

Ale

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of the
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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TWO CAMBRIDGE MOTIONS FOR CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Campaign for Real Ale, to be held at the Metropole, Brighton, on Saturday February 28, will hear two motions proposed by the Cambridge and District branch.

The committee proposes that 'the campaign should be seen to be acting at all times in the interest of real ale drinkers and campaigning at every level for the conversion of pubs to real ale, and not merely attempting to become a part of the brewing establishment.'

Former committee member Dave Bennett proposes that 'the campaign should encourage brewers to preserve mild beers and introduce new beers of a wider range of gravities than the present fashion of only introducing high-priced, high-gravity beers.'

Cambridge will be well-represented at the annual meeting by national and branch officials, John Bishop, Chris Bruton, Alan and Sue Hill and Chris Hutt, in their various CAMRA guises.

Panton Arms regular, Charles Dix, is also organising a party that will include staunch members, Ron Attwood, George Challis, Eric Hibbins and Dora Miller.

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH MEMBERS TO VISIT PAINE'S BREWERY AT ST NEOTS

Paine's, of St Neots, one of Cambridgeshire's only two breweries, have invited Cambridge CAMRA members to visit their brewery.

Fiona P. McNish, an executive, writing on behalf of the company, has suggested two dates, both Saturdays, February 14 and 21.

Numbers will be restricted to 10 on each visit, and the demand is, therefore, likely to be high.

Paine's is perhaps the only brewery that has reverted almost entirely to 'real' ale during CAMRA's four-year existence.

Some months ago the company introduced a new, high-gravity real beer, EG, available near Cambridge at the Golden Ball, Boxworth.

GREENE KING BUY 'FREE PRESS', PLEDGE TO RETAIN ITS CHARACTER

Cambridge City Council is to sell the Free Press in Prospect Row, Cambridge, back to Greene King, the Bury St Edmunds brewers, 'on condition that its character will be maintained.'

The Press is a quaint Victorian pub that has retained its charm in another era. It has always been well-patronised by 'locals'.

It has been closed since November, when the licensee, 'Brenda', gave notice because of ill health.

The council bought it, for redevelopment, in the 1960s.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next meeting at the White Swan (Tolly), Bottis-
ham, which has recently reinstated handpumps,
on Tuesday February 17 ... CAMRA mirror, valued £12, at the Cambridge
Arms in King Street (see 'Ale' 5) fell and smashed - but will be re-
placed by manager Les Roper ... ADC Theatre bar sold a firkin (72
pints) of Abbot, served straight from the cask, in 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ -hours.