

# *New Marksman*

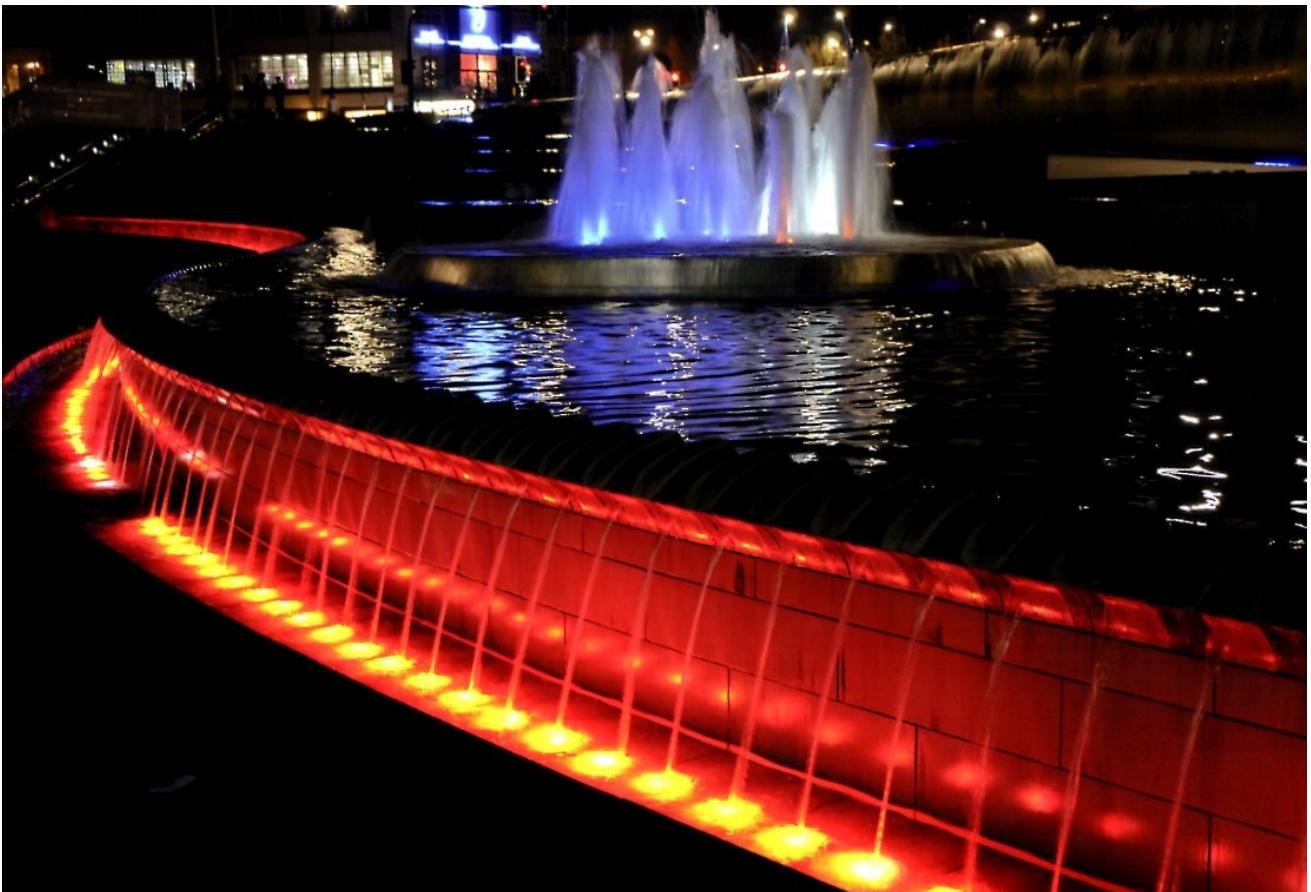
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## **Sheffield Fountain**

The fountain feature is set in Sheaf Square near the Sheffield Railway Station. It presents a gateway to Sheffield city centre, the Cultural Industries Quarter, the new Digital Campus, and Sheffield Hallam University.



This photograph was taken on the pathway slope from Sheffield Railway station on a cold and clear April evening.

Photograph by David Lowe

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**Change of Contact Details**

**BAILY THOMAS PROVIDENT FUND HAS A NEW WEBSITE.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 3**

# DIARY DATES, NEWS AND EVENTS

## Annual Dinner Dance

25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the John Fretwell Centre

## Six monthly reunion – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly reunion at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse. Contact [kevinhall229@gmail.com](mailto:kevinhall229@gmail.com) by email or Mobile 07535 700825

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## Mansfield Brewery Walking Group

The walks are held on the second Sunday of each month, commencing at 10.30 a.m and normally finish around 2.30 p.m. They are generally easy walks between 5 and 6 miles.

For information contact Barbara Brown on 01623 481488

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## Mansfield Brewery Members' Association

The Members' Association is open to all former employees of the Mansfield Brewery Group of Companies. The Association's monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse commencing at 10.00 a.m.

The Committee organises monthly coach excursions which are open to all members and friends. The excursions depart from the Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse where there is easy car parking.

**If you wish to join any excursion, please contact Graham Cooling on 01623 632620**

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| September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Stoke on Trent (Potteries visit)                 |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Cambridge  |
| November 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Social Evening                                   |
| November 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Chatsworth Christmas Market and House (Optional) |
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Christmas Lunch                                  |

### The Baily Thomas Provident Fund Office

The office is open Monday to Thursday every week [except holidays] and is staffed by Denise Wilson and Alison Whitmore who are the interface between the beneficiaries and the trustees. John Else works on a consultancy basis for the Trust and can be contacted via the office. Contact details are as follows:

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### The New Marksman Magazine

This magazine aims to give news and information about the former employees and business activities of Mansfield Brewery, and Sports and Social activities of former Mansfield Brewery personnel. If you have any news/information you would like to share with your former colleagues, **please send to:**

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Any information, articles or photographs not included in this issue will be used in forthcoming editions of the New Marksman. All photographs etc will be returned if requested.

**Next Issue Closing Date: 30 November 2016.**

We have recently updated our website to make it easier for former employees of Mansfield Brewery plc and their families to check their eligibility and to apply for grants.

Please take a while to look through the pages as some of the information about our grants and how to apply for them may have changed.

We have also introduced a new Community section, which allows you to see the groups, events and activities that are organised by former employees of Mansfield Brewery plc which helps them and their families to stay in touch with former colleagues and friends.

We do not have any application forms to download from the site as yet, until we do, please contact the Baily Thomas Provident Fund Office for any forms you need.

### **Change of Contact Details**

Please make a note of our new email and web address.

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**Web: [www.bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk](http://www.bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk)**

## Editor of the New Marksman to Retire

Ian Boucher has finally decided to hang up his pen and the next edition of New Marksman, winter 2017, will be his last. Ian has edited the New Marksman since it was re-introduced ten years ago and says "I have enjoyed the job which has re-acquainted me with old friends and shared memories, some good and some sad, and I thank everyone for their support".



The magazine has reported on stories, reminiscences, and activities of former employees of the Mansfield Brewery group of companies.

Histories of all the Mansfield Brewery group of companies including Mandora, T W Beach and Son, Bellamy (Drinks) are well documented and can be researched easily on the internet.

Ian started with Mansfield Brewery in 1969 as an Electrician & Instrument Technician. In 1982 he transferred to Technical Services before being seconded to run the Mansfield Brewery Enterprise workspace units for three years. After this period, he moved to Lambert Parker and Gaines Wines & Spirits Warehouse as Warehouse Manager until the department's closure. He returned to trade quality as a brands manager until the brewery closure in 2000.

## The Dean's Award for Excellence

Mathew Gleadall recently graduated from Leeds University with a first class honours degree in engineering. In addition, he was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence.

Mathew, a mature student, completed the course in eighteen months, with a combination of home study and day release. Mathew is currently employed by the NHS, where he works as an estate manager for Doncaster and Bassetlaw Health Trust.

Parents Derek and Christine Gleadall are immensely proud of their son's achievements.



Derek Gleadall was a Free Trade manager at Mansfield Brewery

## Next the Masters

Steve and Carole McKechnie's son Daniel graduated from Nottingham University on 12th July with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Civilisation and Philosophy.



Carole writes "Dan has worked incredibly hard for three years and enjoyed it so much, he will be staying on at Nottingham University to study for his Masters.

Our family, especially Dan, would like to thank the Baily Thomas Provident Fund who have supported him throughout his time at University and whose generosity has been wonderful. Also special thanks to Denise Wilson who has kept up to date with Dan's progress and showed a genuine interest in his studies."

Steve and Carole's youngest son Callum (pictured with his brother) is also at university and will now be going into his third year.

Steve, Carole and younger brother Callum are all extremely proud of Dan and wish him all the best for the next chapter of his life.

Steve was Free Trade Manager and Carole worked in the brewery Wines and Spirits department.

## Congratulations to Phil and Toni Kirk



In the old town of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Phil Kirk was married to Toni on Sunday 15th May 2016

Fifty-four family members and guests were invited to the reception held at the Russian restaurant called "Peter the First". Champagne and strawberries were served in the garden, to the sounds of Mozart's music before a formal wedding lunch in this famous restaurant / hotel.

A festive floor show given by a local folklore dance group was one of the highlights of the day.

Phil's two brothers, Tony and Colin came over especially for the occasion. Guests had a fantastic day.

The honeymoon was spent in Barcelona, Spain.



### Phil Kirk Honours Degree

(Extract from the original Marksman August 1982)

Phil Kirk

People at the Brewery were delighted when they heard that Philip Kirk, laboratory assistant there since 18th July, 1977, had gained his B.Sc. in Chemistry with Honours. The news came through just as Marksman was going to press.

The news was especially gratifying for all as Philip was the first-ever candidate for a degree to be sponsored by the Brewery, and through exceptionally hard work he gained it in just three years as a Day Release student at Trent Polytechnic; no mean achievement whilst continuing to do satisfactory work for the Brewery.

Philip (23), the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, gained A-levels in Chemistry and Geography at Ashfield Comprehensive School, Kirkby and, also as a Day Release student, gained his Higher National Certificate in a year, whilst working at the Brewery. He has a twin brother, Tony, and a younger brother, Colin. He has now been promoted to supervisor in charge of the lab.

## Obituaries

### Linda Mary Styles 1951 - 2016



Linda Styles, a well-liked and popular person, worked as a senior accounts clerk in the Estates department.

Linda's dream was to have a pub which appealed to everyone and hoped that this could be achieved with high standards and tolerance. She realised her dream and in November 1998 joined McMullen's of Hertford, having been given the opportunity to train as a management couple with her husband Robert.

Having run a few pubs on a short term basis she became the manager and licence holder of the Plough at Cuffley, Hertfordshire, ably assisted by Robert who was perfectly at home in the kitchen.

The Plough was a very lively and successful venue and anyone wanting to raise money for charity knew where to go - Linda had her head shaved twice for Prostate cancer research and raised in excess of £500 each time.

Linda left The Plough in January 2010. She missed her home and her family and moved to Hathersage in the glorious Hope Valley. She joined the local golf club where she became an instant success because of her friendly outgoing nature. She worked part time in the local store and in May 2015 won a prestigious golf competition although she was in need of copious amounts of pain killers for a hip in need of replacement.

Linda passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and the funeral was on the 28<sup>th</sup>, her birthday. She would have appreciated that. The funeral was very well attended and included some of the staff from The Plough - the pub she had said goodbye to 6 years earlier.

### Property Office staff 1995



From Left:  
Administration  
Supervisor  
Sharon England.  
Clerks Helen  
Marriot and Liz  
Clark.  
Secretaries Marie  
Gunner and Jo  
Wise.  
Accounts clerk  
Julia Shaw and  
senior clerk Linda  
Styles

## David Lee 1934 – 2016



David Lee was born in Liverpool and following a family move south was educated at Burton on Trent Grammar School.

After national service in the RAF in Signals, David joined the family Wines and Spirits business in Burton on Trent. Upon the sale of the company he joined Cadburys and moved to Birmingham. It was with Cadburys that he first gained experience of Export Sales and it was here that he met and married his wife Jean who also worked at Cadburys.

He moved to T W Beach at Worcester as Export Sales Manager, and then to Evesham when Cavenham Foods purchased Beach, who at the time had a substantial export business in canned vegetables as well as soft drinks.

Sometime after the takeover of Beach by Mansfield Brewery, David became Export Sales Manager of the combined businesses of T W Beach, Mandora and Rimark Soft Drinks which had a combined export turnover of some £3 million. Most of this was a mixed fruit cordial to the Middle East but Mandora had a contract with Schweppes to supply Pepsi Cola in PET bottles to Scandinavia.

When Mandora was sold to A G Barr in 1988 David worked for Barrs in Glasgow for a short time, but left on the integration of Mandora Exports into the Barrs business.

Despite the blow of losing his rather specialized career at the age of 54, David being resourceful changed tack. He became involved as a local councillor and started charity work involving the RAF Wings annual appeal. He became a SSAFA case worker, joined the Vale Wildlife Trust and over the years was involved in many other local societies and charities.

He leaves his wife Jean and two daughters and grandchildren.



David Lee

(Extract from Marksman Magazine 1983)

**Early this year Mandora received a letter from a Ravenshead man, Alan Rawson, who works for the Arabian Bechtel Company Ltd. in Jubail, Saudi Arabia, on a project to utilize natural gas.**

This is a large project sponsored by the Saudi Royal Family and has attracted wide attention in the trading world. Mr. Rawson congratulated Mandora on "their enterprise in shipping Nottinghamshire's excellent Bunter Sandstone water to this remote corner of the globe."

David Lee, Mandora's Export Manager, who replied to the letter, has given Marksman some details of this lesser-known side of the Group's activities. David was appointed to his position in 1969 by Beach who were then beginning to export. Mandora were a little later entering what has proved to be a lucrative field. Their involvement began in 1972 and was due to Mr. Morton, who had worked in Cyprus for four years and so had firsthand knowledge of such matters.

Also engaged in the project from the Mansfield site was Mr. Rainsford, now Managing Director, and Frank Pates, now Purchasing Manager.

A New

Bridge Too Far

Mansfield Brewery Walking Group enjoyed a successful overnight trip to Liverpool in June. On Friday afternoon the group were taken on a walking tour of the city by Harriett, a Blue Badge guide who pointed out interesting features

of the city and its history. The tour finished at the famous (re-created) Cavern Club where the Fab Four once played and where Merseybeat was born.

On Saturday plans had been made for the group to enjoy a cruise on the Manchester Ship Canal to Salford Quays in Manchester. This had to be cancelled as a new bridge which was



being constructed on the canal collapsed, blocking the canal at Barton, Manchester.

Instead of the cruise, members enjoyed the museums and attractions of the city in typical brewery style.

### **A Lazy Summer Sunday Afternoon**

Members of MBWG left their walking boots and rucksacks at home and took to the water for their annual summer outing in early July. On a sunny Sunday afternoon, forty five members relaxed and enjoyed a 3 hour lunch cruise with entertainment on the Trent, England's third longest river.

On leaving the Park Inn quay in Nottingham the vessel headed up stream passing under Trent Bridge with its famous cricket ground. Lunch was served and with the beer and wine flowing, the group was in fine spirits



Cruising at a steady 6 mph the boat reached St Wilfrid's church which dates from the late 14th century. The return trip was via the Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre.

## **A New Medieval Castle**

### **Description and Photographs by Kevin Hall**

Last year whilst in the region of North Burgundy, France, John Else and I paid a visit to the Guedelon Forest where the construction of a new castle, being built as it would have been in the Middle Ages, was underway.





To date they have built the main hall, the chapel tower and the majority of the outer fortress wall.

There is also the water driven flour mill, almost complete and a lime kiln which provides the slaked lime used so much in the construction of buildings in those times.



At the time of our visit the timber framework to the tower was laid on the ground adjacent to the tower, awaiting the necessary hoisting equipment to raise the dome onto the tower shaft.

The hoisting equipment consisted of an enormous version of the twin hamster wheel in which men walked, driving the rope around pulleys and various size gearing rollers to lift the materials to working levels.

### **Hoisting Equipment**



At the same time another hoist was employed in lifting stone and mortar to the corner turret of the outer wall of the castle, and not being particularly mobile and easily repositioned, will probably not be dismantled and moved until the turret and the adjacent high walls are complete.



The main hall on the first floor of the largest building have used for dining and entertaining guests.



The internal walls have been plastered with lime mortar and decorated with painted panels borders and friezes as they would have been in the period.



The floor is tiled with quarry tiles hand made with clay from the local river. The open roof void is constructed with arched framework beneath the rafters which support the clay tiled roof. Very attractive and well put together considering the tools available to the workman at the time.

All in all, an interesting project and I'm sure we will visit the site again. Look up the details and if by chance you are in the area, the project is well worth a visit

Further details can be found on the [www.Guedelon@Guedelon.fr](mailto:www.Guedelon@Guedelon.fr) or if you wish you can watch on BBC iplayer "Secrets of the Castle" or simply google Guedelon.



# Trade Conference at The Rufford

## A Time to Remember



## Trade Conference at The Rufford

**Can you help to complete the names in the picture?**

|                              |                       |                     |                                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Baz Dixon                  | 2 Bob O'Meara         | 3                   | 4 Charlie                       |
| 5 Paul Brock                 | 6 Ian                 | 7                   | 8 Michael Collins               |
| 9 Scott Higginbothom         | 10 Norman Proctor     | 11 Annette Harrison | 12 Geoff Craft                  |
| 13 Dennis Foster             | 14 Joanne Wise        | 15 Bill McMasters   | 16 Derek Mapp                   |
| 17 Marilyn Dobbs             | 18 Keith Brown        | 19                  | 20 Gill Plaston                 |
| 21                           | 22 Pat Price Goodwin  | 23 Bev Senior       | 24 Susan Pearson                |
| 25                           | 26 Steve Holt         | 27 Sharon Lloyd     | 28 Lawrence Birch               |
| 29 Norman Bigglestone        | 30 Paul Culkin        | 31 Tracy Storey     | 31                              |
| 32                           | 33 Nigel Brown        | 34 Tom Graig        | 35 John Walker                  |
| 36 Judy Dale                 | 37 Bob                | 38 Brenda Schofield | 39 Ian Broadbent                |
| 40                           | 41                    | 42 Jean Crowder     | 43 Leon Thornton                |
| 44 John Goulden              | 46 Terry Johnson      | 47 Ian Tomlinson    | 48 Malcolm Hodges               |
| 49 Geoff Scaife              | 50 Keith Scott        | 51 Mark Worden      | 52 Malcolm Whitaker             |
| 53                           | 54 John Hubbard       | 55 Margaret Pearson | 56 Roy walker                   |
| 57 John Bartle               | 58 Frank Pates        | 59                  | 60 Neil Bircumshaw              |
| 61 Helen Byron (nee Cussons) | 62 Malcolm Winstanley | 63 Graham Webb      | 64 Elaine Tully (nee Mansfield) |

Please fill in the names missing from the list and email to [boucher.62@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:boucher.62@hotmail.co.uk)



Associate the numbers with the face and together we can fill in the details

# Mansfield People

## Extract from the Company Report 1990

The Company's success depends on the commitment and professionalism shown by all our staff and licensees. The group photograph represents the functions which combine to make the Mansfield Team.



### S A L E S

Brenda Schofield, Telesales Supervisor  
John Waddingham, Rainbow Technician  
Scott Higginbotham, Senior District Sales Manager

### T I E D H O U S E S

Andy Dickinson, Manager, Victoria Hotel, Mansfield  
John Bartle, Tenanted Sales Manager  
Lorraine Shayler, Waitress  
Des Monk, Tenant, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesterfield

### S U P P O R T

Cheryl Higginbotham, Personnel Officer  
Paul Rodger, Accountant  
Terry Wiseman, PR and Promotions Executive  
Arnold Noble, Area Surveyor  
Sharon Richardson, Administration Assistant, Hull  
Isabell Cooling, Receptionist  
Elaine Shaw, Operations Controller  
Kate Hunt, Purchase Ledger Clerk

### B R E W I N G A N D S E R V I C E S

Roger Walker, Drayman  
Brian Oldham, Brewhouse Supervisor  
Peter Featherstone, Brewer  
Alan Singlehurst, Electrician Supervisor  
Mick Buckley, Kegging Operator  
Colin Morgan, Cellar Services Engineer  
Ian Boucher, Technical Services Supervisor

# Evesham Revisited 1986

## Long Service Awards



Divisional quality control manager, Terry Beale, is pictured right presenting David Russell, Evesham's quality control supervi Peter Bean also presented watches to Jenny Waters, wages supervisor, 21 years, and Les Bayliss, production years' service.

Other long service a supervisor, 19 years. Peter Bean, second left, were in production workers Thelma Lippett, 22 years; Vic Campagna, third right, 21 years and Les Bourne, second right, Evesham's training officer, 20 years.

## Achieving Fame - Evesham



When June Walden, of Evesham's quality control department left recently to await the birth of her first child, she was given a grand send-off by the department who are pictured with her outside the factory.

June, who has worked at the factory for more than nine years, achieved fame when she appeared in an ATV documentary episode "Friends", in the series "England, your England", part of which was filmed inside the Evesham factory.

From all her colleagues there she received a baby basket containing all the things needed for a new arrival.

Surrounding June, front right, are colleagues from the back left, Tim Atkinson, Philip King, David Russell, supervisor who made the presentation; Melony Southorn, Sue Riach, Caroline Morris, Sarah Bourne, Lynne Tarver, Adrian Deacon and Jason Cox.

Sue Riach left shortly after the picture was taken as she is also expecting her first baby. She too received gifts from colleagues and was taken for a farewell 'do' to a local hostelry!

Sue has worked at the factory for two years starting on the production lines and being promoted to quality control 10 months ago.

## Wadworth Brewery Visit

Wadworth Brewers of Devizes entertained Mansfield supervisors on their annual week end away in May. Wadworths have been brewers in Devizes since 1875 and the interesting tour of the brewery concluded with a visit to the brewery's Shire horse stables.



These magnificent horses weigh up to a ton and still deliver beers, wines and spirits on weekdays (weather permitting) to pubs and free trade customers within a two-mile radius of the Brewery. Handmade tack such as collars is specifically made for each horse, and their harnesses are fully adjustable. Terry Johnson is pictured left with gentle giant Max who stands 18 hands tall.

On the following day members enjoyed an organised rifle shoot and a narrow boat excursion.



Photograph (from the left)

Geoff Speight, John Else, Kevin Needham, Martin Cullimore, Wadsworth Brewer, Graham Cooling, John Bartle, Mark Leedham, Kevin Hall, George Roe, Terry Johnson, Graham Kinder, Alan Singlehurst, and David Bradley.