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Cambridge and District branch
of the
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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CAMBRIDGE MEMBERS MONK AND BROWNSWORD HOPE TO START A BEDFORD BRANCH



Cambridge members Chris Monk and Bernie Brownsword are hoping to start a North Bedfordshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale in neighbouring Bedford.

Forty-five people attended a test support meeting in December, and a second meeting was being held at the Black Horse (Charles Wells), Wootton, near Bedford, on Wednesday January 14 1976.

Popular Bernie (left) was the bowler-hatted figure in a butcher's apron who helped to keep the second Cambridge Beer Festival running smoothly at the Corn Exchange last year, assigning people to their jobs.

Secretary of the projected Bedford branch, he now lives at 80 Laurel Walk, Kempston, Beds (tel. Bedford 853908).

Chris, chairman of a steering committee, can be telephoned at Oakley (Beds) 4881.

Bernie's job took him to Bedford some months ago, but he still attends Cambridge meetings and socials whenever possible.

It is the second time Cambridge members have formed a branch elsewhere - Mike Davey (chairman) and Linda Wardley (secretary) started North-west Essex.

BIG BREWERS ADMIT CAMRA'S INFLUENCE IN 'MORNING ADVERTISER' PROBE

CAMRA's influence as a consumer unit was admitted by several of the Big Six brewery concerns in the licensed trade newspaper, the 'Morning Advertiser', on Monday December 29 1975.

'CAMRA - An Initial Success In So Many Ways' was the headline for a full-page 'probe' feature by staff writer, David Ing.

He said it seemed the campaign had been around for years as a thorn in the side of the big brewers.

'It is some four years since CAMRA arrived on the scene. Yet in that time the initials have become as familiar as CID, VAT and even LVA.

'In a relatively short period they have become a powerful independent consumer association,' he added.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next meeting at the Green Dragon (Greene King), Chesterton, on Tuesday January 20 (8 p.m.) ...

Two regulars were labelled the 'Cambridge Arms Choir' when they fell asleep (for two hours!) and started snoring in the pub's saloon bar (ask committee member Allan Challis for further details) ... A Cambridge drain-cleaning lorry was seen bearing the graffiti, 'Grotty's Keg Beer'.