

New Marksman

Issue 33 **Funded by the Baily Thomas Provident Fund** Spring 2017



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

**All the 2017 news for former employees of
Mansfield Brewery; the Good Old Days
past, present and yet to come ...**

Bluebells in Oxtou painted by Alison Whitmore
of The Baily Thomas Provident Fund

DIARY DATES, NEWS AND EVENT

Six monthly reunion – Friday Oct. 20 2017 at Shangri La

(Provisional date: confirmation in next edition).

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly reunion at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse. Contact kevinhall229@gmail.com or Mobile 07535 700825

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

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

VISIT THE BAILY THOMAS PROVIDENT FUND'S WEBSITE

www.bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk

Email: enquiries@bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk



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:

Tel: 01623 473290

Baily Thomas Provident Fund
Chadburn House
Weighbridge Road
Littleworth,
Mansfield.
NG18 1AH

The New Marksman Magazine

This magazine aims to give news and information about the activities of the former employees of Mansfield Brewery and the existing Sports and Social opportunities available for all former employees.

Please send information to:

Roy Bainton
13 West Hill Avenue
Mansfield Notts NG18 1PQ
Telephone 01623 646070 07712973872
Email – roybainton@hotmail.com

Any information, articles or photographs not included in this issue will be used in forthcoming editions of the New Marksman
Next Issue Closing Date: 31st March 2017



NEW YEAR, NEW MARKSMAN, and a **NEW EDITOR...**

Hello and greetings to you all. No doubt you will have read the brief introduction concerning yours truly in issue 32, which was the final edition of the newsletter produced as always with style and dedication by Ian Boucher. Now that Ian's put down his pen for a well-deserved retirement after his long tenure bringing you all the news of what's happening with former Mansfield Brewery employees, I feel proud and privileged to have the baton passed to me. I've lived the past 30 years in Mansfield, and if there's one place in the town I wish I could have worked at, then it would have been Mansfield Brewery. Therefore since meeting John Else some years ago and thereby meeting some key members of the staff and becoming involved with the long history and heritage of MBC, it's quite a thrill to be editing *New Marksman*. Naturally, at this stage I can't put as many names to faces as I'd like, (for example, at the Dinner & Dance) but as the months progress (and my broken arm eventually heals, which has restricted my mobility!) Even though there's a lot of you still to meet out there, I'll get to know who's who.

roybainton@hotmail.com 01623 646070

Edgar's Last Ride: Much loved character, driver Edgar Strouther, (see below from 1999) passed away on February 8th. There was a big turn-out for his funeral. He'll be greatly missed. More details on our Obituaries page.

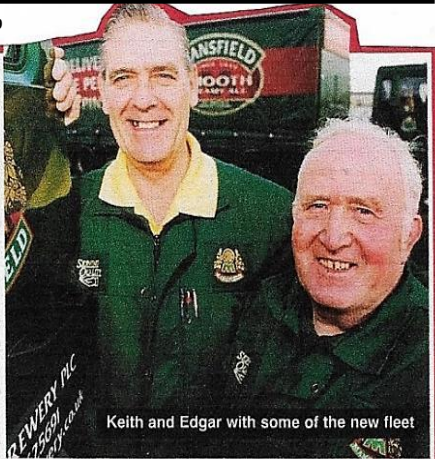
Clipping: *Brewery Independent* 1999

Kings of the Road

WHEN it comes to starting dates, long servers Edgar Strouther and Keith Brown are almost twins.

Forty-four years ago the two transport workers started at the brewery within three days of each other in April 1955. It was to be the beginning of careers which have spanned nearly 50 years.

The pair, both 59, operate out of Oakham Distribution Centre.



Keith and Edgar with some of the new fleet

What's in your Spring
2017 **new marksman**

THE Walking Club's Annual New Year Lunch



All about the new
Website - and Who's Who at
the Baily Thomas Provident
Fund



Loads of MBC Nostalgia with
Those Were the Days



Les and Margaret's
Positive Retirement



Diamond Couple:
Ron and Pam's
60 years



What's Your Hobby?
Who's got Talent?



Obituaries;

Thomas 'Tony' Coombs
Irene Rose Smith
Edgar Strouther

**All this and much
more** - and don't forget

we'd like to hear from you,
too; those special occasions,
family events, memories,
pictures, either call me on

01623 646070, e-mail

roybainton@hotmail.com or

by post to 13 West Hill Ave.,
Mansfield NG18 1PQ

Walking Group Annual New Year Lunch



As you can see, it's not all walking - it's nice to sit down now and again!

65 members of the Mansfield Brewery walking group, both past and present enjoyed the January annual New Year lunch held at Forest Lodge restaurant in Edwinstowe.

Left: The organisation and commitment of Barbara and Alan Brown help to make the group a success. Walking group chairman, Graham Cooling, presented a thank you card and gift in appreciation of their hard work.



A 1980s MEMORY: MINERS TURN RUBBISH PATCH INTO A GARDEN (with the aid of Mansfield beers!)



Elderly folk in Pleasley can now enjoy a drink at the White Swan, sitting out in pleasant surroundings, thanks to six striking miners who got bored just sitting about.

These men have transformed a rubble-strewn, rubbish patch at the back of the pub into a tiered garden, which is now attracting a number of older customers.

Miner Mick Lapko explained that although the men had no previous gardening experience they felt that the village would benefit from their idea and they are all glad it's turned out so well.

Pub landlord Mick Revill is pictured, right, with his 'gardeners' from the left, Mick Lapko, John Weaver, John Morton, Jack Davies, Derek Ward and Chris Skoponski.



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.

The Baily Thomas Provident Fund: Who's Who



Denise Wilson joined Mansfield Brewery in 1997 to work in the Personnel Department based at the Head Office in Mansfield. At the time of the Head Office closure in March 2000, Denise continued to work in the same role for Wolverhampton & Dudley Brewery, based on the Brewery site in Mansfield.

Alison Whitmore joined the Baily Thomas Provident Fund in 2011 as an Administrative Assistant working alongside Denise Wilson and works two days a week. Before joining the Baily Thomas Provident Fund Alison worked for a short time as Bar Staff at the Oak Tree pub, Mansfield.



ALISON WHITMORE



John Else commenced employment with Mansfield Brewery as Training Manager in 1975 on a joint contract with Hardy's and Hanson's Kimberley Brewery. In 1978, he became full time at Mansfield Brewery and was promoted to Personnel & Training Manager. In 1990, he became Director of Personnel for Mansfield Brewery Trading. His final position was Head of Personnel for the Mansfield Brewery Company where he remained until his retirement in February 2000.

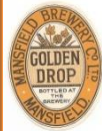
On his retirement, John continued to work supporting his former colleagues at Mansfield Brewery by working on a consulting basis to the trustees of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund.



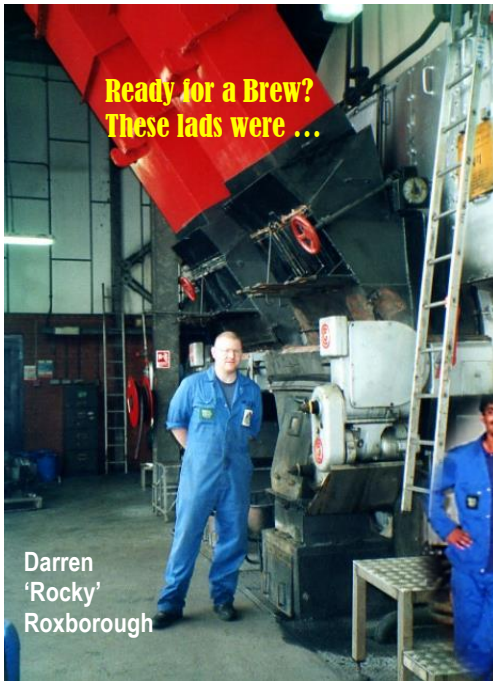
Another delivery made! Driver Barry Bartle takes time out to pose with his truck in the 1970s.



Those Were The Days!



The name Mansfield Brewery represents almost two centuries of history and the lives of all those working people who helped to make it such a great place to work, so it's good to look back to those happy times and, if you or someone you knew worked with us, these pages are here to celebrate your contribution; all pictures, stories etc. welcomed!

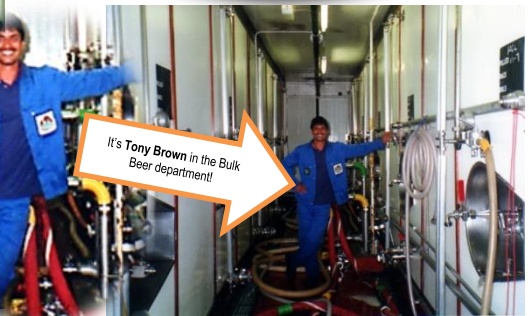


Ready for a Brew?
These lads were ...

Darren
'Rocky'
Roxborough



Shane King
& Duncan
Henderson



It's Tony Brown in the Bulk
Beer department!

30 years ago:

A regular look back at those glory days:

From *The Marksman*, August 1987:

George Powell, the Brewery's wages office supervisor, remembers pay and conditions of service in the early days of his employment at the Brewery: "The highest paid foreman in the production section in 1962 was paid £25.10s.6d (£25.52p) for a 42 hour week. A Driver received £13.7s6d (£13.33p). Maintenance fitters worked a 45 hour week for £18.11s 0d (£18.52) and annual holidays were two weeks and three days after 15 years' service" George comments; "They are almost double that now."



HOUSE MAGAZINE OF THE MANSFIELD BREWERY GROUP

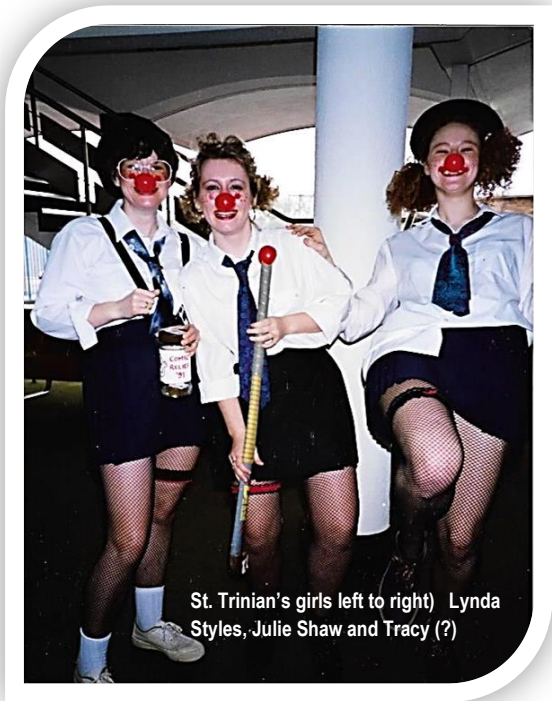
AUGUST 1987



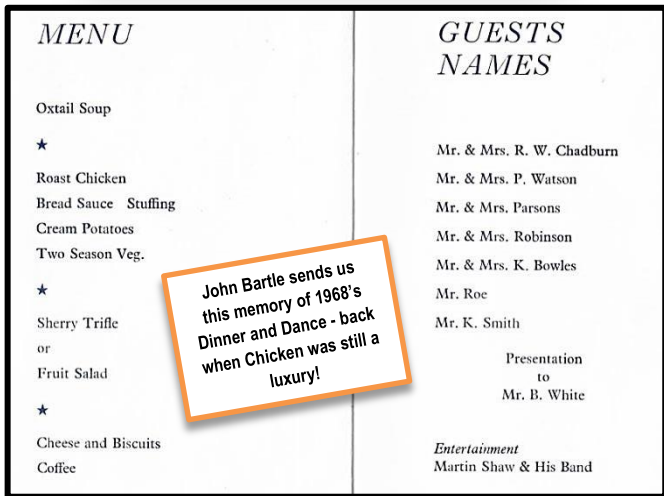
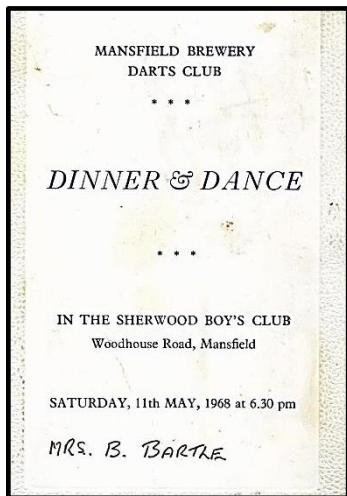
Receptionists
Isabel Cooling and
Glenys (Marshall)
nee Bradshaw

Littleworth 1988: Days of Legs and **Red** **Noses!**

We're indebted to Glenys Bradshaw for these pictorial memories of cheeky goings-on for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day in 1988. Look like a lot of fun!



St. Trinian's girls left to right) Lynda Styles, Julie Shaw and Tracy (?)



'Just wait until Chairman Mao hears about this!'

Mansfield - Always ahead of our time!
FORGET 21ST CENTURY CHINESE MIRACLE ECONOMY: THEY WERE VISITING US IN 1987!



A Chinese trade delegation visited the Brewery in June, 1987. They were welcomed by the Group Chairman Robin Chadburn, Managing Director Mansfield Brewery Trading Ltd. Richard Chadburn and David Lee, export manager for Mandora St. Clements and Richard Meadows, director/head brewer. The Chinese were fascinated by the Brewery's modern equipment and the new concept of beer in plastic bottles. The St. Clements cordials were especially appreciated, in particular the Lemon Barley and they took samples of it and other St. Clements products back with them.

It was a Tenanted Trade Gathering





**LOOKS LIKE A LOVELY DAY OUT - WERE YOU THERE
at the RED LION FARNSFIELD?
IF SO, CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE MISSING TRIO,
5, 6 & 7? MEANWHILE, HERE'S THE OTHERS:**



1. John O'Hara	9. David Heptonstall	17. Marilyn Dobb
2. Nigel Buet	10. Dale Huntington	18. John Bartle
3. John Cooper	11. Karen Dunn	19. Lisa Lax
4. Sarah Bracegirdle	12. Jean Crowder	20. Mark Elliott
5. ?	13. Bev Senior	21. Derek Gleadall
6. ?	14. Graham Gaging	22. John Goulden
7. ?	15. Neil Bircumshaw	
8. Alison Hickling <small>Now Bell</small>	16. John Walker	



Down, Boys! It's the Glamour Girl Corner!

Who needs the catwalk or the Oscars when you can go to your MBMA meeting at Debdale Sports Club and meet our own Spice Girls? Left to Right: Norma Varnam, Gina Butler, Pam Jones and Olive Morrell.





Les and Margaret Revill at Bridge Street Methodist Church

Good Hearts: Les & Margaret's Positive Retirement

For the past 4 years, Les and his wife Margaret have joined volunteers each week at Bridge Street Methodist Church helping to provide meals to Mansfield's growing homeless population.

Les Revill worked for Mansfield Brewery for 44 years, and was a Shift Foreman for 30 years and began work at Mansfield Brewery in 1962. He started at the Mineral Department. *"Two days per week I was at Mansfield Brewery Sports and Social Club, cutting grass and cleaning up. I was also involved with the football club. After I gained my Heavy Goods Licence I started filling the delivery tankers. I spent the next six years delivering to Public Houses, then six years as a yard shunter."*

Anyone wishing to donate something to the Soup kitchen (no matter how small) - this will be much appreciated. For example: tins of tomato or chicken soup, tins of tuna, Hot Chocolate (not Cadbury's) Contact me either at the club or on 01623 451814 (evenings) and any unwanted clothes would be appreciated, too.



Clothes are also available to those who need them



BRIDGE STREET CHURCH VOLUNTEERS KEEPING THE HUNGER AT BAY: Above, the Friday Team, Right, the Monday Team.



Bridge Street Church



THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES

Ron & Pam celebrate 60
Years of Wedded Bliss ...



It was on March 9 1957 that the newlyweds Ron and Pamela Dent stepped out from St. Mark's Church to begin their married life together, and 60 years later they're celebrating their Diamond Wedding. At the age of 23 in 1953 Ron was working at Faire brothers as a leather cutter. Pam was a clerk in Faire Brothers' office. Ron left in '53 to join Mansfield Brewery, where his father, Sydney Dent, had worked for at least 20 years. He began on tank cleaning, subsequently working in other departments including 8 years with the busy cooper's department. Ron also did his National Service in the RAF. He tells us that his 39 years working for the Brewery were very happy times. Ron and Pam have enjoyed ballroom and sequence dancing, and Ron attended night school to further his skills in cabinet making. Today he enjoys DIY. They have a talented daughter, and a grand daughter, Hannah, studying archaeology at Leicester University.

Congratulations, Pam and Ron - quite an achievement!

MAYOR REWARDS LOCAL HEROES



Ex-Mansfield Brewery employee Val Moss (far left) was one of 8 local community heroes who received awards from Mayor Kate Allsop. As a member of Forest Town Community Council she's been involved with fundraising, organising the local Christmas lights, a festive market and a party for 100 elderly residents. Nice work, Val!



OBITUARIES



Thomas 'Tony' Coombs died on the 23 April 2016 aged 81. He and his wife Patricia worked for the Brewery as Pub Managers for more than 30 years until Tony retired in October 1999. They managed a number of Mansfield houses during their employment, the final one being the Beverley Arms (subsequently Friar Tucks) at Ackworth near Wakefield, West Yorkshire.



Edgar Strouther

On Wednesday 8th February, we were informed by Sue and Bob Yates (retired Brewery lorry driver) that our well known friend and colleague, Edgar Strouther, a former drivers mate, had died that morning. Edgar was well known to all the regulars at the monthly MBMA meetings, the Social evenings and the Bus Trips. Always keen to join in and knowledgeable about former Brewery life, Edgar was affectionately known as "The Oracle" Edgar been unwell for a long time. His courage and determination to overcome cancer was much admired but he lost the battle. He died the day before his 77th birthday.

LARGE ATTENDANCE FOR EDGAR'S FUNERAL

There was a very large turn-out for Edgar Strouther's funeral on March 9th. Edgar's well-recalled and pleasant, colourful character was well-represented in the eulogy. He will be remembered with great fondness by all. The congregation were told of how he began work at the Brewery aged 15. He was short, but robust and strong and moved barrels with ease. He was married for many years to Pamela and had two sons, Keith and Jason. He was a loving dad to Keith and Cathie and to Jason and Louise, and devoted grandfather to Jasmin, Delia, Jordon, Jason, Matthew and Samantha. and his great-grandchildren Brenner and Arlie. Edgar grew up in a family of 12. His parents Horace and Ethel Maud were members of two well-known local families, the Strouthers and the Speddings, When on the road Edgar always had his camera with him. Everyone at the Brewery enjoyed his company. He lived in Ravensdale among the people he grew up with, where his door was always open to family, friends, neighbours and pets. He enjoyed the theatre, bus trips and outings, and those of you who knew Edgar will remember him as a colourful, knowledgeable and happy man.

Irene Rose Smith

 left us on November 26 2016. Aged 75.

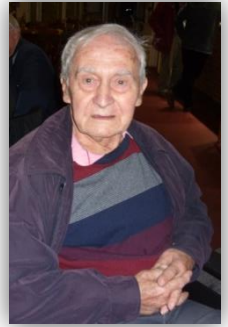
Born in Newark in 1941 she was one of 8 siblings who went into care, to be reunited in later years with her brothers and sisters. She attended Rosemary Street School. Anyone frequenting the Railway Inn or the Black Bull at Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield Inns on Rosemary Street or at Whiteley's Electrical Company, or in the canteen at Albert Martin's factory will remember her as a jolly person, always active, who loved a joke and a laugh Rose married her husband Roy at St. John's Church in 1960. They had two daughters and 5 grandchildren. Sadly, in 1991 Roy passed away. She met her new partner, Cliff, in 1998 Following this Irene learned to drive. She had many pastimes, including, knitting, sewing and gardening, dancing, and she sewed costumes for the Mansfield Hospitals Theatre Group for many years. She will be greatly missed.



MBC history



As a classic family business run with the kind of benevolence which no longer exists in today's corporate world, Mansfield Brewery workers, families and relatives had a special bond. In both wars MBC men went off to fight and some were lost. Here, MBC veteran TED TAYLOR (right) tells of a brave man, ALAN CHADBURN (left).



Alan William CHADBURN: Captain [85442 107](#) (South Notts. Hussars) Regt. Royal Horse Artillery.

Eldest son of Claude William and Ethel Chadburn, of Papplewick Hall. In October 1938, Alan entered his father's former regiment having recently left university. Prior to Christmas 1939, he returned home to Papplewick on embarkation leave from the regiment which was then stationed at Wragby in Lincolnshire. By Boxing Day he had re-joined his regiment and, as part of the main advance party, crossed to Cherbourg, took a train to Marseilles and sailed through the Mediterranean in the troopship *Delwara* for Palestine. As a second lieutenant, Alan found himself in charge of C Troop, 426 Battery.

Six months later, on 23rd June, the regiment moved from Palestine to the Western Desert in Egypt, near Mersa Matruh. Alan gained promotion to full lieutenant and took charge of D Troop. When Allied forces broke out from the siege of Tobruk, Alan acted as a Gun Position Officer. A most dangerous job at the best of times, not surprisingly after so much fighting, his luck ran out and Alan sustained serious injuries. It took several months for him to recover and rather than return home, he stayed in Egypt.

Alan Chadburn re-joined his unit after recuperating from his injuries in early February 1942. By April he had gained promotion to Captain and became Troop Commander of F Troop in 426 Battery. Regimental Observation Posts were hurriedly issued with Honey light tanks towards the end of May and the whole Brigade rushed forward into its battle position behind the minefield of Knightsbridge. According to one source, he spiked his three remaining guns when ammunition ran out and then sat astride one, picking off Germans with a rifle until killed. He died on Saturday, 6th June 1942 at Knightsbridge, Libya and is buried in Knightsbridge War Cemetery, *Acroma, Libya, Plot 11, Row B, Grave 18*

Here's a list of the trips planned for 2017 by the Mansfield Brewery Members Association.

If you would like further details, prices or to book any of them,
PLEASE CONTACT: GRAHAM COOLING on 01623 632620

MAY 9th –	Tuesday – BURE VALLEY RAILWAY, NORFOLK
JUNE 15th –	Thursday – GARDENERS WORLD/GOOD FOOD SHOW NEC BIRMINGHAM
JULY 20th –	Thursday – TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW
AUGUST 10th –	Thursday – LANCASTER CANAL + AFTERNOON TEA
SEPTEMBER 12th –	Tuesday – BRIDLINGTON
OCTOBER 10th –	Tuesday – COVENTRY
NOVEMBER 9th –	Thursday – SOCIAL EVENING
DECEMBER 5th –	Tuesday – CHRISTMAS LUNCH @THE BOUNDARY
DECEMBER 7th –	Thursday – LINCOLN MARKET





WHAT'S YOUR Talent?



Artwork
**What's
your
Hobby?**



Retirement! No more alarm clock, now we have time to pursue our interests. It could be writing, gardening, music, dancing, stamp collecting. **New Marksman would love to know.**

**SPECIAL TALENT
NUMBER ONE:
ALISON WHITMORE**

You'll find Alison on duty at Littleworth two days per week alongside Denise Wilson helping to administrate the Baily Thomas Provident Fund. Quite a surprising talent. This is her story:



I studied Art at West Notts. College in Mansfield and then a BA (hons) degree in Fine Art at Nottingham Trent University, graduating in 1996.

After University I had children and didn't do any artwork for a few years. Then in 2001 I studied a Computer Aided Art and Design course at West Notts, subsequently going into teaching there for 3 years.



In 2007 I took a space at Harrington Mill Studios in Long Eaton (harringtonmillstudios.co.uk), and have since concentrated more of my art work, earning money in various admin roles. I have had a few exhibitions including a solo show at Thoresby Gallery in 2011, and several group shows including Supermarket 2010 and 2014 Art Fair in Stockholm, Art Athina, Athens in 2014, '15 and '16. In addition I was involved in an exhibition with artists from Harrington Mill studios in Gotland, Sweden and one in Seoul, South Korea, and a live drawing collaboration with artist and close friend Jackie Berridge, in Chicago, in 2011. This year I am participating in an exhibition called Fuse, which opens on Friday 3rd March in Sheffield, and Platforms Art Fair in Athens. Next year I am taking part in a large exhibition/arts event in Honfleur, France. The majority of my past work has been landscape based, however I am now also working in more sculptural media, using wood, resin and found objects to make conceptual pieces. John Else commissioned a painting from me of Bluebell woods, as a result this is now one of my most favoured subjects.



More ladies having fun at the Annual Dinner & Dance - see back page

Friday March 17 2017
**It's the 6-Monthly
Re-Union Dinner**

As usual, there's plenty to smile about around the table at the Shangri La. Photo by Scoop 1, Ian Boucher.



From the left. Barbara Brown, Sue Walters, Carol Pickering, Andrea Banton, John Else, Julia Haywood, Jean Crowder, Alan Brown, Kevin Hall, Walter Hatton. (Ian Boucher camera) Eleven work friends met for a dinner evening organised by Kevin Hall at a local Chinese restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse. The evening kicked off at a local hostelry to lubricate the vocal cords to catch up on life events with, as ever, amusing and entertaining dialogue.

FULFILLING AMBITIONS: GAVIN RESTORES CLASSIC CARS



A Classic has a new life:

Gavin at the wheel of the restored Herald The next project: a 1966 Bond Equipe

Gavin Goodwin-Emberton (centre, above) is a man of ambition. He was featured in *New Marksman* in 2009 when we reported on his superb re-building and restoration of an old Triumph Herald. Highly skilled motor mechanic Gavin's mum, Pat Price Godwin, worked in MBC's Human Resources Department, and his sister, Rachel Goodwin-Emberton was a stock taker in Managed Houses. Since his dad passed on, Gavin is now working on restoring and rebuilding his late father's 1966 Bond Equipe car. The project should be complete this summer, and we'll be taking a look at the finished product.

Dinner & Dance

Saturday
March 25 2016



With 197 people present at the John Fretwell Centre on March 25th, it's not been possible to caption everybody, so you know who you are - and how good a night it was, with some impressive dancing, too!

