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### NEW-LOOK PANTON ARMS RETAINS ITS CHARACTER - AND ADDS MORE HANDPUMPS

The Panton Arms, in Panton Street, Cambridge, has retained much of its traditional Victorian character after a complete renovation.

Brewers Greene King have seen the wisdom of keeping handpumps in all bars, and installing them in a sizeable new lounge.

The old smoke room has if anything been improved, especially by a Victorian cast-iron grate taken from another pub near Cambridge.

Panton people feared the worst when popular Iris Ambrose died and husband Leslie retired in 1974.

But Greene King and their architects are to be congratulated upon making every attempt to retain the pub's traditional character.

Manager Trevor Hendy and wife Maggie can expect to see many more CAMRA members and other 'real ale' drinkers in the future.

Pubs in the vicinity serving 'real ale' are the Cross Keys and the Granta (Greene King) and the Jolly Millers and the Hat and Feathers (Tolly).

### PEMBERTON ARMS AT HARSTON ADDS RUDDLE'S TO ADNAMS' AND GREENE KING

Ruddle's County and IPA are now available just south of Cambridge - at Harston's only 'real ale' pub, the Pemberton Arms.

They have joined Adnams' bitter, and both Greene King Abbot and IPA. All five beers are served on handpumps.

Host John Lambley and his charming wife, Kate, re-opened the pub as a free house eight months ago.

Ruddle's has previously been available in south Cambridgeshire only at the Hardwicke Arms Hotel at Arrington, some miles away.

Adnams' is served from the cask at the nearby Queen's Head, at Newton, and on handpump (alongside Greene King Abbot) at the Tickell Arms, at Whittlesford.

### WELLS' FARGO SERVED FROM THE CASK AT THE JOLLY BREWERS AT HASLINGFIELD

Charles Wells' Fargo, a new strong brew, is now served from the cask at the Jolly Brewers at Haslingfield.

An excellent pint it is, too, with a taste typical of the Wells range.

The Brewers must qualify as one of Cambridgeshire's most delightful pubs, retaining its age-old rustic atmosphere.

Hostess Ivy Wallwork also specialises in 'real' cockles (not the plastic-packaged substitute) and eggs pickled after having been laid by home-grown chickens.

ON DRAUGHT ... Next meeting, Waggon and Horses (Greene King Abbot and IPA, and Ruddle's County and IPA), Milton, on Tuesday (May 18) ... Cambridge CAMRA v. Ipswich cricket match, announced in 'What's Brewing' for Sunday May 23, has not been postponed ... Sadly neglected by CAMRA members - the Five Bells (Tolly), Newmarket Road, Cambridge, which has sets of handpumps in both lounge and bar ... Isn't it a pity that Tolly don't re-open that delightful Cambridge riverside pub, the George and Dragon?

Cambridge and District branch of the CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

Minutes of a branch meeting held at the Barley Mow, Histon, on Wednesday April 21 1976.

- 1 Secretary Bill Noblett took the chair in Alan Hill's absence.
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comment.
- 3 Correspondence  
Chris Bruton had written that Nick Hawkins, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire regional organiser, would also cover Cambridgeshire. He urgently appealed for members to sell 'CAMRA Pints' tickets because nationally the campaign was short of funds.
- 4 Treasurer's report  
Treasurer Laura O'Reilly reported that 44 copies of 'Good Beer Guide 1976' had already been sold within the branch.
- 5 Cambridge Beer Festival 1976  
Sub-committee chairman Peter Pearce circulated a comprehensive summary of decisions taken by the sub-committee at three meetings. The Police would be asked for advice on security. Protection would be provided for the Corn Exchange floor. Representatives of the media and the licensed trade would be invited to a preview. It was hoped a special guest would open the festival.
- 6 'Real Ale in Cambridgeshire'  
Bill Noblett said three-branch meetings had agreed that Cambridge would put up two-thirds of the cost, and take two-thirds of the profit. Peterborough and St Neots would together share a third of the cost. A 32-page, fact-filled guide would go to press on May 3. It would retail for 25p-per-copy.
- 7 'Ale'  
Allan Challis hoped to hear from members who could make regular weekly deliveries to as many pubs as possible.
- 8 Mrs Hill's Social Spot  
A test support meeting would be held at the Angel, Bury St Edmunds, on May 5.  
Cambridge branch would play Ipswich at cricket and rounders at Stowmarket on Sunday May 23 or 30.
- 9 Handpumps  
Allan Challis reported that handpumps owned by the branch, or in its possession, had been sold or committed. Chris Bruton urged the branch to consider the overall philosophy of buying and selling beer engines. Peter Pearce said branch handpumps would be needed for the beer festival.
- 10 Riverside Festival  
George Cottam, chairman of the St Neots branch, asked for Cambridge members' help at his branch's festival between June 4 - 7. Chris Bruton said this would be the first time a CAMRA branch had taken a full bar franchise.
- 11 The June social would be held at the Salisbury, Tenison Road, on Thursday June 3.
- 12 Any other business  
Chris Bruton reported that Greene King had said the Free Press in Prospect Row would remain a tenancy; that less than £10,000 would be spent on it; and that handpumps would be retained if the right tenant could be found.  
John Curry, of Peterborough, the new area organiser, was present. Chris Butt asked for help at a Cheddars Lane barbecue.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.