



**Campaign for Real Ale**  
**Stroud CAMRA**  
**Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



**1. Attendance & Apologies**

Attendees:, Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Chris Hall, Andy Long, John McMahon, Jez Waring.

Apologies: Bob Brooks, Tim Mars.

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

**a. November Minutes.**

Jez pointed out that his surname was incorrectly spelt, however was happy for this to be corrected in future minutes. November minutes were accepted without change.

**b. Action Updates**

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Nov #1	Put Rob lafrati in touch with ACC with respect to tasting panel role	Tony Hill	Complete
Nov #2	Post branch minutes and sub-branch reports on Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp Group	Tony Hill	Complete
Nov #3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Nov #4	Organise November social	Bob Fletcher	Complete
Nov #5	Propose itinerary for GBBF 2025 outing	Andy Burston	Ongoing

**c. Matters Arising**

None.

**3. Officers Briefings**

**a. Chairs Report**

The next Gloucestershire Branch meeting is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.

The first meeting of the new West Central region will take place on 22nd February 2025 at The Copper Beech Brewery and Tap Room, 6 Britannia Road, Worcester and it's open to all CAMRA members. The proceedings start at 12.30pm. The election of RD is taking place at this meeting. Of note is that any nominations need to be received by 16 December.

At the November meeting we discussed a repeat jaunt to TWAF. This is the proposed itinerary:

- 09:20 Converge on the Regal in Gloucester
- 09:20-10:05 Relaxed Breakfast
- 10:05 Make your way to Glos Bus Station
- 10:12 Catch the No 71 bus for Tewkesbury
- 10:47 Arrive Tewkesbury
- 10:47 Walk to the George Watson Hall
- 10:50 Arrive Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival
- Leave whenever you have had enough!

Note that the event is on Friday 07/02/2025. For those travelling from Stroud there is a No 63 bus leaving Merrywalks at 08:25 arriving at Glos Transport Hub at 09:09. There is still the offer of single trip journeys anywhere for £3 (was £2) but since we will be using 4 buses, a Day Rider ticket is more economic. There is a small saving if you buy this online rather than on the bus.

Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher & Jez Waring all expressed an interest in going. Details to be posted to the CAMRA WhatsApp Page.

**Action #1 Tony Hill**

**b. Pubs Officer's Report**

Pubs officer absent, no report.

**c. Pub Data Officer's Report**

Andy informed the meeting of recent pub surveys (see 8 Pub Data/Surveys). He went on to say that he would be visiting the Magpies Social club if admitted to determine if real ale was kept and create a WhatPub entry for it.

**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**

The group have raised £200k more than half the money needed and have extended the share offer into January. They are promoting investing as a Christmas gift.

For all the latest information check the Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559116111731&locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559116111731&locale=en_GB)

**b. Old Neighbourhood - Chalford**

It seems that the community group can stand down as Wez Birch of the Ship Inn has had an offer accepted on the property. He intends to open as a pub to complement the Ship. The only potential fly in the ointment is the owners still have the change of use appeal going ahead. If this is granted (hard to see how since the thrust of their argument is the pub is not viable and an offer from Wez blows that argument) before contracts exchange then the situation may change.

**c. Kings Head - Kings Stanley**

No news since September.

**5. POTY Ballot POTY Ballot/Branch POTY Judging**

Our ballot for POTY will be between Butchers Arms - Sheepscombe, Ale House – Stroud and Carpenters Arms – Westrip. The member ballot needs launching.

**Action #2 Tim Mars**

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We will need to mobilise fast as soon as other sub-branches announce their award winners to judge allowing for the county winners to be determined.

## 6. Breweries Update

### The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

No news.

### Keep Brewing

No news.

### Stroud Brewery

No news.

## 7. November Social/Future Socials

The Social for November was more local where we aimed to cover the Bowbridge Arms, Stroud and the Royal Oak, North Woodchester. It was one of those trips where the best laid plans had to change last minute. We had planned to meet at the Bowbridge since this is local for many and move on to the Royal Oak but it was determined last minute that the Royal Oak closes at 9pm so we needed to go there first. There we found the usual country feel, great atmosphere with the locals and two beers from Uley which were as expected. When we arrived at the Bowbridge they had a Quiz on which we would have avoided by starting there but it was in full swing by that point and there was no space at the inn and even if there had been it would not be the right atmosphere for a social.

Pivot to the Ship where Wez Birch (Landlord) sought us out (having viewed the pivot which was notified on Stroud CAMRA Facebook) and was kind enough to spend time with us outlining his plans for the Old Neighbourhood which he is in the process of buying.

The chair proposed the Crown and Sceptre and Bowbridge Arms as the next Social but after discussion it was realised that the second venue is likely to be closed for refurbishment and it was felt that the new licensees of the first should be allowed a greater time to make changes before we survey for WhatPub. After an informative and lively debate we settled on the Rose Inn, Paganhill followed by the Old Crown, Paganhill on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**Action #3 Bob Fletcher**

## 8. Pub Data/Surveys

Waterloo House, Nailsworth was surveyed on 20<sup>th</sup> November and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/1132/waterloo-house-nailsworth>

Royal Oak, Woodchester was surveyed on 27<sup>th</sup> November and fully updated on Whatpub. Thanks Andy Burston:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0520/royal-oak-north-woodchester>

Ship Inn, Brimscombe was surveyed on 27<sup>th</sup> November and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0061/ship-inn-brimscombe>

Woolpack Inn, Stonehouse was surveyed on 29<sup>th</sup> November and fully updated on Whatpub. Thanks Andy Burston:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0444/woolpack-inn-stonehouse>

Chalford Sports & Social Club was surveyed on 10th December and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/1141/chalford-sports-social-club-france-lynch>

The Crown & Sceptre changed hands W/C 25<sup>th</sup> November with Rhiannon Roberts and Owen Isserlis the new team in charge:

[https://stroudtimes.com/meet-the-new-owners-of-much-loved-pub/?feed\\_id=15512&fbclid=IwY2xjawGxq-tleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHdpR0alGTusXchasWFwS1oGKKIKxGRtly3SNpyOZea6bAMV-2M6LFE-Aww\\_aem\\_10kg4x2jKcWPPk0s-x\\_6MQ](https://stroudtimes.com/meet-the-new-owners-of-much-loved-pub/?feed_id=15512&fbclid=IwY2xjawGxq-tleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHdpR0alGTusXchasWFwS1oGKKIKxGRtly3SNpyOZea6bAMV-2M6LFE-Aww_aem_10kg4x2jKcWPPk0s-x_6MQ)

A full WhatPub survey is needed.

#### Action #4 Andy Burston

The **Ram Inn**, Woodchester refurb seems to be still ongoing with the last image posted on their Facebook page teasing “Starting to look a bit bloody cosy 😊” and a picture with the caption “Not long now”. Will they manage to capture some of the Christmas trade

The following list of outstanding surveys is in priority order:

Pub	Survey Date	Reason
Fountain, Stroud	30/10/2020	Tenancy Change
Waypoint, Painswick	05/11/2022	Tenancy Change
The Goat, Stonehouse (nee Globe Inn)	26/06/2022	Business Change
Crown & Sceptre	24/02/2023	Tenancy Change
Bowbridge Arms	08/01/2019	Aged data
Prince Albert, Rodborough	24/02/2020	Aged data
Ale House, Stroud	03/03/2020	Aged data
Stroud Brewery Tap, Thrupp	04/03/2020	Aged data
George Inn, Newmarket	04/03/2020	Aged data
Carpenters Arms, Westrip	15/03/2020	Aged data

Any members can do the survey on the form provided in our WhatsApp group and returned to our Pubs Data Officer Andy Burston or Chair Tony Hill. As many Photos as possible should be taken in landscape format and again returned to the aforementioned.

#### 9. Tippler

Winter Tippler is out. Stroud only got one article in. The Tippler deliveries completion status is as follows:

Roundsman	Completion
Nick Bishop (7)	Complete
Bob Brooks (10)	Complete
Andy Burston (7)	Complete
Bob Fletcher (8)	Complete

Tim Mars (8)	
Richard/Charlotte Taylor (9)	

Chase to be sent to roundsmen not marked as complete.

**Action #5 Tony Hill**

## **10. Any Other Business**

Chris Hall has now picked up the credentials to access the authoring of the Stroud CAMRA Website. He outlined plans to structure the content in accordance with CAMRA guidelines. Discussion ensued as to some of the things we want:

- Our Pubs separated GL5, GL6 & GL10 with Hyperlinks to Whatpub.
- Events
- Minutes redacted
- Ale Trail
- About us
- Contact
- Officers

**Action #6 Chris Hall/Tony Hill**

### **Date and time of the next meeting**

Wednesday 8th January at 19:30. [chair@stroud.camra.org.uk](mailto:chair@stroud.camra.org.uk)

## Stroud CAMRA Calendar 2024

<b>Date 2024</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>2025 GBG ranked list of 10 to be submitted to Branch. Updates to GBG descriptions commence</b>	<b>N/A</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival	Watson Hall, Tewkesbury
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Great British Beer Festival - Winter	Burton Town Hall
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Deadline for all 2025 GBG descriptions to be entered in Pubzilla</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> April	CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference	Caird Hall in Dundee
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC assessments conclude Summer GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
<b>Mid-May</b>	<b>2025 GBG Proofs are received</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>2025 GBG Proofs are approved</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cotswold beer festival.	Postlip Hall Tithe Barn
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Good Beer Guide 2025 Licensee packs are due to be sent</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Summer GC assessments conclude Autumn GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm