



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 2nd Aug 2023



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Tony Hill, Bob Brooks, Bob Blenkinsopp, Bob Fletcher, Nick Bishop, Andy Long, Jez Wareham, John McMahon, Philip Burton, Andy Burston.

Apologies: George Hill, Andy Stayte

2. Minutes of the meeting/action updates/Matters arising from 12th July meeting

a. July minutes.

The minutes were accepted.

b. Action updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
March #5	Future socials	Bob Fletcher	On-going
May #3	Issue identified with the WhatPub entry for Curio Lounge	Tim Mars	On-going
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	On-going
June #2	Pubzilla update needed for the Cross Hands Stroud	Andy Burston	Ongoing
June #8	Proposed social by vintage bus for members of the Gloucester and Cheltenham CAMRA groups to tour some pubs in Stroud.	George Hill	Ongoing
July #1	Order 10 copies of Bruce Dickenson cover GBGs	Tony Hill	Complete
July #2	Additional photographs of the Ram Inn Bussage on Pubzilla	Andy Burston	On going
July #3	Ask Rachel to do photographs of COTY presentation	George Hill	Complete
July #4	Date to be set mid-August to write the walk up for autumn.	Bob Fletcher	Complete
July #5	Contact the two ACV groups and put them in touch with each other. How can CAMRA help	Tim Mars	On Going
July #6	Determine Cider POTY winner for SW region	Tony Hill	Complete
July #7	Determine reschedule Aug meeting or delegate Chair	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

July Action #1: Order 10 copies of Bruce Dickenson cover of the 2024 Good Beer Guide. This was not possible since Branch orders default to standard covers.

July Action #3: George Hill to ask Rachel (his fiancé) to do photography for the Club Of The Year presentation. This was done – see item 4 below.

July Action #4: Date to be set in Aug for Ale Trail walk, this went ahead – see item 5 below.

July action#6: Tony Hill to get update on regional Cider POTY competition. The competition was won by the Tom Cobley Tavern in Spreyton Devon:

<https://www.tomcobleytavern.co.uk/real-ale-and-ciders>

July Action #7: Determine reschedule Aug meeting or delegate Chair, reschedule was agreed 2nd Aug 2023.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

Old Fox at Coaley has had a fire in the kitchen and smoke damaged the rest of the pub on Monday 24th. They managed to reopen for their Beer/Cider festival by Friday 28th but the kitchen to remain closed for needed to refurb.

For information, our South West Regional Director, Peter Bridle has been asked and agreed to take on the role as Acting Regional Director for Wessex. This should be until the end of November at the latest. He will be holding a regional meeting in Overton, Hampshire on Saturday, 9th September.

Guidance has been recirculated for Branch AGMs – this would not seem to be relevant for sub-branches. Chair to enquire if there are any guidelines for Sub Branches at the next branch meeting

Action #1: Tony Hill

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b. Pub Officers report

Deferred to the next meeting suffice it to say it had been reported the sad death of Rob Thom of the Queen Victoria.

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Pubzilla currently shows that in the Stroud sub branch patch there are 81 pubs, however 12 to date have closed leaving 69 pubs. Of these 69 pubs there are 4 pubs that haven't been surveyed for 10 or more years and the aim is to complete survey of these pubs in the first instance. They are:

The Ram at Bussage (awaiting photos)

Cross Hands

Royal Oak at Woodchester (Half completed)

And depending on the situation, The Waypoint at Painswick Gold Club

The Pubs Data Officer Andy Burston asked if anyone wanted to participate in this endeavour and Bob Blenkinsop volunteered

Action #2: Andy Burston/Bob Blenkinsopp

d. Secretary's Report

It would appear the summer edition of The Tippler had been distributed.

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Action #3: John McMahon & Jez Wareham

Clarity was provided that when giving individual scores for beers, the temperature of the beer was taken into consideration.

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Action #4: Philip Burton

4. Award Ceremonies

The presentation to Stroud's Club of the Year - Chalford Sports and Social Club was organised by Philip Burton and held on 16th July with a good turn out and fine weather to boot. Rachel Andrews kindly did the photography and the Committee asked that she be thanked. The article was written by our Pubs Officer Tim Mars and was published by the Stroud Times and was reported on our Facebook page:

https://stroudtimes.com/three-in-a-row-chalford-sports-and-social-club-scoops-award-once-more/?feed_id=8752&fbclid=IwAROLHjey9A_dJ_aMJP_OwmyiN9cYE29uyzvW5DHTyHkT5rJ3aKUxeXjVpki

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StroudCAMRA/permalink/3658962634340809/>

Thanks to Ali and Rob Brady for hosting us at the Chalford Sports and Social Club and providing a wonderful buffet.

5. Ale Trail

This took place under the expert stewardship of Bob Fletcher on Saturday 29th July, accompanied by Tony Hill and Andy Burston and remotely supported by Philip Burton and Andy Long. It was agreed an article be prepared and sent to the editor of The Tippler for consideration for the autumn edition.

Action #5: Philip Burton, Bob Fletcher & Tony Hill

6. ACV – Old Neighbourhood and Vine Tree

Deferred to the next meeting.

Action #6: Agenda for September meeting

7. Any other business

Tippler submissions have to be by Friday 11th August. It was agreed the Ale Walk be written up and submitted (see item 5 of the agenda).

Bob Brooks reported that the Butchers Arms at Oakridge Lynch is reopening in 2 weeks' time. The new tenants were previously at The Old Restoration in Cheltenham.

Tony reported that the Licensee packs for the 2024 Good Beer Guide will be available from 7th August to the Branch and available to the Stroud subbranch at our next meeting. Privileged copies of the new edition will be available 2 weeks before the launch date.

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Action #7: Agenda for September meeting

Bob Fletcher asked that in future any comment or entry on, for example, WhatsApp or Facebook – the person writing the entry to thinks what they are writing, and the tone being used before pressing send. Showing respect for other people is important principle.

8. Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 13th September at 19-30 chair@stroud.camra.org.uk