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What terrible times we live in. Apologies for the gap in producing Marksman, but that's Covid's fault. Who would have thought just over a year ago that we'd still be under the heel of this vicious plague which has had such a detrimental effect on our lives? Last Christmas is one we'll remember for all the wrong reasons. At first, going out and clapping for our brilliant NHS seemed a novel idea, one full of emotion and good will. Yet then came the 'second wave' and all the necessary laws to try and hold back the virus.

Many of us, including your editor, have been lucky enough to have both jabs of the vaccine. Here in Hull this was the Pfizer version, carried out at the massive KFC Stadium. Amazingly, for all manner of odd reasons, there were some people who not only refused to be inoculated, but somehow believed that even the virus itself is a hoax. Perhaps if they had to spend a couple of shifts on a Covid ward with our overworked doctors and nurses, they might see things differently. The closure of pubs, restaurants and theatres is a tragedy. But those of us in lockdown have often found time to do many of the things we've been putting off for years. I've got back into baking bread every week as well as learning the ukulele. This means I can now perform three George Formby Songs, plus Laurel and Hardy's Trail of the Lonesome Pine. So, every time I pick up the Uke in the (hopefully) better months to come, it will always remind us of being trapped in the house for weeks on end. Still, as Mr. Formby often said, (or was it Ken Dodd?) 'They can't touch you for it.'



Here's what we hope we'll be saying in 6 months time: 'TURNED OUT NICE AGAIN!'

Baily Thomas A helping hand

BAILY THOMAS PROVIDENT FU

The Baily Thomas Provident Fund is a grant making trust set up to benefit the former employees of Mansfield Brewery plc and their dependents and is based on the former Brewery site in Mansfield.

GRANTS

You can find all the information about the grants currently available for application on the BTPF website.

The website informs about the Trust in general, but it also provides important information about all the current grants that can be applied for, the procedures on how to apply and the supporting documentation required to be submitted with the completed application form. A link for accessing the application form is on every grant guidance page and can be downloaded and printed.

The grant information on the website is kept up to date and **all** grant types currently considered by the trustees can be found there.

So that you are always aware of the grants available for application, please ensure that you visit the website regularly. Any changes in grant policy will always be available on the website and is the best way to ensure you are completely up to date. Contact Us:

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BAILY THOMAS PROVIDENT FUND

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

The Trustees have appointed Nuffield Health to provide health assessments for all beneficiaries (former employees of Mansfield Brewery} and their spouses.

The assessment available is Nuffield's most in-depth and detailed health analysis known as PATH, the personalized Assessment Tailored for Health (PATH) and will provide you with a comprehensive view of your health and well-being.

Combining your personal digital health hub, the flexible choice of two medical modules, two psychology modules and full blood analysis, you will have the most detailed and supportive health assessment they offer.

It is important to note that health assessments/screening is not for people with symptoms. If you have any symptoms, you should go to your doctor. For an application form and more details, please contact the Baily Thomas Provident Fund office on:

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Then...and Now









A historic photo from the Chad Negative Collection, the topping out of Mansfield Brewery taken in October 1983. Now 38 years later the brewery has gone. Can you name the people on the photograph?

We're indebted to former Marksman editor Ian Boucher for these colour photos of what were once familiar Mansfield Iandmarks. No doubt that smart new housing estate will echo on dark nights to the ghostly clink and rattle of bottles with a whiff of malt in the still air...





DEPUTY Labour party leader John Prescott and Parliamentary Beer Club chairman Alan Meale joined commercial director Colin Stump in a protest against beer tax.

On Bastille Day (14th July), the Spring Bank Tavern cut the price of a pint by 26p – bringing it to French levels. British tax is around seven times higher.

The MPs applauded the brewery's efforts to make drinkers aware of the huge difference in tax.

The event supported a Yorkshire Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association campaign to highlight the high levels of UK excise duty.

They loved a free pint! Politicians and TV Personalities

These two clips from the December 1996 Brewery Independent remind us of a time when Mansfield Brewery's success and high profile could bring celebrities and parliamentarians flocking like bees around a honeypot. We wonder if Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Meale (remember him?) still enjoy a decent pint today?

ADS GO FOR GLAMOUR TOP Gear star Jeremy Clarkson featured in the latest Instalment in the Mansfield Bitter advertising campaign which burst onto our TV screens in August. For the latest commercial, Jeremy goes backstage at a fashion show and rubs shoulders with a bey of at a fashion show and rubs shoulders with a bey of beautiful catwalk models hunting... the "Perfect Head on the Perfect Body". Part of a £3/4m campaign, the ad is the latest in the Mansfield Bitter 'Perfect Head on the Perfect Body' series launched two years ago.

Never Mind the Stags – Here's MBC!



In many ways this photo of the MBC football team of 1910-11, which appeared in the Summer 1995 *Brewery Independent*, is a poignant historical relic. We wonder if anyone today can identify any of these players after 110 years? It is also a reminder that within 3 years of these lads posing proudly, many of them would probably be in the trenches of World War 1.

BELOW: WHEN THE MOUSTACHE RULED: A FINE BODY OF MEN: MANSFIELD BREWERY WORKERS IN 1899.



Rachael's Dad Remembers

Rachael McCauley (formerly Cotton) contacted the BTPF office informing us that she worked at the Black Bull, Mansfield Woodhouse and the Little John Inn at Ravenshead from 1994 to 1996. After visiting the Provident Fund's website, she showed it to her father.

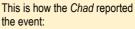
Rachael said in an e-mail "I shared with my dad your website and he's loved reading the Marksman magazines and reminiscing about his days working for Mansfield Royal Mail and visiting the Brewery offices on his collections and deliveries "

He remembers Madge, the receptionist and shared this with me

"When I had to collect their mail/parcels, guite often I was made to wait until all the departments had brought their post down to Reception. It was worth the wait, because every Friday when the last person had come and gone, the lift doors would open, with no one in it, but on the floor would be a couple of 4-pack cans of Mansfield beer. I also delivered to Madge's house which was on my Walk, and quite often found a 4-pack had been left on the doorstep. Great days."

We also remembered in 1988 when Miss United Kingdom contestants visited Mansfield (an event sponsored by Mansfield Brewery) as I had the chance to come along to the Chad offices to interview them. I was 12 at the time and part of the High Oakham school newspaper production team. We kept the special 'pill-out' from the Chad as I was in it.

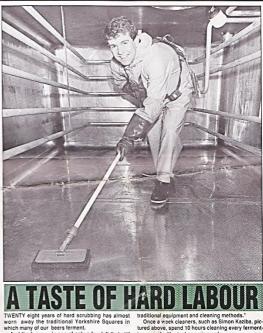
RACHAEL **INTERVIEWS THE** MISS IIK **CONTESTANTS IN** 1988





1988 Miss UK Winner Kirsty Roper

'Seven Miss UK girls were 'quizzed' by the youngsters from Mansfield's High Oakham School in a 30 minute mock interview. And the contestants gave a hearty thumbs-up to the eager newshounds who thoroughly enjoyed their taste of newspaper life. The press call schoolgirls were RACHAEL COTTON (12) Louise Johnson (12) Andrew Stewart (12) and Stephanie Parsley (11). All four thought up their own questions for the half hour interview and will be writing up their reports for their school magazine.'



Which many or our beers rement. And the brewery is one of only a few left that still uses the 'elbow grease' method. Brewing and fermenting manager Peter Featherstone said: "Most brewers use modern ves-sels that can be cleaned by machine. But we like to keep our beer traditional so we have to stick with

ing vessel with giant scouring pads. "In the end we had almost rubbed holes," said Peter,

The vessels have been restored with new cooling piping and welds. And the thickness of the walls are being measured and assessed for wear and tear.





10 DOWNING STREET WAS ONCE A BREWERY

Until about 1550, the site where 10 Downing Street now stands was a brewery. But you'll not find the current occupant reaching for a common pint. Boris Johnson revealed in an interview he is not only a 'wine man' but prefers Tignanello, which costs an eye-watering £180 per bottle. He has a cupboard full of the stuff at number 10. It's also a favourite tipple of Meghan Markle.



It's a work benefit for the ages: Niels Bohr, the Danish physicist who won the 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics and helped to develop the world's first atomic bomb as a part of the Manhattan Project, had a long and illustrious career in science. As a reward for his hard work, Denmark's Carlsberg Brewery gifted Bohr a home complete with a pipeline that pumped fresh beer directly into his kitchen. This story has been disputed as an urban myth, but being next door to the brewery he certainly did receive a very generous and steady supply of Carlsberg daily for over ten years.





Despite what some priests say about the 'evils of drink' it's a fact that St Paul's sold 70,000 gallons of beer a year in the 13th century. Beer and Christianity have a long and happy relationship. Hard working Medieval masons often used ale instead of water in the mortar that built many of the great cathedrals and abbeys which still grace the landscape today. Henry VIII employed two brewers, one to brew beer, the other for ale. If you're wondering why they called it 'Merry England', well, hoping to keep their heads on their shoulders, the superhero brewing duo produced no less than 13,000 pints each every single day. However, in 1814 London suffered a Great Beer Flood when a giant vat of porter exploded at the former Horse Shoe Brewery on Tottenham Court Road. Over a million litres flooded the cobbled streets. It drowned eight people living in the nearby slums.

National Beer Day Britain is an unofficial event in the United Kingdom celebrated on June 15. It was inaugurated in 2015 by Jane Peyton, (RIGHT) a British author, beer sommelier and evange-ale-ist. The date of June 15 was chosen to commemorate Magna Carta, a charter signed by King John of England on that day in 1215, one of the most important documents in English history. But what does it have to do with beer? The thing is that Chapter 35 of Magna Carta mentions ale: *"There shall be standard measures of wine, ale, and corn (the London quarter), throughout the kingdom.*'





This photograph was taken on the cliffs at Durley Chine, about 3/4 of a mile West of Bournemouth Pier towards Poole Harbour and Sandbanks. The 3 P&O cruise liners anchored in Bournemouth Bay are the, Arcadia,

Aurora

and Ventura. The first two are obvious but the third one is just a white dot above the pier.

There were 6 ships in Weymouth Bay and Portland at one stage, plus the Britannia and the Queen Mary 2 in Southampton a few days ago.

They are moored in the bays as there is not enough room for them all to berth in Southampton docks.

As far as I am aware each ship has crew onboard but obviously, no passengers.

Jim and I send our good wishes to all our former colleagues and friends from the Mansfield area,

Very Best Regards, Mary Dakin





SPRING 1980



After 10 years in the architects' department of the Chesterfield Borough Council, Clive Almond joined MBC Estates' department in February as Building Supervisor.

Married and living in Chesterfield Clive is interested in crown green bowls, water colour painting, wood carving and gardening.



Clive Almond's wonderful painting of the pond at Carlton Green

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM CLIVE ALMOND WHO HAS SENT US THIS MEMORY OF THE VOLUNTARY WORK HE AND OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN TO CLEAR A SMALL POND. OVER TO YOU, CLIVE.

"Back in 1992 the Properties Department, girls and boys, led by Properties Director, Hugh Wilson, spent three days in Dovedale, Derbyshire. On an adventurous team building exercise based at the Izaak Walton Hotel.

On the first day we walked several miles over roads and through the Derbyshire countryside overcoming several obstacles along the way. On the second day we were located at a small pond on Carlton Green, just off the A523, the Ashbourne to Leek road. Our task was to clear weeds from the pond, which was the home of a rare newt called an Eft, (pictured) and clear other weeds on the surrounding land. We were to repair a breach in the bank to the pond, which a local farmer had dug to water his cattle grazing in the adjoining field, and erect fencing in the area adjacent to the pond and finally plant several dozen trees within the newly fenced area. The adventures are recalled in a poem which tells the story of the day."



ON CARLTON GREEN BY CLIVE ALMOND

Now yesterday's storm has passed us by Leaving the morning cold and dry With grey clouds drifting on that easterly breeze That sways the trees and rips at the leaves Ripples the water and stirs the reeds Clears the air and spreads the seeds

A bank to mend and mud to bag Holes to dig and posts to set Stakes to drive and weeds to drag Wire to fence and a fence to net Trees to plant and no time to flag An hour to go and the sun will have set

With mud in your hair and purple blue lips Torn fingernails from dragging the sack Waterlogged boots and cold fingertips Grip the spade handle and straighten the back Creaking leg joints and worn-out mitts A break for lunch and time for a snack The farmer's scowl does chill the air The migrating flock change course to gander The Eft from the bank stops to glare The grazing herd just pause and glance The rook and the crow shriek with glee At the frenzied sight of such activity

As the years slip by and at rest you lie Take a trip some day and just stop by Stand on the green where the hill meets the sky Race with the shadows from the clouds on high Count the trees growing on the roadside ground Stop by the pond and reflect on the day

Bring to mind that November story And give some thought to all gone by Then recall that autumn glory Now wait for the sun set in the western sky Feel the breeze that ripples the water Sway with the trees and shirk with glee



Izaak Walton







We will always attempt to acknowledge the lives and service of any of our former colleagues who pass away. However, we do not always get to know about the passing of a former colleague, but we will report all those that come to our attention.

On that note, it is with great sadness that we must report the passing of the following people since the last issue of the New Marksman Magazine:

Date Deceased

3 October 2020	Ivan Colls , Former Pub Manager of Bird in Hand, Blidworth and Tenant of Rose Cottage, Rufford.
17 October 2020	William Mc Master, Former Regional Sales Manager (North) and latterly MBC Pensioner.
27 October 2020	Carol Pickering , Former Secretary to John Hare, Company Secretary, based in Mansfield and latterly MBC Pensioner.
7 December 2020	Stanley (Brian) Oldham , Former Brewery employee, based at Mansfield and, latterly MBC Pensioner.
17 December 2020	Alan Cook, Former Brewery employee in Bottling, based at Mansfield and latterly MBC Pensioner.
6 January 2021	Norma Bennett, Lived at Mansfield - No details of her Brewery employment.
6 February 2021	William Bennett, Lived at Sheffield. Employed back in 1986 no other details available.
10 February 2021	Anthony Morton, Former Director at Mandora, Mansfield and MBC Pensioner.
19 February 2021	Roy Yates , Former Transport Driver, based at Mansfield and latterly MBC Pensioner.
27 February 2021	Michael Powell, Former Transport Driver, based at Mansfield and latterly MBC Pensioner.
7 March 2021	Stanley Hunt, Hull Brewery and latterly MBC Pensioner.
9 March 2021	George Barnett lived at Chesterfield, Formerly Deputy Manager at the Dunston Inn, Chesterfield
1 May 2021	George Harding, lived at Chesterfield, latterly MBC Pensioner.
1 May 2021	Joan Clarke, lived at Mansfield. No further information available
2 May 2021	Edward (Ted) Park, Former Brands Dispense Manager, Trade Services and latterly MBC Pensioner.
•	Ernest Betts, former warehouse operative Oakham, Mansfield and atterly MBC Pensioner.









Your Editor is both grateful and lucky to be supplied with news which might sometimes be overlooked, so I have to thank the ever-reliable BARBARA BROWN

Carol Pickering, latterly Secretary to John Hare, Company Secretary, passed away in October 2020 following a period of illness. Carol was a lovely lady, always ready to have a laugh and chat and well respected within the company. She leaves her daughter, Eleanor, who also worked for a short time at the Brewery and a Grandson who she absolutely adored.

I heard from John Else that our former colleague, **Brian Oldham**, passed away on Sunday 7th December 2020. Brian was 86 years old and had had health problems for quite some time. He leaves behind his wife Norma.

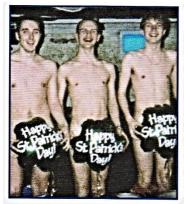
Some of you may remember, as I do in the 1970's, Brian being in the Cooper's Shop working under the guidance of Ernest Chamberlain. It was a work of art watching them make and repair the wooden barrels.

Latterly Brian was a Supervisor within the Brewery.

A former Brewer, **Tony Robinson**, sadly lost his wife Gwen in November 2020 Tony was a professional and well-respected member of the Brewing Department, He ran the Elm Tree public house at Elmton for a while after leaving the brewery. This information has been passed to me by another of our former Brewers, George Roe, who relocated to Bristol with his wife Janice. If any of you would like to contact George, please send me your email address and I will pass it onto him.

Alison Crawely, the very first YT to work for me in the Admininstration Department passed away 3 years ago. Alison was a lovely smiley, conscientious girl who went on to work for Elaine Bateman (nee Shaw) in the Computer Dept. Alison's Dad, **Malcolm Crawley**, worked in the Brewery and her Mum, **Freda Crawley**, worked as a member of the Cleaning Team. Both of whom passed away a few years ago.





Love from Cathy

THE Duke of Cumberland. North Ferriby staff did a Full Monty to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The photo was taken to shock manager Cathy Bond when she went to get the film developed - and now she gets her revenge!!

From left, Sam Dearing, deputy manager James Palmer and Steven Bormen

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THE Lion and Snake, Lincoln is haunted by an odd couple, according to deputy manager

Steve Harding. Barmaid Jill Cradenn, who has worked there for 15 years, refuses to go in the cellar since she saw the ghost of Henry, an old Roman soldier with no legs.

Henry has even been known to turn beer pumps off. And the ghost of an old lady has been seen walking upstairs — possibly a former landlady...

And from the Millenium Edition – **Recognise yourself?**





MORE than 450 guests attended the regional retail staff parties in January. Each event featured a live band/disco which was so popular, the same has been requested next year!





TOP: Rear, from left, Andrew Hursthouse and Jackie Alien -William IV: Andrew Gammack – Victoria Hotel; area operations manager Daren Hill; stocktaker Rachel Goodwin; and Kate Donson – Ye Olde Ramme Inn. Seated, from left, Sharon Gammack, Lisa Hill and Ian Cann – Ye Olde Ramme Inn.
BOTTOM: From left, Sir David and Lady White; Geoff and Diane Faye – Bridge Inn, Duffleld; John – Grouse & Claret – and wite training Officer Chris Wiley; Steve and Shirley Corroy – Clock Warehouse; Sue Regan – Glen Parva Manor with guest Andy Jackson.

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WHO WAS THE MYSTERY POET?

Poetic justice?

The controversy between MBC and the Council over the fate of The Maltings the following inspired poem, which was received by managing director Mr. A. J. Scruby.

The Council plods its weary way

With stumblings and haltings. And now it has to find the cash To pay for the old maltings.

The Brewery has won the day With applause and cries of wonder.

But will the Council bow its head

And admit it's made a blunder? Will the expert who predicted

that

The Maltings would last long Now publicly abase himself And admit that he was wrong?

Our rulers won't lose face like that.

They don't admit defeat, Just 'cover up' and leave the bill For the ratepayers to meet.

Excellent Lager

A diploma for excellence was awarded to Mansfield Brewery, for Marksman Lager, in Group Two of the British Bottlers' Institute Lager Beer Competition.

A record entry of 65 took part in the contest, and the judges commented that one of the major facts which emerged was the general excellence of all entries.

"The British brewed lagers were of consistently good quality, taste and appearance, indicating the immense strides made by the industry in the past ten to fifteen years. It is doubtless one of the reasons why lager has achieved such importance in Britain's brewing industry today, and indicates that its future is first class," said the chairman of the judges, Mr. K. C. Binsted.

***** Success for Verity *****

Tony Byrne, Beach Dis-tribution Manager, is very proud of his talented daughter, Verity (11), who has gained one of the three places at the Royal Ballet School, White Lodge, London, open to will enter the school as a boarder in September but she had to pass two stringent sets of tests before securing the place.

Last year she gained a scholarship which has enabled her to have regular Sunday tuition at a Birmingham School of Ballet and also to spend a week at Easter at White Lodge for tuition and appraisal.

Each year the pupils at White Lodge are re-assessed and about a third have to leave annually. If Verity survives these tests she may remain at White Lodge until she is 16 when she could be selected for further training at

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the Upper School in Central London

To gain this year's success Verity had to compete with dancers from as far away as Japan and America.

THE BREWERY

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In the August 1982 edition of Marksman we learned about young Verity Byrne's entry to the prestigious **Royal Ballet** School. We're wondering what happened - did her dancing career carry on?

AN ARMY of 17 maintenance staff and a budget of over £2million makes sure the brewery runs as smoothly as its beer ..

And the secret of its success is being invisible! At the head of this 'crack' unit is rvices and project manager, Mike

Cleator. Mike has been at the brewery for nearly 20 years. He leads a team of hard working and dedicated professionals. And it's their job to keep the brewery

running smoothly while continually updating the systems. Multi-Skilling

There are two main teams mechanical and electrical. Although today the trend is towards multi-skilling. The men work on a shift pattern.

Ine men work on a shift pattern, ranging from one to three shifts depending on where they work. The mechanics - led by Ken Smith -handle the introduction and installation of new equipment. One of the most recent was the cask racking machines. The description - buddle control

The electricians handle control mechanisms. This area has become more computerised in the last few years and the team, led by Alan Singlehurst, is learning new skills to make sure the brewery utilises all the latest technology. One of the major projects has been a



new air compressor system. One of the past successes was the installation of the PET plant back in the early 1980's.

Major Projects

"The plant was originally created from second hand parts which had to be stripped down and re-built. It was a long job and sometimes our wives thought we were more attached to the wery than to them!" said Mike.

There are several major projects in the pipeline." One scheme, which should be in place by February, is replacing the hot water tanks in the brewhouse. This should be followed by the upgrading of the 11 year old computer system running the new brewhouse - so that it can take us through to the year 2,000.

"The key to the success of the brewery will be flexibility - that's what we are working to create."

"The key to success is flexibility that's what we're working to create"

Mike added: "We sometimes feel like the forgotten army. But if we are doing our job properly the rest of the brewery shouldn't know we're there!"

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MANSFIELD BREWERY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION (MBMA)

The Members' Association is a social group run by volunteers, all of whom were former employees of Mansfield Brewery. The MBMA is open to all former and retired employees of Mansfield Brewery.

As you will know, due to COVID 19 restrictions the MBMA have had to suspend their usual social activities for most of 2020 and the whole of 2021.

It is hoped that in 2022, the social restrictions will have been lifted and the MBMA will be able to re-open their monthly social group meetings and plan their usual coach excursions. We will keep you informed as appropriate but for now, we can confirm that there are no activities for the remainder of 2021.

MANSFIELD BREWERY WALKING GROUP

Once Covid's left us, why not join us? Easy walks between 5 and 6 miles, usually on the second Sunday of each month. Call Barbara Brown for more info on 01623 481488

