



**Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA**
Minutes 9th September 2025



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Brooks, Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Chris Hall, Tim Mars.

Apologies: Peter Bennetts, Nick Bishop, Andy Long, John McMahon.

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

a. Review/Accept Previous Months Minutes.

August's minutes were accepted at rev 1.

b. Action Status

Reference	Description	Actionee	Status
Jan #2	Create Magpies Club and Juliet Bistro/Bar on Pubzilla	Andy Burston	Ongoing
May #6	Bear, Bisley survey/Whatpub update (tenancy change)	Bob Brooks/ Andy Burston	Ongoing
May #8	Waypoint, Painswick (now Beacon Bar & Kitchen) survey/Whatpub update (tenancy change)	Andy Burston	Ongoing
Aug #1	Post Glos branch AGM minutes on WhatsApp group	Tony Hill	Complete
Aug #2	Post minutes of Mid Glos Branch Meeting and Stroud report on WhatsApp Group	Tony Hill	Complete
Aug #3	Need to close out the last two Summer Gold Cards, [REDACTED]	Tim Mars Chris Hall	Complete
Aug #4	Post Autumn Gold card allocations to the WhatsApp Gold Card group	Tony Hill	Complete
Aug #5	Organise Social to Kings Head, Kings Stanley & Old Crown, Ebley	Bob Fletcher	Complete
Aug #6	Mark Stirrup Cup as closed on Pubzilla	Andy Burston	Complete

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. Officers Briefings

a. Area Coordinators Report

Autumn Tippler deliveries completion status is as follows:

Roundsman	Completion
Nick Bishop (7)	Ongoing
Bob Brooks (12)	Complete
Andy Burston (13)	Complete
Bob Fletcher (7)	Complete
Tim Mars (6)	Ongoing
Richard/Charlotte Taylor (9)	Unknown

Area Coordinator to reach out to Richard/Charlotte Taylor to ensure they are aware Tipplers are in.

Action #1 Tony Hill

Members were reminded of the 18th BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL at Moreton in Marsh Cricket Club 12th & 13th September 2025.

Confirmation was sought that all members had received the CAMRA communication on CBOB (Champion Beer of Britain) competition. The AC read the summary points from the email and reminded members to nominate if they so wished.

Andy Burston initiated a beers survey during his Tippler delivery round and posted the results on our WhatsApp page. The initiative was picked up by Bob Fletcher on his. Both were commended by committee as the information has not previously been available and does show how local beer centric Stroud is. This is the data they both collected:

From Andy Burston		
Establishment	Beers	Notes
Fountain Inn, Stroud	No cask ales available	Seems to be a regular thing
The Star, Whiteshill	Stroud Budding	Only intend to keep 1 cask ale on going forward
Old Crown, Paganhill	Ramsbury Deer Stalker Adnams Southwold Bitter	Adnams is unusual around these parts
Vine Tree, Randwick	Uley Tavener BBF Full Throttle Prescott Amber	All local beers
Carpenters Arms, Westrip	Little Avon Best Bitter Stroud Budding Uley Boar Beer of Seville	All local beers
Old Crown, Ebley	Stroud Budding, Bass Harvey's Sussex Bitter Sharp's Twin Coast Pale Ale	Interesting mix & Harvey's rare round here. Nice to see Bass though unknown where brewed
Badger, Eastington	Wickwar Falling Star & Bob Wye Valley Butty Bach Hop Union Bonville Pale	Nothing unusual here though not known where Wickwar is contract brewed
Frocester George	Otter Bitter & Amber Exeter Fraid not.	Exeter becoming more common, regular at Prince Albert
Beacon & Railway, Haresfield	Wye Valley Butty Bach St Austell Tribute North Cotswold Shagweaver.	Local with the exception of St Austell though this is common round here
Globe, Stonehouse	Wye Valley Butty Bach	Local beer
Woolpack, Stonehouse	Dartmoor Legend Otter Ale	Dartmoor is not that common around these parts
Village Pub, King's Stanley	Uley Bitter Allendale Golden Plover	Allendale an interesting out of area beer here

From Bob Fletcher		
Establishment	Beers	Notes
Edgemoor,	Uley Old Spot, Pale & Severn Boar	All local here
Falcon, Painswick.	Sharps Doom Bar Stroud Tom Long	Local except of Sharps but Doom Bar is national
Oak Painswick	Stroud OPA Maiden Voyage	All local here
Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe	Otter Bitter BBF Back To Cali Butcombe Original	Nothing out of the ordinary here
Fostons ash.	Stroud Budding Hop Union Maiden Voyage Uley Bitter	All local here
Miserden. Carpenters Arms	Wye Valley Butty Bach & HPA	All local here
Frampton Mansell The Crown.	Uley Bitter Wye valley Pyoneer & HPA Stroud OPA.	All local here
Brimscombe The Ship.	Butcombe Rare Breed, Uley Bitter Wye Valley Butty Bach	All local here
Daneway	Wadworth IPA, Horizon & 6X	Devizes a little further but it is a brewery pub
Bell Inn, Sapperton	Uley Bitter Butcombe Rare Breed Cotswold Lion Shepherd Delight	All local here

The AC gave a brief out from the Mid Glos branch short meeting and social held in the Alehouse on Tuesday 2nd September. The short meeting was not minuted but some notes were made by Stroud's representative and can be shared on our WhatsApp group.

Action #2 Tony Hill

Three intrepid Stroud CAMRA members attended the CAMRA West Central Club of the year presentation at Cheltenham Motor Club and extended the outing to a mini pub crawl in Cheltenham on the way back to the bus on the Promenade. Tim Mars gave the account highlighting the very different venues:

Cheltenham Motor Club: the purpose of the visit, great atmosphere and a good range of beers. The landlord had been given a German wooden cask ale that he was providing in half's free to those that wanted to try it. The flavours were complex, the beer morish.

Sandford Park Alehouse: a well-known venue with a good range of Keg and Cask Ales. We were lucky enough to enjoy the outdoor space in very pleasant weather.

Strand: close by Sandford Park Alehouse on the same side of the road. A greater focus on keg beer. An outdoor space marred by intrusive piped music.

Planet Caravan: this is a keg only bar and we had to drag Tim in kicking and screaming. Of particular note to him was the logo on the beer mats. Chris and Tony enjoyed a Swedish beer, A Decade of Pastry - Noa Anniversary Stout - Imperial / Double Pastry @ 14.2% ABV.

Old Courthouse: the USP of this establishment is the unchanged aspects of the former courthouse upstairs. In the basement the cells have been repurposed as toilets and wine stores. Three reputable real ales available.

All in all, an enjoyable jaunt.

b. Pubs Officer's Report

No news this month.

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

The Kings Head, Kings Stanley & Old Crown, Ebley were fully surveyed on 27/08/2025. Andy appraised the committee that Stroud look after 84 pubs and he was looking at the most out of date entries in Pubzilla to survey.

d. Webmasters Report

Stroud CAMRA was not being updated in its own right but Chris was looking to feed data to it from the Mid Gloucestershire Website.

4. Threatened Pubs Update

Currently we have one threatened pub, for which a community group is working to save, the Rose & Crown – Nympsfield. The latest article on 05/09/2025 is thus:

After what has seemed like a very quiet few months (for everyone except our management committee), we have an exciting update to share with you all... The owner of the pub has found a new buyer for the stables – meaning our purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn has recommenced! 🎉

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your patience and continued support over the last few months whilst the sale has been on hold ❤️

A full update has been sent to all members via email and we will share regular updates as things progress – watch this space!.

For all the latest information check the Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559116111731&locale=en_GB

We are now more hopeful of a good outcome.

5. Branch Area Judging & Awards

CAMRA West Central Cider Pub of the Year winner, Carpenters Arms, Westrip award will be presented at 12:45 on Friday 12th September. Members were asked to attend if they were able.

6. 2026 GBG Launch

Normally we choose to launch the Good Beer Guide from a new entry. This year we have no new entries but three returning entries to the guide. These are:



- Woolpack, Slad.

Committee discussed the options and determined to go with the Woolpack, Slad. The agreed date was 27th September at 15:30ish. Tim Mars kindly agreed to organise.

Action #3 Tim Mars

7. 2027 GBG Survey Candidate Pubs

Summer Gold Cards are complete. Progress of the Autumn Gold Cards is below with final allocation to be done at the October meeting:

Pub	Location	Spring Judges	Summer Judges	Autumn Judges	Status
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Fletcher, Nick Bishop	Andy Long, George Hill		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	All	All July Meeting	All-later meeting	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Fletcher, John McMahon	George Hill, Tony Hill	Andy Burston, Chris Hall	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bob Fletcher, John McMahon	John McMahon, Tim Mars	Tony Hill, George Hill	Complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston, Tim Mars	Bob Fletcher, Nick Bishop		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston, George Hill	Tony Hill, John McMahon		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher	Chris Hall, Tim Mars	John McMahon, Andy Long	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tony Hill, George Hill	Bob Fletcher, Nick Bishop	Andy Burston, Bob Brooks	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Long, Tony Hill	Chris Hall, Tim Mars	Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tim Mars, Bob Brooks	Andy Burston, John McMahon	Tony Hill, George Hill	Complete
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	John McMahon, Bob Fletcher	Andy Burston, George Hill		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Andy Burston, George Hill	Andy Long, John McMahon	Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher	Complete

8. Breweries Update

The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

Fresh Standard is looking to get the unit next door with a view to moving the tap room there allowing year-round opening.

Keep Brewing

No news.

Mills Brewing

No news.

Stroud Brewery

With Oktoberfest just around the corner Stroud Brewery has not one, but two new brews coming your way... 

Dark Skies is now available on draught in the Taproom & online in cans. Stroud describe it thus:

Brewed in the depths of winter under dark skies, this rich and complex beer has been aged in oak whisky barrels to develop its unique character. Oak, time, and char each lend their own distinct touch, layering depth and nuance. Expect notes of molasses, liquorice, and dark dried fruits, all finishing with a mellow whisky heat.

It carries a punch at 8% ABV though I had to look this up on Untapped as the Brewery description does not give it.

At the time of these minutes Stroud CAMRA were unable to determine what the second beer was.

9. August/Future Socials

The August social to the Kings Head, Kings Stanley and the Old Crown, Ebley was successful with a turnout of 6. Both pubs were excellent in their own ways, one a welcome reopening and a great saved venue the other a great improvement, at least in beer terms over the previous incarnation. It is hoped that both are successful commercially.

Next social suggested on the previous one takes in the Kings Head, Kingscourt followed by the Clothiers Arms, Stroud. Agreed date was Wed 24th September, Bob Fletcher kindly agreed to organise.

Action #4 Bob Fletcher

10. Pub Data/Surveys

The Kings Head, Kings Stanley was fully surveyed on 27/08/2025 and subsequently updated in Pubzilla. Thanks Andy Burston.

The Old Crown, Ebley was fully surveyed on 27/08/2025 and subsequently updated in Pubzilla. Thanks Andy Burston.

The following list of outstanding surveys is in priority order:

Pub	Last Survey	Reason
Beacon Bar & Kitchen (nee Waypoint), Painswick	05/11/2022	Tenancy Change
Bear, Bisley	28/05/2024	Tenancy Change
Cross Hands, Stroud (doubt as to its operation)	04/01/2013	Aged data
King's Head, Kingscourt	24/05/2022	Aged data
Old Lodge, Minchinhampton	29/06/2022	Aged data

11. Tippler Rounds

We have an additional two pubs to be added – Kings Head Kings Stanley & Old Crown, Ebley. Andy Burston did these but discussion needed on rounds when Andy moves house. The Tippler round list has been updated, list to be shared to the WhatsApp group.

Action #6 Tony Hill

12. Any Other Business

None.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 8th October at 19:30 chair@stroud.camra.org.uk

Stroud CAMRA Calendar 2025

Date 2025	Event	Venue
Tue 7 th January	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 8 th January	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
6 th – 8 th February	Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival	Watson Hall, Tewkesbury
Wed 12 th February	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Sun 16 th February	2026 GBG ranked list of 10 to be submitted to Branch. Updates to GBG descriptions commence	N/A
15 th – 17 th February	Great British Beer Festival - Winter	Burton Town Hall
Sun 2 nd March	Deadline for all 2026 GBG descriptions to be entered in Pubzilla	N/A
Tue 11 th March	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting (week later than normal due to availability)	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 12th March	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
13 th – 16 th March	Pelican Inn Winter Ale Festival	Pelican Inn, Gloucester
Sun 16 th March	Winner of POTY to be sent to RD	N/A
Sat 22 nd March	Inaugural Gloucestershire Area Branch Meeting	Fountain Inn upstairs 7:30pm
Tue 8 th April	2026 GBG Proofs are received	N/A
Wed 9th April	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
11 th - 13 th April	CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference	Riviera Centre, Torquay
Sun 20 th April	2026 GBG Proofs are approved	N/A
Mon 12 th May (changed date)	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 14 th May	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Spring GC assessments conclude Summer GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Sat 17th May	Special meeting – future of Gloucestershire/Gloucester Branches	Pelican upstairs noon
Wed 11 th June	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 1 st July	Gloucestershire Branch Meeting Cancelled at ACC instruction	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 9 th July	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
18 th - 20 th July	Cotswold beer festival.	Postlip Hall Tithe Barn
Sat 26 th July	Gloucestershire Branch AGM	Fountain, Glos Noon
Tue 5 th August	Inaugural Mid Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
5 th – 9 th August	Great British Beer Festival - Summer	NEC
Wed 13 th August	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Summer GC assessments conclude Autumn GC Assessments allocated	The Ale House 7.30pm
Fri 15 th August	Good Beer Guide 2026 Licensee packs are due to be sent	N/A
Tue 2 nd September	Mid Gloucestershire Branch Meeting/Social	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 9 th September (Change of date)	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 7 th October	Mid Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 8 th October	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 4 th November	Mid Gloucestershire Branch Meeting/Social	TBD 7:30pm
Wed 11 th November	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting Autumn GC Assessments conclude POTY candidates determined and Shortlist for 2026 GBG finalised	The Ale House 7.30pm
Tue 2 nd December	Mid Gloucestershire Branch Meeting	Pelican upstairs 7:30pm
Wed 10 th December	Stroud CAMRA Monthly Meeting	The Ale House 7.30pm