

AVA NEWSLETTER

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New King - New Coins



The AVA has received word from the Royal Mint, detailing that the signature for the new coinage for his majesty will remain the same as current UK circulating coins for the Queen Elizabeth II.

The Royal Mint are now in the process of carrying out extensive validation and tests, and do NOT expect there to be any changes to their acceptance via vending machines.

The AVA will of course keep members alerted to any updates on whether a change in coins will affect them or not.

For more information however, feel free to contact the AVA via our [website](#)



The **National Cup Recycling Scheme** held an excellent webinar recently. With the UK Government's delay to the introduction of mandatory paper cup takeback it is very important that the impetus on Operators taking back cups is not stalled. The key is in getting smaller chains and independents (including vending operators) to takeback cups – so helping to establish the habit of bringing back paper cups to

retailers amongst the public. Of course, the more operators signing up the more convenient takeback becomes for the public. To this end the National Cup Recycling Scheme is making it simpler for smaller operators to participate – with lower membership costs and the introduction

of [The Cup Box](#) in which used cups can be placed and mailed back for recycling; a standalone solution.

For those who were unable to watch, the webinar recording can be found [here](#) and the slides presented can be downloaded [here](#).

VENDEX and the AVA 'Drop-In' Dinner at Chaophraya

We are excited to see all AVA members and non-members at **Vendex North**, which will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at The Centenary Pavilion, Leeds United ground! Visit the team at booth number eight to learn about the most recent developments in the industry. Furthermore, on Tuesday, November 7, if you happen to be in Leeds the previous evening, consider attending the **AVA/VENDEX "Drop-In" dinner**, at [Chaophraya](#)

Simply give 0113 430 0122 a call to reserve your own table for any time after 7:30 p.m.



P.S- you'll need to pay for the bill yourself!

Extended Producer Responsibility, Mandatory Cup Takeback and Deposit Return Schemes

As Defra have put back the launch date for a number of initiatives, there will be a special AVA Environment Newsletter coming out next week.

Watch your inbox for this crucial update!

Full sell out for the AVA Christmas Luncheon!

If a ticket to the AVA Christmas luncheon was on your Christmas list this year, then unfortunately you will have to wait until next year as we have officially sold out! If you want to go on the 'wait list', contact Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com

For those that did manage to get a ticket, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to [Tobacco Dock](#) on the 7th December, and hope to see you at the famous after party at The Skylight Bar!



DIARY DATES FOR 2024

If you are planning an industry event next year - let us know. We can add it to the [AVA Industry Calendar](#). It will provide publicity - and help you to avoid diary clashes.

Here are some important Dates for 2024:

March 2024

[Vendex Midlands](#)

Wednesday, 20th March 2024, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
MK Dons Stadium, Stadium Way West, Bletchley, Milton Keynes

April 2024

[AVA Live: On-the-Road \(North\)](#)

Wednesday, 3rd April 2024, 9:30am - 3:30 pm
VENUE TBC

May 2024

[AVA Midland Activity Day – Sponsored by EVOCA](#)

Wednesday, 1st May 2024
Adventure Sports Wedgewood Lane, Warwick

July 2024

[AVA Northern Golf Day - Sponsored by Nestlé Professional & Nestlé Confectionery](#)

Thursday, 25th July 2024, 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Wetherby Golf Club Linton Lane, Wetherby

August 2024

[AVA Southern Golf Day - Sponsored by H2O Direct](#)

Wednesday, 28th August 2024
Pyrford Lakes, Surrey

October 2024

[AVA Live: On-the-Road \(Midlands/South\)](#)

Wednesday, 2nd October 2024, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
VENUE TBC

[EVA EVEX](#)

Wednesday, 16th October 2024 - Friday, 18th October 2024
Cannes

December 2024

[AVA Christmas Luncheon](#)

Thursday, 12th December 2024, 11:30 am - 8:00 pm
Central London, venue TBC