

MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH AT THE PELICAN INN, GLOUCESTER

3rd February 2026

Committee Present: Peter Bennetts (PB), Chris Hall (CH), Chris Laming (CL), David Ashbee (DA), Patrick Mills (PM), Tony Hill (TH). Total at meeting: 11. This meeting was advertised as open to all members.

Apologies: Rob Tough

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Accepted

2. Chairman's Update

The efforts to invigorate the active members in Gloucester has not yielded sufficient results for PB to continue to involve himself in the Gloucester area as significantly as last year. PB will continue to administrate the Gloucester area, however there will be limited activity in Gloucester unless organized by other members.

Discussions at the meeting with Mark Roberts (MR), as a regularly attending member within the Gloucester area, lead to a proposal to include him in communications with the hope he will take on a branch role in the future.

Mid Gloucestershire has received an award from Nick Yarwood (West Central and West Midlands Regional Pub Data Coordinator) for most improved pub data in 2025.

3. Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance stands at £2,222.31, after Good Beer Guide profits. It has been agreed to remit £1,000 to CAMRA HQ.

It was noted the branch still has a number of Good Beer Guide 2026 available for sale to members for £12.

4. Membership Update

Membership continues its gradual decline, although the HQ summary actually has our membership at 5 more than the full list of members. This may be that one of them lags the other but which I am not sure. It is interesting to note that on 21st January, a member relocating to our branch was enquiring who his local contact was. He still has yet to appear in the lists.

Our membership stands at
Gloucester – 410, no change

Stroud – 145, -1

Dursley – 153, -9

Forest – 90, -4

Cirencester – 113, -1

Other – 15, no change

TOTAL – 926

5. Area Reports

a. Forest of Dean –

No word from the Woodman, Parkend which closed last year. (GLO/0386)

Miners Country Inn, Sling, was boarded up three days after CL delivered the Tippler. (GLO/0424)

Brockweir Inn looks to be reopening soon. (GLO/0067)

Dog & Muffler, PoTY presentation is this coming Thursday 5th. (GLO/0298)

b. Cirencester –

Drillman's Arms, PoTY presentation was standing room only.¹ (GLO/0454)

Twelve Bells situation is ongoing with over 150 objections. It now has Ward Councillor and MP support. (GLO/0645)

Wild Duck Inn, Ewen, reopening 2nd March as County Creatures Inn. (GLO/0214)

Tunnel House Inn, Coates is due reopening in the Spring, under Peacefield Pubs. (GLO/0183)

c. Dursley –

Presentations to be held in March, when Peter Corfield will be available.

Royal Oak, Cromhall and Royal Oak, W-u-E have reopened.

Beermongary, W-u-E has also opened.

A full report from the BLO for Uley on the success of the UB40 celebrations.

Fleece, Hillsley is likely to change hands in the Summer as the landlord moves away.

d. Stroud –

Market Tavern, Stroud is being heavily protected by the Stroud Civic Society.

Rose & Crown, Nymphsfield, the community project owns the pub as of January 30th.

Rose, Paganhill, shut with a planning application put in last November.

¹ <https://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/25807565.pub-near-cirencester-named-best-pub-town/>

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Fresh Standard Brewing have applied for a license for the expanse into their newly obtained third unit at the brewery.

Mills have opened their shop with the taproom expected in 2026.

Stroud had a social/brewery visit at Stroud Brewery.

e. Gloucester –

Turk's Head, Gloucester has now closed.

Both presentations have been made for Gloucester Awards.

6. Constitution

The proposed constitution is still undergoing editing and approval.

7. Regional Director (RD) Elections

There is only one candidate standing for West Central RD at the meeting 28th February. There was a unanimous decision at the meeting for the vote from Mid Gloucestershire.

8. Pub, Club, Cider Pubs of the Year

The areas all confirmed that their judging for branch awards are progressing in line with the previously agreed deadline. See below for full list of awards.

9. Tippler

The deadline for the next edition of the Tippler is Friday 13th February.

10. Socials

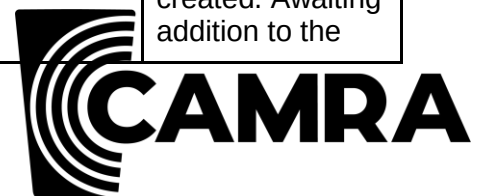
Socials will continue at a slower rate than the end of 2025.

11. Beer Festivals

All beer festivals, CAMRA or non-CAMRA should be promoted.

12. Actions Update

Ref		Responsibility	
25/Dec #1	Read & Review the proposed Branch Constitution by February meeting	All	Incomplete. Ongoing.
25/Dec #2	Area GBG Entry shortlists to be confirmed by January 30th	All ACs	Complete
25/Dec #3	Area Awards to be decided and confirmed with Committee by January 4th	All ACs	Complete
25/Dec #4	Branch Award documentation created and available on the website	CH	Documentation created. Awaiting addition to the



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			website.
25/Dec #5	Printing of Area Award Certificates	PB	Complete

Actions:

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26/Feb #1	Introduce MR to the CAMRA systems regarding the Gloucester AC position.	PB/CH
26/Feb #2	Remit £1,000 to HQ	PB
26/Feb #3	All GBG entries are complete for GBG submission by 2nd March.	All

Awards:

Cirencester Pub of the Year	Drillman's Arms, Cirencester
Dursley Pub of the Year	Old Spot Inn, Dursley
Forest of Dean Pub of the Year	Dog & Muffler, Joyford
Gloucester Pub of the Year	Pelican Inn, Gloucester
Stroud Pub of the Year	Crown & Sceptre, Stroud
Dursley Cider Pub of the Year	The Hoptician, Dursley
Stroud Cider Pub of the Year	Carpenter's Arms, Westrip
Gloucester Club of the Year	Churchdown Club, Gloucester
Stroud Club of the Year	Chalford Sports & Social Club, Stroud

Next Meeting: 7th April 2026, The Pelican, Gloucester*