

MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH AT THE PELICAN INN, GLOUCESTER

14th July 2026

Committee Present: Peter Bennetts (PB), Chris Hall (CH), Chris Laming (CL), David Ashbee (DA), Tony Hill (TH), Mark Roberts (MR), Patrick Mills (PM), James Brown (JB). Total at meeting: 8. This meeting was advertised as open to all members.

Apologies: Mark Robinson (MRo), Rob Tough (RT), Richard Holt

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Accepted.

2. Chairman's Update

Awareness was raised of the CAMRA Beer Report¹ and the sponsorship of the regional and final rounds of the Pub of the Year Competition.

Regional Role Brewery Liaison coordinator is to be filled please seek out candidates

Canvass Pubs and Clubs, CAMRA are looking for members for their licensee panel

3. Treasurer's Report

The transfer of £1,000 to HQ is still in progress.

£23 that had been in the Gloucester Beer Festival account has been transferred to the branch account, with the former account now closed.

4. Membership Update

11 new members of whom 9 have come from Gloucester. This was over three months instead of the usual two but still impressive.

Overall figures are

Gloucester 394, down 3

Stroud 145, down 3

Dursley 142, down 7

Forest 95, up 1 (possible wrongly allocated)

Cirencester 116, up 3

Others 17, plus 2

TOTAL 909

5. Area Reports

a. Forest of Dean –

Miner's Arms, Woodcroft sold by Estate Agent.

¹ <https://camra.org.uk/beer-report>

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Heart of Oaks, Drybrook has a new owner. Apparently the building adjacent is to be turned into a cafe with a skittle alley upstairs.

Globe Inn, Berry Hill has been bought with tenants staying.

Fountain Inn, Parkend has had a soft reopening with new tenants, food to come.

White Horse still up for auction.

Red Hart, Blaisdon celebrated its 20 year anniversary.

b. Cirencester (PM) –

12 Bells remains under threat with the owners attempting to appeal. JB is working with other members to lodge formal representation against the appeal. There appears to be no new arguments being put forward by the owners.

Tunnel House has reopened with a good refurbishment.

Queen Matilda's change of use has been refused.

The Cirencester social to London was enjoyable with RT guiding six members around the Kentish/Camden part of the city.

c. Dursley (DA) –

Discussions as promised centred round the latest edition of The Tippler which had interesting pub and brewery news as well as my article on The Hoptician. The official award to that splendid micropub as West Central Region Cider Pub of the Year will be made later in the year but it was announced and celebrated last Saturday during a break in the music for the town's festival. Kevin, Kirsty and staff distributed free samples of two ciders, one brought in from Kent.

A week after the Hillesley meeting, a few members visited the newly reopened Berkeley Arms at Purton. Two cask ales were on offer, Tribute and London Pride; there was a good crowd enjoying the extended Severnside outside area, and it was good to note that the venue is open every day except Monday and Tuesday for Brunch and evening Bistro ! The stone floor remains throughout but the traditional feel of the historic place has been compromised by the inside bar being rather chic and stripped of its wooden settles ! If that brings in a wider clientele, so be it.

It is good to see that Dursley Community Centre is under new management, is open every day except Sunday evening and still serves a well-kept pint of a varied Palmer's cask ale. Your membership fee of £5 will soon be repaid with the low prices of drinks.

The Beermongery , Little Avon brewery's tap in Wotton, has live music once a week, with two beers other than its own.

d. Stroud –

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(via DA) Star, Whiteshill is now being run by three locals who are now serving three ales at a lower price than the pub had before.

The next Stroud meeting is Monday 17th August, Ale House, Stroud due to holidays.

e. Gloucester –

A devastating fire at the Churchdown Club has left them having to crowdfund to recover. Discussion was had as to how CAMRA may best support them.

The Dick Whittington has new owners and has been renamed to the Sisters Pub. It opened on July 7th.

The Coro Lounge has opened in the old Chambers, it is not serving real ale as was expected.

6. GBG Allocation

PB held a meeting with the other branch chairs of Gloucestershire in June. They will meet again on 18th August to discuss primarily changes to GBG allocations for each branch.

7. Pub, Club, Cider Pubs of the Year

The Hoptician Cider Regional PoTY certificate will be presented on Saturday 24th October, 5pm.

PB has judged all but one pub for the Gloucestershire element of West Central Pub of the Year.

The Gloucestershire Pub of the Year presentation will take place 22nd July.

8. Tippler

Discussion held around potential articles for the Autumn edition.

9. Socials

All known socials are currently on the website.

MR to hold a tour of Gloucester encompassing potential Gloucester Beer Festival locations 29th July, leaving the Regal at 12pm.

A Gloucestershire members meet/social will take place at the Beehive, Cheltenham sometime in September organised by PB.

10. Beer Festivals

a. CAMRA Festivals

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

Worcester Beer Festival, Racecourse, Worcester: 13th - 15th August

Moreton in Marsh Beer Festival at Moreton in Marsh C: 11th & 12th September



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b. Non-CAMRA Festivals

Sausage & Cider Festival, Fleece Inn, Hillsley: 25th - 27th July

Tuft Horn Inn Mini Beer Festival, Coleford: 31st July - 1st August

Sub Rooms, Stroud Beer Festival: 31st July - 2nd August

Gloucester Farmer's Club Beer Festival: 18th - 19th September

MR organising for a CAMRA membership stand at the event.

Cirencester Round Table Beer Festival: 2nd - 3rd October

All Festival are to go on the website

11. GBG Orders

Agreed that uptake in branch sold Tipplers is decreasing. HQ are charging the branch £1 more than last year per book in boxes of 10. CH to confirm with Area Coordinators exact order numbers.

12. AGM

AGM to be booked, potentially October 17th.

13. Actions Update

Ref		Responsibility	
26/Feb #2	Remit £1,000 to HQ	MRo	Ongoing
26/May #1	E-mail social dates to Tippler before Friday 8th May	CH	Complete
26/May #2	Contact venue and RD to set date for AGM	PB	Ongoing

Actions:

Ref		Responsibility
26/Aug #1	CH to organise orders for GBG 2027	CH
26/Aug #2	Communicate social details for 29th July in Gloucester	MR

Next Meeting: 1st September 2026, Pelican, Gloucester*