



## Campaign for Real Ale

### Stroud CAMRA

Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021



## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BRANCH OFFICIALS DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

### 1. Committee

This meeting is Branch officials only since we under current rules we cannot meet indoors or with a group of more than 6. Bob Jeffrey has kindly agreed to continue in the role of branch secretary but sent apologies on this occasion.

### 2. Web, Social Media & Messaging

Bob Jeffrey continues to do sterling work as webmaster of the Stroud CAMRA Website, <https://stroud.camra.org.uk/>. Here you can find a wealth of information on our local pub scene and CAMRA.

The Stroud CAMRA Facebook page attempts to keep those in the Stroud area apprised of pub changes and opening. There are specific posts listing all establishments planning to reopen W/C 12<sup>th</sup> April and W/C 17<sup>th</sup> May with pertinent information such as booking and hours info. (see attached sheet) Reposts of pub posts are a feature to keep people best informed. Membership continues to increase >360 – up approx. 100 over the lockdown, with more people aware of it (part due to our repost into the Stroud Coronavirus Response page) and interested in our pub estate. The key post on reopening has been viewed by over 2700 people, so gives our pubs the best chance of patronage. Some action has been taken from a moderation perspective – the officers would advise that defamatory or derogatory posts will not be tolerated and may result in a user having all posts approved for posting.

Whatsapp is being used to communicate with the branch officers and active members and has been very successful.

Rules on postings being beer related are still in abeyance as pubs are in survival mode and we need to do all we can to allow them to generate revenue.

### 3. 2022 GBG

Stroud CAMRA's provisional list of pubs for the 2022 GBG remains the same as last year with one change. The Prince Albert is no longer our Pub or the Year with the Crown at Minchinhampton taking this crown. Tim has provided an update to these two venues only to the South West Regional Director. CAMRA plan to delay final edits of the guide until later in the year than normal to allow the branches to determine if any of the pub estate changes following reopening, warranting further change (sale, change of use closure etc.).

### 4. Resumption of Monthly Meetings

Branch contact is limited to Zoom meetings which have only just started (two meetings to date). Stroud proposes to continue with branch officer meetings once monthly making the agenda and minutes available to members until restrictions are lifted to allow our normal format to resume.

### 5. Whatpub

Need to review the extra services data as we are now in partial unlock.

## Pubzilla

The full survey activity initiated earlier in the year is currently stalled due to the lockdown. This will be resumed once pubs fully open. Next up are the Butchers Arms (Oakridge), the Falcon in Painswick, Fostons Ash in Birdlip and the Retreat in Stroud which were all last fully surveyed in 2009.

### 9. Breweries

Artisan continues to brew and deliver to people directly, the beer has been seen in the Prince Albert on cask (BB02)..

Big River Brewing – after a period of not brewing due to childcare issues Laith is starting this week.

Keep Brewing - currently not brewing as their main outlet (Village Inn) is closed planning to reopen, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Brewing will resume to support this.

New Fresh Standard, the beer range now includes a Porter. Beer is becoming available in Cask, has been seen at the Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe and the Fox in Coaley.

Stroud – recently conducted a successful crowdfunding campaign to keep the brewery open, it is now open for outdoor drinking with many improvements to their space.

### 10. Pub News Sales/Closed Venues/Other

The Ship Inn in Brimscombe, lease is available and under offer.

**Post Meeting Note:** There is movement on the Imperial Hotel, it being offered freehold (offers invited in excess of £1million) or a 20-year free-of-tie lease at a rent of £65,000 per annum, subject to five-yearly rent reviews:

[http://crm-hub.daviscofferlyons.co.uk/property\\_images/18180/5463\\_Imperial\\_Hotel\\_Station\\_Road\\_Stroud\\_Details.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1AI2OM6VBq37d1r1zyVmVViAck9tdSZbtVSJF2KRfGj9myKx1fdkDpK0](http://crm-hub.daviscofferlyons.co.uk/property_images/18180/5463_Imperial_Hotel_Station_Road_Stroud_Details.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1AI2OM6VBq37d1r1zyVmVViAck9tdSZbtVSJF2KRfGj9myKx1fdkDpK0)

### 11. Gloucestershire Branch Reports

With the lack of meetings and the resignation of Bob Jeffrey the link between Stroud CAMRA and Gloucestershire Branch has been limited. **Action** – Tony to make contact with Gloucestershire Branch Secretary and provide updates as appropriate.

### 16. AOB

Pub of the Year presentations – Tony will order certificates for Stroud CAMRAs winners:

Crown, Minchinhampton: Pub of the Year

Carpenters Arms, Miserden: Cider Pub of the Year

Chalford Sports and Social Club: Club of the Year (Stroud's first winner in this category)

We will play it by ear on dates for presentations contingent on unlocking and with due endeavour to convene on a weekend daytime and not clash with any major sporting events to maximise participation.

**17. Next Meeting – Provisionally booked for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 2pm @ The Prince Albert – For the minute limited to Branch Officers (one week before next unlock)**

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