

MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH AT THE PELICAN INN, GLOUCESTER

5th May 2026

Committee Present: Peter Bennetts (PB), Chris Hall (CH), Chris Laming (CL), David Ashbee (DA), Tony Hill (TH), Rob Tough (RT), Mark Roberts (MR). Total at meeting: 10. This meeting was advertised as open to all members.

Apologies: Patrick Mills (PM), Mark Robinson (MRo)

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Sections 2 & 5 to be Updated.

2. Chairman's Update

Since the last meeting there has been a Regional Meeting and the Member's Weekend of which RT attended. It was noted that Dale Harvey aka The Great British Pub Crawl was voted in at Member's Weekend. The 2027 Member's weekend will be in Chester.

The Hoptician, Dursley has been presented with their county Cider Pub of the Year certificate.

Awareness was raised about the changes to the NBSS coming in the Summer.

Discussion surrounding the recent national announcement of the closure of Brewer's Fayre and Beefeater pubs.

3. Treasurer's Report

The transfer of £1,000 to HQ has yet to occur. There have been a couple of expenses for certificate frames.

An issue has arisen regarding travel expenses for Tippler delivery in the Forest of Dean CL to liaise with FOD members and then to let PB know findings.

4. Membership Update

The figures are the same as April.

5. Area Reports

a. Forest of Dean –

CL did not attend the Food Festival with a stand on the May Bank Holiday, as he had not seen or heard anything since the initial poster and contact. However there are a couple of other events which look promising. It was agreed unanimously that a £60 charge for a stand at these events was a good use of branch funds, as it fits the criteria for spending.

The auctions for the White Horse, Sudley & Drybook did not go ahead, but they may do so in the coming months.



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Lydbrook Valley has produced their first Stout - Black Bridge.

There is a visit to Hereford planned for Friday 8th April.

b. Cirencester (RT) –

Twelve Bells: The meeting of the Planning Committee (8th April 2026) at which James Brown (Cirencester Pubs Officer) spoke and this led to a refusal for change of use. An appeal is expected, with news from council officials that they intend to continue to object to the change of use. (GLO/0645)

Praise was given to the Swan, Leichlade for the revitalisation.

c. Dursley –

Uley Brewery's seasonal beer, Crossbreed, using experimental hops from Charles Farram, seemed to divide drinkers dramatically. Distinctly bitter in an Old World way, it was highly praised by myself and a local landlord. But Kevin Farmer at The Hoptician said it didn't sell and he threw some away. Their beer of the month for May is one of their old favourites Hogswallop.

The Little Avon Brewery tap in Wotton's main street now stocks three of their own ales plus two changing beers from other breweries.

The Royal Oak at Cromhall is open regularly now though it does not serve food at all.

I called in at The Berkeley Arms at Purton on Sunday May 2nd but there was no sign of life.

Pepper Pot, Wick has reopened as 'Pub/Café' but shows no sign of being pub-like.

d. Stroud –

Rose & Crown at Nympsfield is holding an event on 16th May.

Fresh Standard are sponsoring a fundraiser for St. Paul's church over the weekend of 15th-17th May. A talk will take place on Friday evening, tickets are £10.

e. Gloucester –

MR proposed a social on Friday 15th May starting at 20:00, Café Rene. There is a blues band at 21:00. This was accepted

MR venue walk for potential beer festivals will take place in late July with a possibility of doing a weekday and weekend tour.

The council have proposed having 24-hour parking charges across the city. Discussion was had over the potential effect of Pub economy.

6. Constitution

There were no further amendments to the proposed constitution, and so passed.



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7. GBG Allocation

PB is looking at GBG allocation across the county with a future meeting of the branch chairs to discuss this.

8. Pub, Club, Cider Pubs of the Year

Stroud Cider Pub of the Year certificate for the Carpenter's Arms, Westrip will be presented Saturday 9th May, 5pm.

9. Tippler

Tippler deadline is Friday 8th May. CH to e-mail social dates for inclusion.

10. Beer Festivals

a. CAMRA Festivals

Ale & Steam is the next county CAMRA beer festival 12th - 14th June.

Cotswold Beer Festival at Postlip Hall 17th - 19th July

Moreton in Marsh Beer Festival at Moreton in Marsh Cricket Club 11th & 12th September

b. Non-CAMRA Festivals

Cam Beer Festival, 1st August: has sold out.

The Old Spot, Dursley, 21st-25th May: promising 40 beers and ciders.

Ale House, Stroud 22nd-25th May: South Coast themed.

All Festival are on the website

11. AGM

Mid Gloucestershire AGM is due between August and October. September was the preferred month. PB to contact Fountain Inn to book the venue. It was agreed the Regional Director should also be present.

12. Actions Update

Ref		Responsibility	
25/Dec #1	Read & Review the proposed Branch Constitution by February meeting	All	Complete
26/Apr #1	E-mail out final draft Constitution to committee, for approval Reply to e-mail regarding draft Constitution for amendments by 14th April 2026	CH/All	Complete



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26/Feb #2	Remit £1,000 to HQ	MRO	Ongoing

Actions:

Ref		Responsibility
26/May #1	E-mail social dates to Tippler before Friday 8th May	CH
26/May #2	Contact venue and RD to set date for AGM	PB

Next Meeting: 14th July 2026, The Pelican, Gloucester