

Ale

Cambridge and District branch
of the
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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LAURA O'REILLY SUCCEEDS CHRIS BRUTON AS CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TREASURER

Laura O'Reilly is the new treasurer of the Cambridge and District branch of the Campaign for Real Ale, succeeding Chris Bruton, now chairman of the national campaign.

Laura (left) is the last person a seasoned drinker would expect to see downing a pint of ale in a public bar - but she has been a dedicated CAMRA member for nearly two years.



She joined the campaign because 'I was standing in a bar one night, and I realised I could tell the difference between real ale and other beer.'

Of CAMRA, she says: 'We are making progress. People are beginning to take notice of us, and to listen to what we're saying.'

Laura narrowly missed election to the committee at the branch's annual meeting in December.

This may have been the reason she polled more votes than Nigel Watson, who is already on the committee.

She works as a secretary in the accounts department of the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate.

'ALE' - 'A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COLLECTION'

'Ale' is now being deposited in the Cambridge University Library and the county library's 'Cambridgeshire Collection'.

Cambridgeshire Libraries' assistant county librarian, Mr A. J. Armour, has written to the branch asking 'that we may be added to your mailing list.'

'You may know of the Cambridgeshire Collection,' he said, 'and of our continuing effort to acquire material relevant to our county, its history, and present-day life.'

'In this regard, news of your campaign, its purpose, method and impact would be a welcome addition to our collection.'

Branch secretary Bill Noblett, himself a librarian historian at the UL, ensures a regular weekly delivery there.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next event, visit to Greene King brewery at

Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday April 7 (coach leaves New Square, 1 p.m.), followed by social at the Plough and Fleece (Greene King), Horningsea (from 8 p.m.) ... A firkin of Henderson's LJ will be served from the cask at the Rose and Crown (Greene King), Newmarket Road, Cambridge, tonight ... Branch committee will meet at the Blue Ball (Greene King), Grantchester, on Sunday April 11 ... Harvest Home (Tolly), Fen Ditton, believed to be the only pub in the area to serve only mild - Mabel Smith has run it for 43 years, and it has been in her family for nearly a century, ... Ancient Shepherds (Tolly), Fen Ditton, now also handpumps 'real ale'.