



**Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA**

Minutes 13th December 2023



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Andy Long, Tim Mars, Andy Burston.

Apologies: Nick Bishop, Bob Brooks, John McMahon

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

a. November Minutes.

The minutes were accepted.

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
May #6	Evidence on issues with CAMRA membership list provided for sub-branch communications (those opted in) to be collated and submitted to the RD Peter Bridle	Tim Mars	Agreed to drop issue – existing workaround to continue
June #2	Pubzilla update needed for the Cross Hands Stroud	Andy Burston	Agreed to close action and update via minutes when done
Aug #2	Pubzilla survey updated of the Ram Inn - Bussage (complete photos), Cross Hands – Stroud (full survey). Royal Oak - Woodchester (Half completed) and the Waypoint – Painswick (full survey)	Andy Burston and Bob Blenkinsop	
Sept #8	Tie up with Bob Jeffrey on proposed socials	Bob Fletcher	Ongoing
Sept #9	Quiz licensee of the Vine Tree on pub sale	Andy Burston	Ongoing
Oct #1	A couple of images for the Ram Inn, Bussage need update (Pubzilla corrupts portrait images)	Andy Burston	Complete
Nov #1	Launch the 2025 POTY Ballot	Tim Mars	Complete

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

The chair tabled a 2024 Stroud CAMRA Timetable (attached at the back of these minutes.

The committee thanked Tim for launching the Pub Of The Year ballot.

b. Pub Officers report

Tim reported that to date, few ballots had been returned for the Pub Of The Year competition. Those members in the room affirmed their intention to vote.

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Andy reported that he was disappointed not to have received offers of help in surveying for Pubzilla pubs database updates (see further down in minutes where data gathering is further discussed).

d. Secretary's Report

No report Secretary's position is currently vacant, Chair is acting.

4. 2025 Cider POTY & Gold Card Candidate List

a. Cider POTY

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5. Future Socials

Placed on hold until the new year.

6. Pub Data/Surveys

The Carpenters Arms, Miserden was fully surveyed and an update done in Pubzilla/Whatpub on 4th December.

The Royal William Cranham has been marked as closed in Pubzilla/Whatpub.

A post was shared on Stroud CAMRA Facebook page confirming that the Prince of Wales, Cashes Green will reopen in the new year, the new licensees are existing publicans with one other pub. This is believed to be the Whitminster Inn.

The Stroud (nee Imperial Hotel) reopening planned for 8th December was delayed (now 15th Dec) due to a water leak. it is not clear whether real ale will feature on the bar.

Fostons Ash reopened 9th December, Action to mark as such on Pubzilla/Whatpub.

Action #1 Andy Burston

Full survey of Fostons Ash also needed. There are a number of pubs for which we need survey updates for WhatPub. Discussion at committee arrived at the following volunteers to perform surveys over the festive period. Survey data should be captured on the form provided in our WhatsApp group and returned to Andy Burston or Tony Hill

Pub	Reason	Surveyor
Bear, Bisley	Changes	TBD
Bisley House, Stroud	Changes	Tim Mars
Britannia Inn, Nailsworth	Changes	TBD
Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe	Changes	George Hill/Tony Hill
Butchers Arms Oakridge Lynch	Changes	TBD
Cross Hands, Stroud	Aged data	Andy Burston/Jez Waring
Fostons Ash, Birdlip	Changes	TBD
Royal Oak Inn, North Woodchester	Aged data	TBD
Old Nelson, Stratford	Aged data	George Hill/Tony Hill
Star Inn, Whiteshill	Aged data	George Hill/Tony Hill
King's Head House, Eastington	Aged data	TBD
Fountain, Stroud	Changes	TBD
Frocester George, Frocester	Aged data	TBD
Waypoint, Painswick	Changes	Bob Fletcher

Further Volunteers welcomed at future committee meetings.

7. Any Other Business

Bob Brooks notified the chair that the GBBF (Great British Beer Festival) is cancelled.

Fresh Standard Brewing Company – a free beer is offered for genuine leads to cask sales of their beer to the licensed pub trade via the TFS Snoop Sheet.

Tippler electronic version is live and printed copies should be at Stroud Brewery 15th Dec.
Tony Hill to notify Bob Brooks and call delivery volunteers to arms through WhatsApp uploading the latest delivery list.

Action #2 Tony Hill

Add Brewery news to the agenda as this should be at least reviewed monthly

Action #3 Tony Hill

George Hill appraised the committee of the opening of a new Hopkettle Brewery Tap in Gloucester Docks.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 10th January 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 Tith 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