

# The end of the Trail!

MANY years ago, around the inevitable pub table, an idea was hatched by a few Wiveyphiles to celebrate the prominent brewing history of the town.

The chief conspirator was Jim Laker, music, art and beer lover and at that time a manager of Exmoor Ales.

The sad, premature death of Jim in 1996 prompted a number of his friends and co-conspirators, in memory of his charitable attitude and ambition for Wivey, to found the Jim Laker Memorial Fund (now the very respectable JLF).



The JLF took up the challenge of the brewery plaque trail to mark the sites of pubs and inns that are now only a foggy memory for even the oldest of our citi-

zens and the unfolding story of the trail since that day back in 1997 has been well documented, as has the involvement of the specially formed Arts Consortium, the support of dozens of local residents and the fund raising roller-coaster.

At last, Phase 2 is complete. The piggybank stands weightless and silent. The final plaque, (pictured), by Bronwen Gwillim is installed and the JLF committee is sighing with relief at having shouldered such a responsibility over the years without apparent backache.

On a global scale the plaque trail is insignificant and unexciting. It will not bring hoards of visitors to Wivey in search of high art or inspiration but it does represent the kind of community we have here which enables the mounting of a project a little more interesting and durable than a street party.

Some may think the trail is of no value and a waste of money. Some may regard it as unremarkable. The majority however do appreciate the skills and vision necessary to produce this quiet celebration of the uniqueness of Wiveliscombe.

The end of the trail? Perhaps. There are still more sites unmarked though, and there is a whisper that Jonathan Price, the new MD at Exmoor Ales could follow the example of Cotleigh by commissioning a plaque for the brewery.

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the pub trail plaque project.

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# Wear it Wiv style!

WHICH of the many events in and around Wivey this summer are you planning to go to? Have you decided yet? If you have, do you know what you are going to wear?

I posed these questions to Kate Pope who took up the challenge of finding the ideal outfit for each of four occasions using just one of our local shops. Viewing her results I was impressed by the variety and style and that she managed to find.

In the first picture, for the Wiveliscombe Horticultural Society Flower Show, Kate chose to wear a pink stripe top by Nomad (£15), raspberry linen trousers from Fragile (£37.95), pink bead necklace (£9.95) and a Hippy bag (£9.95).

In the second picture Kate is wearing a pink linen skirt by Fragile (£49) and a white linen top (£38), her beads are £11.95, bracelet (£3.95) and a hearts embellished bag (£16.95), this is her outfit for the Huish Champflower Fete, Produce

and Fun Dog Show

For the Veterans Awareness Day Dinner Dance at Hestercombe, Kate needed more formal wear, as shown in the third picture. The Devore Skirt (£115) and Jacket (£79) by Adini were perfect for the occasion. Kate chose a white camisole (£17) and matching turquoise necklace (£9.95) to complete the outfit. The bag with corsage was made locally and costs £15.00.

The final event was the Silent Film Festival. Keeping the style of the period in

mind Kate found a georgette tie die dress by Nomad (£45), a toning pink scarf (£7.95), Pilgrim necklace (£24.95), and bracelet (£3.95).

The feather is not for sale; you will have to find your own pink ostrich!

I was delighted to discover, and I am sure that you will be too, that right on our doorsteps there is such a wide range of stunning fashions.

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