

# Ale

Cambridge and District branch  
of the  
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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## MORE AND MORE PUBS START TO SERVE BEER THE WAY NATURE INTENDED ...

'Ale' has within a month had the pleasure of reporting that three bars in Cambridge and the surrounding area have installed handpumps.

They were at the Rose and Crown (Greene King), Newmarket Road, the Waggon and Horses (Ruddle's, Greene King), Milton, and the Henekey Tavern (Greene King), in the city centre.

Last year, other pubs joined the 'real ale' movement: the Ancient Shepherds (Tolly), Fen Ditton, the Hat and Feathers (Tolly), Cambridge, the Pemberton Arms (Adnams', Greene King), Harston, and the Waggon and Horses (Ruddle's, Tolly), Cottenham, to mention only four.

Some pubs have kept unwaveringly to serving beer by traditional methods, the Baker's Arms (Greene King), the Burleigh Arms (Tolly), the Cambridge Arms (Greene King), the Dewdrop (Tolly), the Jolly Millers (Tolly), the Panton Arms (Greene King) - and many more.

### 'Unnecessary Chemicals'

CAMRA was once regarded by some brewers and licensees as an up-start organisation that didn't know what it was talking about.

Yet its main campaigning point has simply been to ask brewers to continue to supply, and pubs to serve, beer the way nature intended, without the unnecessary addition of chemicals.

Most regional brewers now take CAMRA seriously. The group, after all, represents one of their best interests - people who like drinking beer.

This is why more and more licensees are seeing the wisdom of the argument, and reverting to 'real ale' methods of serving their staple product.

### CHRIS HUTT MOVES CAMRA INVESTMENTS HEADQUARTERS TO CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge is to be the new headquarters of CAMRA (Real Ale) Investments Ltd, a company formed by CAMRA members to open pubs throughout the country.

Executive administrator, Chris Hutt, of Chedworth Street, Cambridge, will move his office from St Albans to 29-31 Hills Road.

He is responsible for running the company's five pubs, including the Salisbury, in Tenison Road, Cambridge, which should open at the end of next month.

Three of the other four pubs are already open, the Old Fox at Bristol, the White Gates, Hyde (near Manchester), and the Nag's Head, Hampstead.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next meeting, Barley Mow (Greene King), Histon, on Wednesday April 21 (8 p.m.) ... Ind Coope are now putting handpumps into some of their pubs - how long before this policy will be implemented in Cambridge? ... David Short, licensee of the Queen's Head (Adnams'), Newton, originally signed national chairman, Chris Bruton, and national executive member, John Bishop, as CAMRA members ... April fool to anyone who asked for Henderson's LJ (Loopy Juice) after reading last week's issue.

Minutes of a branch meeting held at the Hat and Feathers,  
on Tuesday March 16 1976.

- 1 Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.
- 2 Matters arising
  - A word of remembrance was said for the Elm Tree.
  - The Good Beer Guide was to be published on April 5 and the Secretary would take orders at the end of the meeting.
- 3 Treasurer's report
  - There had been little change and the new treasurer would have a sound financial base from which to work.
- 4 Election of a new treasurer
  - There were two nominations: Laura O'Reilly proposed by Allan Challis, seconded by Steve Davis-King; Nigel Watson proposed by John Bishopp, seconded by Stephen Cornford. Laura O'Reilly was elected on a show of hands by 13 votes to 10.
- 5 Cambridge Beer Festival 1976
  - Stephen Cornford reported that the Beer Festival would definitely go ahead and David Short had applied for the licence. He outlined the roles of the various members of the sub-committee. The major decision taken so far had been to cut the print order for special glasses to 1500 and operate a dual system of both glasses to buy and free glasses. The main reason for this decision had been the fear that the need to buy a glass might deter the lucrative lunchtime trade.
- 6 'Ale'
  - Allan Challis outlined a new scheme for distribution. He would deliver copies to people who were prepared to deliver them to their locals.
- 7 'Real Ale in Cambridgeshire'
  - The Secretary said the three Cambridgeshire branches were to go ahead with a completely new edition. A special report form had been designed (see 'Ale' 13) and was available for all members who wished to report on pubs. He asked for volunteers, particularly for the east of the county.
- 8 Brighton A.G.M.
  - The Chairman thanked all Cambridge members who had attended, particularly Andrew Maltby who had run the beer festival virtually single-handed, and briefly summarised the major decisions made. George Challis congratulated the Chairman on his speech proposing the successful branch motion.
- 9 Mrs Hill's Social Spot
  - Future events included 'Jazz at the Barn' at Little Sampford, run by the N.W. Essex branch, on March 27, and a weekend visit to Bateman's sometime in the summer.
- 10 Dates of the next meetings were announced by Nigel Watson.
- 11 Any other business
  - Steve Davis-King said the sheet of revisions to the current 'Real Ale in Cambridgeshire' were available and anybody who wanted a copy get in touch with him.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.