



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 10th April 2024



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher, Tony Hill, John McMahon, Tim Mars, Charlotte Taylor, Richard Taylor.

Apologies: Nick Bishop, Bob Brooks, George Hill, Andy Long.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting/Action Status/Matters Arising from December Meeting

a. March Minutes.

Minutes has the April meeting date incorrect at the bottom – update needed.

Action #1 Tony Hill

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Jan #2	Corner House Pubzilla survey/update needed (moved location)	Andy Burston	Ongoing
Jan #3	Fostons Ash Pubzilla data to be entered	Andy Burston	Complete
Feb #3	Assess the Lazy Goose for continued entry in Pubzilla	Andy Burston	Complete
Feb #5	Arrange a date in April for CoTY presentation at Chalford Sports & Social Club	Tim Mars	Complete
Feb #6	Investigate/propose weekday evening bus social to Nailsworth	Bob Fletcher	Ongoing
Mar #1	Update to Feb Minutes	Tony Hill	Complete
Mar #2	Details to be shared for C-POTY presentation	Tony Hill	Complete
Mar #3	Date to be set for COTY presentation	Tim Mars	Complete
Mar #4	Bisley House Whatpub entry to be completed (pics & Description)	Tony Hill	Complete
Mar #5	Kings Head Kings Stanley community group to be put in touch with CAMRA Help (Paul Ainsworth)	Tim Mars	Ongoing

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

Saturday 30th March, we presented the Cider POTY Award at the Carpenters Arms. This coincided with the launch of house Rowdy Stroudy, a 6.3% ABV medium dry cider and cider apple tree planting event. This extends Sammie and teams run of two prior wins, one at County level a feat which she has managed to repeat for 2024.

The county award is still to be presented. The weather was benevolent with the rain relenting for the day and even the air temperature was pleasant until later in the afternoon. a good turnout and a pleasurable time was had by all.

b. Pub Officers report

Tim Mars has been in touch with the Matthew Burke (see 4.a Rose & Crown – Nympsfield below) and has agreed to speak at two village meeting on the benefits a community run pub can bring. The meetings are on Sat 13th April 13:30-14:30 and repeated 15:00-16:00

Action #2 Tim Mars

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

4. Threatened Pubs

Currently we have three threatened pubs, for which community groups are working to save, the Rose & Crown – Nympsfield, the Old Neighbourhood - Chalford and the Kings Head - Kings Stanley.

a. Rose & Crown – Nympsfield

Matthew Burke Chair of the Nympsfield Community Pub Group has been working with the Plunkett Foundation with the objective of getting the pub into community ownership. the Plunkett Foundation put Matt in contact with Paul Ainsworth of CAMRA (National Planning Policy Adviser). who looped Gloucestershire/Stroud CAMRA in. There was an ACV in place submitted by the parish council but the 6-month moratorium has passed. Plunkett and CAMRA Central are supporting the group The ask of Stroud CAMRA is to stand up a speaker at a public meeting at Nympsfield Village Hall on Saturday 13th April. The subject they are interested in is the benefits of community owned pubs. Tim is most knowledgeable on this subject and has agreed subject to provided transport.

b. Old Neighbourhood - Chalford

Stroud CAMRA chair Tony Hill received a communication via Glos CAMRA from Kevin Roseblade on 20th March:

Good morning,

The above pub closed in September 2022 and has been bought by a London based developer who has applied to turn the pub into a private dwelling.

A local group successfully applied for an Asset of Community Value and are attempting to purchase the pub for the community. The developer applied to Stroud District Council (application number S.24/0485/FUL) last week and the notice has only just appeared on their website.

My reason for emailing is to seek an objection to the application from CAMRA to help us keep the building as a pub and valuable community asset.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and please contact me if you need any further information.

Kind regards,

Kevin Roseblade

Chalford Hill

Geoff Sandles from Glos CAMRA has committed to write a letter of objection and share with us so that a similar letter written from Stroud CAMRA aligns rather than contradicts.

Action #3 Tony Hill

c. Kings Head - Kings Stanley

The King's Head has had a somewhat chequered recent past with sporadic openings but mostly closed under pubco ownership. The venue itself has much promise being located in a large catchment and having a skittle alley, outside space and rooms to let, however pubco ownership have not been kind to it. The pub is definitely under threat and the Village are understandably keen to have their pub back. There is a website detailing their campaign here:

<https://www.kingshead-kingsstanley.uk/>

The Village held a meeting on the 7th April at 18:00 which Tony Hill of Stroud CAMRA attended. The organiser Rob Faulkner is clearly respected for his launch of the campaign but needs help in many quarters. Stroud CAMRA has registered with him to provide advice/assistance as needed.

The meeting opened with handouts of a ChatGPT generated summary of a survey completed by some 402 people. 82 people attended the meeting and donations of £167 were received to support. The meeting was lively, with lots of Q&A. Minutes and survey data may be found here:

<https://www.kingshead-kingsstanley.uk/minutes/>

5. Spring Tippler Deliveries

For the last couple of Tippler deliveries there have been questions on quantity of Tiplers, we used to take 6 boxes but have reduce to 5. In fact, the Stroud allocation is 700 copies. Note that No of copies per box varies and we do not get to hear the quantity ahead of time. at 120 per box (understood to be the box count this time) is 6 boxes for Stroud. This may be why we have been running out of Tiplers of late since the Tippler continues to get bigger and therefore fewer per box. On the subject of deliveries:

Round	Roundsperson	Drops	Status
1	Nick Bishop	7	Complete
2	Bob Brooks	10	Complete
3	Andy Burston	8	Complete
4	Bob Fletcher	8	Complete
5	Tim Mars	7	Ongoing
6	Richard & Charlotte Taylor	8	Complete

6. 2024 Spring Gold Card Allocations

The various venues were reviewed and aligned with teams that had not completed any reviews of that venue during the previous year's round of gold cards. Allocation completion was agreed as follows with status indicated:

Venue	Location	Spring Assessors	Compete
		All March Meeting	13/03/24
		Nick Bishop/Bob Fletcher	20/03/2024
		Andy Burston/John McMahon	30/03/24
		Tony Hill/Bob Fletcher	27/02/24
		Bob Brooks/Andy Burston	24/04/24
		George Hill/John McMahon	28/02/24
		George Hill/Tony Hill	24/02/24
		John McMahon/Andy Long	08/04/24
		Tony Hill/Andy Burston	06/04/24
		George Hill/Bob Fletcher	29/03/24
		Tim Mars/Andy Long	
		Tim Mars/Bob Brooks	24/02/24

Note on Gold cards could all judges please capture the price information and measure the beer temperature where possible.

7. POTY, C-POTY, COTY Presentation Planning

The winner of the 2024 Cider COTY award was Chalford Sports & Social Club. A date was not available in April and two dates in May were offered. We have settled on 19th May since Andrew Frape of Glos CAMRA can support this to allow a double presentation.

Action #4 Tim Mars

8. Breweries Update

The Fresh Standard Brewing Co has a new beer Starting their range of hop highlight. A tropical hop explosion with our juicy golden ale, bursting with Nectarone hops and flavours of passionfruit and citrus. Vegan Friendly & only available in cask.

Keep Brewing, no news.

Stroud Brewery has won a SIBA award for their lager. Its organic lager, Light Organic Lager (aka LOL), received the gold medal in the Best Bottle/Can Session Lager category beating other competitors from around the UK.

9. Future Socials

A new suggestion for a weekday evening trip to Nailsworth for a social and pub survey combined mission was raised. All agreed and Bob agreed to expedite. No new action was necessary as we still have an outstanding one.

10. Pub Data/Surveys

Bear Inn - Bisley Bob Brooks informed us that it reopened on Friday under new landlords Stefan and Louise. It will be open everyday lunchtime and evening. Two real ales - Doombur and TT Landlord but they are planning to have at least one 'local' as well as soon as possible.

Note we did not know it had closed and it had been surveyed in Feb for new owners Darren Leebealing & Karen Screen. Urgent action the make a statement to the effect that the data is suspect on Whatpub until we have surveyed

Action #5 Andy Burston

Bisley House - Stroud Tony Hill visited and collected data and photos. Whatpub now all updated.

Carlton Club – Stroud have managed to retain their license subject to new operating procedures.

Hog Inn -Horsley HOGFEST is back! Our annual beer and music festival at The Hog at Horsley returns from 3-6 May! Over 50 beers and ciders in cask and keg, plus more live music and food trucks than you can shake a stick at!

Star Inn – Whiteshill Ken the landlord has retired and handed the keys to the pub on Saturday, April 2 to new landlords George and Grace. Ken said: "It's 15 years almost to the day since I took over The Star. It was very dark and dingy back then and a lot has been done to open it up and improve it. "I'm a property developer at heart and I'm pleased with what has been achieved. Action to update Whatpub. Full survey and Whatpub update needed, with urgent action to place a warning statement about out-of-date information.

Action #6 Andy Burston

Vine Tree – Randwick New licensees have taken over from Lajos on the 29th February. Suzanna William is the new licensee. Full survey and Whatpub update needed, with urgent action to place a warning statement about out-of-date information.

Action #7 Andy Burston

Pub survey data should be captured on the form provided in our WhatsApp group and returned to Andy Burston or Tony Hill. As many Photos as possible should be taken in landscape format and again returned to the aforementioned. Outstanding surveys are as follows:

Pub	Reason	Surveyor
Britannia Inn, Nailsworth	Tenancy Changes	Jez Waring
Cross Hands, Stroud	Aged data	Andy Burston/Jez Waring
Fostons Ash, Birdlip	Tenancy Changes	Bob Fletcher
Royal Oak Inn, North Woodchester	Aged data	TBD
King's Head House, Eastington	Aged data	TBD
Fountain, Stroud	Tenancy Changes	Jez Waring and Bob Blenkinsop
Waypoint, Painswick	Tenancy Changes	Bob Fletcher
Vine Tree, Randwick	Tenancy Changes	
Star Inn, Whiteshill	Landlord Changes	
The Bear Inn, Bisley	Tenancy Changes	

11. Any Other Business

None.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 8th May at 19:30. chair@stroud.camra.org.uk

Stroud CAMRA Calendar 2024

Date 2024	Event	Venue
Tue 9 th January	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 10 th January	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 31st January	2025 GBG ranked list of 10 to be submitted to Branch. Updates to GBG descriptions commence	N/A
1 st – 3 rd February	Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival	Watson Hall, Tewkesbury
Wed 14 th February	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
15 th – 17 th February	Great British Beer Festival - Winter	Burton Town Hall
Thur 29th February	Deadline for all 2025 GBG descriptions to be entered in Pubzilla	N/A
Tue 12 th March	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 13 th March	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 10 th April	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
26 th - 28 th April	CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference	Caird Hall in Dundee
Wed 8 th May	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC assessments conclude Summer GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 14 th May	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Mid-May	2025 GBG Proofs are received	N/A
Fri 31st May	2025 GBG Proofs are approved	N/A
Wed 12 th June	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 9 th July	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 10 th July	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 14 th August	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Summer GC assessments conclude Autumn GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
19 th - 21 st July	Cotswold beer festival.	Postlip Hall Tithe Barn
Wed 10 th September	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 11 th September	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 9 th October	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 12 th November	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 13 th November	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Autumn GC Assessments conclude POTY candidates determined and Shortlist for 2026 GBG finalised	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 11 th December	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm