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Trustees' Open Meeting

The Civic Centre, Mansfield on 16th June 2014

From left to right:
William Colacicchi, Wenna Thompson and



Bindu Kotecha, Browne Jacobson LLP
Richard Chadburn BTPF Trustee

DIARY DATES NEWS AND EVENTS

- **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 finishing around 2.30pm. They are generally easy walks 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.

Departing from Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse where there is easy parking.

October	Thursday 23 rd	National Brewing Museum
November	Tuesday 11 th	Social Evening
November	Thursday 20 th	Leeds Christmas Shopping.
December	Tuesday 9 th	Christmas Lunch

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

The Baily Thomas Provident Fund Office

The office is normally 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.

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The New Marksman Magazine

This magazine aims to give news and information about the former employees of Mansfield Brewery and its subsidiaries, the current Sports and Social activities available to them and information about the Baily Thomas Provident Fund. If you wish to submit any article or information for publication 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: 14th December

Trustees' Open Meeting

Held at the Civic Centre Mansfield on 16th June 2014

Beneficiaries of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund were invited to a Trustee Open meeting in June. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update of the activities of the Trust and to provide beneficiaries the opportunity to ask the Trustees any questions they may have about BTPF.

Mr Richard Chadburn, BTPF Trustee, opened the meeting by welcoming the members and setting out the agenda.

Mr William Colacicchi, of Browne Jacobson LLP, introduced his colleagues - Wenna Thompson, and Bindu Kotecha.

The slide presentation showed a well documented position of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund's healthy finances and explained the main benefits currently provided to its beneficiaries, which include the former employees of Mansfield Brewery, its subsidiaries and the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund.

An informative question and answer session completed the forum. A transcript of the questions together with the trustees' response will be posted to the BTPF website.

Refreshments were served after the meeting, giving members an opportunity to speak to the trustees personally.

Grace Christianson City of Hull Search for a star 2014



A dazzling performance from multi talented Grace Christianson secured the top prize at this year's Hull Daily Mail's *Search for a Star 2014*.

Proud grandparents Ted and June Park commented, "What a fantastic night, all 13 acts for **Star Search** were brilliant and Gracie was unbelievable, she sang 'The Boxer' with her guitar and then her own song 'I can't help myself' on piano, to a very packed New Theatre in Hull."

Grace won £1000, a photo shoot, recording studio time and was asked to appear at this year's local Tribfest festival's main stage.

Ted Park was a Dispense Beer Manager in Hull.

Such Stuff as Dreams are Made of...

Once upon a time a little girl wished to be a princess, an aspiration which was to become a reality. Her proud parents Karen Hewkin and Tom Turner watched as their young daughter, Grace, aspired to become the Miss Mansfield and Sherwood Forest 2013/14 beauty queen. Tom and Karen both worked at the Brewery, Tom in Transport and Karen in Wages and CSD.



Grace Turner is a performing arts student with a bubbly personality and only entered the competition after encouragement from friends and family. There were many entrants and Grace was voted the winner from a final shortlist of 12. She also won the Miss Congeniality and Miss Popularity contests in 2013.

The Miss Mansfield organisation encourages the winners to become involved in the local community and to attend fundraising events for a nominated local charity.

Grace commented – “I had always wanted to do the Miss Mansfield competition but never thought I was right for it. When I heard my name called as winner it felt like a dream and I questioned myself that they really had called me.

When I won I was determined to make the most of my year and to do everything I could. Already, in six months I have attended events and balls to help raise money for local charities and been involved in many things which I never thought I could do.

The “big snore” (Charity for the homeless) was a great experience and I enjoyed meeting many new people. The Wild Warrior (sponsored charity event) was an extremely tiring day and something I would never have done if I had not won. On my 20th birthday I switched on the Mansfield Christmas lights – what a birthday! Christmas is my favourite time of year and I spent a lot of time with everyone at Portland College and this was very special for me.

I did a midnight walk with the STAGS to raise money for the Rainbows charity and had a Skydive for which I had to prepare myself. My final ball as Miss Mansfield was to raise money for my chosen charity – the Little Princess Trust. This charity provides real hair wigs to boys and girls in the U.K. who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. My year as Miss Mansfield has changed my life, it has been a wonderful experience and I have met some amazing people.”

In June Grace travelled to Mansfield, OHIO, USA, a sister city to Mansfield where she was a guest at the state pageant. She visited the law courts and attended civic functions and experienced Mansfield Ohio as compared with Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. Later this year Grace will start at the University of Lancaster to study drama.



Anniversaries



60th 'Diamond' Anniversary Celebration

Ted and Marjorie Taylor

On 17th July 1954, Ted and Marjorie Taylor were married at Holy Trinity Church, Shirebrook, and this year are celebrating 60 years of love, trust, partnership, and tolerance.

Their daughter, Alison, was born in 1960 and has carved a successful niche in teaching English in the field of adult education. Along came two grandchildren - firstly Matthew, who gained his Masters degree (honours) in English and is now teaching. Hannah was born four years later and is studying for a BA(hons) in music at the University of York.

The event was celebrated at the Hostess restaurant.

Golden Wedding

David and Pauline Robinson

Pauline writes

"David and I met at school, when I was 13 and he was 14, it was a snowy day and it was playtime. He threw a snowball and it hit me, he came over to say he was sorry and we have been together ever since.

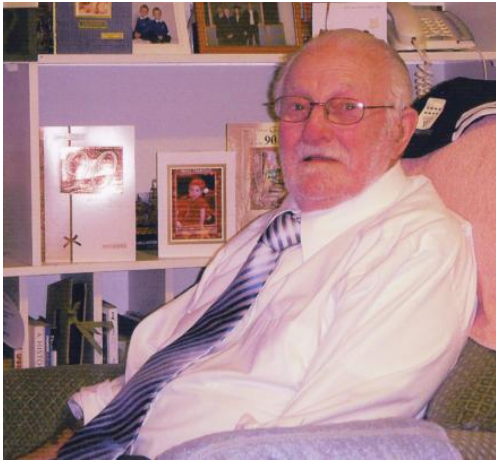
We were married at St Mary's Church Edwinstowe on 6th June 1964. We had our reception at the Dukeries Hotel Edwinstowe. We flew to Jersey for our honeymoon. We have a daughter, Kaye and a son Scott, also two grandsons and two granddaughters.

We celebrated our anniversary with friends and family at the Cockliffe Country house Hotel, followed two days later by a Garden Party at our home. After all the excitement we flew to Barbados for a two week holiday.

I joined Mansfield Brewery in 1986 and worked as a Receptionist at Mansfield Inns, on Rosemary Street. When the new Brewery offices were built at the Water Meadows site I transferred there, where I carried on working as Receptionist/switchboard operator, I retired when the offices closed in July 2000".



Obituaries



Wilfred Dix 1920-2014

Wilfred Dix known as Dixie was born in the North East of England and was a keen Newcastle United fan. At the age of 9 his mother died and he was placed with his two sisters and brother in a children's home.

At 14 he was released from the home to serve a boyhood apprenticeship in the merchant navy and he visited many parts of the world. Serving on collier ships he was a frequent visitor to the North East and it was here he met Annie and they had two daughters. Unfortunately Annie died at an early age.

On leaving the navy he found employment as a contractor in the nationwide construction industry. Dixie eventually settled in Blidworth and married Evelyn.

He was contracted to Mansfield Brewery and was then offered a position as a mechanical fitter and he retired in 1985. Evelyn died some time ago and Dixie leaves children Pam and Paul, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Derek Evans 1944 -2014

Derek was born in Birmingham, educated at Erdington Hall and studied electrical engineering at the Mathew Bolton College.

Selling was his passion, and wines and spirits his forte. He worked for Allied Industries and then at Scottish and Newcastle in Leicester where he covered most of Midlands, selling wine and spirits to free trade customers.

In 1982 Derek moved to Mansfield Brewery as Wines and Spirits sales Executive and eventually became General Manager of Lambert Parker and Gaines.

In his late 20's he was elected to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and in 1982-83 became Mayor of the Borough. In 2011, he was elected to Mansfield District Council as Councillor for Netherfield Ward and held the portfolio for Housing Strategy and Regeneration. He also served as a Warsop Parish Councillor and Governor of both Eastlands Junior and Hetts Lane Infant and Nursery schools.

Derek leaves his wife Christine.

President's Garden Party



Members of the MBMA were delighted to accept an invitation from its President, Bill McCosh to a garden party at his home.

The August weather was perfect, a hot, sunny afternoon. Bill's garden was inspirational and much admired.

Following delicious refreshments guests strolled around the grounds enjoying the varieties of shrubs, plants and flowers and especially the 200 year old Walnut tree after

which the house is named.

It was very pleasant for members to renew acquaintances with the Brewery directors Hugh Wilson, Colin Stump, and Paul Handley.

As an appreciation, gifts were presented to the hosts Bill and Eileen by Dennis Tasker (Chairman) and Graham Cooling (Secretary).

What a perfect summer afternoon.



Making It Discovery Centre



Photo by Ernie Newbury

The Making it Centre is housed in Mansfield Brewery's old brew house.

The centre has many attractions and has recently extended its facilities to include Vintage Afternoon Tea.

Chief Executive is Sue Walters, formerly PA at the Brewery to Bill McCosh.

Vintage Afternoon Tea

Indulge in a little luxury -
With vintage crockery and delicate bites you're sure to have an enjoyable elegant teatime with friends and family.

We can cater for public as well as private bookings where a party planning service is available - Celebrate special occasions such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Mother's Day, Baby Showers and Hen Parties.



What's Included

- Selection of delicate finger sandwiches
- Homemade scones with cream and local preserves
- Selection of delicious cakes
- Selection of exciting teas

Feeling rather full? We will box up any uneaten cakes for you to take home.

For availability and prices call 01623 473 200
or visit www.brewhousecrafts.co.uk

MBMA Visits Liverpool

The Mansfield Brewery Members Association enjoyed a day visit to the historic port of Liverpool in May. On arrival the group boarded the world famous Mersey ferry. This iconic service is good way to see the city and the commentary gives a fascinating history of the development of the UNESCO world heritage water front. With retail therapy, museums and other attractions the group had a wonderful day out.

Why not try one of the monthly excursions, and get in the picture? Further information Contact Graham Cooling 01623 632620



Capture the Moments

Edgar Strouther



Edgar is a keen amateur photographic historian and has captured many historic moments in and around Mansfield.

Edgar started work in the Bottling department in 1958 aged 15 years. Three years later he moved to Transport, working on mixed fleet transport and then as a driver's mate on bulk beer tankers in 1968.

Edgar remembers working in bulk beer where "before filling the 2.1/2 barrel tanks they had to replace the plastic bag lining. The larger 5 barrel tanks were sanitised by the tank cleaning team and then filled.

He later rejoined the mixed fleet and retired early in 2001.



Littleworth Road 2000



Littleworth Road 2006

The Evening Star of Britain and the British pub.

Clive Almond

An old man stands alone leaning on the wall at the end of his garden and looks down across the valley far below. He stares into the darkness and no longer sees the glowing furnace, the sparks flying and the rumble of industry, and wonders why, and says to himself;

Take me back to the smoke filled sky.
When from the old iron road the engines roared.
Take me back when foundries glowed and sparks did fly.
When from those so tall chimneys the black smoke soared.
Take me back to a day's hard labour with a throat so dry.
When birds flew backwards as their eyes got sore.
Take me back when coal was king.
When the dimly lit street lamp was out shone by the evening star.

Just round the corner by the rusty old bridge.
Down in the valley by the silent river.
Next to the lonely church and on the quiet village green.
Round by the silent factory and the shabby iron works.
In the town centre across from the busy station.
Down the city street amid hustle and bustle.
On the estate where they all sit at home.
Watching the garbage on the old goggle box.

The landlord stands but for how long.
The bar maid cleans and checks the stock.
The dart board waits for another jab.
The pool table stands for the night's first frame.
The cards in the pack and the dominoes in the box.
The machines stand waiting for the first command.
The lonely drinker sips at his night's first pint.
Watching the door for a welcome mate.

Down the mine the seams worked out.
The colliery site is now a park.
In the foundry the castings over.
The heavy ladle a long time cooled.
In the strip mill the rollers have stopped.
Imports are cheaper when shipped from afar.
Down in the city the greed takes over.
Any excuse to cook the books.

Dusty builders drinking in the Bricklayers Arms.
Many green fingers in the Gardeners Retreat.
The farm hand resting in the Old Plough.
The motorist held up in the Travellers Rest.
The woodsman with his feet up in the Old Oak Tree.
The craftsman eating in the Joiners Arms.
The sailor ashore in the Old Lord Nelson.
Watching the clock and the turn for home.

The out of town pub survives on grub.
Those old grey heads go out for lunch.
The pensioners specials support the pub.
The pubs are full of the old hungry bunch.
The food is good and there's ale to sup.
The staff have a smile as the customers munch.
And the landlord smiles at his successful lunch.
With another day ahead and no sign of a crunch.

Round by the suburbs the days are so still.
The old regular drinker a long time gone.
A few in the evening with a match to thrill.
Monday evening is pool night and a match is on.
Thursday night is the quiz and a valuable prize on the bill.
The evenings are cold and there all staying home.
Free sandwiches on games night to make the kill.
The weeks slip by and just scrape the rent.

Down round the city the scenes not pretty.
Lots of drinking and lots of smoking.
Leaning on the bar and falling on the pavement.
Is it the drink or is it the drugs.
Which ever it is there going to jail.
In the court there fined and cautioned.
The old beak says next time will be the clink.
They will be out in the day and back in a week.

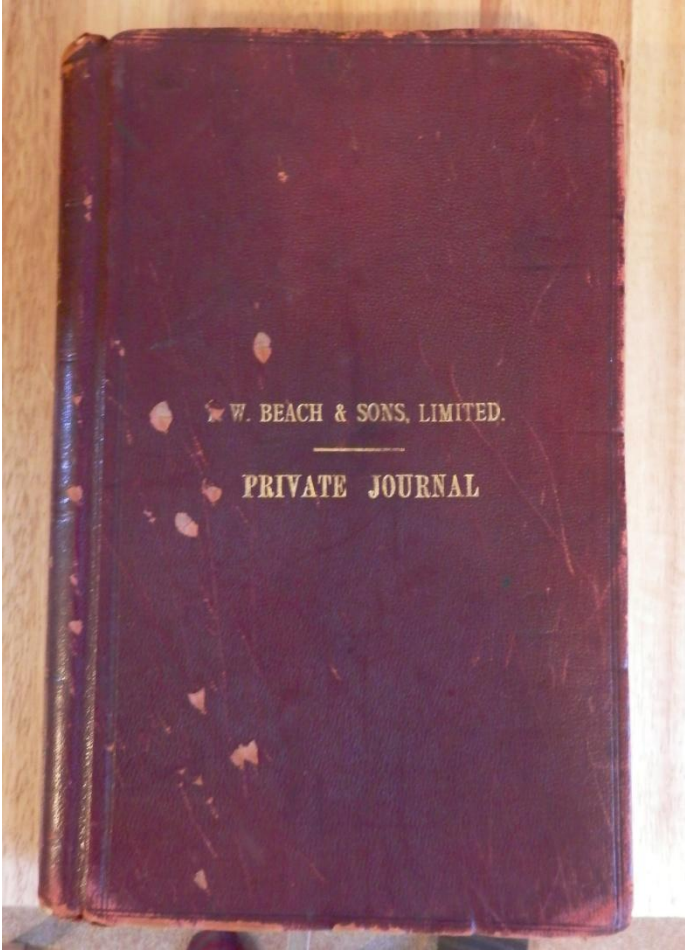
On the news a pub will close.
On the news a pub has closed.
On the news a factory struggling.
On the news its been closed down.
On the news there in administration.
On the news its been bought out.
On the news it's a foreign buyer.
On the news and there's more to follow.

Back in the Westminster they wonder why.
Back in the cabinet room they cut the budget.
Back in the treasury they scrimp and scrape.
Back in Whitehall they cut the forces.
Back round the city its doom and gloom.
Back in the commons they blame each other.
Back on the road yet another pub has closed.
Back in the cabinet room and its all going wrong.

Slowly but surely we are being taken over.
The man in the east isn't afraid of work.
We're here for the taking and take us they will.
We're fighting abroad and they will leave us too it.
Our eyes off the ball and its rolling in the net.
Bring back conscription and train the unemployed to work.
Restore the thirst and the pride of the working man.
The clock is ticking as the pendulum swings.

Clive Almond (Building surveyor Mansfield) commenced work at the Brewery in 1980. A talented artist Clive paints old and new landscapes and wildlife in watercolour and often displays in local galleries.

T.W.BEACH & SONS



A recent find of historic importance is a Private Journal of T W Beach & Sons which gives an insight into the development and evolution of the company and from 1877 to 1944.

The ledger details the prices paid for fruit, pulp, sugar, bottles, cases, labels, rent, rates, and advertising, and general operating costs covering Beach's three factories at Toddington, Brentford, and Evesham.

This document may become valuable with the passage of time,

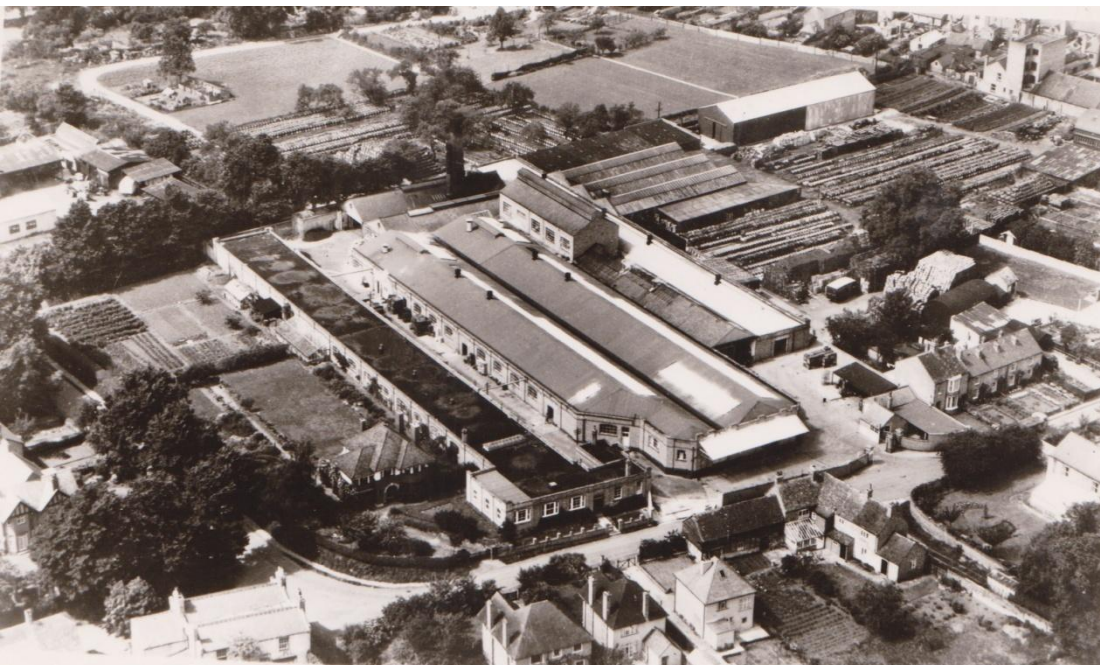
Journal March 1 1887

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	Cr Profit & Loss Account	171			701 7 3
	<i>Balance transferred</i>				
1888					
Feb 7	Dr Toddington Ledger 1/2	117	2029	11 7	
	Dr Brentford Ledger 1/2	nil			
	Cr Cash	X			2029 11 7
	<i>For sundry items posted to private ledgers from 1887 and Brentford Journals see pages 24 to 27 of 1887 Journal</i>				
					<i>Debit side paid 37795 11 7</i>
					<i>• Credits = 32,585 1 9</i>
					<i>Balance Cr 2029 11 7</i>

The presentation of the accounts, written in pen and ink in wonderful delicate script, gives details of the factories' financial transactions.

One entry in 1887 shows the purchase of sugar £1,609.11s.7d, fruit £797.15s.1d, cases £705.3s.0d and wages £929.16s.10d.

Rediscovered photographs - T W Beach and Sons



A number of photographs were discovered with the ledger and have been incorporated with the history of T.W.Beach and Sons.

Evesham
Factory 1968

T.W.BEACH & SONS HISTORY

Thomas William Beach was the oldest son of a market gardener who cultivated orchards and fruit fields near the River Brent in Greater London. In 1851, at the age of 22 young Thomas won prizes for his British Queen strawberries at the Covent Garden Horticultural Society.

In 1861 Thomas and his wife Mary moved to Isleworth where he was employed as a market garden salesman. They had five children and when Mary died Tom re-married and fathered four more children. By 1867 Tom had a flourishing business renting out glass houses and eventually began making strawberry jam in his outbuildings. He greatly improved his business by introducing whole fruit without glucose into his 2lb glass and earthenware jars.

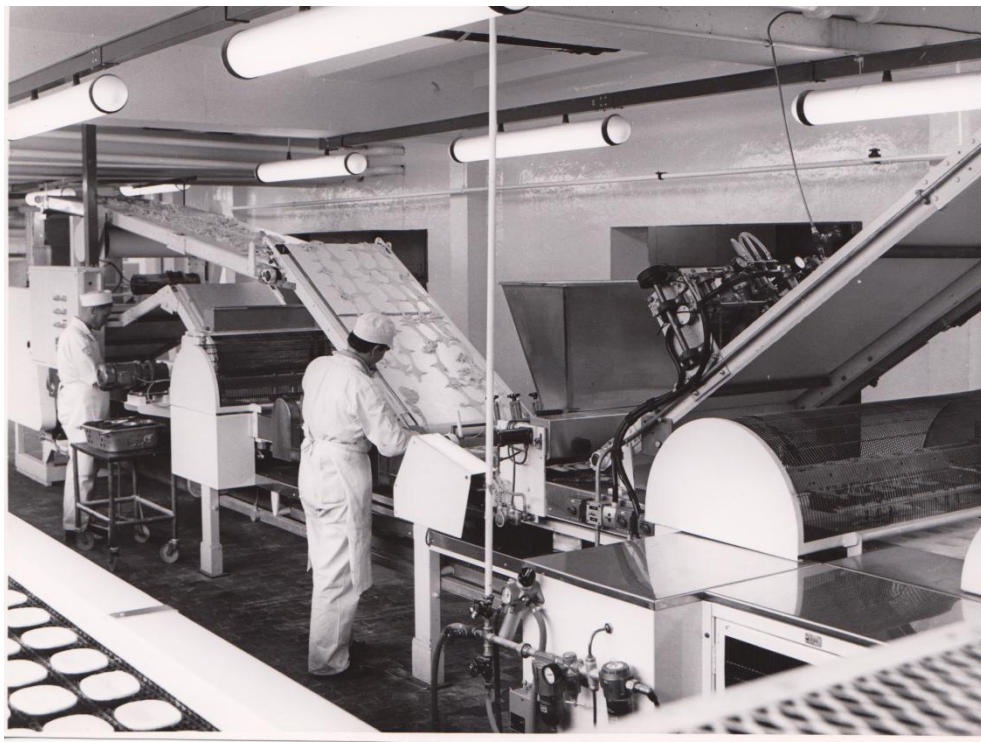
Tom grew his own fruit near the factory and also had good supplies from family members who also grew fruit in the area. When he needed more supplies from further afield he had a small delivery cart, pulled by one horse, which could collect up to a ton of fruit within a distance of seven miles. He then had a large road wagon pulled by a team of Vanner horses which could haul 3 tons of fruit on local journeys. It was now possible to travel long distances and collect fruit from as far away as the Vale of Evesham. These horses could travel up to 40 miles a day and averaged 5 miles per hour.



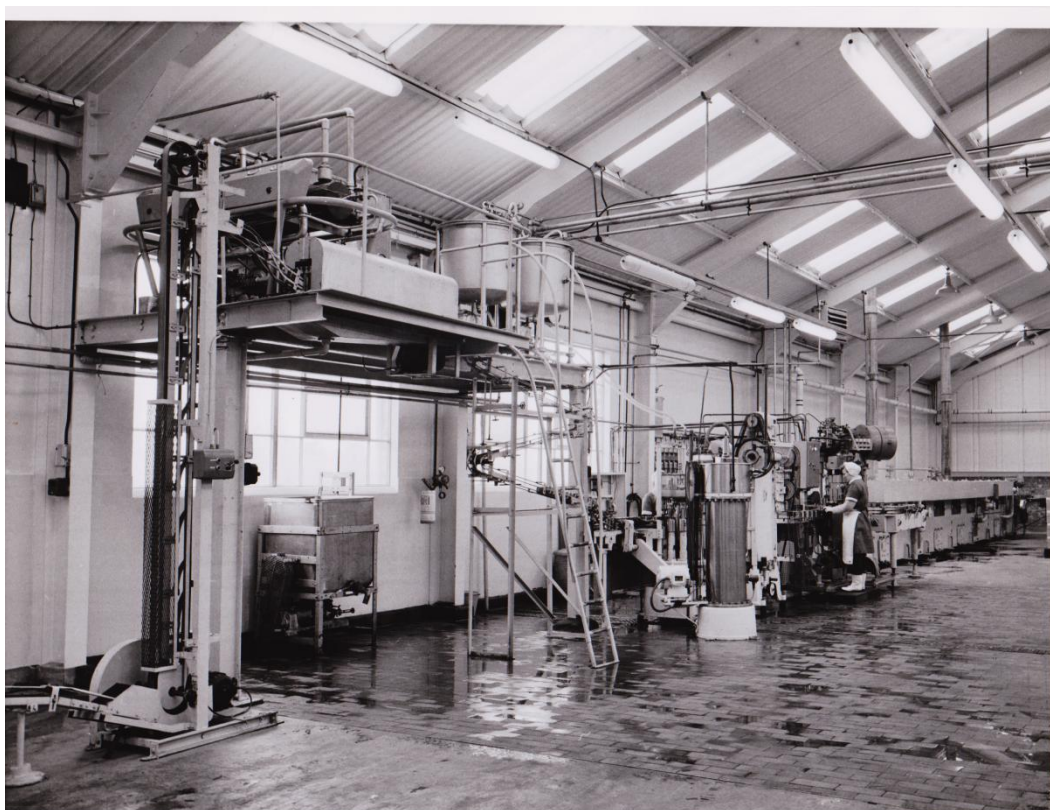
1968 Packaging Department

By 1883 the company was established as T.W.Beach and Sons and two sons from his first marriage and four from his second eventually worked in various parts of the business. His eldest son left and went to work for a rival company and was cut out of Thomas's will. In 1887 the factory at Toddington was run by his eldest son from his second marriage and the company opened further factories at Hereford, Pershore and Evesham.

Thomas died in 1902 when the company was at the peak of its prosperity. However the company continued to expand and in 1906 a purpose built factory was erected in Evesham for the production of the world famous jams and preserved fruits. A photo taken in 1911 of the ill fated Captain Scott expedition to the South Pole shows a jar of Beach's jam on the breakfast table.



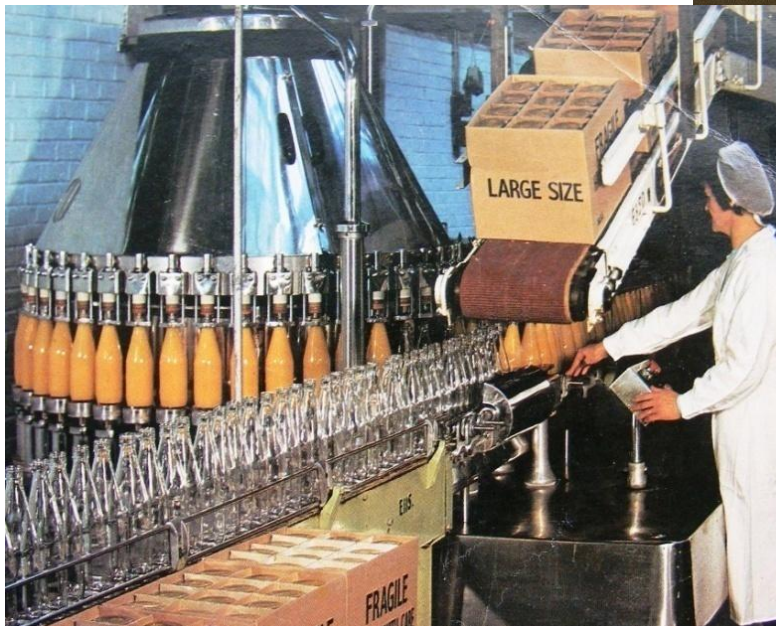
T.W. Beach remained an independent company until 1941 when it became part of Allied Suppliers/Lipton teas. At one time the Hereford factory produced Richmond Sausages. Early in 1971 Beach's were taken over by Jimmy Goldsmith's Cavenham Group.





During the 1970's the export business increased with the Sunshine brand of fruit squashes and mixer drinks which were sold to Saudi Arabia and other Arab Gulf markets. In addition the Beach's Hereford factory exported jams, marmalade and canned vegetables to numerous world markets in particular Nigeria, Malaysia and Canada. Canned Shandy was shipped to Hong Kong via the trans Siberian express.

In 1980 Sir James Goldsmith sold the company as it did not fit his business profile. Mansfield Brewery acquired the company in 1980 and it was consolidated into the Brewery's soft drinks subsidiary – Mandora (UK) Ltd. The merger of Mandora and Beach export departments further increased export turnover of 2 litre P.E.T bottles of Pepsi Cola (Manufactured under licence) to Scandinavian markets, France and Belgium.



The acquisition of the St. Clements range of additive free squash and carbonated soft drinks opened new markets in Europe and the Middle East and were produced by the Evesham factory.

In 1988 Mansfield Brewery reverted to their core business of brewing and selling beer and put Mandora up for sale. The company was subsequently bought by the soft drinks company Barrs.

Acknowledgments: for archive information
David Lee and Geoff Speight

1984 Re-visited Archive Photographs - New Brew House opening

It was reported over the weekend in July 1984 that the sun shone and Mansfield Brewery group's 2000 employees, their families and guests celebrated the opening of the new £4million brew house which replaced a £12,500 one built in 1907. Guests toured the



complex by way of the lift that whisked up to the top of the 150 foot building tower, whilst the children played happily in a crèche in the cellar and the older ones were entertained by Bobo the Clown, with toys, ice cream and soft drinks.

A special celebration ale was produced for all employees and friends of the brewery. This was distributed during the week long celebrations.

Lol (Lawrence) Butcher was a tour guide during the festivities and comments that the brew house was officially opened by Robin Chadburn (Chairman), Philip Baker (Head brewer retired) and Edwin Deakin (Head Brewer and Managing Director retired). Lol continues "I was asked to take visitors on guided tours. I was not alone on these tours; many guides took turns to ensure that all the visitors and work colleagues saw the whole brewing operation. The old brew house carried on brewing to full capacity.



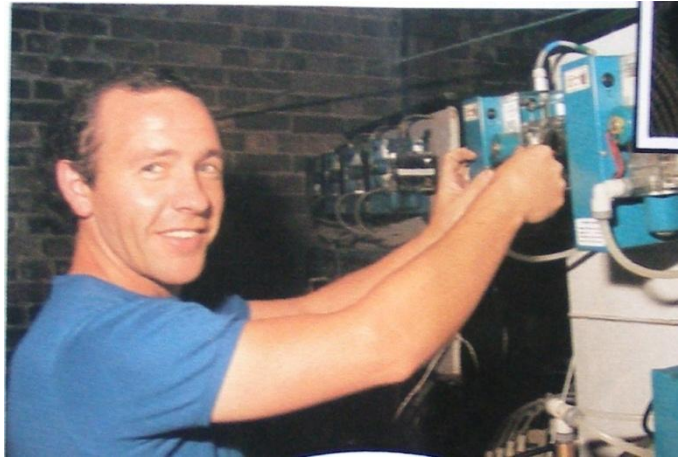
Lol said that he spent 23 happy years at the brewery (one big happy family) but life still goes on and he meets up with friends at the "THE PENSIONERS" monthly meeting. He would like to thank all the brew house lads for their assistance and help

Thanks to Lol Butcher for sending in the photographs

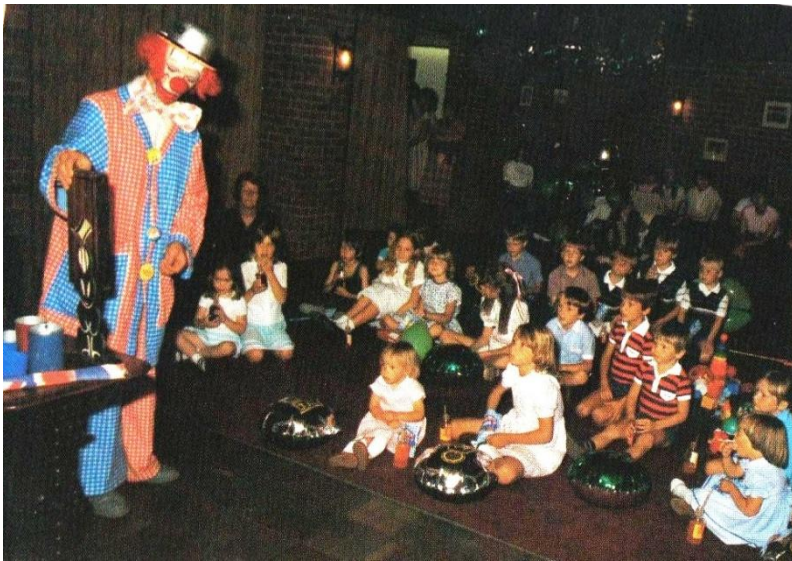
1984 Brew House Memories



Robin Chadburn, Philip Baker, Edward Deakin



David Wilton CSD



Bobo the Clown, entertaining the children



Gemma and Louise Brown



Young guests enjoying the festivities



Frank Smith (Van Dyke manager)
Pat & Betty Elliot
(Managers Oak Tree Inn) and staff.



Mandora soft drink facility

Horsing Around This Summer



Thanks to Peter Cooper(Foreman painter Mandora) for submitting this picture of a horse and her 3 week old foal. It was taken whilst Peter and his wife were walking near their home.

Squirrel Away for Winter

Lawrie Birch captured this sequence of photographs whilst caravanning in Wales.



Up the pole



Into the swing

Great when a plan



comes together