



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 9th October 2024



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Brooks, Andy Burston, George Hill, Tony Hill, Andy Long, John McMahon.

Apologies: Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher, Tim Mars, Richard Taylor

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

a. August Minutes.

There were a couple of spelling errors associated with committee member names identified in the September minutes however it was decided to accept the minutes without change.

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Sep #1	Obtain A6 Membership Stands	Tony Hill	Complete
Sep #2	Add discussion on article on town and country pubs to next meeting	Tony Hill	Complete
Sep #3	Upload Autumn Gold Card allocations to WhatsApp group	Tony Hill	Complete
Sep #4	Organise September Social	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

Stroud CAMRA took delivery of 10 copies of the 2025 GBG, there are two left with one allocated to Stroud Brewery and one left for sale. This is to be offered to the wider Stroud CAMRA community.

Action #1 Tony Hill

The chair then briefed on the Branch meeting held on 26/09/2024 which was late due to committee availability. There was really too much material to present in entirety so salient points were briefed on and it was agreed to upload the copies to the Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp group to allow interested parties to read the detail.

Action #2 Tony Hill

Communications from Brett Laniosh acting RD for the proposed new West Central region indicate that the new Branch – seems that it is now a done deal:

Good morning all

Since my last email to branch chairs, there have been some updates. Branches have appointed Regional Area/County Coordinators (ACC):

*Area Coordinator Herefordshire and Worcestershire Fred Carter
acc.hw@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

*County Coordinator Gloucestershire Peter Bennetts
acc.glos@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

*County Coordinator Oxfordshire: Graham Hards
acc.oxon@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

Volunteers have come forward to offer support branches in the region:

*Press Officer: Mark Haslam
press@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

*Finance Officer: Mike Wheatley
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*Public Transport Coordinator: Fred Carter
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*Pub Data Coordinator: Nick Yarwood
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*Champion Beer of Britain Coordinator: Rob Budworth
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*Pub Support Officer: Mark Haslam
pubs@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

*Pub/Club of the Year Coordinator: Rob Budworth
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*Good Beer Guide Coordinator: Paul Richards
gbg@westcentral.camra.org.uk*

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has helped set up the new region. I would invite anyone interested in supporting the region to contact me directly or your ACC.

Finally, I have volunteered to continue as RD for a year.

*All appointments can be found on the regional website -
<https://westcentral.camra.org.uk/people/>*

Cheers

Brett Laniosh

Regional Director - CAMRA West Central

<https://westcentral.camra.org.uk>

b. Pubs Officer's Report

Tim sent his apologies. In his absence the Chair agreed to raise the matter with Tim of liaising with the press on the 2025 GBG launch held at the Carpenters Arms on with a view to getting it published in the local press.

Action #3 Tim Mars

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Andy Burston commented on recent progress in surveys and affirmed that a survey would be combined with a gold card assessment at the [REDACTED]

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

Since the launch of the community share (7th September) offer their website claims:

Over £100k raised so far

We've reached a major milestone in our Community Share Offer, with over £100k officially raised in under a month!

Now is the time to dig deep so if you haven't invested yet, click on the red share offer button below.

Keep the Heart of Our Community Alive: Invest in Our Pub Today!

b. Old Neighbourhood - Chalford

On their Facebook page on 23rd September they posted:

It's official, as advised to shareholders late last week, active discussions are in progress with the estate agent to BUY THE PUB 🍻🍻

As the offer acceptance landed unexpectedly, we have sourced bridging loans to cover the share offer shortfall to make sure we can close the deal.

If you were waiting for "nearer the time" to buy your shares, that time is NOW!

Get your shares now at: <https://theoldneighbourhood.co.uk/>

c. Kings Head - Kings Stanley

On their Facebook page on 15th September they posted:

I thought you would like to know that I have been informed by Matthew Phillips, the agent dealing with the sale of the Kings Head that it an offer has now been accepted and, not withstanding any last minute hiccups, the sale should go through.

The intention, as I understand, is to run it as a pub.

I hope you will agree that that is great news. I look forward to seeing you in all in there in due course.

Lastly, thank you for all the support and words of encouragement that you have given in the attempt to get a community purchase off the ground. It looks like we are off the hook for now.

Rob

Apparently the buyer is believed to be local:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557861526840>

5. 2024 Summer Gold Card Allocations

The final allocation of Gold Cards and completion status is as follows:

Venue	Location	Spring Assessors	Summer Assessors	Autumn Assessors	Status/Date
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	All March Meeting	All Aug Meeting	All Oct meeting?	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston John McMahan	Tim Mars Tony Hill	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston John McMahan	Tony Hill George Hill	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston George Hill	Andy Long Bob Brooks	W/C 14/10/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Brooks Andy Burston	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	John McMahan Andy Long	18/09/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill John McMahan	Tony Hill Tim Mars	Andy Burston Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Tony Hill	Bob Brooks Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston John McMahan	16/10/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	John McMahan Andy Long	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Tony Hill George Hill	18/09/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Andy Burston	Nick Bishop John McMahan	Bob Brooks Tim Mars	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Bob Fletcher	Bob Brooks Tony Hill	Tim Mars John McMahan	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Andy Long	Andy Burston John McMahan	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Bob Brooks	Tony Hill John McMahan	Bob Fletcher Andy Burston	

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

It was recognised that we have quite a lot of surveys to complete before the next meeting on 13th Nov. An attempt was made to confirm survey dates in the meeting but attendance made this impossible. Chair to reach out surveyors individually and confirm survey dates:

Action #4 Tony Hill

6. Breweries Update

The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

No news.

Keep Brewing

No news.

Stroud Brewery

The seasonal beer Brewers Garden, a green hop 4.2 ABV pale ale is available. Stroud describes it thus:

A mix of home-grown hops supplied by the Stroud community adds all the flavour and aroma to this community led beer. Complex aromas of pine, peach and blackcurrant leaf lead to a fruit driven flavour profile underpinned by a subtle bitterness, absolutely delicious!

7. September Social/Future Socials

The Social for September was a jaunt to the Kings Head France Lynch followed by a stop at Chalford Sports & Social Club. Thanks to Bob Fletcher for volunteering to drive from Stroud. Following directions from Tony, four of us arrived at the Kings Head meeting with local, Bob Brooks for an enjoyable pint, choices were all usual suspects and don't change, Sharp's Doom Bar, Stroud Budding & Wye Valley Butty Bach/HPA. Impressive that a pub so off the beaten track can support 4 real ales. We noted recent investment in the outdoor space and data was gathered for a full WhatPub update. Next stop was the Chalford Sports & Social Club, where two fine unusual beers were on offer, one a Citra hop and we had the good fortune to meet with Rob Brady the licensee and proprietor of the Good Beer Company. Also in attendance was the retired licensee from the Kings Head, Pat, whom we greeted.

Suggested next social was the Crown inn, Frampton Mansell (which allows a pub survey from the list below) followed by a stop at the Ragged Cott or Butchers Arms, Far Oakridge. During discussion the Daneway, Sapperton and Bell Inn, Sapperton were also discussed. Factors such as distance between pubs opening hours and expected road closures played into the decision was made to go off-piste once again for our second pub, this time straying into Cirencester's patch with the Bell Inn. It was agreed to request Bob Fletcher to organise.

Action #5 Bob Fletcher

8. Pub Data/Surveys

The **Globe Inn**, Stonehouse is currently closed and clearly being refurbished. Andy Burston reported that it is to reopen rebranded as the Goat, a bar & grill one side and coffee shop the other. The rebranding received a less than warm welcome with observations that Stonehouse is already well served with coffee shops. It is to be hoped that the new guise is successful. Stonehouse is a large catchment, getting larger with Great Oldbury and currently has only one pub, the Woolpack. We will have to wait to see if real ale is served.

The **Kings Head**, France Lynch was surveyed on 25th Sept and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0230/kings-head-france-lynch>

The **Ram Inn**, Woodchester seems to be still ongoing with the last video posted a couple of weeks ago showing the space gutted ready for sandblasting.

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. The following status is as follows:

Pub	Survey Date	Reason	Surveyor
Cross Hands, Stroud	04/01/2013	Aged data	
Royal Oak Inn, North Woodchester	05/05/2013	Aged data	
Bowbridge Arms, Stroud	08/01/2019	Aged data	
Crown Inn, Frampton Mansell	11/03/2019	Aged data	
Badger, Eastington	30/09/2019	Aged data	
Waterloo House	22/10/2019	Aged data	
Fountain, Stroud	30/10/2020	Tenancy Changes	
Waypoint, Painswick	05/11/2022	Tenancy Changes	
Woolpack, Stonehouse	29/01/2022	Tenancy Change	

9. Tippler

Tippler deliveries – completion status:

Roundsman	Completion
Nick Bishop (7)	Complete
Bob Brooks (10)	Complete
Andy Burston (7)	Complete
Bob Fletcher (8)	Complete
Tim Mars (8)	TBD
Richard/Charlotte Taylor (9)	Complete

Bob Brooks suggested that Chalford Sports & Social club should be added to his round

Action #6 Tony Hill

Prior to the meeting Tim Mars had requested that the Crown, Minchinhampton be covered by one of the other Tippler roundsmen. This to be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Action #7 Tony Hill

It was noted that there was no Stroud Content in the Autumn Tippler. This was due to the editor not reaching out with a reminder Email. Since the current Tippler normally has the deadline for submissions in it, we need to ensure we are more careful going forward.

With respect to the Winter Tippler the following has been receive from Chris Leibbrandt editor of the Tippler:

Hello there,

Firstly, let me apologise for the late delivery of the latest Tippler. There were some printing press breakdown issues that held us up. We have been assured that this was a 'one-off' event, let's hope so. As if that wasn't enough, we are planning to make sure that we get plenty of 'life' in the next magazine ensuring that it is out at the very beginning of December. In order to do this we have to pull the deadline forward to Friday 8th November. Can you please ensure that we make this a really excellent edition by getting it packed with not only news and content, but advertising too. In your travels and pub visits please put in a word for The Tippler and do our best to get it full to the brim.

I look forward to your reports, news and views as early as possible.

Cheers!

With kind regards

Chris Leibbrandt

Editor - The Tippler Magazine

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It is noted that this is before our next committee meeting so it will be necessary to provide contact prior. Tony Hill to discuss with Tim Mars (Presentation to Rodda at the Crown & Sceptre, 2025 GBG launch & report on fortunes of town and country pubs are all candidates).

Action #8 Tony Hill

10. Any Other Business

None.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 13th November 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
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 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
19 th - 21 st July	Cotswold beer festival.	Postlip Hall Tith Barn
Wed 7th 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 11 th September	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Wed 24 th September	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 9 th October	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 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