

MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH AT THE PELICAN INN, GLOUCESTER

7th April 2026

Committee Present: Peter Bennetts (PB), Chris Hall (CH), Chris Laming (CL), David Ashbee (DA), Tony Hill (TH). Total at meeting: 8. This meeting was advertised as open to all members.

Apologies: Rob Tough (RT), Patrick Mills (PM)

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Accepted

2. Chairman's Update

To Be Included

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

Once again the overall summary for the branch provided by HQ has our membership at 923 with 16 new members but also 16 lapsed members. However the full list of members provided by HQ, including those that do not want to be contacted by us only adds up to 016, and only 8 of the new members wish to be contacted by us which is a major improvement on past months.

The membership stands at

Gloucester – 397, -13

Stroud – 148, +3

Dursley – 149, - 4

Forest – 94, +4

Cirencester – 113, no change

Other – 15, no change

TOTAL 916

5. Area Reports

a. Forest of Dean –

Socials continue.

b. Cirencester –

Twelve Bells: There is a meeting of the Planning Committee tomorrow afternoon (8th April 2026) at which James Brown (Cirencester Pubs Officer) is speaking and we are hoping for a lot of support as this is our last chance to save this once fabulous pub.



Minutes

(GLO/0645)

Wild Duck Inn, Ewen, has now reopened. PM reports they have done a fabulous job of the refurbishment with beer prices starting around £5.70. (GLO/0214)

PM reports that he can see now that our pub scoring is starting to work and the Old George, South Cerney is now a 3 pint pot pub. (GLO/0433)

The full report can be found:

<https://midgloucestershire.camra.org.uk/Minutes/2026-04-Cirencester.pdf>

c. Dursley –

The awards have been made to The Old Spot and The Hoptician (Cider PotY), and the Mid-Glos Cider award to the latter is due to happen on April 10th. (GLO/0706) (GLO/1162)

Our social meetings are now every week on Monday evenings at The Old Spot, with business meetings on Wednesdays every 3 months at changing venues. The next is at The Fleece, Hillesley on June 24th. (GLO/0773)

Two of Uley Brewery's specials have now been issued as advertised in The Tippler. Reservoir Hogs was a 3.8% dark amber tasting like a cross between Uley Bitter and Taverner. The latest, Crossbreed, made with Charles Farram's experimental hop, is bitter with a cream soda type of flavour to my taste.

The full report can be found:

<https://midgloucestershire.camra.org.uk/Minutes/2026-04-Dursley.pdf>

d. Stroud –

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

Rose, Paganhill, shut with a planning application put in last November, the application is still ongoing.

The full report can be found:

<https://midgloucestershire.camra.org.uk/Minutes/2026-04-Stroud.pdf>

e. Gloucester –

6. Constitution

The proposed constitution will be presented to all committee members and if there are no further requests for amendment it shall be adopted as it is on April 14th 2026.

7. Regional Director (RD) Elections



Minutes

Brett Lanoish was reelected as Regional Director at the West Central meeting and will serve for a further three years.

8. Pub, Club, Cider Pubs of the Year

The Hoptician has won Gloucestershire (county) Cider Pub of the Year. The presentation will hopefully take place on the same night the branch award is presented subject to the certificates arrival.

9. Actions Update

Ref		Responsibility	
25/Dec #1	Read & Review the proposed Branch Constitution by February meeting	All	Ongoing, action forwarded 26/Apr #1
25/Dec #4	Branch Award documentation created and available on the website	CH	Awaiting addition to the website.
25/Dec #5	Printing of Area Award Certificates	PB	Complete
26/Feb #1	Introduce MR to the CAMRA systems regarding the Gloucester AC position.	PB/CH	Complete
26/Feb #2	Remit £1,000 to HQ	PB	Ongoing
26/Feb #3	All GBG entries are complete for GBG submission by 2nd March.	All	Complete

Actions:

Ref		Responsibility
26/Apr #1.1	E-mail out final draft Constitution to committee, for approval	CH
26/Apr #1.2	Reply to e-mail regarding draft Constitution for amendments by 14th April 2026	All

Next Meeting: 5th May 2026, The Pelican, Gloucester