



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 10th January 2024



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Blenkinsop, Bob Brooks. Andy Burston Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Andy Long, Tim Mars, Jez Waring.

Apologies: Andy Stayte, Nick Bishop, John McMahon.

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

a. December Minutes.

It was noted that there was an error related to the date of the next meeting in the December minutes. Aside from that they were accepted.

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
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	Complete
Dec #1	Fostons Ash reopened 9th December, Action to mark as such on Pubzilla /Whatpub.	Andy Burston	Complete
Dec #2	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.	Tony Hill	Complete
Dec #3	Add Brewery news to the agenda as this should be at least reviewed monthly	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

The chair gave a briefing of the Branch meeting held on 9th January at the Pelican Inn, Gloucester. Lots of information, the most significant being the other Sub-branch POTY awards.

These are:

Cirencester: The Hop Kettle, Cirencester (presentation 16/01/24)

Dursley: The Old Spot, Dursley (presentation before end Jan)

Forest of Dean: Hearts of Oak, Drybrook

Chris Leibrandt (Tippler Editor) was present at the meeting to outline the backstory behind the changes that have made Tippler self-funding with a request that we help it commercially. Two actions were taken to share the Tippler distribution list with Chris and to notify him of pubs that hold significant events such as Beer Festivals to allow the solicitation of advertising:

Action #1 Tony Hill

Th chair informed Chris of requested changes to Stroud’s contact email, meeting time and secretary name which are published in the Tippler.

b. Pub Officers report

Tim reported that the Corner House has relocated in Stroud to the former premises of Birch (opposite Iceland). Survey and Pubzilla/Whatpub update needed.

Action #2 Andy Burston

c. Pub Data Officer’s Report

Andy reported that he had received data on the Fostons Ash via a survey form submitted by Bob Fletcher. Thanks were given, Pubzilla/Whatpub update needed.

Action #3 Andy Burston

d. Secretary’s Report

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

4. 2025 Gold Card Candidate List Update

At the December meeting it was agreed to perform a flash Gold Card survey of 4 pubs:

Venue	Location	Gold Card Judges
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The objective is to take the best two forward for Gold Card surveys through the year to arrive at our GBG 2026 entries. The winning two were to be added to our existing 10 candidate submitted for the 2025 Guide.

After reviewing results of this endeavour it was agreed that the [REDACTED] go forward, making our 2024 Gold Card Survey list of 12 pubs as follows:

The Star Inn, Whiteshill was fully surveyed on 27th December and an update done in Pubzilla/Whatpub.

The Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe was fully surveyed on 29th December and an update done in Pubzilla/Whatpub. Notable investment in the car park which has now been surfaced in tarmac and spaces marked out.

The Frocester George, Frocester was fully surveyed on 31st December and an update done in Pubzilla/Whatpub.

The Prince of Wales, Cashes Green reopened 5th January. The new licensees are existing publicans with one other pub. This is believed to be the Whitminster Inn.

The Royal William Cranham has been marked as closed in Pubzilla/Whatpub. Seems the previous owners may not have known of the impending closure see their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/royalwilliamcranham/?locale=en_GB

Future may be uncertain.

The Ragged Cot has an offer on beers 9th January, until 1st March all draughts, including cider, lager, and ale, for £3.50 a pint Monday to Saturday from 3pm to 6pm.

Outstanding surveys. 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. Volunteers for January were as follows:

Pub	Reason	Surveyor
Bear, Bisley	Changes	Bob Brooks
Bisley House, Stroud	Changes	Tim Mars
Britannia Inn, Nailsworth	Changes	Jez Waring
Butchers Arms Oakridge Lynch	Changes	Bob Brooks
Cross Hands, Stroud	Aged data	Andy Burston/Jez Waring
Fostons Ash, Birdlip	Changes	Bob Fletcher
Royal Oak Inn, North Woodchester	Aged data	TBD
King's Head House, Eastington	Aged data	TBD
Fountain, Stroud	Changes	Jez Waring and Bob Blenkinsop
Waypoint, Painswick	Changes	Bob Fletcher

9. Any Other Business

Tippler roundsmen were asked if all Tipplers were now delivered and this was confirmed with the exception of Rich/Charlotte Taylor. Action to contact.

Action #6 Tony Hill

Tippler stand supply is exhausted.

Action #7 Tony Hill

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 14th February 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