



Campaign for Real Ale

Stroud CAMRA

Minutes 14th August 2024



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Nick Bishop, Andy Burston (acting Chairman), Bob Fletcher, Andy Long, Tim Mars, John McMahon

Apologies: Bob Brooks, George Hill, Tony Hill.

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

a. July Minutes.

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the July meeting.

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Jul #1	Rewording of June Pubs Officers Report	Tim Mars	Complete
Jul #2	Update June minutes from action Jul #1	Tony Hill	Complete
Jul #3	Supply wording to Andy Frape on new West Central region objections	Tony Hill	Ongoing
Jul #4	Share the minutes from the Glos branch meeting in Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp group	Tony Hill	Complete
Jul #5	Determine the date of the Crown & Sceptre closing party	Tim Mars	Complete
Jul #6	Order Certificate celebrating Rodda's time as licensee of the Crown & Sceptre	Tony Hill	Complete
Jul #7	Export List of aged pub data from Pubzilla	Andy Burston	Complete
Jul #8	Organise social to Black Horse, Cranham	Bob Fletcher	Complete
Jul #9	Provide pub contact details to Glos Beer Week Contact	Tony Hill	Complete
Jul #10	Add Star Whiteshill to Andy Burston Tippler Round	Tony Hill	Complete
Jul #11	Order Tippler stands	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

Action Jul #5 - Tim indicated that Rodda would be staying on to help his replacement (maybe until November).

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

Andy stated that he had been forwarded an email from Tony, sent by Brett Laniosh, the acting RD CAMRA West Central as follows (read out verbatim):

Dear CAMRA Members,

In July, I was asked to oversee the appointment of a Regional Director (RD) for the newly established West Central CAMRA region. As a former national director of CAMRA from 2006-2016, living in Worcestershire, I understand the challenges posed by the recent review of CAMRA regions, particularly for branches spanning multiple counties and regions.

Despite these challenges, our branches must continue their essential functions and activities. To find a way forward, I have engaged with every branch in Worcestershire and Herefordshire, as well as several branch chairmen in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, to explore how our four counties can function effectively as a single region. Through these discussions, involving the Worcestershire area organiser and active members from Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire, we have developed a proposed model for your consideration.

Proposed Model

1. Three Areas Established:

- Gloucestershire
- Herefordshire & Worcestershire
- Oxfordshire Each area will have an appointed Area/County Coordinator (ACC).

2. Regional Director (RD) Selection: *The three ACCs will nominate one of themselves to serve as the RD.*

3. Special Roles: *Individuals with specific interests will be appointed to roles such as GBG Coordinator, POTY Coordinator, Finance Support, Cider, and Public Transport. These roles will be designated at either the area/county or regional level.*

4. Communication: *Branch communications to and from CAMRA will be managed by the RD, typically through the ACCs.*

5. Meetings:

- ACCs will hold online meetings as needed.
- Area/county meetings will be held physically and/or online, as agreed by the branches in that area and the ACCs.
- Regional meetings, followed by social events, will be held in the main transport centres of the four counties as necessary.

Current Status

- Hereford CAMRA has agreed to join the Worcestershire branches to form the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area.

- *Three individuals have expressed willingness to take on the role of ACC, even temporarily:*
 - *Herefordshire & Worcestershire: Fred Carter (current AO for Worcestershire)*
 - *Gloucestershire: Andrew Frape (current Chair of Gloucestershire CAMRA)*
 - *Oxfordshire: Graham Hards (current Chair of South Oxfordshire CAMRA)*
- *The three acting ACCs will contact each branch in their respective areas/counties by the end of September to solicit support for this model; to confirm or propose an ACC and to identify the functions the county is willing to take on.*

Action Required

I invite all branch chairs in CAMRA West Central to:

- *Discuss the county model above with your branches*
- *Liaise with your proposed area organiser to feedback on this proposal*
- *Express interest in taking on an area and/or regional role, or ask any questions you may have.*

You may also contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Brett Laniosh

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Acting RD CAMRA West Central
<https://westcentral.camra.org.uk>*

A brief discussion ensued. All agreed that the content of the email indicated that the acting RD did not want to take on the position.

b. Pub Officers report

Tim advised that an update to the three threatened pubs had been placed on the Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp page (and see Para. 4 below).

Tim also advised that Tony, Andy Burston and himself had attended the Crown & Sceptre in order to make a presentation to Rodda to commemorate 15 years since he started at the pub. Chris Norman was the volunteer cameraman, however Rodda did not want to be included in any photos. Those that were taken have been forwarded to Stroud Times, but has not been taken up yet. Post meeting note the Article appeared in Stroud Times on August 21st and has been posted to our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StroudCAMRA/permalink/3928720300698373/>

Tim indicated that overall, the Stroud town pub count was increasing, and the country pubs were decreasing.

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

The July social included a visit to the Black Horse at Cranham (see report at Para. 7). This pub is not on our 'patch', but it has recently re-opened and has a community-run status. We conducted a survey in the absence of a current Gloucester CAMRA representation. WhatPub has been updated accordingly. Survey data on Pubzilla has now been extracted and placed in ascending date order. A full copy was tabled for comments. None ensued.

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. Updates are as follows:

a. Rose & Crown – Nympsfield

Come and join the Nympsfield Community Pub team on Saturday 7th September for the launch of the Nympsfield Community Pub Share offer 'The presentation will be repeated twice - at 10am and then at Midday. Both presentations will take place at Nympsfield Village Hall. 'This is a fantastic opportunity to own a part of the Rose & Crown Inn, as it transforms back into a thriving destination pub at the heart of the community. 'Come along to find out more!'

<https://nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk/events>

b. Old Neighbourhood, Chalford

'Over 100 investors and counting!

'We're thrilled to announce that we've reached a major milestone: 100 people have already invested in the Old Neighbourhood with almost £100,000 raised so far! Support has been overwhelming, and we're incredibly grateful for the collective belief in our community. Together, we're bringing us closer to securing the future of our beloved pub. 'But we still need your help. Join the growing number of investors and make a real difference in preserving our local heritage.'

<https://theoldneighbourhood.co.uk/>

c. King's Head, Kings Stanley

'We hope to purchase The Kings Head as a Community Benefit Society which raises funds via a share offer. Whilst we expect those who invest in shares to receive interest after an initial period, this form of funding should allow a tenant to pay a very reasonable rent for the pub.

'A large number of those who responded to the Save The King Head survey offered their services and many of these have skills which could be put to use helping to maintain the fabric of the buildings and garden. Again, this would help to keep the required rent down.

'Survey responses clearly showed that people would like to see The Kings Head continuing to offer a wide selection of real ales, lagers, cider and wine as well as non-alcoholic beers and ciders, cocktails and 'Barista' coffee. Traditional 'pub grub' and Sunday lunches were the overwhelming majority vote on the food front.

'Our Business Plan, developed in conjunction with industry experts, shows that even with increased energy costs and changing social norms the Kings Head can be profitably operated in this way.'

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

5. 2024 Summer Gold Close Out/Allocation of Autumn Gold Cards

The allocation of Gold Cards and completion is shown below. The Autumn Assessors were drafted as shown in the table. It is acknowledged that where people have been allocated pubs in their absence, some changes might have to be made:

Venue	Location	Spring Assessors	Summer Assessors	Summer Progress	Autumn Assessors
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	All March Meeting	All Aug Meeting	Complete	All Oct meeting?
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston John McMahon	Complete	Tim Mars Tony Hill
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston John McMahon	Tony Hill George Hill	Complete	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston George Hill	Complete	Andy Long Bob Brooks
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Brooks Andy Burston	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Complete	John McMahon Andy Long
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill John McMahon	Tony Hill Tim Mars	Complete	Andy Burston Nick Bishop
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Tony Hill	Bob Brooks Bob Fletcher	Complete	Andy Burston John McMahon
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	John McMahon Andy Long	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Complete	Tony Hill George Hill
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Andy Burston	Nick Bishop John McMahon	28th Aug	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Bob Fletcher	Bob Brooks Tony Hill	Complete	Tim Mars John McMahon
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Andy Long	Andy Burston John McMahon	Complete	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Bob Brooks	Tony Hill John McMahon	Complete	Bob Fletcher Andy Burston

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

6. Breweries Update

a. The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

No updates were received.

b. Keep Brewing

No updates were received.

c. Stroud Brewery

No updates were received.

7. July Social/Future Socials

The last social was to the Black Horse, Cranham, and The Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe. Bob Fletcher issued a report on the Stroud CAMRA Facebook page as follows:

'On a very hot evening, it was a pleasure to sit outside the Black Horse enjoying their well-kept beers. Between the six of us, we tried all three on offer and agreed that the quality was top notch. Due to the closure of the A46, it was decided to call into the Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe rather than the Oak in Painswick. Only two beers on offer but again very well kept. Our thanks to John for driving. I did direct him through the lane's, I'm not sure he'd driven that way before, so a learning curve for everyone. Also for taking me up to Brimscombe, thank you John.'

Bob Fletcher then put forward a suggestion of a 'Stroud Stagger' for the next social. Some discussion ensued, and the itinerary proposed was The Fountain, The Retreat and The Stroud. This was set for the 27th August, starting at The Fountain at 7.30pm, and Bob has put this event on the Stroud CAMRA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StroudCAMRA/permalink/3923606517876418/>

8. Pub Data/Surveys

As stated earlier, the Black Horse, Cranham has been surveyed. A full update is in Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0192/black-horse-inn-cranham>

Andy Burton stated that Stonehouse currently has no pubs open. The Woolpack is thought to be re-opening on 23rd August.

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. A review of the survey data sorted by Andy will be conducted and a new survey list will be generated and promulgated.

Action #1: Andy Burston

9. 2025 GBG Launch

It was proposed to hold the 2025 GBG launch at Stroud CAMRA's only new entry which is [REDACTED]. Further it is believed that this pub has never been in the GBG or even considered previously so its nomination review and subsequent entry now is a testament to [REDACTED]. The decision was ratified. Need date and action to organise the event.

Action #2: Tony Hill

10. Any Other Business

Tony Hill has ordered join CAMRA leaflets and can get the leaflet holders. A motion to propose GBG entries to allow the leaflets to be displayed in their pubs was not put forward at the meeting and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action #3: Tony Hill

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 11th September 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 31 st 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 29 th 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
Tue 7 th May	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 8 th May	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC assessments conclude Summer GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Mid-May	2025 GBG Proofs are received	N/A
Fri 31 st 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
19 th - 21 st July	Cotswold beer festival.	Postlip Hall Tithe Barn
Wed 7 th August	Good Beer Guide 2025 Licensee packs are due to be sent	N/A
Wed 14 th August	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Summer GC assessments conclude Autumn GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
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