



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 11th September 2024



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Brooks, Andy Burston, Tony Hill, Andy Long, John MacMahon, Tim Mars.

Apologies: Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher, George Hill,

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

a. August Minutes.

August Minutes were accepted as is.

b. Action Updates

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Jul #3	Supply wording to Andy Frape on new West Central region objections	Tony Hill	Closed – overtaken by events
Aug #1	A review of the survey data sorted by Andy will be conducted and a new survey list will be generated and promulgated	Andy Burston	Complete
Aug #2	Agree with venue and set date for 2025 GBG launch	Tony Hill	Complete
Aug #3	Add Join CAMRA leaflets motion to agenda for Sept	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

Save the date. The 2025 GBG Launch will be held at the Carpenters Arms Westrip at 17:00 on 29/09/2024. Event notification has been posted on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StroudCAMRA/permalink/3945226245714445/>

3. Officers Briefings

a. Chairs Report

The chair thanked Andy Burson for chairing the August meeting.

The chair raised a motion suggesting that we ask licensees of our GBG pubs to locate join CAMRA leaflet stands in their premises. Tim Mars suggested that where this was not acceptable the Tippler roundsman could slip the leaflets inside the Tipplers. The Motions was carried, Leaflets are in the Alehouse with the Tipplers, A6 stands to be procured.

Action #1 Tony Hill

The Chair related passing through Stonehouse on a Wednesday (4th Sept) evening and noting that the lights were on in the Globe and Woolpack, which had both been closed previously.

The Globe looked to be having work done whilst the Woolpack looked to be open as a pub. This was later confirmed by Andy Burston.

On Thursday 5th Sept as the chair passed Tippetts Inn, he also noted activity there. It was later reported by Stroud Times that the Tippetts is reopening Sat 7th.

The Bimonthly Gloucestershire branch meeting postponed due to availability of people until 24th Sept from 10th Sept so no brief in this meeting.

b. Pubs Officer's Report

Tim Mars drew the committee's attention to a piece he had written outlining the contrast in fortunes for Stroud Town pubs against those in the surrounding villages. It was agreed to post a link to this article in these minutes however this functionality does not seem to be present in WhatsApp. The article could be posted on our Facebook page or Website, discussion suggested for next meeting.

Action #2 Tony Hill

Tim also gave an update on the Ram Inn, Woodchester which has changed hands with the new owner's intent on getting back to pub service. There does not seem to be an opening date yet but progress may be read about on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564698595382>

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Andy informed the committee that surveys were carried out at the Golden Fleece and Stroud Hotel during the previous CAMRA social.

He also tabled a list of Pubs needing survey. After discussion the list is posted below in 8 Pub Data/Surveys.

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

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER - SHARE OFFER LAUNCH.

Come and join the Nympsfield Community Pub team on Saturday 7th September for the launch of the Nympsfield Community Pub Share offer. The presentation will be repeated twice - at 10am and then at Midday. Both presentations will take place at Nympsfield Village Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to own a part of the Rose & Crown Inn, as it transforms back into a thriving destination pub at the heart of the community. Come along to find out more!

10am or 12pm

Nympsfield Village Hall

Saturday 7th September

b. Old Neighbourhood - Chalford

No update.

c. Kings Head - Kings Stanley

No update.

5. 2024 Summer Gold Card Allocations

The final allocation of Gold Cards and completion 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 McMahon	Tim Mars Tony Hill	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston John McMahon	Tony Hill George Hill	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston George Hill	Andy Long Bob Brooks	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Brooks Andy Burston	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	John McMahon Andy Long	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill John McMahon	Tony Hill Tim Mars	Andy Burston Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Tony Hill	Bob Brooks Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston John McMahon	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	John McMahon Andy Long	Nick Bishop Bob Fletcher	Tony Hill George Hill	18/09/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill Andy Burston	Nick Bishop John McMahon	Bob Brooks Tim Mars	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	George Hill Bob Fletcher	Bob Brooks Tony Hill	Tim Mars John McMahon	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Andy Long	Andy Burston John McMahon	Bob Fletcher Nick Bishop	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars Bob Brooks	Tony Hill John McMahon	Bob Fletcher Andy Burston	

The above allocations need to be posted on the Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp Gold Card Group.

Action #3 Tony Hill

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

From CAMRA data gathered this year across a number of pubs, we can analyse the data to reveal pricing information as follows:

Pub	Avg Spring Price	Avg Summer Price	Delta	Rank	Pub (Price Rank)	Summer Price
Ale House Stroud	£0.00	£4.51		1	Lord John Stroud	2.23
Butchers Arms Sheepscombe	£5.03	£5.05	£0.02	2	Ale House Stroud	4.51
Carpenters Arms Westrip	£4.95	£4.90	-£0.05	3	Stroud Brewery Thrupp	4.68
Crown & Sceptre Stroud	£4.88	£4.95	£0.08	4	Ship Inn Brimscombe	4.80
Hog Horsley	£5.50	£5.45	-£0.05	5	Carpenters Arms Westrip	4.90
Lord John Stroud	£2.26	£2.23	-£0.03	6	Crown & Sceptre Stroud	4.95
Old Badger Eastington	£5.04	£5.10	£0.06	7	Old Lodge Minchinhampton	5.00
Old Lodge Minchinhampton	£0.00	£5.00		8	Butchers Arms Sheepscombe	5.05
Prince Albert Rodborough	£5.28	£5.10	-£0.18	9	Wool Pack Slad	5.08
Ship Inn Brimscombe	£4.80	£4.80	£0.00	10	Prince Albert Rodborough	5.10
Stroud Brewery Thrupp	£0.00	£4.68		11	Old Badger Eastington	5.10
Wool Pack Slad	£4.80	£5.08	£0.27	12	Hog Horsley	5.45

AVG	£4.73	£4.74	£0.01
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When we compare the data for summer 2023 against summer 2024 removing Wetherspoons out as an outlier we have £4.63 to £4.97 or just over 7% increase.

- Highest price 2024 so far £6.20 Timothy Taylor Landlord in the Prince Albert
- Highest price in 2023 £5.80 Timothy Taylor Landlord in the Prince Albert
- Lowest price 2024 so far £1.79 Green King Ruddles Best in the Lord John and if we ignore that as an outlier £4.00 for Burning Sky Plateau in the Ale House
- Lowest price 2in 2023 was £1.71 Green King Ruddles Best in the Lord John and if we ignore that as an outlier £3.70 for Burning Sky Plateau in the Ale House
- Highest strength 2024 so far 6.5% Tileys IPA in the Ale House
- Highest strength in 2023 6.5% Tileys Citra IPA in the Ale House during summer
- Lowest strength 2024 so far is 3.4% Otter Oak IPA in Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe & Hook Norton Hooky in the Woolpack, Slad
- Lowest strength 2023 was 3.5% Burning Sky Plateau in the Ale House & Autumn at the Hog

6. Breweries Update

The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

Apparently Fresh Standard has bought back cask to Waterloo house in Nailsworth. Horse brass hopefully now a regular along with Soft. The Brewery Tap gazebo has been upgraded with a carpet!!!

Keep Brewing

No news.

Stroud Brewery

Stroud Brewery has teamed up with Nicholson's Pub Collection and will be supplying an exclusive beer to all of its 81 pubs throughout the UK including Northern Ireland.

It'll be the first time the company has stocked an organic beer in every one of its pubs. The hope is to encourage other pubs to add an organic beer to their bar, so customers who might not have tried one before can give it a go.

The exclusive beer brewed by Stroud Brewery is an organic 4.2% pale ale called Gaia, a well-rounded, flavourful beer showcasing the best of old-world and new-world hop varieties. Two of Nicholson's publicans, who are also Beer Ambassadors for the company, visited the brewery to watch the brew getting underway and even got involved.

<https://stroudtimes.com/major-stroud-brewery-announcement/>

7. August Social/Future Socials

Thanks to Bob Fletcher for organising the Stroud Stroll on Tuesday 27th Aug where the plan was to visit the Fountain, Retreat and Stroud Hotel. Circumstances conspired (no real ale available in the Fountain, delivery expected on Thursday), meaning we pivoted with Retreat, Golden Fleece and Stroud Hotel. Five of us attended and had a great evening. As an aside data was gathered for updates to Pubzilla on the Golden Fleece and Stroud Hotel.

Suggested next social is the Kings Head France Lynch followed by a stop at Chalford Sports & Social Club.

Action #4 Tony Hill

8. Pub Data/Surveys

The Woolpack, Stonehouse has reopened.

Tippets has reopened on 7th Sept with a return to basics. Not longer a destination gastropub it has installed a Pool table and games machines in what was the restaurant. It will be interesting to see how it fairs.

The Golden Fleece was surveyed on 27th Aug and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://www1.camra.org.uk/pubs/golden-fleece-stroud-171707>

The Stroud Hotel was surveyed on 27th Aug and fully updated on Whatpub:

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/GLO/0460/stroud-hotel-stroud>

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	
Tipputs Inn, Nailsworth	07/08/2021	Management Change	
Kings Head France Lynch	03/10/2020	Change of ownership	
Woolpack, Stonehouse	29/01/2022	Tenancy Change	

9. 2025 GBG Launch

Landlord packs have arrived, volunteers to distribute for our 8 2025 GBG Pubs. Please try to deliver the pack **before** but as close to 26th Sept as possible. Ideally handed to the landlord/lady, Manager or licensee not left behind the bar. Please emphasise the Embargo, detailed on the envelope. Volunteers were:

Pub	Volunteer
Ale House, Stroud	Tony Hill
Carpenters Arms, Westrip	Tony Hill
Crown & Sceptre, Stroud	Tim Mars
Hog, Horsley	John McMahon
Lord John, Stroud	Tim Mars
Old Lodge Inn, Minchinhampton	Tony Hill
Prince Albert, Rodborough	Tim Mars
Stroud Brewery Tap, Thrupp	Bob Brooks

I should have our allocation of 10 GBGs on 24th September. The RRP is £16.99. We can sell them at £12.99. The members price on the website is £13.99.

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10. Any Other Business

None.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 9th October 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 Tithe 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
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