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TREVOR JONES

Jamaica

● **1950s/60s**

Arrived in the United Kingdom from Jamaica.

● **1970s**

Moved to Cambridge and began working as a civil servant at Cambridge City Council.

● **Late 1970s**

Worked for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and Inland Revenue.

● **1982 - 1993**

Became landlord of the Devonshire Arms, previously the Midland Tavern.



Trevor Jones, known to many as TJ, was born in Jamaica and later moved to London to join his uncle Norman. Soon after, he relocated

to Cambridge where he began his career as a civil servant at the City Council. He later found himself at Shire Hall, involved with plants and flowers destined for the Cambridge Botanical Gardens.

His deep ties to the local community were solidified when he became the landlord of the Devonshire Arms, previously named the Midland Tavern.



The pub hosted themed nights dedicated to French, Spanish, African, and Caribbean communities, a place of celebration and cultural exchange. A Caribbean church next door further strengthened this link, with many congregants frequenting the pub.



Trevor's Devonshire Arms became particularly famous for its Caribbean cuisine, with dishes like curried goat, fried fish, and dumplings drawing a

diverse crowd. Legendary moments included hosting the West Indies cricket team after their match at Fenner's Cricket Ground. The pub also became a live music venue, regularly welcoming steel pan performances by Victor Ramsey's family band, as well as local and visiting musicians.