It Was A Silver Jubilee For Mine Host And Hostess



Mr and Mrs Bell photographed at their party with their sons (left to right) Kenneth, Kevin and Ricky.

It was a "silver" wedding anniversary with a real "Jubilee" flavour when Mr and Mrs Bell of Newbold Verdon celebrated their 25 years of marriage.

For Mr Barry Bell and his wife Violet are the licencees of the Jubilee Inn in Main Street, Newbold, a public house well known throughout the district which they have run for the past three years.

The couple celebrated with a party at the Newbold Scout Hall which was attended by over 150 friends and relatives. Among them were the members of the Jubilee football club, whose team has had tremendous success in the Hinckley and District Sunday League since they started up soon after Mr and Mrs Bell took over the Inn. The club presented the couple with a silver cake tray which took its place among many other wonderful gifts they received.

Mr and Mrs Bell were married on 1st November 1947 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Barwell, by the Rev. Williams. It was an occasion not without incident for the bride arrived at the church no less than twenty minutes late. The reason, it turned out, was that the church had been booked for a 3 p.m. ceremony but due to some confusion with the bellringers it had been brought forward to 2.30 although not everybody was quite clear about it.

EARL SHILTON GIRL

Mrs Bell is well known not only in Newbold but in Barwell and Earl Shilton. Born in Heath Lane, Earl Shilton, she moved to 4 Charnwood Road when she was five years old. She met her future husband through her friendship with his sister. It was the year after the end of the war when she went out with her and they met Barry who had just been demobbed. Mr Bell is very much a Newbold man for he was born in Main Street, opposite the Working Men's Club, only a few yards away from the Jubilee where they now live.

They moved to Newbold only three years ago to have their first go at running a public house. Prior to that the only experience they had had in that field was running the sports club on the recreation ground at Kirkby Road, Barwell for a couple of years about 16 years ago.

Mr and Mrs Bell have three sons, twins Kenneth and Kevin aged 14, and Ricky aged 22, secretary and treasurer of the Jubilee FC who managed to get to the celebration party still with a buttonhole in his jacket having rushed back from Burbage church where he had been best man at the wedding of one of his friends.