar.](#)



Food Business Registration Reminder

Having been asked by some AVA member (new & old) it is worth re-iterating:

You must register your business with the local authority area in which your business is located and ensure that they understand the nature of your business. There is no cost to register the business and registration cannot be refused. Your local authority will advise you on whether there are additional regulations that apply to your business

Your registration details can be submitted via the following link: <https://register.food.gov.uk/new>

You should register at least 28 days before starting to trade.

Vending operators should register the location(s) of their business premises but it is not necessary to register the location of individual machines. When you register with your local authority, your local food safety team will automatically be notified. You do not need to contact them as an inspection will be arranged if required although it is not mandatory to have one before you start trading.

Part 1

Food premises registration

You must register your business with your local authority and ensure they understand the nature of your business. There is no cost to register the business and registration cannot be refused. Your local authority will advise you on whether there are additional regulations, that are not covered in this guide, that apply to your business.

How to comply with the law

You must register your business with your local authority. Details of how to do this can be found on the FSA website registration page. <https://register.food.gov.uk/new>

You should register at least 28 days before starting to trade.

Vending operators should register the location(s) of their business premises but it is not necessary to register the location of individual machines.

You do not need to be visited by an environmental health officer before starting to trade.

You must inform your local authority if you make any significant changes in your operations. Significant changes in this context would include increasing the range of products vended from ambient stable foods to include chilled foods, or if you decided to store fresh milk for coffee machines on your premises.

You must inform your local authority if you sell or close your business. You must reregister if you move premises from one local authority to another or check the company's registration if you take over a going concern.

Good practice

If you intend to move into distribution of chilled food it is good practice to discuss the implications with your local authority at an early stage, particularly before equipment is purchased or installed.

The law

Article 6 deals with official controls, registration and approval.

Retained Regulation (EC) 852/2004 Article 6(2)

Every food business operator shall notify the appropriate competent authority, in the manner that the latter requires, of each establishment under its control that carries out any of the stages of production, processing and distribution of food, with a view to the registration of each such establishment. Food business operators shall also ensure that the competent authority always has up-to-date information on establishments, including by notifying any significant change in activities and any closure of an existing establishment.

Welcome to Our New AVA Members!

The AVA is delighted to welcome several new members to our community in 2024. We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to working with each of them for many years to come.

For more information on the benefits of being an AVA member, visit our website [here](#).

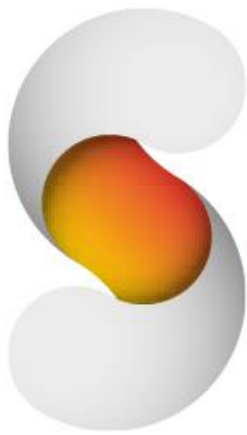


“At [Johnsons Vending](#), we offer new and second-hand quality vending machines across the East Midlands. Our wide range of vending solutions, exceptional service and dedication to our customers, makes us the number one supplier in the area. Whatever you need, we are here to help, offering everything including our 24-hour customer ordering portal for products to fill you vending machine and much more.

Our competitive prices, flexibility and refusal to compromise on quality mean that we should be your first choice for all your refreshment requirements.

By working with the major manufacturers in the industry we can provide barista-style coffee machines, chilled and fresh food machines and traditional drinks and snack vending machines. Our fully managed vending machine hire service gives you the widest range of products to choose from, as well as supply, installation and maintenance. Our years of experience and qualified engineers can ensure that finding the right machine is hassle-free and convenient.

Johnsons Vending has been running for over 20 years and knows the industry very well. Slowly growing to a team of 5 when in 2021 they joined forces with Cema Vending in Nottingham. As one of the top vending companies in the East Midlands, it's no surprise that we want to go above and beyond for all of our customers."



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Payments

"Since 1994, we have prided ourselves in providing retail business products designed to optimise growth, safety, and performance for our own operations and those of our customers.

We provide an end-to-end solution with competitive payment processing and a contactless device to integrate seamlessly with your vending machine, offering you a secure and straightforward way to maximise on profit.

With our payment services, funds can be transferred to your bank from just 24 hours and through our SmartVent app, you can view sales and monitor stock levels in real-time. Supported by our dedicated UK support team and featuring an intuitive touch screen display, our device is designed for ease of use and reliability. Our solutions are affordable and customised to meet your specific needs, ensuring you receive the best rates and services to help your business succeed. With hassle-free setup through our 5* rated customer service team, you can start taking payments quickly. We accept all types of payments – online, in person, contactless, and mobile - watch your business thrive with [Suresite's](#) enhanced efficiency and profitability."



“It’s not just about packaging – it’s about partnerships. At [4 Aces](#) we believe in growing together and delivering results that go beyond expectations. For over two decades, 4 Aces has been a leading expert in the food and beverage packaging market, providing high quality products and services to the food, coffee, vending and water industries with premium quality and innovative packaging solutions. With a vast range of cups, lids and accessories and a wide range of food packaging items, we are able to meet the growing needs of our customers diverse requirements. Our commitment to excellence extends beyond delivering exceptional products; it encompasses a supply chain built on quality, value and sustainability, whilst working in partnership with our customers to meet and exceed their needs.

With over 100 years of combined industry experience between us, our team brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every project. Our facility is backed up by our BRC AA grade standard – one of the highest levels of certification for food safety storage and distribution, ensuring that our service meets the demands of a growing market.

Every member of our team is dedicated to exceeding customer expectations, ensuring seamless collaboration and excellent service. From our humble beginnings we have built partnerships that have stood the test of time.

We look forward to being proud active members of the AVA, and are excited to contribute further to this thriving industry.”

Promoting the AVA Badge of Quality Service

At the AVA, we are dedicated to promoting the AVA Badge of Quality Service and encouraging end user clients to work directly with AVA Members. This June, we've taken our efforts a step further by launching a series of advertisements in various prestigious publications. These ads aim to underscore the importance of partnering with AVA Members for all vending needs.

Check out our advertisement in the June edition of TUCO [here](#). Be on the lookout for our upcoming features in FMUK and FMJ this August. Stay tuned!

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[CALENDAR](#)



We're in the news! Check out what we have been up to:

The latest census results are making headlines and taking everyone by surprise! Read all about it [here](#).

The AVA Futures Webinar has garnered significant attention! Read all about it in [Refreshment Issue 34](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS JULY

Thursday 4	NIVO Annual Business & Golf Networking Event
Wednesday 17	Siemens Transform 24
Thursday 25	AVA Northern Golf Day



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