

AVA NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary: AVA Events for 2024

Get ready for an exciting line up of events over the next 12 months. We're thrilled to present a series of informative and engaging gatherings – that will be fun too!

We hope to see as many of you as possible joining us to chat about all things vending and automated retail.

All details can be found in the AVA [Industry Calendar](#)

AVA Live: On-the Road Wednesday 3rd April @ Scobie McIntosh

Guide Bridge, Ashton Under Lyne, OL70HU



We're going back on tour! Join us for this year's AVA Live: On-the-Road, generously hosted by [Scobie McIntosh](#).

Throughout the day, we'll talk about the impact of technological advancements on your existing equipment, the opportunities in 'smart fridges' and micro-markets and the future of cash.

The event is free for all AVA members and we look forward to seeing you there! Full details [HERE](#)

1st May - AVA Activity Day

Sponsored by [EVOCA](#)



After an enjoyable and exciting day in 2023, the AVA Activity Day is back by popular demand at Adventure Sports, Wedgnock Lane in Warwick, CV35 7PX.

We are limited to just 35 places on the day, so to bag yourself a place, get in touch now! At £125 (+VAT) per person, you're in for a day of fun-packed activities. The activities include: Reverse steer snooker, The Digger Challenge, Pistol & Rifle Targets & Archery

Ideal for all ages and abilities, with lots of prizes up for grabs and a BBQ lunch! Full details [HERE](#).

12th June - AVA AGM & AVA Futures Webinar



Join us as we host an exciting webinar discussing "The Changing Consumer – What does this mean for vending & automated retail?"

Stay tuned for more details on the AVA Futures.

If you'd like to get more involved, then please contact Kennedy.Warwick@the-ava.com

25th July - AVA Northern Golf Day at Wetherby Golf Course, West Yorkshire

Sponsored by: [Nestlé Professional](#) & [Nestlé Confectionery](#)



Experience a day of golfing excellence at [Wetherby Golf Club](#) as we return for this year's AVA Northern Golf Tournament. While we can't guarantee the weather you can be sure of a warm welcome and an excellent day's golf!

Play over 27 holes to compete for the Jack West Trophy, with the Nestlé Trophy presented for the best Stableford score over the 18 holes in the afternoon round. As well as trophies, you can enjoy refreshments throughout the day and then get dressed for an evening dinner and prize giving.

The day is £85+VAT per player – full details [HERE](#)

28th August - AVA Southern Golf Day [Pyrford Lakes, Surrey](#)

Sponsored by: [H2O Direct](#)



For our members residing in the South of England, we've got a golf day for you too! Join us at Pyrford Lakes for our AVA Southern Golf Day. Generously sponsored by H2O Direct again. Enjoy a friendly Stableford competition played over 18 holes and compete for the splendid AVA trophy. There are additional prizes up for grabs too – including the nearest pin on all Par 3 holes and even a prize for the least balls lost throughout the day (or the most)!!

Hone your golfing skills and join us for refreshments and a BBQ dinner after a day on the course. The day is £85+VAT per player. More details [HERE](#)

AVA Live: On-the Road Wednesday 2nd October @ DS Smith

Kemsley Mill, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2TD

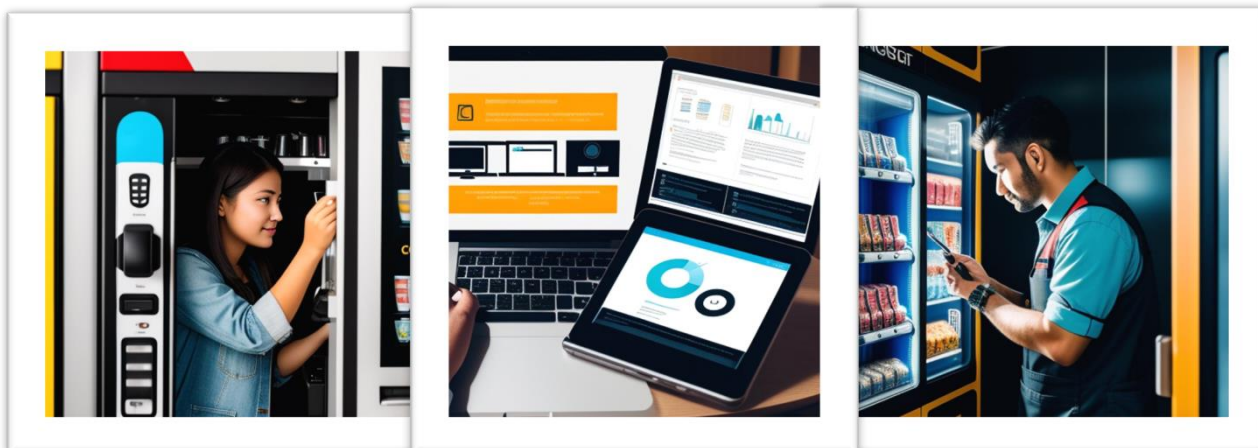


With increased pressure on the vending industry, proposals for a single-use cup levy in Scotland; legislation in place for a 20c 'single use disposable cup' levy in Ireland, plus DEFRA's – currently delayed – mandatory cup takeback scheme, recycling is even more important to your clients. Join us our second AVA Live of the year, where you can come and see how all paper cups can be collected and recycled.

With us, you have special access to one of the most advanced production and reprocessing sites in the UK at [DS Smith's](#) mill. Come along and find out more about what your business can do to address these legislation changes and reduce the cost of implementation.

The event is free for all AVA members however we have limited spaces. Full details [HERE](#)

29th October - AVA Technical & Vending Operations Day Webinar



After the success of our 2023 Technical & Operations webinar, this year's event promises to be even better. Covering topics such as water quality, food hygiene and how to make sure you are legal, pest infestations, and strategies for future-proofing your company, this webinar is a must-attend event.

Watch the AVA [Calendar](#) and [Newsletters](#) for more details.

12th December - AVA Christmas Luncheon

And, of course, not forgetting the (in)famous AVA Christmas Luncheon. With a Historic Central London Venue, fantastic entertainment and an amazing after-party bar, you are sure to enjoy this unique networking event! Tickets will be available from 1st May, 2024. So, get yourself ready to book your tickets for the limited places as soon as you can. Watch your email inbox for details.

We still have some event sponsorship opportunities, if your company would like to make a splash and support your industry. Get in touch with David.Llewellyn@the-ava.com

And finally



Nominations for the famous Vendies close today, 29th February. If you decide not to propose to anyone on this special Leap Year Day, you could nominate them for a Vendie instead!

The Vendies Awards will be taking place on the 5th June 2024 at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London.

Entries and nominations can be made [HERE](#)



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