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A PROPER ZEBRA CROSSING THAILAND STYLE



Thanks to Ron Tucker who has recently returned from a holiday in Thailand.

Ron joined the Brewery in May 1982 as a Laboratory Technician.
He completed his career as Shift Forman

DIARY DATES NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 23rd May 2015

Venue : John Fretwell Centre. Arrive from 7pm for 7.30pm prompt.

Six monthly re-union - Friday 23rd October 2015

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

Mansfield Brewery Walking Group

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

The Members' Association is open to all ex employees of the Mansfield Brewery Group of companies. The Committee organise excursions which are open to members and friends. The excursions depart from the Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse where there is free and easy parking. 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.

Tuesday 16 th June	North Yorks Railway and Whitby
Tuesday 14 th July	Lancaster Canal Boat including afternoon Tea
Thursday 20 th August	York and York races
Thursday 22 nd September	Newby Hall and Gardens
Wednesday 21 st October	Black Country Museum
Tuesday 10 th November	Social Evening
Thursday 19 th November	Harrogate Christmas Market
Wednesday 9 th December	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 usually open Monday to Thursday (except holiday periods) 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

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New use for the old Brewery site.

Thanks to Ron Wastenev for assistance with this article



The old Mansfield Brewery site which has been unused since the closure of the Brewhouse and the Kegging plant is now being used as a storage park for 40 foot articulated trailers.

This photograph shows the end of the Kegging Hall and warehousing facility in 2002.

Ron Wastenev

Ron Wastenev's career began in the sixties and after a brief experience in the building industry he moved to a plant hire company delivering plant hire equipment in the Midlands. In 1979 he changed direction and entered the brewing trade, working at Gedling Miners Welfare.

This was not the occupation for a person who appreciated the open road. He went back to truck driving for various local companies - Curry's, North Midland Company etc.

Ron began working at the Brewery in 1992 in the transport department and at this time Eldridge Pope Brewery, based in Dorchester, won the contract to supply the Brewery Wines and Spirits when the Lambert

Parker and Gaines warehouse closed. Regular long distances in the road train pictured below were required to carry wines and spirits goods and this gave Ron the opportunity to do the job he liked the most, long distance haulage. He retained his driving job with Marston's and retired in 2007.



After a short spell of retirement Ron missed the driving and found employment as a contract driver with ADR, the UK's largest agency supplier of professional LGV drivers nationwide.

Current legislation requires professional lorry drivers to have CPC qualification (Driver Certificate of Professional Competence) and Ron attended a 5day course and was awarded this qualification.

In 2014 he was contacted by an employment agency and was offered work with SDC Trailers, Mansfield. His duties involve going to Birkenhead to collect new articulated trailers which are manufactured in Northern Ireland.



SDC Trailers then fit the skeleton trailers to customer's requirements, such as the metal work required to carry customised side curtains.



Successful sales of these finished 40 foot trailers caused a problem for storage as the compounds were getting full awaiting collection by the customer. Ron suggested to SDC that the old Brewery site would be ideal and they agreed. Early this year the old Brewery site started to be used again, after 13 years lying derelict.

The Master Brewer, Bramley

The Master Brewer was situated on the main street in Bramley, Rotherham. Built in the 1970s this was a popular pub in the area, but then fell out of favour. The pub had a games room with all the amenities required for good comradeship. There was also a lounge which catered for the locals and was a meeting point for groups and societies. It is understood that the building is now to be used as offices.



Photograph by Kevin Needham.

Mansfield Brewery Members' Association AGM 2015

Association Chairman Dennis Tasker opened the meeting and welcomed the fifty seven members to the AGM.

The business agenda was formally presented by committee officers and accepted by the members.

Two members of the committee, Jim Wain and Pam Jones retired and three new committee members were formally elected - Jennifer Hall, Val Moss, and Sue Longden.

Pictured right is Ian Boucher, treasurer, presenting auditor Joe Crosby with a thank you gift for auditing the association's accounts



After the formalities supper was served. A free tombola and a quiz followed and members enjoyed a pleasant evening.



(left) Members engaged in the quiz with a determination to win.

(Right) Current committee members with the retiring and newly elected members.

Left to right: Pam Jones, Bill Donbavand, Val Moss, Jennifer Hall, Sue Longden, Dennis Tasker, Jim Wain, Ian Boucher and Graham Cooling



Dennis Tasker presented floral bouquets to Margaret Tasker, Maureen Wain, Alice Donbavand, Pauline Boucher and Isabell Cooling in recognition of the valuable support they had given to their respective spouses on the committee.

Retirement Gifts

Left: Dennis Tasker presented an arrangement of flowers and M&S vouchers to Pam Jones. Right: A bird table, hand crafted by Bill Donbavand was presented to Jim Wain. Dennis thanked both Pam and Jim for their many years of valuable service to the committee and the Association.



WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Former Brewery employee Liz Boucher recently completed an endurance challenge walk around picturesque Lake Taupo on New Zealand's North Island as part of the Oxfam Trailwalker Challenge. The OXFAM TRAILWALKER challenge is an endurance walk which involves a team of four



walking 100 km (66 miles) in under 30 hours. The challenge was originally set up by the Gurkas who this year celebrated 200 years as part of the British Army.

The Trailwalker challenge was undertaken worldwide in March this year.

Liz's team raised \$3,000 (£1,500). Liz is second in line in this picture.

Their training schedule was to do shorter walks during the week and longer walks (15Km to 50 Km) during the week-ends in order to build up stamina. The training was not just muscle building and stamina, but was also to condition the mind and drive the body beyond the point of endurance.

Liz and her husband Alan (also an ex Brewery employee) emigrated to New Zealand in 2009 with their two sons, Owen and Evan.

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It's Good to sing

Roslind Snooks writes "A year ago I joined the 521 singing group. After being retired for over 2 years and catching up with lots of things I'd been itching to do, I realised that I needed a new challenge. I've been having a really good time with the 521's ever since.



We meet every fortnight, upstairs in the Palace theatre in Mansfield, to practice, and we have two concerts a year, in June and December. They are both themed and we wear the relevant costumes – great fun!

Last year in October we were asked by Mansfield museum to take part in the opening of the new industrial gallery. This included being in Victorian working class style costume and 'Flash Mobbing' in Mansfield market place! There were lots of school children involved too, who all had an exciting day.

I worked for Mansfield Brewery for 10 years before it closed and I found the recent Brewery display in the museum very interesting, especially the origins of the museum, which I hadn't known. Anyone out there who would like to have a go with the 521's, we are always on the lookout for new members, male or female. We sing a cappella but have a wonderful musical director.

You don't have to be able to actually sing, just to have fun!"

Further details Email Rosalind at rosalindsnooks@virginmedia.com

Double Top Brewery Cask Mild is a Winner

Congratulations to Wayne Cadman and Double Top Brewery. Their Nelson Mild has been judged by CAMRA to be the Champion Mild of the East Midlands 2015. Nelson is a dark mild with a 3.5% ABV, described as having a long smooth finish.



Wayne, pictured with one of the fermenting vessels, worked as a Mansfield Brewery Area Sales Manager. In 2011 he established the Double Top Brewery which brews beers for its brewery tap, The Mallard pub on platform 1 of Worksop railway station. When demand outstripped supply in 2012 he moved to new premises, installing a new 21/2 barrel brew house. The company produces a range of products including Tungsten bitter, Jackpot, Serendipity, Nelson mild and many more.

A visit is highly recommended and Wayne will be happy to greet visitors with beers of various alcoholic strengths to suit all palates.

Arrive by train and forget the car.

The Mallard Pub, Station Approach,
Worksop S81 7AG.

Opening hours Monday 5-11pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 12-11pm

Friday Saturday 11-11pm

Sunday 12-10.30pm

Trophies of the Passport Campaign

Les Sheppard lives in Chesterfield and was one of the many participants of the 1983 Passport promotion.

On page one of the Passport Mr Robin W. Chadburn wrote "This is your passport to Mansfield Country. Through it I hope that you discover many hours of pleasure and relaxation in our varied and often historic pubs`

Les and three of his friends successfully toured the Brewery pub estate.

They had great pleasure and relaxation, consuming the beer and getting the necessary passport stamps.

They started in Chesterfield at the Gardeners Arm and after many enjoyable journeys collected their final stamp just before Christmas at the Blue Bell pub, also in Chesterfield.



In this photograph Les is holding some of the prizes - three promotional ties and a pewter tankard which he has donated to the Brewery memorabilia collection.

Other prizes included in the promotion were a champagne dinner for four and a holiday. As one of the four friends was getting married at that time it was decided that the holiday would make a nice honeymoon and this was duly taken.

PAM JONES – MY WORKING LIFE

1939 – 1953 and 1965 - 1985

Pam retired from the Members' Association committee in March 2015. When she retired from the Brewery in 1985 a special party was given by the brewing director Michael Parsons and all the team of brewers at the Randolph bar in the Reindeer Inn, Mansfield.



Other guests present were two former brewing directors Edwin Deakin and Philip Baker and a number of friends and colleagues both past and present.

The photograph shows Pam receiving retirement gifts from Chairman Robin Chadburn.

John Hings , Robin Chadburn Pam Jones Richard Chadburn Michael Parsons

Pam writes: "I started work aged 14 years and two months. The headmistress at High Oakham School called us into the hall and said "Now girls WAR has been declared and I suggest all pupils over 14 should get a job". That was a bit of a blow as my friend and I hoped to stay on and finish a Commercial Course (Secretarial Course as it was known then).

Nevertheless I got a job at Curry`s which was then on Leeming Street in Mansfield, earning the princely sum of 7/6d (35pence) per week. Did they work me hard! - I was taking money for HP payments in a small office (there was a lot of hire purchase those days) and also serving in the shop. During the first part of the war everyone had to carry gas masks at all times and the manager started decorating the gas mask cases with twill material and I landed the job of stapling these straps to the cases.

After about 2 years I got a job in a small office in town and my boss was Mrs White who coincidentally was the mother of Margaret Pearson (Margaret was not born then) who later became secretary to Derek Mapp.

I knew I couldn't progress there with my career so in 1942 applied for a job vacancy at Mansfield Brewery and was successful in my application. I started work in the order office (looking over to the brewing office) with a Mr Arthur Chapman who was exempt from being called up as he had had a bad leg from childhood.

Although there were some flat desks I had to sit on a high stool at desks which sloped upwards with a latt of wood at the bottom to prevent ledgers and paperwork falling off. The telephone was perched on top so I had a quite a long reach. When Mr Chapman first said "answer the phone" I was just 18 years of age and had hardly seen any telephones never mind answer one.

During wartime beer was rationed in pubs, miners' welfares, and clubs and off-licences. Wines, spirits and cigarettes were also rationed. Everything was calculated on pre-war sales and Officers' and Sergeants' messes were allocated an allowance. I am not sure about soft drinks being rationed. Can anyone remember? I thought Mr Chapman was a little bit strict at first but he later turned out to be a kind person and his daughter was a small bridesmaid at my wedding.

I worked in the Wines and Spirits and other offices for a time and then the Company Secretary, Mr Jenkins, asked me to be his secretary and at last I was able to use my shorthand and typing. I worked for him for about six years and then left, aged 28 years.

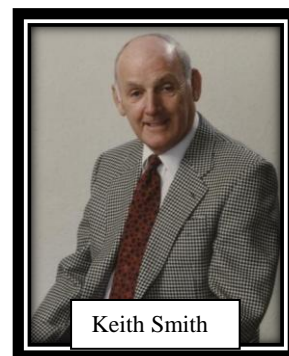


The Company Secretary with five Directors of Subsidiary Companies; Michael Parsons, (Head Brewer), Hector Chalmers, now deceased (Hotels), Hugh Wilson, (Properties), David Tyne, (Accounts), Fred Gleadell, (Secretary) and Richard Umbers, (Sales). Jack Williamson (Managed

12 years of domestic bliss followed, with a husband and three children. When the youngest child said he wanted to stay for school dinners, I got in touch with Mr Gleadall, who was the Company Secretary.

Anyone who remembers Mr Gleadell would remember what a lovely man he was. (photograph left. 1972).

He told me there were no vacancies at the time but I had only been home about an hour when Keith Smith came and asked me if I would come as a full time relief and see how things

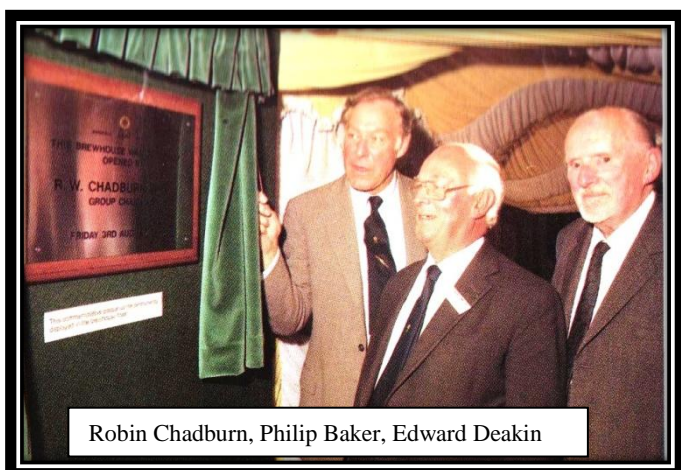


Keith Smith

went. I had known Keith since he commenced work with the Brewery, aged 14 years. I knew he was a clever young man and so I went back and stayed! One day Keith asked a girl called Carol and me if we would clean out some cupboards. As it involved climbing up a step ladder, she asked Mr Gleadell if we could come to work in trousers for two days (how things have changed!).

I didn't like the last six months I spent in the offices. I was in one of the old large Wine and Spirits warehouses - a massive room with me, cupboards filled with stationery, a typewriter and an addressograph on which I did work mainly for Doug Metcalf. There was also a photocopier which was then quite a large piece of equipment. I had to go to Nottingham to learn how to use it.

Then one day Mr Tyne called me into his office and said that Mr. Deakin, Manager Director, had asked if I would like to work in the brewing office. His secretary Mrs Gunter only worked mornings and she was ready to retire and he wanted someone to work a full day. I was overjoyed and of course said yes. I stayed there for the remaining 15 years until I retired.



Robin Chadburn, Philip Baker, Edward Deakin

They turned out to be the happiest days of my working life. I often think fondly of all the brewers and how kind they were. The funny thing was that Mr Baker, and Mr Deakin preferred to write out letters for me to type, so I never used shorthand.

My husband died when I was 57 years of age and a friend from schooldays asked me if I would like to join the Mansfield Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society where I still do a bit of voluntary work. Occasionally I would push

a patient in a wheelchair but now the roles are reversed and if I have done a lot of walking I have been pushed in a wheelchair myself.

My middle grandson is getting married in Southwell Minster on July 4th and eight days later I will be 90 so there is much to look forward to this year. I said to my son in law if I behave myself and my health keeps fairly good perhaps we could all go on another cruise together.

OBITUARIES

Sidney Clifford 1916 -2015



Sidney Clifford (Sid) was an unassuming and gentle man with a great sense of humour who very much enjoyed his job at the Brewery. He worked initially in the Cellars, rolling barrels and gradually worked his way up to be supervisor in the old brew house, retiring in April 1981. He was well regarded by his peers and widely acclaimed for his detailed knowledge of the brewing process which had been built up over many years.

Sid was born in March 1916, the second youngest of four children. After demob in 1945 he worked as a shoe repairer at the Mansfield Co-op before joining Mansfield Brewery. He married Lorna in 1938 and they had a daughter Margaret and son Christopher who coincidentally both worked at the Brewery – Margaret in Wines & Spirits and Chris on the dray wagons during his student holidays!

His interests were gardening and going on holiday. He never drove a car but liked motorbikes and owned several during his life. He devoted a lot of his time in supporting the Alzheimer's Society in Mansfield in memory of Lorna who sadly died in 1991.

Sid leaves Margaret and Chris, seven grand/step grandchildren and fourteen great/step grandchildren.

Part of a poem by Christopher's son Simon dedicated to his Grandad Sid

I miss you Granddad, I have for a while, I miss you Granddad, I'll miss your smile.
Some things to say about you as a person, someone to admire, some things to aspire to.
Always cheerful with never a moan, some skills perhaps myself and my dad need to hone.

I remember my Grandma, the love of your life, who could ask for a better model of husband and wife.
In World War II, you served country and queen, but a more peaceful person has never been seen
Or how about this, this will make you LOL, you worked in the brewery, but didn't drink alcohol!

And in the last few years even as your mind started to fade, your strength of body continued to amaze.
Some fantastic contradictions I wanted to mention, but on to more things that deserve some attention.
Always full of song and quick of wit, your love of a walk helped to keep you fit.

And who could forget with the spirit of a teen, your great escape from the nursing home to rival a young Steve McQueen..

Charming the nurses, I think they'll agree, unfortunately not all your traits passed down to me.

You sketched bikes for us in your living room.

Showing us pictures of your interesting life, recounting the stories of riding your bike.....

Evesham	Mrs Carmela Muratore	12 th March 2015
Mansfield	Mrs Freda Kendall (Gordon Kendall's wife)	16 th December 2014
Mansfield	John Partridge Oakham distribution	17 th December 2 014
Mansfield	Roger Townroe Former Manager of the Ram Inn, Littleworth	25 th December 2014
Mansfield	Colin Blagg Former Landlord. Speed The Plough Sutton In Ashfield	25 th January 2015

WALK THE HUMBER BRIDGE

The Humber Bridge is 2220 metres long and took nine years to build. It is one of the world's longest single-span suspension bridges and was officially opened in 1981. The River Humber estuary is over 5 miles wide and drains a fifth of all rivers in England.



The walk is approximately 5 miles long and is an easy walk. Time taken is about 3 hours.

The walk

From the Hessle car park. (FREE)
From the visitor centre walk towards Hessle foreshore and then turn left onto the road.

Go under the bridge and immediately turn left up the concrete steps to the bridge's pedestrian walkway.
Look left for a fine view over Hessle Cliff.

Walk across the bridge to the far shore descending concrete steps on to Far Ings road.

Turn right under the bridge to a wooden gate signpost Woodland walk. Follow through the wood emerging on to The Dam Road. Continue up the road passing Barton Allotments and cross over Blow Pit Road.

Passing through a gate and keeping Blow Well plantation on the left walk to South Cliff Farm.

Turn right along a lane past a pond onto the riverside. Go through the metal gate and follow the Vikings way on the flood bank passing a tile factory. Go under the bridge and turn right, passing Water Edge Country park and through a car park back on to Far Ings Road.

Hessle Cliff



Turn right on the road and retrace your steps up the concrete steps back in to bridge' pedestrian walkway. Walk the 2 miles back to the visitor centre car park.

Water Edge Country Park.. Barton



View under the Bridge

Suggested Map: Ordnance Survey 107

A Gardener's Friend

Hedgehogs are a gardener's welcome and useful visitors. Their diet comprises slugs, beetles, caterpillars and a variety of other insects.



Hedgehogs can journey around a mile at night and it is sensible to provide easy access to enclosed gardens by cutting holes in fences, removing bricks from walls, or digging tunnels under the garden boundary. This will allow them to move freely in and out of your garden.

Between February and October encourage hedgehogs visiting by leaving food such as minced meat, tinned pet food (no fish types) scrambled egg and fresh water in a shallow bowl. To maintain the hedgehog's welfare always check and replace the food and water daily and dispose of any food not eaten. Never leave milk as this gives them stomach problems.

Natural shelter can be constructed by using piles of logs, bricks, leaf and compost.

To minimise hazards such as falling into garden ponds, create an easy escape route so they can climb out or alternatively place mesh over the pond.

With grass maintenance, for example when using a strimmer, always check under hedges and areas of undergrowth as during the day the little creatures could be resting.

If possible, avoid using any slug pellets or pesticides as these can kill. Try using other methods to protect plants from slugs or snails, such as beer traps, fine sand or ground up shells. If pellets have to be used place them under a slate or bricks that would be inaccessible to hedgehogs..

Hedgehogs hibernate between November and mid-March and heaps of leaves and brushwood are most accommodating for them. If you have to light a fire, always make sure there are no Gardeners' Friends sheltering in the pile.