



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 12th November 2025



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Fletcher, Tony Hill, Chris Hall, Andy Long, Tim Mars, John McMahon.

Apologies: Bob Brooks, Daisy the Chocolate Lab, Nick Bishop, Andy Burston, George Hill.

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

a. Review/Accept Previous Months Minutes.

October'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
Oct #1	Share Mid Gloucestershire Branch meeting minutes to the WhatsApp group when they are available	Tony Hill	Ongoing
Oct #2	Organise Social to Butcher Arms, Oakridge & Old Neighbourhood, Chalford	Bob Fletcher	Complete
Oct #3	Updated Tippler list to be shared on WhatsApp group	Tony Hill	Complete

c. Matters Arising

None.

3. 2027 GBG Survey Candidate Pubs

Autumn Gold Cards were completed and the results presented to committee on a spreadsheet. The spreadsheet summarised the scores in three different ways to allow comparison between pubs. Three tables ranked pubs by beer scores, GBG candidate scores and the two averaged.

The objectives of the meeting are to arrive at a ranked order list of 10 pubs (8 guide pubs, first and second reserve) to present to branch committee at the December meeting. We have 11 pubs with gold cards scored in Spring Summer and Autumn by 3 different pairs of judges.



There followed discussion and debate which made the critical decision on which of our 10 remaining pubs end up first and second reserve assuming our normal 8 pub allocation. It is likely that the first and second reserve pubs will not make the 2027 guide so the decision was important. The outcome is as follows:

Rank	Venue
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
1 st reserve	
2 nd reserve	
Dropped	

Results to be presented to the branch at the December meeting.

Action #1 Tony Hill

4. Future Socials

A report of the October Social by Bob Fletcher follows:

A belated catch-up on the last social evening, 22nd October.

6 of us left Stroud on a filthy evening and I for one was glad to see a good fire going as we walked into the Butchers Arms. Three good beers on offer and a table to gather around. Nice to see Bob Brooks and Malcolm all the way from Cranham.

Then, onto the Old Neighbourhood, again 3 good beers on offer, a table to sit around and again much talk about not a lot. I think the serious point of discussion all night was about Jane's potatoes going mushy.

Overall a most enjoyable evening with much laughter.

Ahead of the November meeting Bob Fletcher discussed with the Stroud CAMRA Area Coordinator options for the next social and agreed that a good target would be the Ram Inn, Woodchester followed by the Bell Inn, Selsley. This proposal was accepted by committee and a date of date 26th November agreed.

Action #2 Bob Fletcher

5. Officers Briefings

a. Area Coordinators Report & Regional Meeting Brief Out

A short update was presented on the regional meeting held at the Pelican Inn, Gloucester on the 1st November. Stroud raised the point that the dissolving of Gloucestershire and set up of Mid Gloucestershire had resulted in a shiny new front door but even less behind than was present previously. Previous Chair and Secretary did not want to stand and Treasurer would have preferred not to stand. Chris Hall stood for the post of secretary and The ACC Peter Bennetts became chair by default. There are now no officers of the new Branch at all from Gloucester itself.

The Regional director was questioned on the dissolving of the sub-branches and challenged on his assertion that the existence of sub-branches was not in accordance with CAMRA constitution. The assertion was robustly rebuffed by those attending and evidence presented that suggested this was false. One attendee requested a reversal of the action to dissolve but this was rejected on grounds that it would not be accepted by the NE. A sub-optimal solution was agreed where previous sub-branch chairs were all made deputy Chairs of Mid Gloucestershire Branch to reinstate lost CAMRA permissions. The RD made the point that he was up for election in February where people could indicate their support for his actions through the ballot box.

No further briefing was delivered – focus of the evening was items 3 and 4 on the agenda.

b. Pubs Officer's Report

No report was delivered – focus of the evening was items 3 and 4 on the agenda.

c. Pub Data Officer's Report

Not in attendance – no news.

d. Webmasters Report

No briefing was delivered – focus of the evening was items 3 and 4 on the agenda.

6. Threatened Pubs Update

Currently we have one threatened pub, for which a community group is working to save, the Rose & Crown – Nympsfield. They have announced a Christmas popup pub on the 20th December and further fundraising to rewire the ground floor.

For all the latest information check the Facebook page:

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

We maintain our belief that a good outcome is possible.

7. Branch Area Judging & Awards

West Central presented a certificate to Mike Hall at the Pelican Inn Glos for getting to the last 4 in the PoTY competition

There will be a similar event for the Carps, Westrip on Friday 21st November at 7:00pm. Please do all attend if you are able to.

8. Breweries Update

The Fresh Standard Brewing Co

A Crowdfunder has been launched to help kit out the new tap room. This may be accessed here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/next-door>

Keep Brewing

No news.

Mills Brewing

No news.

Stroud Brewery

No news.

9. Pub Data/Surveys

The Butchers Arms, Oakridge & Old Neighbourhood, Chalford were fully surveyed on 22/10/2025 and subsequently updated in Pubzilla.

The following is our priority list of surveys:

Pub	Location	Survey Date	Reason
Cross Hands	Stroud	04/01/2013	Aged data
King's Head	Stroud	24/05/2022	
Old Lodge	Minchinhampton	29/06/2022	Aged data
Lamb Inn	Eastcombe	27/07/2022	Aged data
Bear Hotel	Stroud	25/08/2022	Aged data
Fostons Ash Inn	The Camp	29/09/2022	Aged data
Nailsworth Social Club	Nailsworth	19/10/2022	Aged data
Crown Inn	Minchinhampton	22/10/2022	Aged data
Old Fleece	Stroud	27/10/2022	Aged data
Black Horse	Amberley	01/11/2022	Aged data
Beacon Bar & Kitchen	Painswick		Aged data

10. Any Other Business

None.

Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 10th December 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
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