

SEX-CHANGE LANDLORD IS FACING DOLE

But wife promises to stand by him

A SEX change operation could put pub landlord Alan Bennett on the dole.

The father of two teenage boys fears his brewery may want him to leave when he becomes a woman.

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For they have a rule that their pubs should be run by normal married couples.

Alan, 37, whose wife Janice is standing by him, also risks losing his job as part-time boatman to port pilots at Fowey, Cornwall.

Alan, who took over the Russell Inn in Polruin 18 months ago, has admitted having hormone treatment and his intention to have an operation.

Worry.

Janice, 39, who has been married to him for 18 years, said: "It's very worrying. But everyone is being very sympathetic.

"I am being as supportive as I can be. But I'm not encouraging or discouraging Alan in

what he wants to do. It's his decision."

Alan said: "I can see the changes, and for the first time in my life I have really been happy with my body."

A spokesman for the St. Austell brewery said last night: "We would not have employed him had we know about his circumstances.

"However, no decision has yet been taken about his future employment."

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