

New Marksman

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Winter 2015

A Happy and Healthy New Year



King's Mill Reservoir, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

The story of water-powered mills on Mansfield's River Maun began in 1771. Many were textile mills and King's Mill Reservoir at Sutton-in-Ashfield was created to supply water power to one of these mills.

Today the reservoir attracts many species of waterfowl, including several breeding pairs of Great Crested Grebes, which in the spring display their courtship dance. A pair of rare Australian Black Swans produced a brood of cygnets here.

Thanks to David Lowe for this photograph which shows white swans taking to the water.

DIARY DATES, NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Dinner Dance

We have been made aware that the Mansfield Civic Centre will be closed for functions from 5th Jan 2015. Unfortunately this means that we are unable to hold the annual dinner dance in the usual location. The Trustees of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund have agreed, in principle, to support the event being held at the John Fretwell Leisure Centre, Sookholme Road, Sookholme, Mansfield (pictured below).



Due to the short notice we have received, we are unable to hold the dinner dance at the usual time of year. **It will be held at a later date in May.** Letters will be sent out in March with all the details.

- **Trustee Open Meeting**

Q & A from the Trustees' Open Meeting held on 16th June 2014 and a summary of accounts will be posted on the website by the end of January, together with a summary of grants currently available from Baily Thomas Provident Fund.

- **Six monthly re-union - Friday 20th March 2015**

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly re-union at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse on Friday 20th March 2015
Contact Kevin229@ntlworld.com or Mobile 07535 700825



- **Mansfield Brewery Walking Group**

Walks are held on the second Sunday of each month, commencing at 10.30 a.m. and normally finishing 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 Excursions 2015**

The Members' association is open to all ex employees of the Mansfield Brewery Group of Companies. The Committee organises excursions which are open to members and friends. The excursions depart from the Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse where there is easy parking. A list of excursions for 2015 will be issued in the New Year. The Associations' monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at The Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

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

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.

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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 April 2015.

Mansfield Brewery on Display

Mansfield Museum's brand new industrial gallery features Mansfield Brewery along with other local



companies which have passed into history, including Metal Box, Mansfield Shoe Co. etc. This links the present with the past.

The original 1903 museum was given to the town by William Edward Baily, a wealthy local collector and natural historian and son of the William Baily, one of the joint founders, in 1855, of the Mansfield Brewery.

Mansfield Museum is FREE and is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

DANIEL LORD BSC IN PHYSICS



The challenges of life hold many opportunities which can be achieved with determination and hard work.

Daniel Lord recently graduated from the University of York with a BSc in Physics.

He is the son of Clifford and Angela Lord. Clifford has been a Mansfield Brewery employee since 1983, and continued his employment with Marston's.

Daniel is now working in the Stobart's transport office in Barlborough.

The Lord family would like to thank The Baily Thomas Provident Trust Fund for the financial support given to Daniel whilst studying for his degree.

MANSFIELD BREWERY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Pam Jones and Jim Wain to retire from MBMA committee.



Pam and Jim have given notice that they wish to retire from the committee at the end of the current year in March. We are very grateful for the years of excellent service they have given in maintaining the success of the club. Pam and Jim have been active committee members since 1986.

Dennis Tasker, Chairman, said "Being a committee member requires an interest in the activities of the Association and a readiness to contribute views on how best to preserve its effectiveness in pursuing the interest of the Association for the benefit and enjoyment of the members".



The AGM will be held on 10th March 2015

If you are interested in joining the committee
Please contact The Chairman, Dennis Tasker. Telephone No. 01623 623 590

FROM CORNWALL BACK TO MANSFIELD

MAVIS LEVERTON

I joined Mansfield Brewery in March 1973 as secretary to the Sales Director, Peter Watson, who was well known for his biting temper. For the first three months I went home in tears every day, but then shouted back at him and from that moment he treated me with respect! I heard that people took bets on how long I would stay. As it turned out I stayed for twenty three and a half years, retiring on 31st October 1996.

It was Halloween and I gave my farewell speech wearing a witch's hat and was treated to a very nice male stripper. Some of the girls presented me with a plaque which I keep to this day hanging on my wall.

During my time at the brewery I also worked for Richard Umbers who took over from Peter Watson, helping to sift through the many applications for people who wanted a pub tenancy. I was lucky to be invited to many new pub openings and also to shows at the Aquarius nightclub in Chesterfield.

After eight years in the Sales department I moved up a floor in the new office block and became secretary to Mark Phillips, the Company Secretary. Shortly after that Richard Chadburn took over the role and I worked for him in that capacity and also in his capacity as Personnel Director for the next fifteen years.

I retired to live in Cornwall with my husband Gordon, where we had bought a derelict farmhouse. We spent many wonderful hours renovating the house and garden and enjoying the lovely scenery in the area, however we were very remote and when Gordon died in June 2012 I sold up and returned to live near my many friends in Mansfield. This decision has proved fantastic for me as I am now involved with lots of outings, get-togethers, the monthly pensioners' meetings, dinners etc. and generally enjoying every minute of moving back here.



COLIN SLANEY CREATES

Colin Slaney worked in the Brewery Estates Department until closure. A committed countryman he is invited on many estate shoots as a beater. Through this association with open air pursuits he became interested in making handmade walking sticks.



The sticks are essential for moving on uneven ground to help keep balance and gain leverage on inclines. It is of supreme importance to find the right wood of uniform strength, width, length and weight.

Colin's guideline is to get the right type of wood which is then left to mature for 6 to 12 months, strip off the bark then sand paper and varnish it.



A collection of different bird feathers is the key to the design. A number of grooves are made in the stick and the feathers are varnished into place.

A collection of different bird



The handles can be part of the stick or made from deer antler which is adapted with a screwed thread and inserted into the top the stick.



the walking stick is a professional finish, which is both appealing, and useful.

The overall effect of



Colin's other creative pastime is to diamond sketch an image onto a mirror or glass. When a subject is selected he etches the glass with a diamond tip spatula to create the finished picture, as illustrated in the photograph on the left.

HAZEL & MARTIN EYLEY

25th Wedding Anniversary - The "How we met in the 80's" story

Hazel writes: I started work at Mansfield Brewery in June 1986, initially as a YTS trainee and then as an Office Junior in the Administration Department under the guidance of Barbara Brown, before moving on to work for John Else in the Personnel Department where I remained until the offices closed in 2000.

Many milestones were reached in those 14 years at the Brewery one of which was passing my driving test. At the age of 17 money was short so I bought myself an old banger that lasted me all of 3 months! To buy the car of my dreams, a 'Nissan Micra', lol, I required a car loan which my Office Junior salary would not cover so I took a job behind the bar at the Angel Inn at Mansfield Woodhouse in September 1988. It was here that I met Martin, he was a regular who came in every weekend with his friends and I remember my bar colleague, Pete, letting me work the tap side so that I could exchange glances with Martin whilst pouring his pint of JC!



After two months of glances, Martin one night asked if I had got the note he left on my car windscreen. I hadn't, I had walked to work that night so my car wasn't even in the car park, I have no idea who got the note!

Anyway by mid-November he had plucked up the courage to ask me out but explained that he only had a Transit van at the time but was getting his 'Ford Capri' soon! I had waited for what seemed like forever for him to ask me out so said 'no worries' - I would drive (in my newly acquired Nissan Micra). We went to The Hutt for a meal and that was it - we were on our way!

Working Christmas & New Year's Eve at the Angel was hard as I wanted to be out partying, but as a local Martin was collecting glasses for us and as the bells struck midnight we stole a moment in the Angel kitchen for a quick kiss, it was at that moment he asked me to be his wife, elated but shocked I asked him if he was drunk and said I would check the next day if the offer still stood, it did!

Announcing the news at work, everyone was shocked as we had only been together a month but we dealt with all the comments, it's too soon, you're too young, are you pregnant? etc. We bought our house 6 months later in June 1989 and married 2 months later on 9th September 1989.

We have been through our share of ups and downs, as has everyone who has been together for so long. We have not been blessed with children but welcomed our little bundle of joy, Cooper, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, into our lives last year. After 24 years of saying 'I do not want a dog' I thank Martin and our friend Russ (the breeder) for gifting him to us as he most definitely brings us a lot of joy and gives us unconditional love.

We celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniversary on 9th September in Crete and were spoilt with cards and gifts and after 25 years together are extremely happy, here's to the next 25!"

OBITUARIES



Reginald Skidmore

1928 - 2013

Reginald Skidmore was a stocktaker at Mansfield Brewery in the Managed Houses department. When Mansfield Inns was established he moved over to the tenanted trade and his remit extended to stocktake at free trade clubs when requested.

Mansfield became the first brewery in the country to use stock checking hand-held computers and Reg mastered this new system in his usual professional way. Reg's wife predeceased him and he leaves a son and his family.

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Phyllis Margaret Storr

1933-2014

Phyllis Storr (known to all as Phyll) started work at the Brewery as a secretary in the early 1970's and worked there until her retirement in 1990. Her last position was that of secretary to Hugh Wilson, Director of the Properties Department.

Phyll leaves husband Jack, daughter Karen and son-in-law Mike.

A tribute poem to Phyll by Clive Almond who worked in the same department.

The leaves of autumn now start to fall.
Cloaking the ground in shades of brown.
The mourners gather and exchange their greetings.
Years have passed by and they have news to share.
Catching up with who lives where and at what they work.
Now standing in silence before the cortege.
Then moving to the chapel in a silent parade.
In the chapel the assembled gather and stand at peace.

The preacher greets all present there.
He recalls Phyl's life of years gone by.
A life of friendship, kindness, love and understanding.
The preacher's words are comforting.
Putting the gathering at their ease.
He speaks in a clear, relaxed and distinctive voice.

So the years march on for one and all.
The younger ones of yester year.
Are now of middle age.
But just a few for whom the years are kind.
Their presence falls so easy on the eye.
They soften the sadness of the day.
Their beauty stands in glory.
So grace the assembled gathered there.
Who then depart the day at peace, to reflect and so to rest.

Gordon Hill

1928 - 2014

Gordon Hill was born in Grimsby. His parents moved around when he was a child and he completed his education at Rosehill Prep school in Tunbridge Wells. On leaving school in 1946 he joined the RAF and was stationed at Fanara in Egypt. In 1950 he was invalided out with poliomyelitis.



He secured a position with the Royal Berkshire Water Company and his sales area was around Cheltenham. Nine months later he joined Schweppes and was then invited to become Sales Director of a Liverpool soft drinks company which he later bought. He later sold the business and emigrated to Australia where he set up a soft drinks business in Brisbane. He returned to England on the death of his father and joined Coca Cola as the company's National Accounts Sales Manager and some three years later he joined J. Lyons as Sunfresh Carbonates Manager.

In 1966 he joined Beechams as their own label Soft Drinks Manager. In 1970 he joined T.W. Beach and Sons (later Mandora) as their London sales rep and later became General Sales Manager. T.W. Beach became part of the Mansfield Brewery group in October 1980 and six months later Gordon was made Sales Director.

Gordon married his wife Sally in Northwood Middlesex and later had two sons Graham and Christopher.

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Summer of 2014



Two Lancaster bombers, Canadian Vera and UK based Thumper united to give displays at various events in summer 2014. Vera has since returned home to Canada via Iceland and Greenland.

Thumper is stationed at a RAF Coningsby and together with the Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft they are known as the Battle of Britain Memorial flight.

Photographed by Laurie Birch

WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND LINCOLN MEMORIAL

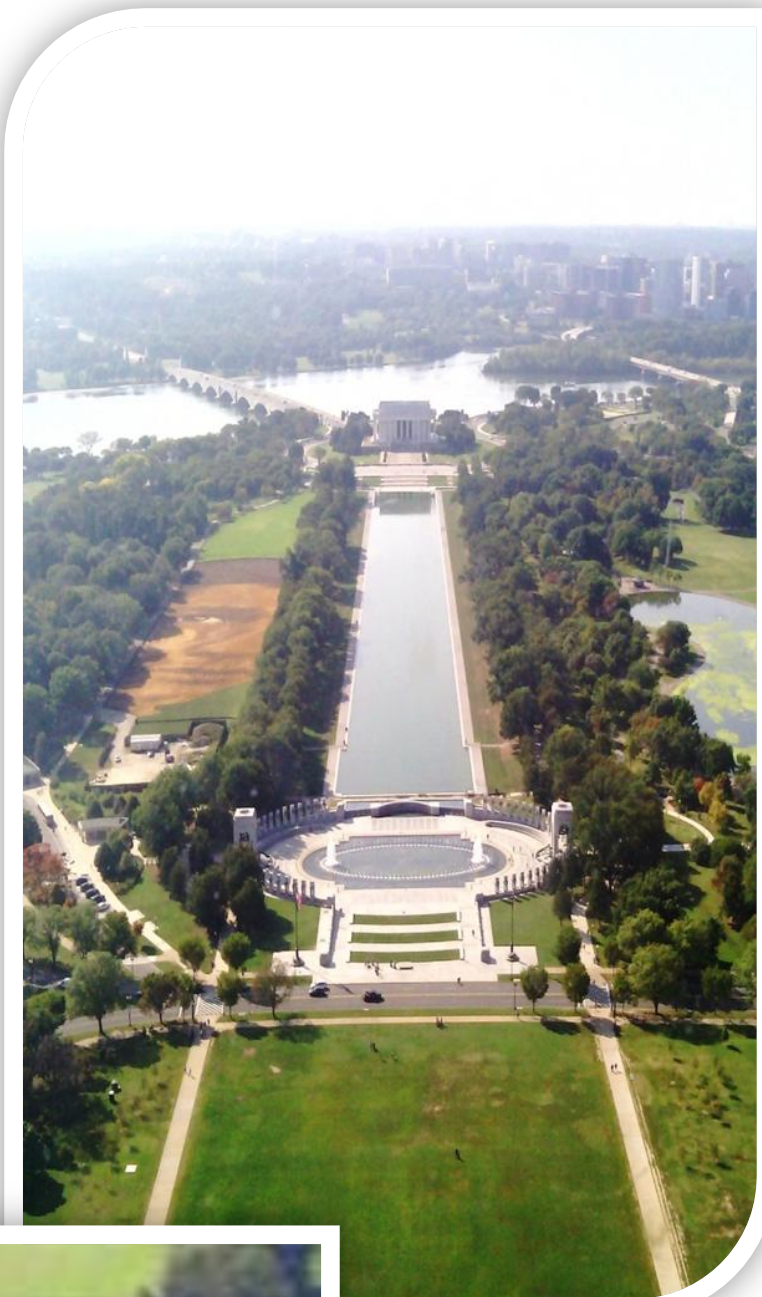
Bob and Sue Longden recently returned from a holiday in America.

One of the many places they visited was Washington D.C. and one of its newest monuments.

The World War II Memorial honours the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S.A. and the more than 400,000 who died. It also commemorates all the people who supported the war effort on the American home front.

It is designed to be "a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defence of the nation and to the broader causes of peace".

Bob commented "This photograph shows the Monument in the foreground and the Lincoln Memorial in the background separated by the Reflecting Pool".



On the left side of the monument, is an unusual image of a face.

Bob worked at the Brewery as an electrician and Sue worked in the Cellar Services Department



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Christmas Celebration Hull 2000



FORMER chairman Robin Chadburn and his wife Dorothy joined the Hull Pensioners' Club at the Three Tuns for a celebratory Christmas lunch.

Others guests were: Minnie Cunningham and Tommy Spencer (front) with Jean Spencer; Mary Riches; Mary Kidd; Joe Anchcliffe; Ray and Flo Redmoore; Syd and Doris Sargeson; Arthur and Frances Thornham; Joan Kilvington; Les and Ann Marchett; John Razey; Maureen Edwards; Ben and Irene Lyons; Terry Duggan; and Ken Parkes.

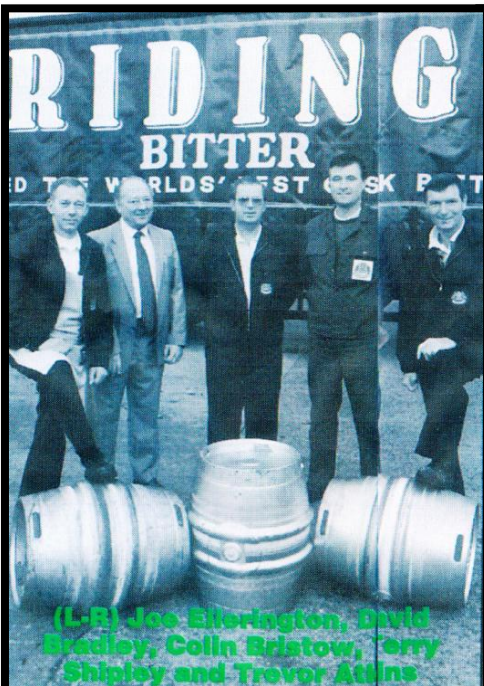
Hull QED Team Leaders 1994

THERE are four team leaders in Hull - distribution manager Peter Marshall, transport supervisor David Bradley, transport foreman Terry Shipley and office manager Norman Smawfield.

Peter's team identified its main customers as pub landlords. "We interviewed landlords coming into the depot and the draymen took out questionnaires and filled them in with the customers' comments.

"The feedback was excellent. Our only problem was lack of problems!"

Norman headed two teams. "The admin one is a mix of reception ladies, order office staff and the trade counter from wines and spirits.



(L-R) Joe Ellerington, David Bradley, Collin Bristow, Terry Shipley and Trevor Atkins



(L-R) Norma White, Marlene Crimlils, Norman Smawfield, Jean Chapman and Hillary Wood

GOODBYE TO THE WESTFIELD HOTEL



In 1895 a new communications device was installed in Mansfield by the National Telephone Company and there were 22 subscribers in the Mansfield area.

It is documented that W.J.Chadburn (Brewery Chairman at the time) was most reluctant to use it. When it rang he would instruct someone else to answer the instrument.

In the same year Mansfield Brewery acquired The Westfield Hotel on Westfield Lane, Mansfield, for £1,967.

A popular local pub, the building was improved in 1965 but it, like many pubs, fell out of favour and in 2014 the building was sold. This Mansfield landmark has not been lost but turned into an attractive suite of offices for Bhatia Best Solicitors.



The MBMA Christmas Lunch



Seventy eight members and friends of the Mansfield Brewery Members' Association attended the annual Christmas lunch, held at the Boundary Inn, South Normanton. A complimentary coach was organised for members to visit the Denby Visitor Centre before travelling on to the Boundary for lunch.

After enjoying an excellent four course lunch and free tombola prizes, members entered the Christmas spirit and tripped the light fantastic to popular music led by local professional DJ Randel. Some members added to the entertainment and performed karaoke songs with excellent results.

The Christmas lunch next year will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015