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of the
CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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BRANCH WILL PAY MORE FOR THIRD CAMBRIDGE BEER FESTIVAL IN JULY

Cambridge and District branch of the Campaign for Real Ale will have to pay more to hold the Third Cambridge Beer Festival at the Corn Exchange in July.

This was predicted by treasurer Chris Bruton (right) at a branch monthly meeting held at the Green Dragon, Chesterton, last week.

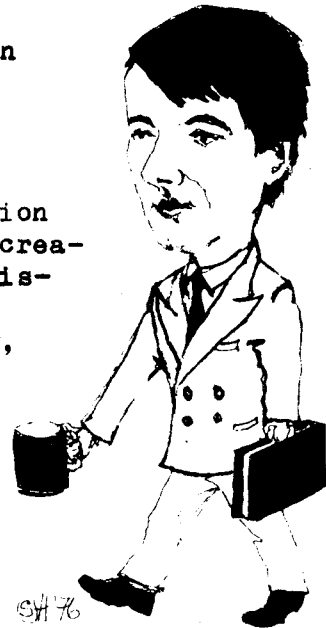
It was inevitable charges would go up at a time of inflation.

'The festival sub-committee are in negotiation with the Cambridge City Council amenities and recreation officials and they are confident that a satisfactory solution will be reached.'

Chris, a National Executive member of CAMRA, forecast that 240 'kils' of 'real' ale - or 34,560 pints - would be sold during the four-day festival between July 21 - 24.

He explained: 'The hire of the Corn Exchange as a commercial venture will be going up this year, and we are not in dispute with that.'

Negotiations with council officials were to be held later in the week. 'I think it is important that members should know what's going on.'



Sue Hill's Social Diary

CAMBRIDGE MEMBERS CAN ENTER BRANCH DARTS KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

We are to start a darts knockout competition - for fun, and also for a small prize. Eventually we may start a team. Do have a go, even if you have never played before (No-one could be worse at darts than me!) Entries to me, please, by the February social, so that a draw can be held at the meeting on February 17. Rules are simple. Members can play when and where they like, as long as it is in a 'real ale' pub.

Results should be declared (tel. Cambridge 47857) before March 7. A special social will be arranged for the finals.

I will welcome any sane (!) suggestions for alternatives - a cycling tour of local pubs? - to meetings and socials.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next social at the Snow Cat (Greene King), Arbury, Cambridge, on Wednesday February 4 ... Branch committee well-received at the Three Tuns, Abington (Charrington's) by tenant and wife, Peter and Sylvia Carpenter - nice people, good pint (IPA and Crown, both from handpumps), comfortable pub ... Handpumped Tolly Cantab, introduced at customers' request at the Dew Drop, Gwydir Street, sold a kil in less than four days ... Branch treasurer Chris Bruton reports North Bedfordshire second test support meeting (see 'Ale' 3) was highly-successful ... CAMRA mirror now hangs in Cambridge Arms (Greene King) saloon bar.