

New Marksman

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THE DOCTOR WILL
SEE YOU NOW!



Marksman's ready
For a new lease of life!



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The Trustees of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund (BTPF) have agreed to continue funding Marksman magazine. They have always stressed that Marksman is not the BTPF's magazine it is OURS, the ex - employees and pensioners of Mansfield Brewery, who have ownership of it. But of late, interest has waned, and circulation has dropped. However, the Trustees are keen to support its revival.



The Beneficiary Liaison Group (BLG) has agreed to take on the responsibility for the magazine and is happy to report that the services of Roy Bainton as Editor in Chief have been retained. Roy's energy and enthusiasm are as keen as mustard but he is dependent on others for the content and support.

We need therefore, volunteers to submit contributions, some on a regular basis and some as guest writers. Roy has plenty of archival material to ensure the nostalgic features are included but we could do with a number of others to commit to contributing articles for inclusion on various topics. In addition to the news of Pensioners Meetings, Activities of the Walking Group and the growing number of Obituaries we are sadly experiencing, there are things like Gardening with seasonal guidance to coincide with the 3 issues a year we envisage. And then there are Travel and Holiday experiences to share, along with progress updates on anyone who has benefitted from support in the form of a grant i.e., progress at university, etc.

We see a regular slot for a "Postbag" with letters to the Editor across a whole range of subjects which Roy can suggest. And of course, news of Forthcoming Events. We foresee guest writers providing content e.g. Short Stories from Ron Kirk, Pubs and Beer discoveries from one Geoff Ikin, a brewery and well-travelled historian, who has committed to making a regular entry. But we could do with stories from our old tied estate as well. So, with this in mind please get in touch with the BLG by emailing bailythomasliaisongroup@gmail.com

The future of MARKSMAN is in your hands. We will be redesigning and relaunching the next edition in a 12 page A4 format before Christmas with Spring and Summer issues to follow next year, after which a review will take place. Look forward to hearing from you.

Neil Bircumshaw on behalf of the BLG.

What's in your
AUTUMN 2023

New **Marksman**

**BIG NEWS ABOUT YOUR
MARKSMAN MAGAZINE – A
NEW AND IMPROVED
VERSION IS ON THE WAY.**

**BAILY THOMAS
BENEFICIARIES
UPDATE**

**Remember
The old Gasometer?**

**Jim Wain
Celebrates his 100th
Birthday**

**The Supervisors' trip
to Cornwall**

Obituaries

Don't forget we'd like to hear from
you, too; those special occasions,
family events, memories, pictures,
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**A FEW WORDS
FROM YOUR
EDITOR**



Well, hello again!

Many of you will be asking 'where have you been?' but there's been a lot of soul-searching over *Marksman* and as you'll read on the opposite page, it all came out well in the end.

Marksman, like Mansfield Brewery itself, is a remarkable reminder of the golden days of employment when workers who had been lucky enough to find a career in a vibrant, promising industry - brewing great beer - celebrated the fact and in many cases, dedicated most of their working lives to keeping the country happy and hydrated. Although many of us have left the scene for that great tap-room in the sky, we know that there are relatives, friends and descendants of Mansfield's workforce who still enjoy the memory of those years and where better can we keep that flame burning than in these pages. But this is your magazine; we want to hear from you. Recollections, new celebrations, pictures, stories, weddings, the achievements of children and grandchildren. It'll all make fascinating reading. I'm here at the keyboard raring to go. Let's keep the party going!

**"I don't remember my first
pint, but I'll never forget
the second..."**

**GRAHAM GREENE,
novelist (and a member of
the Greene King Brewery
family)**





The Baily Thomas Provident Fund is a grant giving trust and managed to benefit any former employees of Mansfield Brewery plc (and any subsidiary companies) their spouse and their dependents, although any person whose employment was of a purely casual nature is excluded.

The BTPF will continue until 2 October 2050 at which time all remaining funds will be passed to the trustees of the Charity.

Since Mansfield Brewery ceased to trade, the trustees have continued to expand the type of benefits available to our beneficiaries. This support includes help with health and wellbeing; to encourage and support an active lifestyle; to advance learning and education.

You can find all the information about the grants available for application on our website together with the application form for each of the grants. You can also contact the office for the forms and grant guidance to be posted to you.

If you would like further information, please do get in touch with the BTPF office at:

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Update to Beneficiaries of the Baily Thomas Provident Fund (the “Fund”)

Following a recent review, the Trustees are pleased to update you on the following new grants and improvements to existing grants available from the Fund. The changes will apply to all grant applications received on or after 1 August 2023. For full details of the grant policies, visit: <https://www.bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk> or call the BTPF Office on 01623 473290.

*** NEW GRANTS ***

Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs)

BTPF will now fund the cost of making and registering LPAs, one covering your property and financial affairs and one covering your health and welfare. This new grant will be available to all beneficiaries and their spouse/dependent partner. This grant is worth up to £1,000 per person (to cover making and registering both types of LPAs) or £2,000 per household (to cover making and registering both types of LPAs per couple). For information on the importance of making a Lasting Power of Attorney, please see the grant guidance or visit: <https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney>.

Help with the Cost of Living

During this period of unprecedented pressure, we wish to remind beneficiaries that grants have always been available for those in financial hardship. If you do not think you meet the eligibility criteria for the hardship grant, but you qualify for means-tested benefits and require additional support at this time, please do contact the BTPF office to discuss ways in which additional support could be provided.

Companionship

The Trustees, working in collaboration with the Beneficiary Liaison Group (see below) and a private home care services provider, are exploring the possibility of offering a companionship support service to beneficiaries. If you would benefit from a visit from a professional, caring support worker and a member of the Beneficiary Liaison Group, who can provide company and assistance around the home please register your interest with the BTPF office on 01623 473290

IMPROVEMENTS AND INCREASES TO EXISTING GRANTS

In addition to the new grants, the Trustees have made the following improvements and increases to the grants already available from the Fund.

Computer grants

All computer grants will be increased to £500 per household and you can continue to apply for a replacement computer, laptop or tablet every 5 years.
Education and training

continued

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The education grant policy has been extended so that beneficiaries can now receive support for education and training courses for a wider range of reasons, for example, if the acquisition of new skills and qualifications enable you to access a new hobby or enhances your wellbeing.

Dental grants

The Fund will now cover 100% of the costs of all necessary dental treatment, up to £1,000. For dental treatment over £1,000, the Fund will continue to cover up to 50% of the cost of the treatment (capped at £10,000).

Hearing grants

The Fund will now cover 100% of the costs for a hearing aid and the policy has been updated to make it clear that you can apply for a replacement hearing aid on a change in circumstances or every 5 years.

Optical grants

The optical grant policy has been extended to cover funding for contact lenses and to cover the purchase of two sets of spectacles where multifocal lenses are not suitable. The Fund will also now cover 100% of the costs of single vision spectacles and contact lenses up to £150; 100% of the costs for multifocal lenses up to £270; 100% of the costs of laser eye surgery up to £3,000; or 100% of the costs of lens surgery up to £5,200.

Sports grants

Sports grants are increased from £300 to £400 per beneficiary and their spouse/dependent partner, worth up to an extra £200 per household, per annum.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSES

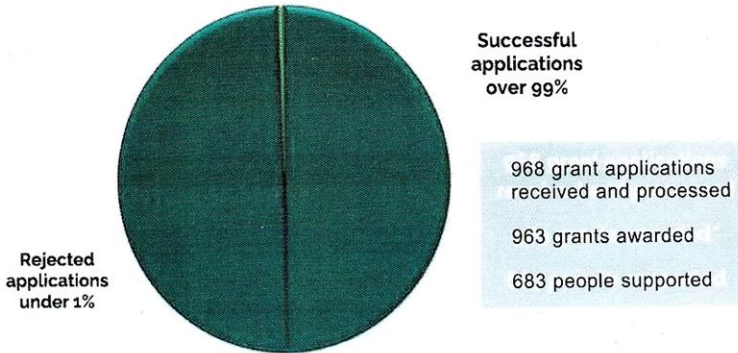
The average time taken to process a grant application (from the point the completed grant is received from a beneficiary to the point the grant is awarded by the Trustees) was 10 working days (in 2022/23). Urgent grant applications continue to be fast tracked and decisions are made and communicated within 24 – 72 hours

The Trustees are committed to making it quicker and easier for beneficiaries to access the Fund. Where possible, for speed, please submit your grant applications by email to the BTPF office. We will continue to accept postal applications where this is your preference.

The application forms are in the process of being updated and over the coming weeks you will see some changes to these. For grants which are paid directly to beneficiaries, you will be asked for your bank details at the point of application so that grants can be paid into your account quicker. Going forward, the Office will also accept copies, scans or photographs of receipts, proof of payment and all other evidence (by post or email) as may be required for the grant claims. Please note receipts need to clearly identify the organisation who issued the receipt and what the receipt is for.

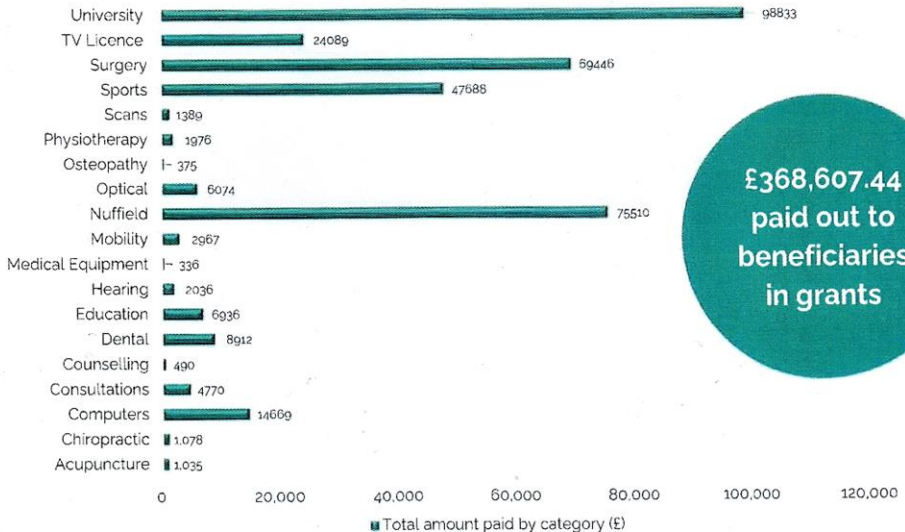
The Office are implementing reminder systems for renewal grants, like TV licences, and health assessments. If you are in receipt of any of these grants, going forward you will be sent a renewal application form in advance of the renewal date as a reminder for you to reapply for a repeat grant.

Number of grant applications received and processed



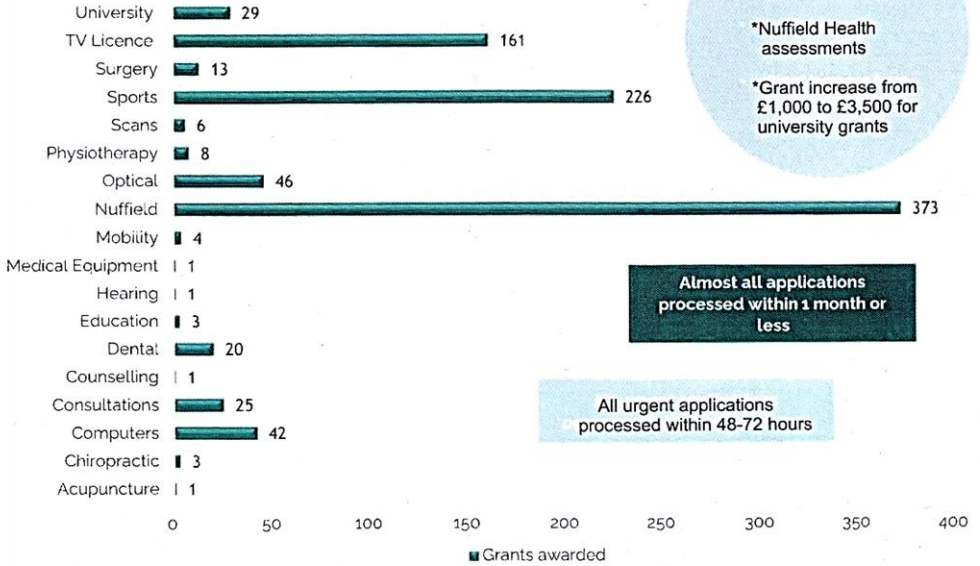
*963 grants were awarded, however by 5 April 2022, 620 grants were paid. This is due to a variety of reasons, including beneficiaries not claiming the funds or invoices not being received from service providers where BTPF makes direct payments to service providers.

Total amount paid by category (£)



£368,607.44
paid out to
beneficiaries
in grants

What the grants were awarded for:



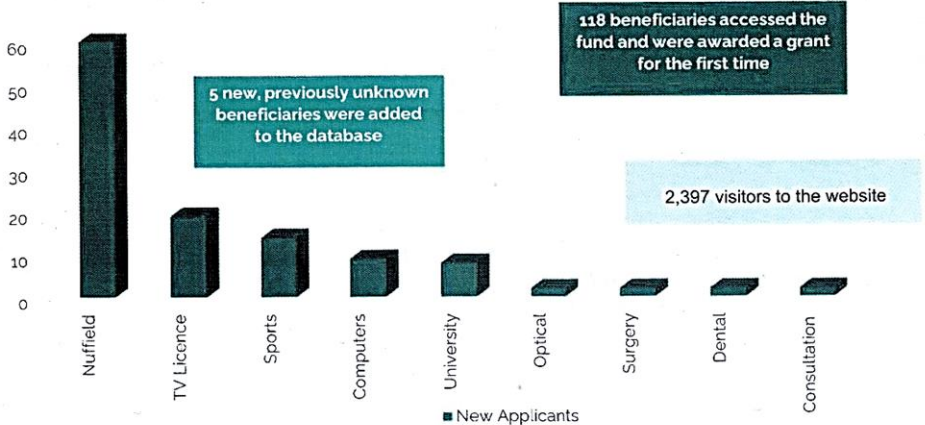
New benefits offered

- * Over 75% TV Licence
- *Nuffield Health assessments
- *Grant increase from £1,000 to £3,500 for university grants

Almost all applications processed within 1 month or less

All urgent applications processed within 48-72 hours

New applicants accessing a grant for the first time



5 new, previously unknown beneficiaries were added to the database

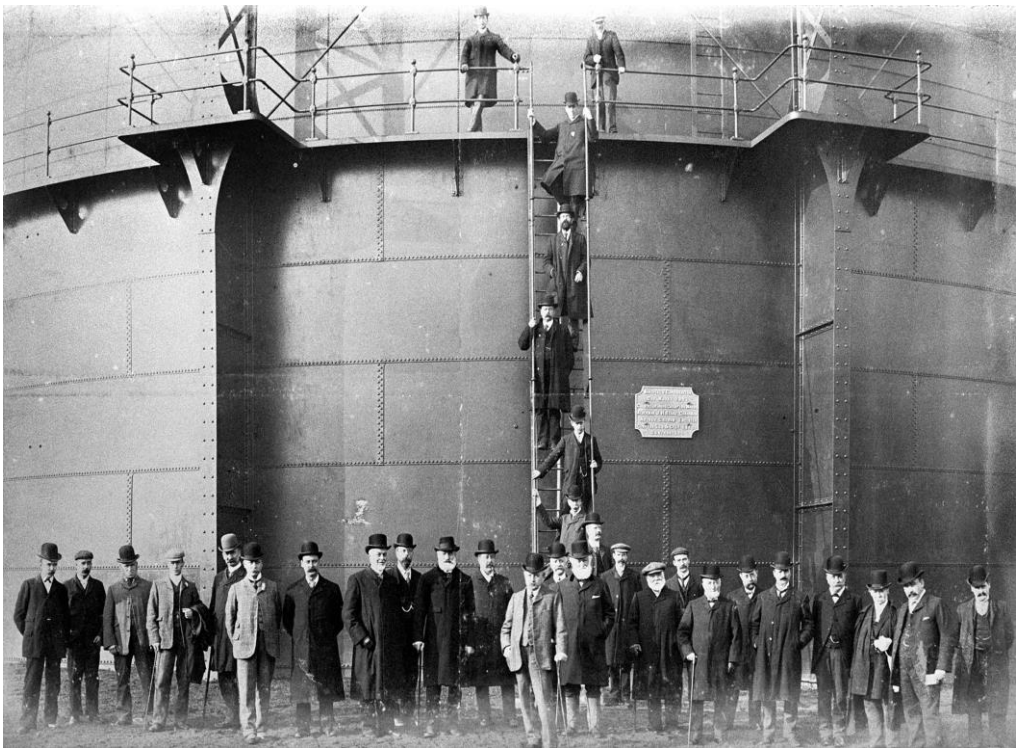
118 beneficiaries accessed the fund and were awarded a grant for the first time

2,397 visitors to the website

More Memories from Barbara Brown



I am attaching a couple of photos taken on top of Chadburn House where you can clearly see the proximity one of the 2 Gasometers that stood opposite. The photos will have been taken between 1970 / 1975 as the Gasometers were demolished in May 1975 .



The Gas holders were officially inaugurated on 6th November 1903 by the Mayor of Mansfield, Mr John Crampton (d.1924). At the peak of gas production, the industry nationwide employed one percent of the total workforce, and served eleven million customers. Every town had a gas works and gasometers became a familiar site, using coal to produce a (toxic!) gas which was a combination of hydrogen, carbon-monoxide, methane, carbon di-oxide and nitrogen.

The Way We Were ...



Happy Days by the old Gasometer

Was this you? Another stirring shot sent in by Barbara Brown of the Brewery's Folies Bergere but who's who? Are you in this picture, and can you identify the others?



left to right standing:

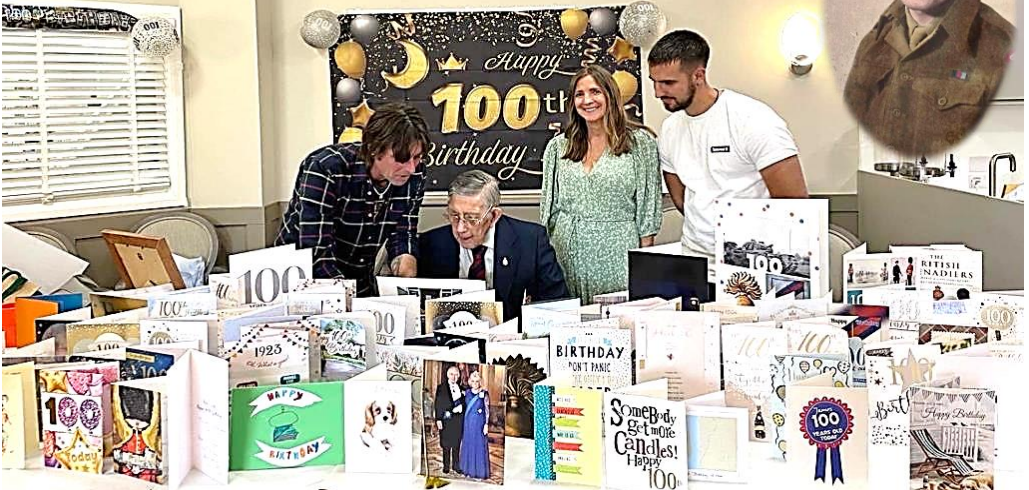
Hazel Brooks - Doris Watson

Keith ?? - Sue ?? - Barbara Brown

Seated:

Mary Brown - Mary Godfrey

Jim Wain's Century!



Jim Wain. Whose stirring life was featured in Marksman in 2019, worked for Mansfield Brewery for 50 years. He began in 1937 but in 1942, aged 19, he joined the Grenadiers. One of Mansfield's own D Day veterans, Jim was born in 1922, and has just celebrated his 100th birthday! Jim fought in Normandy after being conscripted from his job at Mansfield Brewery. and was awarded the highest French order of merit for military and civil achievement, the Légion d'Honneur. The medal has been awarded to all those WW2 veterans who were involved in liberating France from the Nazis



NHS Eden Leaper has become a Doctor! **Congratulations Eden!**



Eden is the daughter of Debbie Leaper a former employee of Mansfield Brewery. Debbie joined the brewery in 1984 working with Barbara Brown latterly working for Mike Cleator in the Brewing Office until she left in 1991.

Eden wrote to the BTPF to say: "I would just like to thank the Baily Thomas fund for helping me fund my BMBS for the past five years. Last week I graduated and have fulfilled my dreams of becoming a doctor. I could not have done this without your support and wanted to express my gratitude for your help."

"Your contribution has had a huge impact on my ability to fulfil the course without the extra worry of funding. This week I have taken up my junior doctor position at the Buckinghamshire Trust for two years."

Roll Out the Barrells!



THE 21ST SUPERVISORS' REUNION VISIT 18TH TO 21ST OF MAY 2023

Mansfield's mighty men of taste and distinction (pictured above) continued their laudable quest for the best when they descended on the tourist haven of Cornwall to sample the various delights of Sharp's Brewery Rock. After their thirst-quenching tour on the Friday, they entertained Sharp's Head Brewer, Aaron McClure at the Mariners Rock Inn for lunch. Among the usual suspects were Kevin Hall, John Else, George Roe, John Bartle, Peter Featherstone, Mark Leedham, John Walker, Graham Kinder, Kevin Needham and Alan Singlehurst. It all proves that beer is the gift which keeps on giving ...



Obituaries

Because of the various interruptions to the production of *Marksman*, especially in the challenging aftermath of the Covid pandemic, things have inevitably slowed down somewhat. As the saying goes, however, time and tide wait for no man. The passing away of former employees and colleagues, whenever words are available, will always warrant a fuller obituary to mark their passing. Whenever we learn of a departure, we will do our utmost to acknowledge this.

TONY PHILLIPS

1966-2023

Barbara Brown reports:

You may be aware that Tony passed away on Tuesday 30th May after quite a long spell of illness. He was in Kings Mill Hospital and his wife, Vicky and sister Jane were both by his bedside. Tony was 57 years old.

In accordance with Tony's wishes, the funeral was a private affair, so there follows a little background history about his life.

After leaving school he trained as an upholsterer but began working at Mansfield Brewery in 1986 and was initially working with the painters, namely Albert Gregory and Alan Marsh. Transferring shortly afterwards to the Fitters under the late Mike Cleator, a boss Tony said was the best you could ask for. Tony remained in that department until he left when the Brewery closed and went on to work for 20 years at Experian in security. Eventually joining the Prison Service, this was his last job until ill health forced him to leave.

From 1988 until 2001 Tony also worked as a Special Constable, which is where, in 1992 he met Vicky, who became his wife in 1993. Tony was extremely proud to have won The Special of the Year Award in 1991 for his community work.

Both Tony and Vicky loved their holidays abroad, especially in the USA, and their many dogs, the last of which is Neville, a miniature wire haired dachshund, latterly enjoying time in their caravan on the East Coast.

Vicky is happy to receive cards which can be sent to 28 Valmont Avenue Mansfield Notts NG18 3LU



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Former colleagues who have died since the last newsletter issued in November 2022. The BTPF office are not informed about all deaths so we can only record those we have been told about.

Name	Date of Passing Where worked if known.	Dates Employed
Patricia Price-Goodwin	29/11/2022 Head Office - Personnel Department	1987 until December 1999
Rex Boaler	01/01/2023 Retired Director of Boaler's	Pensioner
June Tideswell	23/01/2023 Computer Department Head Office, Mansfield	1986 until 1993
Barrie Ayres	15/03/2023 Managed Houses - Pub Manager	1989 until 1999
Clifton McCarthy	18/03/2023 Managed Houses - Pub Staff	1991 until 1996
David Bradley	21/03/2023 Hull Distribution Depot – Supervisor	1967 until 1996
Alan Brown	03/05/2023 Distribution Depot – Team Member	1995 until 1999
Regina (Gina) Butler	14/05/2023 Head office – Personnel Department	1990 until 1999
Anthony Phillips	30/05/2023 See eulogy.	
Ernest Yates	10/06/2023 Brewery – Bottling Department	1952 until 1997
Patricia Jameson	30/06/2023 Hull estate - Managed Houses	1987 until 1998
Jennifer Allen	04/07/2023 Managed Houses – Pub Manager	1990 until 1999
Anne Parry	14/07/2023 Managed Houses – Pub Manager	1982 until 1999





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Regina (Gina) Butler passed away May 14th aged 81

Derrick Butler Passed away May 30th aged 92

Words of appreciation by John Else

Derrick was a jockey in his early years and on leaving that profession I believe he joined the National Coal Board, working his way up in accounts.

He was a keen investor; M&S, Glaxo and National Grid being part of his portfolio. Incidentally, Gina was thereby expected to buy all their requirements from Marks and Spencer's.

Gina also worked for the Coal Board and I assume that this is where they both met for the first time. In 1990 Gina left the Coal Board to work for Mansfield Brewery, where she became my secretary. She was always impeccably dressed, even when she'd bought a scooter to travel to work, she still looked as immaculate as she did in the office. Towards the end of her time with the Brewery she was promoted to secretary to the Managing Director, Bill McCosh.

They enjoyed many holidays in Germany and both spoke some German. Derrick liked to annoy people by speaking German to Gina. On one trip a member brought along a fluent German speaker who picked up on some of Derrick's pronunciations. I'm sure he wasn't too pleased with that! The couple also liked to mention their trips to New York, until it eventually transpired that it was New York in Lincolnshire, not the USA!

In the 70s and 80s Gina and Derrick had another career - on the stage. They were both members of Masque Productions, and Gina was also a member of the Mansfield Operatic Society; I believe Derrick was also a member but I'm not sure. I saw Gina in many productions, including *Gypsy*, *West Side Story*, *Sweet Charity*, *South Pacific* and many more. *South Pacific* was the best in my opinion, and Gina's portrayal of Bloody Mary was brilliant. Some years later I invited Gina and Derrick to a *South Pacific*-themed party at my house. Gina had to sing for her supper and she sang her heart out.

Derrick retired before Gina but they both decided to raise chickens and ducks which quickly became a passion for ducks - each one having an individual name. Finding Christmas cards with ducks on became difficult, I can tell you. One day, a neighbour's dog got into the garden and ravaged the ducks. I can't tell you what happened to the dog, but we all know, Derrick!

Thank you for letting me share my information and a few stories, I am very grateful for the opportunity. JOHN ELSE.

Social Activities

MANSFIELD BREWERY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION

The Members' Association is a social group run by volunteers, all of whom were former employees of Mansfield Brewery. The group is open to all former and retired employees of Mansfield Brewery.

Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at the Debdale Sports & Recreation Club, Debdale Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse. Meetings start at 10.00am and refreshments are provided.

If you would like to join the group or find out more about what they do contact Ian Boucher on 01623 644798



MANSFIELD BREWERY WALKING GROUP

Easy walks between 5 and 6 miles, usually on the second Sunday of each month. Call Barbara Brown for more info on 01623 481488