DC003 (1-6)

but one who is making a name for himself, his firm, and his college is Andrew Mensley, who has won a place at the 'Skills Olympics' to be held in Korea. At nineteen, Andrew is working for his father's local plumbing firm — so villagers are assured of the very best, when he comes to call.

Another trade represented in Newbold is an increasingly rare one. Behind the unlikely facade of the modern houses in Dragon Lane — there is the last thing that one would look for — a Blacksmith's forge.

Mr. Partridge is hardly just a village smith, since he shoes horses within a fifty mile radius, catering for discerning customers who want the traditional skills of an expert, rather than the mechanical methods some employ. But although people are prepared to get the best for their horses, they are apparently not for themselves. Mr. Partridge has given up other aspects of the smith's trade due to lack of demand. 'People won't pay for the old smith-forged iron gates that would take two men to carry. They think modern wrought iron ones — I could lift six of them on my back — will last as well'. But the horses give him plenty of trade. He has worked with all kinds, from the delicate race-horses to shire



Mrs. Mary Fisher — among other things, Village Historian.

1978 Notes from a Conversation with Mrs Mary Fisher, Little Heath Piece, Desford Road, Newbold Verdon.

FISHER-M-

DC 003(2-6)

1.	John Vernon's fields, between the Bog Allotments and the Windmill Pub, Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon, were once either rented or owned by Tom Wildman (or Wileman) before Enclosure. Originally they were some of the Town Fields called the Blake Hills.
2.	The Almshouses were originally built as a block of four but later two more were added. Mrs Alice Freeman, Barlestone Lodge, Bagworth Road, Newbold Verdon has three framed photos of these houses taken when the Charity Commissioners asked for them to see if they were worth repairing. She did have four but one was lent to someone and never returned and appears to be in America now. These houses were demolished in 1910 after being dilipidated and only two were let. They were then rented at 1/- or 1/6d per week.
3.	A Field at Nanebey called the Cemetery. She remembered reading in Nichols (Nanebey or Cadebey) of a knight, returning from the 100yrs War and dying of the plague (or battle wounds) who left his lands to another and this is probably the reason for depopulation.
4.	Thos Hargreaves house once at rear of Church Row in Kents field
5.	Llamas Close named after L Day in August when crop was to be cleared by to allow grazing to take place. Dominoes - Dumbellows - Dumb Hill - Hollows. Site of ~~part~~ Marl Pit. (1 of 3 on Geological Survey Map. Others are the Basin in Bert Freemans Fields and one in corner of field on East side of bridleway also owned by Bert Freeman.

D.P.	Notes
6 Jan 81.	The Charity Commissioners had a Board of Guardians formed under the New Poor Laws (after 1835.)

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re Chater Hse.	Tom & Nathaniel Trotter were partners in a bakery in York Rd, Leics.

Notes from a conversation with Mary Fisher.

OC003 (3-6)

LEGGE - Revd Rector of N.V.

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1. Mary Fisher, 1978	An ex-Oxford University man who when he left the Army decided to take the cloth. His grandmother was Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria. He didn't like war (or Catholics) and he chose the War Memorial Stone, "Stark with no Angels as War is Evil." Fetched from Markfield quarry by Rev. Legge, Walter Preston & His son is John. B. Legge. Memorial erected 1920! see postcard ex Mary Fisher

Notes regarding Mary Fishers relatives and residences. DC003 (4-6)

FISHER-M-

1. 1978, rewritten 6 Jun 1981 (M.F)	Mr Freeman, (her father) owned Manor Farm, Brascote, 40acres and bought land adjoining the Village Green, 26acres, to stop outsiders moving in. Across the road from the Manor House were three cottages (now converted to workshops) of which 2were let and the other was kept for a farm labourer.
2. (M.F.)	Mrs Fishers Relatives, the Freemans, related to the Wigstons as were the Mensleys who moved up from London during the war.
3. (M.F)	Her Grandfather was Henry Brown (see 1854 Melvilles Directory). His brother was John Brown who married Elizabeth Wrask.
4. (M.F.)	Her Grandfather (which one) kept the Dragon for a time and was also the Turnpike Keeper.
5. (M.F)	Her relatives lived at or near Lount Quarry, Osbaston long ago!
6. ReCha	Her Grandfather Brown kept shop at Kate Gillivers?

	Notes.
D.P. 6 Jun 81.	On land, part of the 26 acres refered to in 1. above, a bungalow has been built but as yet no pottery of any significance has been found. Said to be built on Village Green. Occupied by Gilbert Freeman, Son of Norman Freeman, Barlestone hodge. The Manor Farm is now enlarged to approx 60acres.
(M.F)	Notes from a conversation with Mary Fisher. 1978.

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Brascote.

Notes from the Parker Thesis on Depopulated Villages. (Published)

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Brascote.

In 1499, the neighbouring hamlets of Brascote and Nanneby, a mile or two from the town of Market Bosworth, were depopulated and enclosed. Both hamlets belonged to Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers of Chartley, but as he was a minor, they were in the temporary custody of the Marquis of Dorset, resident at Bradgate. The Marquis was summoned before the Enclosure Commissioners in 1517 and again in 1518.

The Inquisition of 1517 found that Dorset had enclosed a total of 8 farms in the 2 hamlets, comprising 8 caracutes of arable land, each caracate being 40 acres in extent.

The 1518 Inquisition stated that 3 farms were involved in each hamlet, amounting to 160 acres in Nanneby and 168 acres in Brascote, but the enclosure was stated to have occured in 1501. (not 1498.)

A Chancery Court Law Pleading, records a further Inquisition taken in 1518, in which one Thomas Cole, was possessed of "2 Messuages" and 40 acres of arable in Brascote. This, the Marquis, with permission of Cole, enclosed for pasture in Nov. 1501.

Devereux, having come of age and succeeded to control of his estates, was prosecuted in 1525 but claimed that the enclosures had been destroyed and the houses rebuilt. Apparently the claim was ~~accepted~~ accepted but it is doubtful whether restoration was complete since in 1562/4, only 2 families were recorded at Brascote in the Diocesan Population Returns (see under V.C.H. Vol. 3.)

V.C.H p20, p139 & 167., p194.

DC 003 (6-6)

re. Mrs M. Fisher (1)

Talk during 1979 Jane

N.V. Notes

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3.0 ~~Houses~~ Houses once at rear of Church Row.

4.0 George Trotter hanged himself in a barn at Chater Farm after the woman he married (when she was pregnant) had the baby and refused to live with him. She was from Desford

He was a friend of Walter Preston.

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