

**CAMRA in Gloucester AGM
Social Secretaries Report
September 2014**

“What a social twelve months we have had. We have had numerous day trips out by train, taken over plenty of Stagecoach services buses, visited a good proportion of Gloucester CAMRA pubs and had the odd mini bus / coach trip thrown in for good measure!

It started slowly, with Four going every-so-slightly-mad in Stroud, but from there we built upon it with a legendary day trip to Bristol travelling by both train and boat! We quickly learnt to keep a loose itinerary as pubs were crowd-barred in from all angles by our extremely keen beer-monsters! That time we were lucky enough to escape the Beer-muda Triangle unscathed!

We hit Bespoke Brewery Tap en-mass to enjoy their wide range of beers on draught and almost remembered to be quiet at the bus stop on our return (shhhh!). There were numerous beer festivals in the City that had to be tested - The Pelican, The Fountain, Wetherspoons and the Blues Festival - oh did I forget to mention Gloucester CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival - I think a few folk may have popped by?!

With the help of the wonderful Stroud RE Group we were able to take a coach full of thirsty people to both Pauntley Real Ale Festival and the Cotswold Beer Festival to try their wares. These have proved to be a great success, so look out for more collaboration trips in future!

The walk around Worcester served up a number of new and different pubs, as did Chepstow - a place where few had been drinking before. Look out for the upcoming away day to Bath - a city new to us, so perhaps expect some new and different watering holes.

Over the next twelve months we hope to offer up a similar agenda of bus, rail and minibus trips with a balance between those that you have to commit to, and those that you can join us on the day for - we hope to see the same faces and maybe some new ones too - please do come and join us on a trip - they're good fun, and I promise we don't bite!”