

Report from Dursley CAMRA sub-District Dec 2025

This is my first report, having taken over as Co-ordinator from Peter Corfield. I am very green in the role and I hope future reports will be fuller.

I have just sent members my first newsletter, having seen the membership list for the first time. I was surprised how many I knew personally who had never told me they were members. I am urging more to come to meetings, especially social meetings, as I feel that the number of members who vote for Dursley Pub of the Year is too small.

The Brewery highlight of the year was Uley's 40th anniversary, for which they brewed a different beer each month. The latest, Cheeky Swine, at 4.8 was the first from the youngest brewer. In my opinion and that of many people I spoke to, it was excellent – like their Taverner with more bite and whisky notes.

Although we have lost The Boar's Head in Berkeley, the Royal Oak in Wotton-under-Edge has reopened under new management. On my recent visit there they had two Stroud ales and two Uley – the first time closely local beers have been in evidence in Wotton since Wickwar stopped brewing.

The plans to reopen The Rose and Crown in Nympsfield as a community pub are surging ahead. A Uley member told me last week that they were hoping to sign some deal about now but are still running a fundraising appeal according to their newsletter, which I receive. They are holding an event at the pub on the evening of December 20th.

The Hoptician micropub in Dursley is very active with music, quizzes etc and many people join landlord Kevin Farmer on trips to horse-racing meetings. The pub's quirky décor now includes an oil painting of a famous racehorse that Kevin bought from a charity shop as an utter bargain.