

## 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.