

New Marksman

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Spring/Summer 2014

Wish you were here!



A poolside photograph by Ernie Newbury. Ernie and his wife Veronica have recently enjoyed a fantastic holiday in Cuba.

Summer Tip

Sunscreen allows the sun's rays to penetrate the skin but filters some of the ultra violet (UV) radiation, whereas sunblock prevents the sun's rays from reaching your skin.

DIARY DATES NEWS AND EVENTS

- **Baily Thomas Provident Fund Trustees Open Meeting - Monday 16th June 2014 at 5.30pm**

Scheduled to be held on 16th June 2014 at Mansfield Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road, Mansfield. Further details will be sent out by letter in the next few weeks.

- **Six monthly re-union - Friday 17th October 2014**

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly re-union at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse on Friday 17th October 2014.

Contact Kevin229@ntlworld.com or Mobile 07535 700825

- **Mansfield Brewery Walking Group**

The walks are held on the second Sunday every month, commencing at 10.30am and normally finish around 2.30pm. They are generally easy walks normally between 5 and 6 miles. **For information contact Barbara Brown on 01623 481488**

- **Mansfield Brewery Members Association Excursions 2014**

The Committee have organised the following excursions which are open to members and friends. Departing from Debdale Sports Club where there is easy parking

May	Thursday 15 th	Liverpool & Mersey Ferry (FULL)
June	Thursday 19 th	Severn Valley Railway (Kidderminster)
July	Tuesday 15 th	Scarborough
August	Friday 8 th	Shrewsbury Flower Show
September	Thursday 11 th	Oxford
October	Thursday 23 rd	National Brewing Museum / National Arboretum
November	Thursday 20 th	Leeds Christmas Shopping.

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

The Baily Thomas Provident Fund Office

The office 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 Baily Thomas Provident fund and the existing Sports and Social activities of ex Mansfield Brewery personnel.

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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: 14th August 2014.

Mansfield Brewery Members' Association

The association's AGM was held on Tuesday 4th March and was attended by 49 members.

The association's President, Mr Bill McCosh, officiated. Officers and Members of the Committee had expressed a willingness to continue and were unanimously re-elected.



The president presented floral bouquets to Margaret Tasker, Pauline Boucher, Isabell Cooling, Maureen Wain and Alice Donbavand for their work in helping the committee. Chairman Dennis Tasker presented two bottles of wine to Joe Crosby (left) as a thank you for auditing the accounts.

The evening continued with a buffet and a quiz

2014 Committee

President	Bill McCosh	Chairman	Dennis Tasker
Secretary	Graham Cooling	Treasurer	Ian Boucher
Assistant outing organiser			Bill Donbavand
Committee Members			Pam Jones & Jim Wain

Kevin raises £1000 plus

Kevin Hall has recently completed the arduous C2C four day 156mile long distance cycle route from *Whitehaven, the most westerly spot of Cumbria, to Tynemouth on the East coast.*

He raised over £1,000 for the Little Roots children's allotment community.



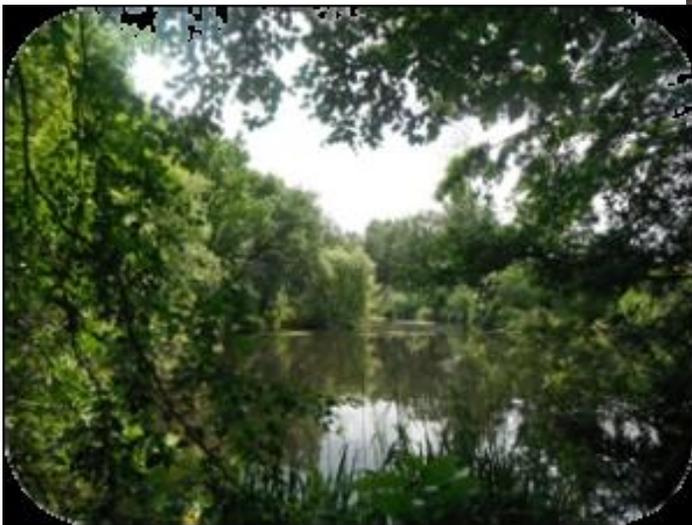
SPA PONDS, FOREST TOWN



Val and Geoff Moss have forged ahead with local residents to raise over £12,000 to save ancient woodland.

Val writes “Many of you may not have heard of Spa Ponds – also known locally as Gara Ponds, but they are situated on the western edge of the former royal deer park of Clipstone in the heart of Sherwood Forest. The series of 3 ponds are fed by a spring and a tributary of the River Maun. The ponds were kept for the provision of fish for the king in medieval times and are an important part of a national story relating to the time of Edward II.

In modern times the land was owned by a local farming family and has been under lease to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust for over 20 years, during which time they have managed the site with some success. Access can be made from Clipstone Drive, opposite the White Gates pub in Forest Town and there is a very pleasant woodland walk downhill for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile before reaching the series of ponds. These ponds and woods have been used for many years by local people of Forest Town and Clipstone.



parcels of land which were agricultural in nature.

A very significant development happened in February 2011 when Forest Town Nature Conservation Group was formed with the specific aim of improving nature conservation sites within and around Forest Town. The activities of the Group have been many and varied including local nature walks, clearing gorse, pulling Himalayan balsam, wild life surveys and recordings, visits to other sites, plus lots of guest speakers at monthly meetings on various topics. It came as a shock at the beginning of 2012 when the group discovered that the area around the Spa ponds had been split into lots and was being put up for sale. The Spa ponds area itself was separate from the other

This set the ball rolling as FTNCG did not want the land to be lost to the community and so it was decided that they would start fund raising and make an offer to the landowner for the purchase of Spa ponds.



They felt that this was a very special opportunity for the community to take ownership of their own Nature Reserve, something which does not happen very often. At the beginning of 2013 a Spa Pond Appeal went out asking individuals and organisations to pledge their support and by early December a total of £10,000 had been raised in donations and pledges. This was achieved after a lot of hard work by the committee and group members, and the support of Forest Town Community Council who organised a pie & pea supper fund raiser.

A number of offers were made during 2013 for the purchase of the site but each was turned down, so at the beginning of 2014 an offer of £15,000 was made and accepted by the land owners, much to the relief of the group. This meant that another appeal was needed to raise the rest of the cash and so the “Urgent Spa Ponds Appeal” was launched on 20th January 2014. As at this moment in time, with help from some of our local District Councillors and other generous donors, we have reached our target of £15,000, but we will have to pay legal expenses – and of course we require funds for the improvement and ongoing maintenance of the site.



Any donations for this very worthwhile project would be gratefully received and can be made to:-

By cheque – “Forest Town Nature Conservation Group”
and post to 25 Birchlands, Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 0ER

Bank Transfer to “Forest Town Nature Conservation Group”
Sort code: 089299 Account number: 65459324

FTNCG meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Sherwood Rooms at Forest Town Welfare from 7.00 pm

Contact details – Shlomo Downen (Chair
FTNCG) 01623 640134
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Visit the website for more information and photos
www.ForestTown.net/nature or www.facebook.com/ftncg



Val Moss

Oh What a Night! 2014 Dinner Dance



A warm welcome was extended to just under 300 ex- colleagues and guests at the 2014 Dinner Dance held in the Lyndhurst room at Mansfield Civic Centre.

After a 4 course meal with wine the evening went with a swing with live entertainment and dancing

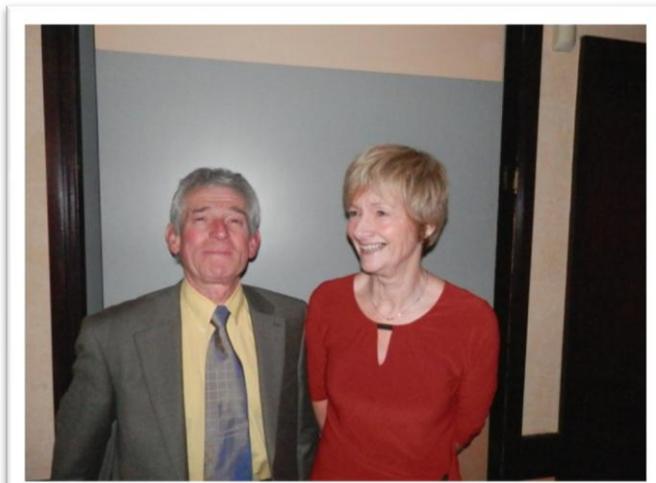


1. Dance floor
2. Paul Handley, Bill McCosh, Colin Stump
3. Michelle, Lorna Gregory, Shelia Morrell, Sandra
4. Noel and Shelly Thomas
5. Pat Duckmanton, Stu & Ellee Spencer
6. Martin & Liz Cullimore





- 1 June Williamson Ann Walker
- 2 Bar
- 3 Mike & Helen Boulton
- 4 Sue Webb, Constance Rose
- 5 Chris & Rob Wilson
- 6 Jo & Bob Davies
- 7 Steve & Claire Hanrahan





- 1 Fred Smith and friends
- 2 Mavis & George Powell, Ann Beulshausen
Norma Smith
- 3 Sharon Cox & Robin Duncan
- 4 Pauline Boucher, Bob & Sue Longden
- 5 David & Allison Corbett
- 6 Strictly Come Dancing



2015 Dinner Dance March 14th

Denis and Jean Hales

Golden Wedding



Congratulations to Denis and Jean on their golden wedding.

They were married at St Edmunds Church, Mansfield Woodhouse on Easter Monday, 30th March 1964. Jean's sister was chief bridesmaid and her four nieces were also in attendance as bridesmaids. The reception was held the Victoria Hotel, Mansfield.

The happy couple celebrated their anniversary by organising an afternoon Trent River cruise which included a buffet and cream tea for family and friends.



June and Michael Tideswell

June first worked at the Brewery in January 1985 on a temporary basis, setting up spreadsheets on PCs in Alec Welham's accounts department. Later in the year Val Moss offered her a permanent job as a computer programmer in the DP department.

June left school in 1965 and went to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne to study mathematics. In the summer of 1966, whilst back at home in Mansfield, she met Michael who worked as an electrical engineer for Hermitage Engineering Ltd. After graduating in 1968 June started work as a maths teacher, firstly at Sherwood Hall Technical School for girls and then at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' Grammar School. In March 1970 June and Michael were married.

June left teaching in 1978 and trained as a computer programmer at the East Midland Electricity Board Centre in Arnold. She then worked as a programmer for several local companies before joining the Brewery. June was made redundant in 1993 and went to West Notts. College to study Administration and Bookkeeping. She then worked on a temporary basis in local companies until offered a job as part time bookkeeper at the Making It Heritage Centre in the old brewery buildings. She stayed there until her retirement in 2006.

June and Michael both enjoy attending the monthly get-together of former Brewery employees, and also the annual dinner dance.



Happy Birthday to John Else on reaching a special number!



Happy Birthday to John Else who recently celebrated a special birthday. Many of his friends helped to mark the event at a party at the Civic Centre.

One of John's many local activities is his involvement with a local gardening group called Little Roots.

Little Roots is a children's allotment community project and is a fun, educational facility designed to promote a healthy hands on lifestyle through growing vegetables.

Currently they have over 2000 visitors per year and the participation of several local primary schools keeps the allotment busy.



John with Lisa Lax and Suzanne Harrison, two of the many guests who helped to celebrate his birthday.

All in a Day's Fun Pam and Terry Kent



Pam writes "Terry and I along with some Mansfield office staff joined the fun of the Lord Mayor's parade. Terry dressed up and served us drinks from the wagon. It was a very hot summer's day, but such a laugh. The children lining the road loved it".

Terry Kent, Katherine Moss (Brands Manager), Sue Walker (Assistant Brands Manager) Pam Kent



Terry seen here passing refreshments to the Aardvarks.



The costumes were from the TV advertising.

Terry and Pam ran the Springhead pub at Anlaby, Hull. Katherine Moss started with the Brewery in 1995 as Brands Manager. Sue Walker joined the Brewery in 1985 and was secretary to Steve Holt before moving to Take Home Trade and Export, working for Bob O'Meara. Sue then became Assistant Brands Manager, working with Katherine Moss.

T. W Beach - First Engineering Apprentice



Tony Perkins

Tony writes "I was looking through some old cuttings and came across this photograph.

I was the first maintenance engineering apprentice that TW Beach ever took on at Evesham, but half way through my apprenticeship TW Beach was taken over by Mandora. I completed my apprenticeship and went on to become one of the maintenance shift supervisors.

Through Mandora and the personal assistance of Christopher Rainsford,

Mandora's Managing director at the time, I was the first ever apprentice to obtain the new craftsman's certificate for the National Association of Soft Drinks Manufacturers. (N.A.S.D.M.) I obtained the first ever packaging fitter certificate endorsed by City and Guilds.

The above photograph shows Christopher Rainsford and George Grey presenting me with my certificate". Tony continued in his engineering career and now works for a food manufacture in Evesham.

The photograph shows the soft drink filling section at Mandora, Evesham in 1980.

This is one of the machines maintained By Tony.



The Soft Drinks Section.

Bulk Beer Revisited

Thanks to John and Keith Smith for these recently discovered pictures of Mansfield Brewery Bulk Beer department. These pictures of the development of the beer process were taken in 1983/84. The rough fined beer was received from the brewery fermenting rooms, cold filtered and stored in chilled tanks to drop bright. The clear bright beer was then pumped over for packaging to the keggling hall, PET bottle plant and bulk tanker department for immediate despatch.



If you don't use it – you lose it! The Queen's Head



The Queen's Head was situated on Queen Street, Mansfield, and had been owned by the Brewery since 1887.

The pub was rebuilt in 1959.

In 2009 the local council bought the former Marston's owned pub, which had been closed for about a year.

In 2010 the pub was demolished, the site cleared and then used as a temporary car park.

It was estimated that the cost of the site reclamation was £40,000.



In 2013 a new building opened named Queens Place, consisting of two retail units on the ground floor and six high-spec office units on the first and second floors. The building embraces green technologies, such as solar panels, double glazing and energy efficient lighting. The total cost of the project was £2.4 millions which includes a grant £867,567 from the European Regional Development Fund

What has happened to your pub? Send in your photographs

OBITUARIES



Eric Jackson 1925 – 2014

Eric was born and educated in Mansfield and started work at the Burrow and Sturgess soft drinks company. In 1947 he went to the brewery as a labourer, moving up the ranks to manage the Bulk Beer department until retiring some 53 years later. Eric then volunteered to be a guide on the brewery tours.

Eric was very proud of his military career. As a mere lad of 16 he joined the Home Guard, and was made a Lance Corporal at the age of 17. On his 18th birthday, he was called up and joined the Grenadiers - 4 years with the colours and 8 years in the reserves. After the 15 weeks initial training on Churchill tanks in 1944 he went on active service to France, where at St Martin De Besage he came under mortar fire, and received shrapnel wound to his right foot, which hospitalised him. In peacetime Eric joined the part time Special Constabulary. In 1950 Eric married Anita at St Peters parish church and when he retired they became active members of the Mansfield Brewery Retired Members Association. Eric was the Treasurer for 16 years. Eric leaves son Brian and family.



Ted Taylor. 1926-2014

Ted Joined the Brewery as a wine and spirits clerk and was popularly known as “Dramatic Ted” for his distinguished work in local amateur theatre. He was interested in theatre from an early age and in 1960 he formed the Sherwood Dramatic Society, directing and acting in his own productions. Ted worked in the inventory control and stationery department and retired as stock controller, after 28 years service.

Brenda Stanley

Brenda was one of six children. She was born in Salford and educated at the West Liverpool and Pendleton high school. She commenced work with the publishers of Beano and Dandy comics. In 1963 she married her husband Mel, and through his work eventually settled in Mansfield. Brenda was recruited to be Personal Assistant to Mansfield Brewery Finance Director Chris Rainsford. In 1983 she moved to Mandora with her boss and stayed for 5 years before eventually moving back to the brewery and she retired in 1990.



Brenda enjoyed squash, tennis and golf. She joined the Holinwell Golf club and was the Club Secretary. When Mel retired, they travelled all over the world with holidays to Singapore, America, Spain and Cyprus. Mel predeceased Brenda in 2000.



Gillian Clifford 1940-2014

Les Mayfield 1926-2014



Les worked as a driver in the transport department.

One of the Worst Conflicts in Human History

On June 28th 1914 the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne and his wife Sophie, set nation against nation with the failed attempts of diplomatic intervention. On the 4th August 1914 war was declared between Great Britain and Germany. It is estimated that 9 million soldiers were killed and millions more were wounded during the conflict. Many of the wounded died later due to their injuries. This is one story which is told with photographs and post cards.

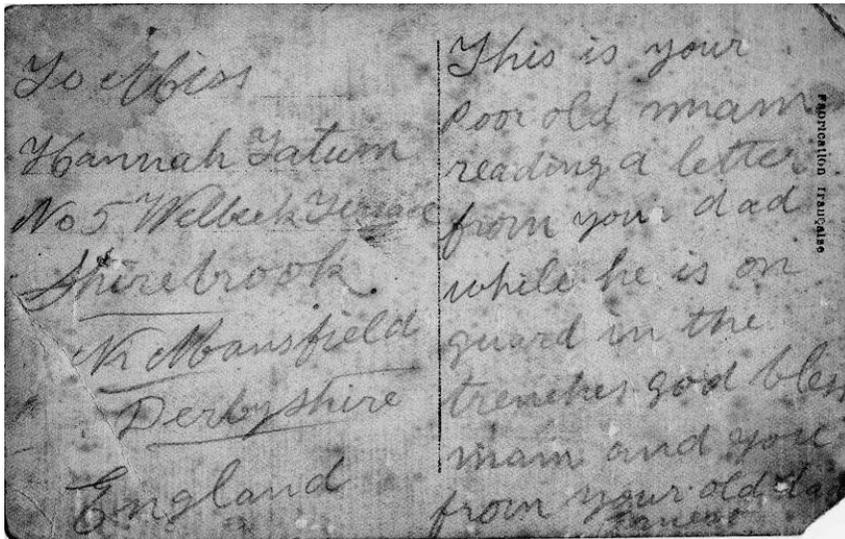
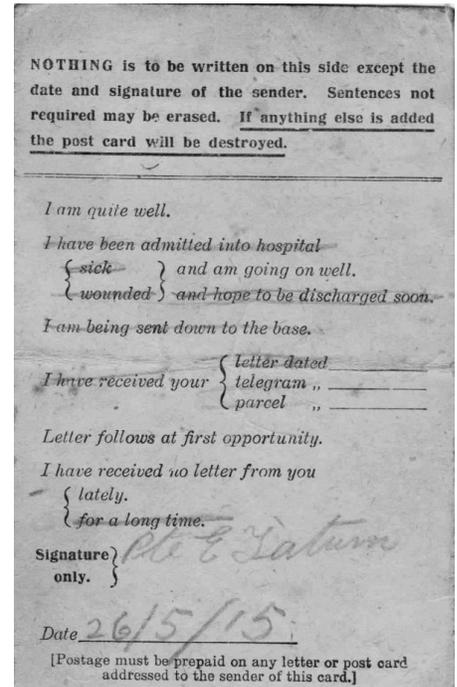


A soldier of the Great War, Private Ernest Tatum (great-grandfather of Alan Boucher, Kegging Department foreman, who now lives in New Zealand with his wife and family) was a young man with a wife and a 3 year old daughter. Like many people he responded to Lord Kitchener's slogan **"YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU"**.

Private Tatum joined The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment) early in the war. It is believed it was 1/5th Battalion of the Territorial Force In November 1914 the brigade were mobilised to Harpenden

and went on to Braintree Essex for further training.. On 12th May 1915 they landed in France.

The authorities regarded any information as dangerous, irrespective how innocent, and all correspondence was censored. To alleviate this problem, a printed post card was made available for the soldiers to send to their families giving only brief information.



This post card was sent to his wife and daughter from the trenches in France. It reads "this is a letter from your dad while he is on guard in the trenches." It is dated 26 May 1915. Ernest Tatum died in 1921 as a result of his war wounds.

Please send in your family history of the Great War.