

New Marksman

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Winter 2016

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



Photograph taken by Sheila Morrell.

Sheila comments "Is it captain Flint or too much Marksman?" This unfortunate bird has lost one of its legs but this has not prevented it from being a regular visitor to this bird table.

Garden Birds in Winter

Feeding the birds visiting your garden can increase their chances of survival during the winter months. Some smaller birds require up to one third of their own body weight in food every day to exist.

Birds visiting our gardens include house sparrows, starlings, blackbirds, robins, tits, thrushes, chaffinches to name a few. Each of these birds has its own preferred way of feeding - some prefer a hanging feeder, others a high bird table and some prefer to feed on the ground.

Supplementary bird food.

Robin	Mealworms	Ground Peanuts	Fats
Blue Tit	Sunflower seeds	Peanuts	Fats
Blackbird	Fruit	Raisins	Kitchen Scraps
Great tit	Sunflower seeds	Peanuts	Fats
Chaffinches	Seeds	Peanut pieces	
Greenfinch	Sunflower seeds	Nyger seed	
Dunnock	Sunflower seeds	Nyger seed	Grated Cheese
House Sparrow	Grain and seeds	Bread pieces	Kitchen Scraps
Coal tit	Sunflower seeds	Peanut pieces	

This list is the top ten wintering species, but many other birds may visit even the smallest garden for food, water and shelter.

DIARY DATES, NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 19th March 2016 - John Fretwell Centre

Six monthly re-union - Friday 18th March 2016

Kevin Hall is organising the half yearly re-union at a local restaurant in Mansfield Woodhouse. To book your place please contact Kevin:

Contact kevinhall229@gmail.com or **Mobile 07535 700825**

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Mansfield Brewery Walking Group

The walks are held on the second Sunday of each month, commencing 10.30 a.m. and normally finish around 2.30 p.m. They are generally easy walks 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 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 Committee organises monthly coach excursions which are open to all members and friends. The excursions depart from the Debdale Sports Club, Mansfield Woodhouse where there is easy car parking.

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

Wednesday 6th January	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 3rd February	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 2nd March	Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 8th March	Annual General Meeting

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 and business activities of Mansfield Brewery and Sports and Social activities supported by former Mansfield Brewery personnel. If you have any news/information you would like to share with your former colleagues **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.
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Daniel Turner

First Class Honours Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics



Daniel Turner has graduated with a first class degree from Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Balliol celebrated its 750th anniversary while Daniel was a student. Three UK prime ministers and five Nobel Prize winners, as well as the current Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, all studied at Balliol. While at Oxford, Daniel was elected by his peers to serve as the student president for a year. He is now moving to London to take up a job with the Home Office working on security issues. This is part of a four year training programme, offering a fast-track to the Senior Civil Service.

Throughout secondary school and university, Daniel received educational grants from the Baily Thomas Provident Fund. He finds it difficult to imagine he would be in the position he is in now, without this support from his parents' former workplace.

Daniel's parents are Tom Turner and Karen Hewkin. Tom worked as a drayman for Mansfield Brewery from 1997-2006, and Karen worked as an administrator for six years up to 2000. Both now work for Mansfield Anodisers on the Hermitage Lane industrial estate, Karen in the office and Tom on the shop floor

Double Top Brewery is Top Grain again Wayne Cadman

Last August The Double Top brewery tap, the Mallard pub, won Nottinghamshire Pub of the Year, seeing off competition from Nottingham, Newark, the Vale of Belvoir and Mansfield & Ashfield branches of CAMRA. The Mallard will now go forward to compete for divisional and national titles.

Wayne writes; "We were also delighted to see our Dark Mild - Nelson - make the final of Champion Beer of Britain earlier this month. Though it wasn't placed, the real ale enthusiasts at the Great British Beer Festival managed to polish off 650 pints of it!

With ever increasing popularity of the products an upgraded brew kit has been installed giving an increase in capacity of 240%. It was purchased from Stuart Bateman of Bateman Brewery.



Heady days indeed.

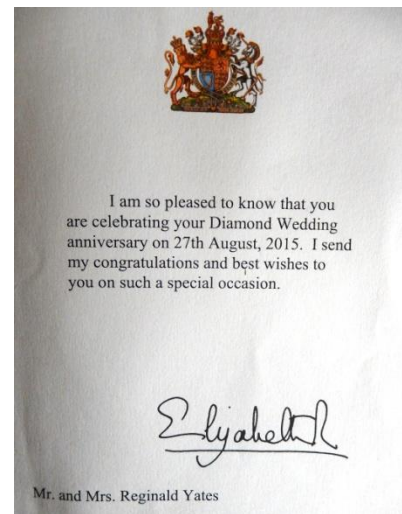
DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Congratulations to Dennis and Grace Yates on 60 years of marriage



On 27th August Dennis and Grace celebrated their Diamond Wedding. They were married at Clipstone Parish Church in 1955 and spent their honeymoon in Great Yarmouth. They met at the Coronation dance at the local Palais de Danse in Mansfield.

Dennis left school aged 14 and went to work at Mansfield Brewery. He was conscripted to the Royal Navy for two years. Dennis enjoyed his career in the transport department and retired in 1991 after working over 49 years.



The diamond couple received a signed congratulatory card from Her Majesty the Queen.

Dawn Logan

Radio Nottingham Poppy Appeal



Dawn Logan, who worked in the accounts department of Mandora, is one of the volunteer knitters in the Radio Nottingham Big Poppy Knit appeal.

The aim of the appeal is to get people to knit or crochet 11,000 poppies to commemorate the 11,000 Nottinghamshire men who were lost in the First World War.

Dawn raised over £550 for the British Legion through her efforts.



Bob Reeves Our Genial Landlord



Bob Reeves (known as Bubbly Bob) is the tenant of The Plough Inn at Farnsfield and has been with Mansfield and Marston's breweries for 35 years.

His first pub on the Mansfield estate was in 1981, the Green Dragon at Oxtun, and he moved to the Plough in 1997.

He was initially interviewed by Austin O'Donoghue, Area Tenant Manager (right), Harry Ridley Wine and Spirits Manager, and John Bartle, Tenants Manager.



Bob has always been a community minded person and gets totally involved in village life and serves as a councillor on Farnsfield parish council. Quote from a recent report in the local paper on the village cricket match:-

"It was a dull day weather wise but there was some bowling in a very friendly atmosphere. The afternoon's bowling followed our regular Tuesday afternoon format - 30 bowlers taking part. After the bowling a buffet was provided, prepared by the ladies, from food supplied by our President, Bob Reeves (our genial landlord of The Plough). Bob also provided a barrel of beer and bottles of wine, both of which may have contributed in some way to the happy atmosphere throughout the afternoon"

While at The Green Dragon at Oxtun, the village had no newsagents so Bob duly organised a shop. He would not let the paper boys and girls deliver out of the village so he would deliver papers to the surrounding area himself. It was on one of these occasions that a speeding car rammed his new car at the rear and he went through the windscreen.

Bob is a renowned chef in Farnsfield and the surrounding area and is helped by his wife June (whose homemade steak and kidney and meat and potato pies are famous) and this makes the Plough a very popular place to dine, lunchtime or evening. Nottingham Evening Post voted the

Plough the best pub for fish and chips in 2015 (fresh Grimsby fish is delivered twice weekly).



Bob and June won Mansfield Brewery Cellar of the Year award on a number of occasions.

Pictured - June seated on the left with Bob standing behind.



Bob's enthusiasm for his profession is a way of life and he joined many Mansfield Brewery trade activities. In the summer of 1985 Mansfield Inns held a gala day at the Burnt Stump which included the annual managers versus tenants cricket match. The event had bands, games and donkey rides for children.

Bob is shown kneeling (second left.)

The Plough was built in 1724 and came into the Mansfield estate in 1955. It is a traditional country pub with a welcoming atmosphere and is open Monday to Saturday 11am to 12 pm and Sunday 12pm to 11pm.



The menu is varied and includes June's pies, Bubbly Bob's steaks and much more.

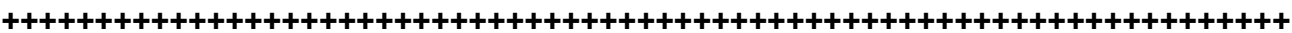
When it's Gone it's Gone



The Rutland Arms in Baslow village is close to the Chatsworth Estate in the Peak District National Park. The pub was acquired in 1936 by Mansfield with the takeover of Chesterfield Brewery.

It is proposed to convert the building to a local Co-op convenience store.

Photo by Ken Needham



Obituaries

Peter Marshall	Hull/Mansfield	1932 – 07/12/2015	
Sylvia Hannah	Mansfield	1934 - 20/08/2015	(Widow of Frank Hannah)
Gwyneth Grove	Evesham	1929 - 07/09/2015	
Pamela Anne Mitchell	Mansfield	1936 - 21/10/2015	(Widow of Albert Mitchell)

Obituaries

Kenneth Widdowson Kinch 1926 - 2015



Ken was born 13th December 1926 at Edwinstowe to parents Horace and May Kinch. He spent his early childhood in Church Warsop and Warsop Vale, along with his younger brother Alan. Ken attended Warsop Vale School, his father a miner at Warsop Main colliery, sadly his mother died when Ken was only 16.

Ken started his working life as an errand boy in the offices at Warsop Main Colliery. Whilst there he attended night school to achieve qualifications which resulted in him getting a job in the Sales department at Mansfield Brewery in June 1946. He was later promoted to assistant company secretary and he remained there until he retired in 1986 at the age of 60.

Ken played football and cricket for Mansfield Brewery at the sports ground at New Houghton

Ken met his wife Gwen at the Strand picture house in Warsop and they were married in 1948 at St Peter and St Paul church Warsop, a happy marriage which lasted 67 years. They received a congratulatory card from H.M. the Queen on their diamond anniversary. They have a daughter, Julia.

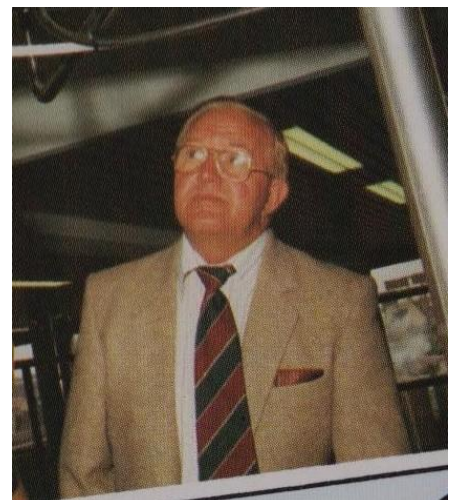
Ken had many pastimes and designed and oversaw the building of their family home. He enjoyed outings to the races, walks and picnics in Clumber Park, Rufford Abbey and Sherwood Forest. He enjoyed holidays mainly in the U.K. but a particularly fond memory was a trip to Florida, USA, with Julia and family. He enjoyed eating out and trying different restaurants but family events were always celebrated with Sunday lunch at the Van Dyke Hotel, Clowne. He enjoyed the Mansfield Brewery social club coach outings throughout the year with ex work colleagues.

Ken leaves his wife Gwen, daughter Julia, grandson Ryan and his wife, and great granddaughter Jasmine.

John Frederick Smith 1925-2015

Fred started at the brewery in 1968 and was employed as a security officer in the brewing section. He worked with Jim Wain and Jack Revell in mixed transport departments. In 1983 Fred received his 15 years watch from Group Chairman Robin Chadburn.

Fred, as we all knew him, was a regular supporter of the annual Dinner and Dance and the Pensioners' meetings.



Robert Arthur Coker
1944 - 2015



Robert (Bob) started work with North Country Brewery in 1965 and worked in the Wine and Spirits Department Lambert Parker and Gaines. He continued his career as a drayman with Mansfield Brewery and was later promoted to transport foreman.

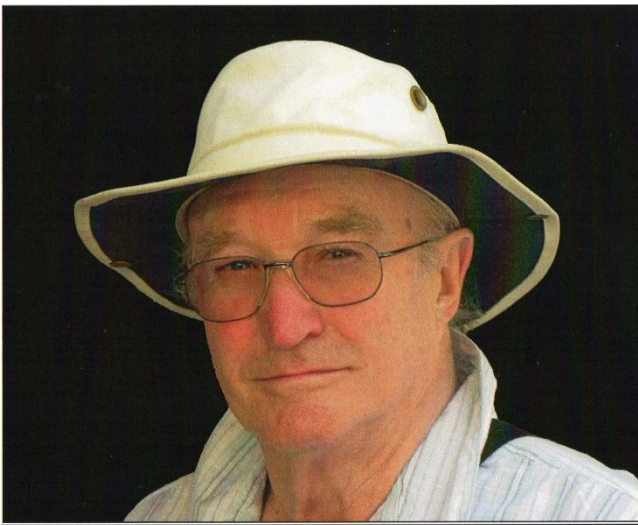
Bob was a well respected for his efforts and commitment to the brewery community. An active social committee member he organised outings to many attractions including Alton Towers. He also enjoyed arranging bowls and cricket matches, and other functions including popular Easter and Christmas dances which were often attended by the brewery directors.

At the Mayor's annual parade in the 1980's the brewery entered a lorry titled the 'Mississippi Show Boat float' which won first prize thanks to Bobs involvement.

Bob leaves wife Linda, two sons Philip and David and many friends

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Michael Walker
1939 -2015



Mike was born in the Shirebrook area and was one of two children of parents Fred and Doris. He attended Queen Elizabeth's School in Mansfield and enjoyed playing football and cricket for the school.

On leaving school Mike served a 5 year apprenticeship with Fenton's printers in Mansfield. His next job was in the printing division of Mansfield Hosiery Mills and he later moved to Goodwood Paper in Nottingham. In the 1970's Mike set up his own printing business, Rapier Press, in Somercotes

In the late 1950's Mike met and later married Brenda who was Pensions co-ordinator at Mansfield Brewery for many years. The couple have one daughter Alison who continues to run the family business.

One of Mike's greatest passions was motorbikes and motor racing. He was also very accomplished in woodwork and made many pieces of furniture. Mike liked to be out and about in the countryside and enjoyed long walks in the Lake District and the Derbyshire hills. For many years he was a member of the Mansfield Brewery Sunday walking group. He was a keen gardener and enjoyed holidays both at home and abroad.

Mike leaves wife Brenda, daughter Alison and nieces and nephews.

Oakham Distribution Depot 21 Years Old



In 1994 the construction of the £3.5million Distribution Centre was on schedule.

It was vital at the time for the Brewery's continued expansion and it gave Mansfield a warehousing system that rivals the best in the country. The warehouse replaced four stores at the Littleworth site which had become increasingly congested.

The warehouse development was completed in September 1995 and dominated a commanding eight-acre site.

The 5,100 sq metre warehouse and integrated 500 sq metre office block is framed specially to keep internal columns to a minimum. The site was designed for 200 vehicle movements a day.



network and the Oakham Industrial Park

Aerial Photograph by Ernie Newsome

The warehouse development was the responsibility of the property department and was under the direct control of Development Manager Steve Price. (left)



Today it is an integral part of Marston's PLC distribution

Oakham To-day

Marston`s recently appointed a new General Manager Steve Smythe with a retained Mansfield staff of Geoff Speight Transport Manager, Brian Beebe (inset) Warehouse Manager, and Lynne Palmer and Jim Kirkham, stock controllers.



Oakham Distribution warehouse stocks all commodities associated with the smooth running of public houses - from beer, wines and spirits to cooking oils and toilet rolls.



The office receives a trade requisition and passes the order to the warehouse team who use a computer-controlled system for placing and retrieving loads from defined storage locations using man riding pallet trucks.



Once picked, the goods are loaded onto pallets for loading onto the fleet of fifteen lorries for delivery.

For the twelve satellite warehouses, including Harping Road at Hull, the goods are loaded onto double decker articulated trailers for despatch.



Picture the Past

Harping Road Distribution Depot, Hull, 1989

The Brewery's Hull headquarters and depot at Harping Road played a key role in Mansfield's commitment in the Humberside region.

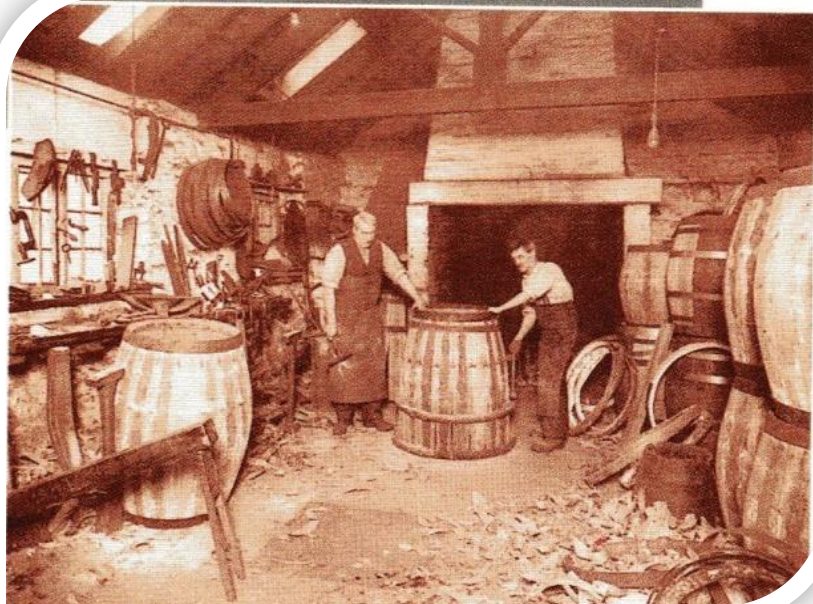
It was extensively modernised and handled all the day to day demands of administration, distribution and servicing operations.

In the picture left, the kegs in the warehouse are being loaded onto a delivery lorry by Arthur Thornham, Mike Turner, and Pete Donner.



North Country Brewery Coopers' Shop

Yesteryear the only way to transport beer was either in bottles or larger volumes by wooden barrels. Traditional barrels were made by Coopers, who shaped the staves of oak. The craftsmen then bound the staves together with metal hoops. The near finished barrel was placed over a small fire. The internal charring was cleaned off before processing the flat ends to the top or bottom of the barrel.



Various sizes were made depending of the amount of beer required:-
Hogsheads (54 gal) Barrels (36gal) Kilderkin (18 gal) Firkin (9gal)

MANSFIELD BREWERY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

70 members of the association attended the complementary traditional Christmas party at the monthly meeting on Wednesday 2nd December 2015. The event was an open invitation to all ex employees of the Mansfield Brewery group of companies.

Photographed from the left is Mike Evans, Roy Thorpe, Joe Dermody, Brian Lucas, Laurence Butcher, who all regularly attend the monthly meetings and who enjoyed the occasion.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE BOUNDARY SOUTH NORMANTON



Over 90 members and friends attended the Christmas lunch party at The Boundary Inn on Wednesday 9th December.

Following the 3 course lunch, members were entertained by Big Dave Bopper who sang many well known hits from the 50`s and 60`s and members were soon dancing and singing to the music. Most members took advantage of the coach which was provided to travel to the venue.