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Razzle Dazzle



Photograph by George Rowe

The City of Liverpool Mersey ferry, the Snowdrop, the “Dazzle Ferry”, painted in the British ships “dazzle” camouflage as part of the World War 1 commemorations.

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DIARY DATES NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Dinner Dance 2016

Saturday 19th March 2016

Six monthly re-union - Friday 23rd October 2015

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly re-union at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse.

To book places please contact Kevin: kevinhall229@gmail.com Mobile 07535 700825

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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 normally between 5 and 6 miles.

For information contact Barbara Brown on 01623 481488

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Mansfield Brewery Members' Association

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

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 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 Baily Thomas Provident Fund Office

The office is open Monday to Thursday [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

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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.

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David Herbert - A Driving Force

In 1984 David Herbert, a knight of the road, worked for the Eric Bacon Transport Company of Pinxton. The company was contracted to Mandora for runs to the Evesham factory collecting and delivering various drinks products. In the same year this picture of the Renault R310 lorry appeared in the June 1984 edition of MBC magazine. Eric Bacon MD of the Transport Company was a lorry racing enthusiast and drove 1000 miles to race at the Paul Richard circuit in southern France where he came 10th.

This is the actual vehicle that David drove during the week for the Mandora contract and he was very proud and kept the lorry in pristine condition.

David said he often wondered why the R310 got dirty over the weekends but soon found out.

On leaving the Eric Bacon Company he moved to Bowrings Transport Ltd who were contracted to run regularly to Thwaites Brewery in Blackburn. They also drove to Greene King in Bury St Edmund as Mansfield's 2 litre line was used for filling Greene King products

In 1995 David joined the Mansfield Transport Department and in 2000 continued with Marston's until his retirement in 2010.



David (pictured left) was accompanied by Jan Harrison at this year's dinner dance. David's family have been associated with the brewery for over 77 years. His aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Thompson was the last tenant of the Kings Head pub which closed in 1973 due to the re-development of central Mansfield.

The Closure of the Kings Head pub in Mansfield 1973.

Free drinks and sandwiches at the Kings Head Mansfield on Thursday 21st July 1973. The day of closure preceded a presentation of a silver gallery tray and a bouquet to the tenant Mrs. Dorothy Mae Thompson by P.W.Watson, sales director of Mansfield Brewery.



The 300 year old pub has been tenanted by two generations of the Thompson family. Mrs Thompson's father-in-law ran the pub from 1933 until 1955 when Mrs. Thompson and her husband took over. Mrs. Thompson became sole tenant in 1972, a year before closure and demolition.

The Challenge - West Highland Way Trevor Price-Goodwin.

Ambition is an aspiration to achieve a dream, to challenge the mind and body and go well beyond the endurance of everyday life.



Trevor Price-Goodwin set out to make his dream a reality by completing one of Scotland's premier long distance walks - the West Highland Way.

He trained with walks of up to 18 miles from February to May. In June he successfully completed the West Highland Way in 7 days – a total distance of 96 miles (151 km).

Trevor with his walking companion Bryan Richards

The West Highland Way is Scotland's first long distance walk, starting from Milngavie on the edge of Glasgow to Fort William at the foot of Ben Nevis. The walk is a kaleidoscope of wonderful scenery, from the serene beauty of Loch Lomond to the rugged and majestic Highlands. The route passes through the vast, remote expanse of Rannoch Moor, with a distant view of Glencoe, before crossing the hills to attractive Loch Leven. The route finally reaches Fort William with an inspiring view of Ben Nevis.

Trevor's wife Pat was a member of Brewery's personnel team.

1965 - START OF 50 GOLDEN YEARS MARGARET AND BILL BROOKS



Margaret and Bill Brooks celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 3rd July. They celebrated with a party for 50 invited guests who enjoyed a hog roast, a magician and a special Mr. and Mrs. Show hosted by their son Chris.

Margaret commented "We met just after leaving school and were married at St. Mary's church in Aston, Hertfordshire.

We have two wonderful children and six grandchildren. We have had our ups and downs. We survived everything life's put in front of us. I am so grateful life has been so good to us".



2015 Dinner Dance - An Evening to Remember



This year's Dinner Dance was attended by well over 200 former employees, friends and guests. It was held at the John Fretwell Sports Complex at Sookholme, near Mansfield on 23rd May.

The layout of the venue was just brilliant with ceiling drapes and distinctive lighting which made an immediate impact on arrival. This provided very good ambiance and contributed to an enjoyable evening. Friends and guests were seated at tables which were attractively set out and the

four course dinner with wine was followed by coffee and enjoyed by everyone. A live band entertained until midnight.

All this does not happen without a great deal of hard work and appreciation was expressed to office Administrator Denise Wilson and her assistant Alison Whitmore for organising a very successful evening. Thanks were given to the Baily Thomas Provident Fund for providing the funding which made the Dinner Dance possible.

John Else and Geoff Speight opening the evening (left).



A Denise & Mike Crosby, Eileen, and Joe Crosby
B Jenny Long Barry Clifford Michael and June Tideswell
C Marlene Jones, Pat Shipley, Sylvia Pearce
D Terry Shipley Barry Pearce Paul Jones



A Roma and Paul Hanley
 B Derek and Gina Butler
 C Richard and Adele Clark
 D Pam and Terry Kent, Carol and Joe Gill
 E Tom and Pat Duckmanton
 F Allison and David Corbett
 G Margaret and David Lowe



A Karen Hewkin, Steve Turner
 Lauren Turner, Tom Turner, Grace Turner
 B Lorraine and Brian Beebe
 C Amanda James Sheila Morrell
 Lorna Gregory, Edgar Strouther
 D Alan and Dawn Brown
 E & F Neil & Tracy Burcumshaw
 Brian & Di Hedley Steve & Marilyn Dobb
 John & Chris O'Hara, John & Jenny Hubbard
 G Constance Rose, Sue Webb

Obituaries

David Sim died on 23 May 2015, aged 64 – He was a pub Manager

Anthony Francis died on 14 June 2015, aged 72

Kenneth Wilson died on 14 June 2015, aged 75

Thomas Trueman died on 10 June 2015, aged 86 (Hull)

Rose Stevenson died on 10 June 2015 aged 91, (Mansfield)

Iris Finch died on 12 August 2015, Aged 91 (Mandora)

Roland Bricklebank Died on 16 August 2015, Aged 75 (Hull)

David Tyne 1933-2015



David Tyne was born in Brighouse on 15th February 1933 the only child of James and Ida Tyne. In his early childhood during the war the family moved to Castleford. Tragically he lost his beloved mother to illness at the age of 7 and was sent to St Peter's School in York as a boarder.

By the time David left school the family had moved to Scarborough and it was in this town he worked as an articled accounts clerk. In 1954 he met his future wife Yvonne, and five months later when he qualified as an accountant they became engaged. He was then called up to serve deferred National Service in the accounts department of the RAF at Valley in Anglesey.

When he completed his National Service in 1956 David and Yvonne were married in Jesmond, a suburb of Newcastle on Tyne. They moved to South Wales where their son Nicholas was born and later moved to Oadby in Leicestershire where their daughter Liz was born.

David joined the brewers Strong's of Romsey in 1962, and it was here that he first found his love of the brewing industry.

In 1965 he took up a position with Mansfield Brewery as Chief Accountant. He was surprised to find the simple and effective way in which business was done and he set about establishing procedures involving great changes. As a result, steps were taken to devise and define management responsibilities. In 1977 David joined the main board as Finance Director. Whilst at Mansfield a second daughter Kate was born.

In 1980 David moved to Samuel Smith of Tadcaster, continuing his love of brewery life, and the family moved to Esrick near York. His wife Yvonne died in 2005. David later moved to Fulford, York, and during this time he investigated his family tree and with the help of a family member swapped information and over a period of two weeks was soon back to 1640. His other interests were travel, good food and the theatre, and he never lost his passion for cricket.

He leaves a son Nick and daughters Liz and Kate supported by Jan, Rod and Dave, and grandchildren Charlotte, James, Ollie and Georgina.

Obituaries

Ken Wilson 1939-2015



Ken Wilson was admired for his craftsmanship as a master joiner. He was born locally and educated at Bull Farm and Pleasley schools. Ken had a twin brother Alan and enjoyed his childhood, coming from a family of eight.

On leaving school he served a 7 year joinery apprenticeship with Rouse Builders who refurbished many Mansfield pubs. Later he joined Dennis Townsend Builders as a bench joiner. He married his wife Jean in 1961.

In the 1980's he was employed by the brewery in the Estates Department but retired prematurely following a triple heart bypass. Ken's hobbies were varied. He enjoyed watching all sports, gardening, and exploring the world with Jean, visiting over 44 countries. Adventurous on

holiday, he tried paragliding, parascending, skiing and other exciting pursuits.

He leaves his wife Jean, daughter Julia and husband Jim and grandchildren Sian, Shay and Jake.

Yesterday Rediscovered - John Bartle



Two goblets and a pencil have come into the possession of John Bartle.

One of the goblets with the name Wagon and Coals (Mansfield) came with a pencil printed with the name of Harold Morley who was the tenant of the Wagon and Coals in the 1940s. The public house was purchased by MBC. for £1,680 in 1887 and demolished in 1970 for ring road improvements.

The second goblet has the name of The Ravensdale Hotel (Mansfield) which

came into the MBC estate in 1955 when Hornby mineral drinks were bought out.

John Bartle, a keen collector of Mansfield Brewery memorabilia, has been given these rare artefacts.



The Mansfield Brewery Walking Group A Potted History by Barbara Brown



It was in the late 1970s that the walking group first began to evolve, due to the input of seasoned walkers/bikers Gordon Henderson and his wife Margaret. They were happy to sort out walks and invited Brewery members to join them.



The group began to grow and in 1985 Ken and Norma Smith took on the job of arranging a weekend away, a task they continued to do for 10 years until 1993. Gordon used to sometimes assist in these by sorting out a walk in whichever area of the country that happened to be, the Lake District and Snowdonia being two of them.

During the growth of the group, other people volunteered to lead walks, amongst them George Powell and Brenda Walker, and we used to enjoy not only Sunday walks but evening walks too, often culminating in a visit to a local hostelry!

Unfortunately, Gordon broke his leg in a cycling accident in 1983 so was out of action for quite some time and that is when Clive Almond stepped into his role. Living near Chesterfield, Clive introduced us to some lovely Derbyshire countryside.

I began to get even more involved at that time as the upkeep of messages posted on the internal notice boards became part of my job. For quite some time the walks took place for a full 12 months of the year, rain, snow, fog etc. notwithstanding!

When Glenys Bradshaw (nee Marshall) joined the Brewery, she was already a keen walker herself and eventually replaced Clive in leading the walks. Her nickname of "Monsoon Marshall" evolved from the regular soaking we got on her walks!!

With the assistance of my husband Alan, I took over the organising of the weekends away in 1994 and continued for 8 years until the closure of the Brewery in 2001.

Sue and Bob Longden took up the role of weekend organisers in 2003, continuing for a further sterling 11 years until 2013.

Unfortunately these weekends have currently stopped as they became difficult to organise due to time constraints from family commitments and house moves.

A committee was formed, Graham Cooling as Chairman, Sue Longden as Secretary and myself as Treasurer, to deal with the necessary insurance and health and safety issues.

Nowadays the walks take place during 10 months of the year, February to November.



The Forest Lodge

Always on the 2nd Sunday of the month. I produce an emailed calendar showing who is leading the walks so that everyone knows who to contact.

We have a great team of leaders who choose which month they want and then do the walk themselves before taking the group on it. This ensures that the full details are available for me to send out by email, a couple of weeks in advance of the date.

I organise the New Year meal, currently held at The Forest Lodge in Edwinstowe, plus one day out per year which can range from visits to stately homes to boat trips along the Trent. This year we are visiting Renishaw Hall near Chesterfield.

The Baily Thomas Provident Fund subsidises the above activities on behalf of any former Brewery employee. However the group is open to anyone, you do not have to be a former employee to walk with us.

All we ask is that you wear suitable walking boots and clothing and bring along a £1 coin to cover the cost of your insurance for the day. This also enters you into a raffle, drawn on the day, in which you may win a £5 token.

We walk an absolute maximum of 6.5 miles per walk, more usually closer to 5/5.5 miles. The walks are taken at a steady pace and there are two stops for refreshments along the way. More often now we find we stop to admire the views, especially when going uphill!



Hardwick Hall

Please come and join us to enjoy the beauty of the countryside and some good fresh air and exercise in friendly company. **See inside front cover for contact details.**

SUPERVISORS' VISIT TO ROBINSON BREWERY

The weather for the Supervisors' annual three day outing in May was cold and blustery. On Friday the group visited the family owned Robinsons Brewery in Stockport, founded in 1838.

The weather did not improve on the following day when they took a four hour river cruise from Salford Quays to Liverpool on the Mersey ferry Snowdrop.



Photograph; Courtesy of George Rowe

In January 2015 the Snowdrop was painted in a unique new livery based on WW1 dazzle ships. Designed by Sir Peter Blake, this design was intended to confuse the marauding German submarines from torpedoing accurately and sinking allied shipping. The Snowdrop will be retaining this painting until December 2016.

There was an improvement in the weather for the Sunday return journey home, which included a visit to Lyme Park at Disley Cheshire, where some scenes from the BBC production of Pride and Prejudice were filmed.

WHEN IT'S GONE IT'S GONE The Ram Inn Mansfield



The Ram Inn also known as the New Ram (Ye Olde Ramme Inn is situated on Church Street) was built in 1961.

Situated on Littleworth, next to the Brewery, it became popularly known as the "brewery tap".

It was well frequented by brewery staff and many a decision was discussed and problems resolved in the lounge bar.

Six semi detached houses have now been built on the site.

