

Ale

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HELP THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE IN THE FIGHT FOR BETTER BEER ...

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'Ale' is a new weekly newsletter published by the Cambridge and District branch of CAMRA, which is now entering its third year of campaigning.



The branch is one of more than 100 similar voluntary groups in Britain devoted to championing the cause of beer produced by traditional methods and served without the extraneous use of chemicals.

We would like to think it is one of the liveliest of the branches, but there can be no room for complacency when there is still so much to be done in improving the choice and quality of beer available locally.

'Ale' can provide a focus for new ideas. It's an opportunity for those who can't come to meetings, or don't like speaking in public, to say something.

If you belong to CAMRA, or sympathise with its ideals, then this newsletter is for you - and your contributions will be welcome!

CAMRA MEMBERS DISAPPOINTED THAT 'THE RED COW' IS ON TOP PRESSURE

Ind Coope's new Cambridge pub, the Red Cow, at the back of the Guildhall, is using top pressure to dispense its bitter and mild.

CAMRA members' hopes that Allied Breweries might install beer engines have thus been dashed.

The Red Cow, formerly a Tollemache Cobbold house, was re-opened after a £50,000 renovation on Wednesday December 17 1975.

For pressure beer, the Ind Coope Special Bitter was palatable - even if the guests' taste might have been tainted by fizzy champagne!

Allied's former chairman, Sir Gerald Thorley, described the event as 'a resuscitation for this corner of Cambridge known as the Red Cow.' He released a clutch of gas-filled balloons to mark the occasion.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next social at The Tree, Stapleford (Greene King, Biggleswade) and the Pemberton Arms, Harston (Greene King and Adnams) on Wednesday January 7 (coach from New Square, Cambridge, 7.30 p.m.) ... John Bishopp, Chris Bruton, Alan and Sue Hill and Chris Hutt all visited CAMRA's first London pub, the Nag's Head at Hampstead, on the opening day, Wednesday December 17 1975 ... Sadly, the Free Press in Prospect Row, Cambridge, is now closed - hopefully only temporarily.