

Ale

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TIME FOR CAMBRIDGE LICENSING HOURS TO CONFORM WITH THOSE ELSEWHERE

Cambridge CAMRA members would welcome longer evening drinking hours to bring the city into line with neighbouring towns.

So would many successful local tenants - although some managers have surprisingly raised objections.

The topic has recently had an airing in the correspondence columns of the 'Cambridge Evening News', following a 'leader' calling for an extra half-hour's drinking time each evening.

Cambridge pubs must now call time between Monday - Thursday at 10.30 p.m. (Friday and Saturday, 11 p.m.) Newmarket and Ely pubs serve drinks every night of the week until 11 p.m.

It seems ludicrous that a couple coming out of a cinema cannot reach their 'local' for a quick one on the way home.

But freer and even longer licensing hours, as recommended by the Erroll Report in 1972, may soon be implemented nationally.

Then Britain would come into line with other Common Market countries.

WELLS' 'CHRISTMAS ALE' A NEWCOMER AMONG THE WINTER WARMERS

A new Charles Wells brew, Christmas Ale, is among the 'winter warmers' now on sale in Cambridge and the surrounding area.

It is served by handpump at the Golden Ball at Boxworth, temporarily replacing Wells Eagle bitter.

Another seasonal beer, Tolly Old, also on handpump, has replaced Cantab at the Golden Ball, and mild at the Jolly Brewers, Milton.

Adnams Old and the extra-strong Tally Ho are served straight from the cask at the Queen's Head, Newton.

A Wells spokesman said Christmas Ale was 'one of the highest gravity beers for miles around ... brewed in the traditional way.'

GREENE KING DRAUGHT SALES SOAR 39 PER CENT IN HOT SUMMER

Sales of Greene King draught beers rose 39 per cent during last year's long, hot summer.

The Bury St Edmunds brewers, with 400 of their 1,000 public-houses in mid-Anglia, achieved record taxable profits of £12.8 million, excluding VAT, for a six-month period ended October 31, 1975.

This compared to £9.24 million for the corresponding period the previous year, when the increase on 1973 was 24 per cent.

Last year sales of draught, including Abbot, were 'spectacular'.

ON DRAUGHT ...

Next meeting at the Green Dragon, Chesterton, on Tuesday January 20 (8 p.m.) ... Fire damaged a bedroom at the Tickell Arms, Whittlesford (Abbot and Adnams), causing an estimated £500-£1,000-worth of damage ... Trevor Littlechild paid £3.25 at a branch meeting for an Adnams poster which will decorate the Old Perseans RUFC clubhouse (where 'real' Adnams is available to club members).