

Ale

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CAMRA 'GOOD BEER GUIDE 1976' LISTS 35 PUBS IN CAMBRIDGE BRANCH AREA

Nine Cambridge pubs are named in CAMRA's 'Good Beer Guide 1976', published by the campaign in association with Arrow Books.

Another 26 are listed within the Cambridge and District branch's area. Altogether, 4,000 pubs are described, with brief comments as to their character.

Copies are now on sale, price £1.40 from bookshops, or £1.20 to members at branch functions.

An invaluable guide, the book also lists every brewery in the land and, for the first time, the original gravities of the beers they brew.

Gravities for bitter beers in East Anglia include Adnams at 1036, Greene King (both Biggleswade and Bury St Edmunds) Abbot 1048 and IPA 1035, Ruddle's County 1050 and IPA 1032, Tolly Cobbold Cantab 1041 and bitter 1034, and Charles Wells 1036.

The Guide points out that high gravity beers are not necessarily better than weaker brews - it is a matter of personal preference.

CAMBRIDGE MEMBERS MAGNIFICENTLY ENTERTAINED AT GREENE KING BREWERY

Cambridge CAMRA members were magnificently entertained during a visit to the Greene King brewery at Bury St Edmunds.

A small coachload was divided into two parties guided by Mrs Lydia Kintrea and Mrs Jannette Service.

The trek round the buildings took $1\frac{3}{4}$ -hours, and afterwards the two parties were reunited at the sampling room where they were greeted by head brewer, Tom Bennett, and second brewer, Gordon Sainsbury. Abbot, IPA and mild in supreme condition flowed freely from the cask.

On the way home, members stopped at the Red Lion (Greene King), Isleham, before joining a branch social at the Plough and Fleece (Greene King), Horningsea.

NEXT BRANCH VISIT TO BATEMAN'S BREWERY AT SKEGNESS ON JUNE 18 - 20

Cambridge CAMRA members will visit Bateman's brewery at Wainfleet, Skegness, on Friday June 18.

Managing director, George Bateman, suggested Cambridge might like to follow the Barnet branch's example in staying overnight.

This would enable a party of not more than 40 to visit a number of pubs in the district.

Social secretary Sue Hill is already taking bookings.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next social, Black Bull (Ind Coope), Sawston, on Thursday (note Thursday) May 6 ... Charles Wells' new 'real ale', Wells Fargo, now served at the Chequers, Fenstanton, and other pubs expected soon to follow ... Look for CAMRA's window-sticker, 'We're in the 1976 Good Beer Guide', which was issued to the appropriate pubs on publication day ... Tolly have also issued their own 'real ale' sticker.