Various Newspaper Reports

Attack man must pay up

A HINCKLEY man has been ordered to pay £75 compensation to a Barlestone woman after admitting assaulting her.

The offence took place on Sharon Follows on November 30, and was admitted by Christian Mark Gibbons (23), of Hamilton Close, Hinckley. Hinckley magistrates fined him £100 with £44 prosecution costs, and ordered him to pay the total debt at £30 a week.

POISONER BUMPS OFF 70 PUSSIES

■ by JERRY LAWTON

A SERIAL pussy poisoner was facing jail last night after killing 70 pet cats in the same village.

Nigel Hibbs, 42, put cyanide-laced fish in his garden because he was fed up with neighbours' moggies digging up his flower beds.

Pet owners in the tiny village of Newbold Verdon, near Hinckley, Leics, lived in fear for their cats' lives as the death toll rose.

Ian Welsh, prosecuting, told Hinckley Magistrates: "You may well think the culprit clearly had a hatred of cats, and pursued a campaign to kill the local feline population."

Local pet owner Julie Bailey was horrified after 11 of her cats died or mysteriously vanished. Other villagers reported their pets were missing too.

Police estimate 70 had died or vanished in the last two years. They launched a major inquiry and found the deaths and disappearances were centred on four adjoining streets near Hibbs' home.

Mrs Bailey – a mum of three who lived next door to Hibbs – suffered stress and a heart complaint as a result of his killing spree.

Police discovered Hibbs had been boasting of his antics to some villagers and a colleague at the paint factory where he worked.

He told how he had placed sardines and kippers laced with sodium cyanide in his back garden and had "got six cats". When police raided his home in April they found enough cyanide to kill 1,500 cats under his bed.

Detectives also found an empty sardine can, craft knives, latex gloves, face masks, and local newspaper cuttings about the cat disappearances. Bachelor Hibbs, who now lives in Leicester, admitted using fish laced with cyanide as a poisonous bait for cats.

He told police he liked cats but felt there were far too many of them in his village.

He pleaded guilty to possessing cyanide with intent to damage property, and two charges of attempting to damage a cat.

JPs adjourned sentencing for reports, and Hibbs was bailed on condition he stays away from Newbold Verdon.



MONSTER: Cat killer Hibbs

NEWBOLD VERDON

VE EVENTS IN NEWBOLD VERDON



Mercury plays Cupid to Falklands hero

A Leicestershire sailor is to marry a girl who wrote to him while he was serving in the Falklands.

The Leicester Mercury played Cupid. For it was after reading a report about Nigel Smith's exploits in the South Atlantic that Miss Carol Prestwich, of Leicester Forest East, sent the letter which started their romance.

Twenty-two-year-old Nigel, who served on HMS Fearless, with his 23-year-old brother, Norman, became engaged to 21-year-old Carol at the weekend.

"I knew her at school," said Nigel, "and then she saw my name in the paper when I went to the Falklands, and wrote.

"It was worth going out there after all," he said.

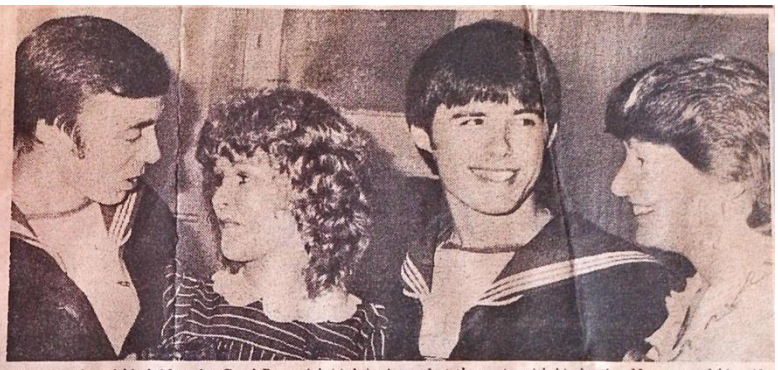
Nigel and Norman were the special guests at a party of relatives and friends at Newbold Verdon.

It was the first time everyone had been together since the brothers sailed into Portsmouth on June 14. Norman and his wife, Sue, live in Portsmouth.

Said Norman: "This is my first leave since then. I was kept behind working on my ship."

The brothers, both former pupils of Bosworth College, Desford, were both at the same action station on board Fearless and later worked for 10 days at Port Stanley after the Argentinian surrender.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith, live at Newbold Verdon.



Nigel Smith and his bride-to-be, Carol Prestwich (right), pictured at the party with his brother Norman and his wife Susan.

Men held in Greece on 'funny money' charges

by Mark Stretton

THREE Newbold Verdon men are locked up in a Greek jail following allegations that they used counterfeit money.

Karl Hunter, of Main Street, Sean Fowkes of Arnolds Crescent, and Rob Foote of Hornbeam Road were all on holiday in the Greek island of Kos when they were arrested by police.

The three men, all in their mid-20s, have all now been charged with being in the possession of and the use of forged Drachma.

Spokesperson for the Foreign Office, Clara Quantrill, explained how the three men are alleged to have tried to use a fraudulent Drachma note in a local shop on the popular Greek island.

The shop-keeper recognised that the note was a forgery and then telephoned the police.

When the police came to investigate the incident they searched the room in which the three Newbold Verdon men were staying and allegedly found 1.5 million forged Drachma – which is worth just under £3,000.

The spokesperson from the Foreign Office said that the men were all arrested following the incident and were put into a holding cell in Kos while further investigations took place.

Miss Quantrill explained how a representative from the Foreign Office was sent to the Mediterranean island to visit the three men and help them find lawyers.

After the Foreign Office had learned of the incident they contacted the families of the men to inform them of the situation.

Miss Quantrill said the three men had now been transferred from Kos onto the mainland and were currently being held in a prison in the Greek capital Athens.

She said that the men's solicitor had applied for bail but the Foreign Office had yet to be informed of the application was a success.

Excellent

IN reply to your article regarding the food in the local hospitals, I as a patient, eight weeks ago, after a stay of 10 days in Glenfield Hospital on Ward 20 found the food excellent and presented with a smile by all the nursing staff.

This is my third visit to a different hospital and the best.

C STATHAM,
Newbold Verdon

GALA DAY



Leprechauns, rainbows and pots of gold mean an Irish theme for the Chatterbox Playgroup's float.



... nods off — snapped in the Jubilee pub by cheeky landlady Kath T...

Dropping off to the pub . . . sleepy Roger Underwood, left, grabs a quick kip and Karen Shaw, right,

DOWN THE SNOOZER



TIME PLEAZZZZZZ

Scott Brown . . ale and farewell



HE'S GLASSY-EYED

Nap-py days for Paul Orgill

Landlady's revenge on pub dozers

EXCLUSIVE

By JOHN ASKILL

BOOZERS caught napping in Kath Taylor's pub are snapped on camera and stuck in a hall of shame.

Cheeky Kath zoomed in on her dozy regulars after they kept nodding off in front of the blazing fire.

In a few weeks she caught more than **TWENTY** snoozy boozers slumped in their seats. And they got a rude awakening on their next visit when they found enlarged photos of themselves on the wall.

The 48-year-old publican, who runs the Jubilee in Newbold Verdon, Leics, with hubby Tony, 49, said: "We couldn't believe how many fell asleep.

"Customers would come in after a hard day's work and just nod off. Everyone thinks the photos are hilarious."

Anyone caught on camera has to sit below the pictures in "Kipping Corner" and promise to stay awake.

Regulars David Spencer, 26, and Karen Shaw, 24, have been caught twice. Dozy David joked: "We shouldn't be so dull."



CIDER WITH DOZY

Dave Hallam has forty winks



LAST ORDERZZZZ

Beers on my pillow for punter



IMPRESSIVE GATHERING: The assembled cast of Hassebu at Newbold Verdon Primary School 17-49581

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Police Raid On Working Men's Club In Village

A POLICE RAID on Newbold Verdon Working Men's Club had a sequel at Market Bosworth magistrates' court today when three officials of the club and six members of the committee were summoned for selling intoxicating liquor on ree separate dates when not holding a justices' licence.

The steward, his wife, and a barmaid were summoned for aiding and abetting. There was a plea of guilty in each case

In all there were 36 summonses and in addition the police applied for an order that the club premises should be temporarily struck off.

Mr. A. H. Headley, prosecuting, said a policeman accompanied on separate occasions by different policewomen went to the club where he and his companion were able to buy drink without question.

They were only challenged at the entrance once when, after stating they were not members, a complete stranger signed them in.

A dance was on and most of those present were youths between 15 and 20 of the "Teddy boy" type, and girls from 14 to 20.

Officials Fined

Defending, Mr. J. Barlow said the club had been hoodwinked by young people who thought it clever to deceive the authorities and who lied and cheated to pretned they were members.

On the question of closure the Bench chairman, Mr. A. W. Dexter, said the decision would be decision would be announced in a month.

Fines of £1 each in each of three cases were imposed on the club president, Obadiah Statham, the secretary, John Leslie Barlow, and the treasurer, Earnest French, who were also ordered to pay on guineas costs in ecah case.

Six committee men, Frederick Dennis Keeber, Clifford Statham Peter Statham, George Ball Keith Patterson and Augustus Kelly were each fined 10s. in each of three cases and ordered to pay one guinea costs each.

The club steward and his wife, Arthur and Alfred Neville and Barbara Alice Neville and a barmaid, Beatrice Ellen Statham, were each fined 10s. in three cases of aiding and abetting

Piano pupils make the grade

THE following nine pupils of piano teacher Rosemary Wilkinson were successful in their Associated Board piano and theory exams:

Rebekah McReynolds and Stephanie Statham took their preparatory tests.

Helen Statham passed grade two as did Emily Deacon with merit, Ben Bates with distinction and Marina Kovalova with theory and distinction.

Lynn Tinsley passed grade three with merit, Nikki Burchnal passed grade five and Kelly Gibson passed grade six.

BROWN

Patience Mabel, wife of the late Tom, mother of Hazel and the late Marjorie, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma, passed away at home on February 18th, 2007, aged 95 years, at rest now. The funeral service will take place at Newbold Verdon Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 27th, 2007, at 10.30am followed by cremation at Gilroes Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if so desired to 'Rainbows' c/o David C Barsby Independent Funeral Directors, 70 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Tel. 01455 822222.

BROWN
Mabel

Someone special good and kind.
Treasured memories left behind
Our wish today is just a prayer
God bless and keep you in His care.
— Love from Linda, Brian and Family.

BROWN

In loving memory of my sister-in-law Mabel. You worked so hard in life, now have a well earned rest. Look after Cliff for me.
— Lots of Love June.

BROWN
Grandma

They say that hearts don't break Lord.
But that's not always true.
The day you took my Grandma.
You broke my heart in two.
— Patricia. xx
A special smile, a special face.
A heart of gold you can't replace.
— Bob. xx
We hold you close within our hearts and there Great-Grandma you will remain.
— Jack, James and Thomas. xx
Great-Grandma.
A special place within our hearts is always there for you.
— Lyndsay and Rob. xx
Gentle Jesus up above, please give Great-Great Grandma all our love.
— Joshua and Ashley. xx
Please pass on a great big kiss for a Great-Grandma I'll always miss.
— Kerry. xx

BROWN
Mabel

Sister, friend and confidant of Ida. Eldest sister of the late Gladys, Ivy, Jessie, Cyril, Horace, Jeff and Cliff. We were one big happy family, now reunited.
And with the morn, those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost a while.
— Love Ida.

BROWN

The greatest grandma ever, will be really missed. Thanks for everything.
— Love Kev, Owen, Becky, Kye and Maria.

BROWN

Mabel
Dearly loved mum no longer here my life to share.
But in my heart you will always be there.
— Hazel.

Grandma. We will remember the meals and presents tied with wool. Love you.
— Maureen, Brent and Michelle and Sarah. xx.

BROWN
Mable

Goodnight Auntie.
Peace, perfect peace.
— Love Marie, Stuart and Family.

It was love at first sight!

THEIR eyes met across a crowded dance hall in 1935 and they knew it was love at first sight.

Four years later the teenage sweethearts married and this week Ernie and Amy Kenny celebrated 60 years of marriage.

The couple took their vows at St James' Church, Newbold Verdon, on July 29, 1939, just one year before Ernie became a Desert Rat on the plains of Egypt and Libya.

Family

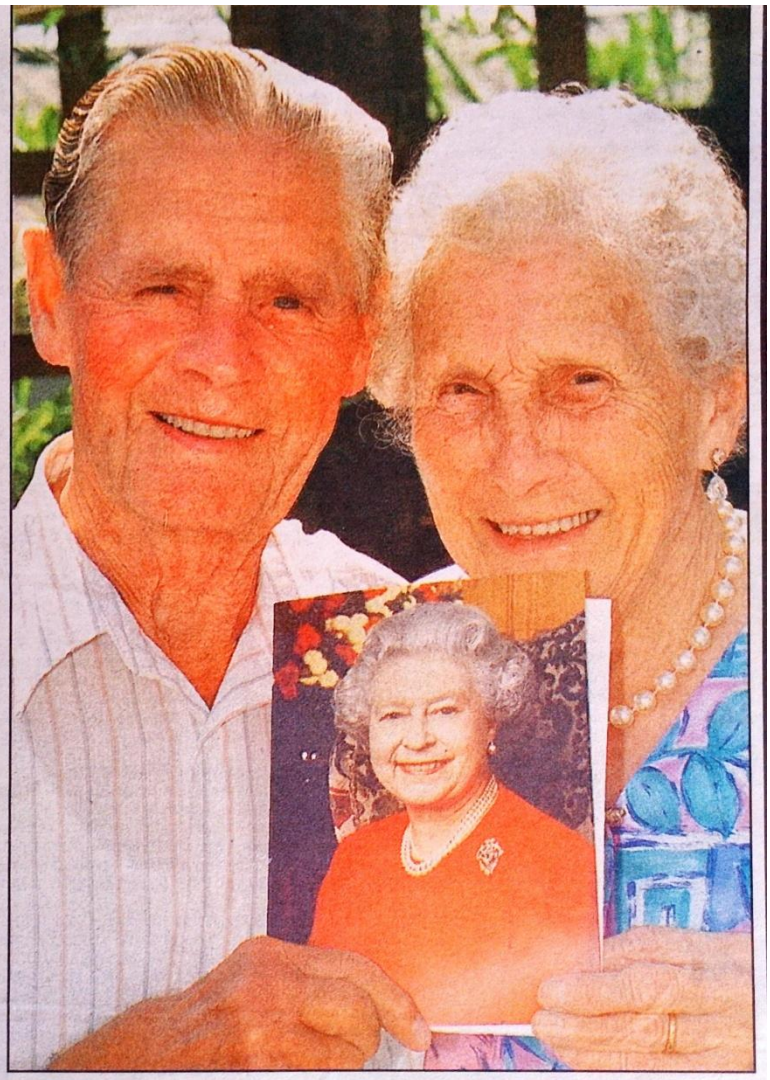
After leaving the army in 1946, Ernie returned to Leicestershire and the couple settled down to start a family.

The couple, who still live in Newbold Verdon, have two daughters who between them have given Ernie and Amy four grandchildren.

Ernie described the secret of a successful 60-year marriage.

He said: "You have to share. Man and woman stand side by side through everything and that is the way it should be.

"Even when you have nothing, you go through it together."



HAPPY EVER AFTER: Ernie and Amy Kenny, who were teenage sweethearts, have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Retirements At Desford Colliery



Colliery Manager Terry Gregory (centre right) pictured after the presentation with (left to right): Clifford Statham, Peter Underwood, George Lissaman, Ernest Bott, Raymond Durant and John Edwards.

the industry both at Desford and in some cases at other collieries.

The presentation was held in the conference room of the colliery site at Heath Road, Bagworth. Work there is presently being run down pending the closure of the mine early next year.

Those local men who retired were: Mr Ernest Bott of 120 Stamford Street, Ratby (38 years service); Mr Raymond Leslie Durant of 13 Main Street, Markfield (30 years); Mr John William Edwards of 11 Curtis Way, Osbaston (30 years); Mr Frank Gregory of 19 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon (27 years); Mr George Herman Lissaman of 17 Main Street, Markfield (32 years); Mr Clifford Statham of 8 Grange Close, Newbold Verdon (35 years); and Mr Peter John Underwood of 66 Peter's Avenue, Newbold Verdon (35 years).

Farewell to eleven pitmen

Retirement presentations were made to 11 men leaving Desford Colliery.

The pit manager, Mr. Terry Gregory, made the presentations to: Mr. Ernest Bott, of 120 Stamford Street, Ratby (38 years' service); Mr. John Harrison, now of 14 Regent Road, Mablethorpe (35 years); Mr. Tom Mee, of 29 Julian Road, Glen Parva (35 years); Mr. Clifford Statham, of 8 Grange Close, Newbold Verdon (35 years); Mr. Peter John Underwood, of 66 St Peter Avenue, Newbold Verdon (35 years).

Mr. George Lissaman, of 17 Main Street, Markfield (32 years); Mr. Raymond Durant, of 13 Main Street, Markfield (30 years); Mr. John Edwards, of 11 Curtis Way, Osbaston (30 years); Mr. Frank Gregory, of 19 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon (27 years); and Mr. Eric Sindall, of 24 Wash Lane, Ravenstone (27 years).

Mr. Robert Golding, of 18 Chevin Avenue, Linkfield Estate, Leicester, received an award for 29 years' service, 23 of them at Desford.

A girl's prayer for our miners

A STRIKING miner's 15-year-old dauglees has made a heartrendling appeal to end the strike.

She wrote this poem to the Daily Mirror but pleaded: "Please do not use sny name, *I 'aln* daughter of a picket.".

DEAR Lord, this night I knegl to
For the miners of England,
For *the miners of Pleases phase*
them the way.
To *the path which* is right, *from*
from mathy many strayed.
hyert.
What has happened, *dear Lord,* to
our *men* of *the pits.*
Once known as salt of the earth,
and men of true grit?
Today all is changed,
modernisation came,
To most, homes, and wages are high,
Some pits are worked out, surely they
know.
He doesn't take who's dircator,
jut thue mane; do.
He doesn't take who's arrested, or
who goes tojail,
Hs pockets nnte empty,
his table's not bare,
His stomach's not empty, sis hdhd,
the ou, bo.
Sons against fathers, fathers against
sons,
Lord, hho'yy will it end
when these sad days are done?
Hate and revenge are wrong ways to
play,
And those who partake,
will someday have to pay.
It's so wrong to injure, destroy or take life,
Dear God, help our miners to see see
see what's right.
Our atwaus tihe nent, *let them see light.*
wnike nut.
Scargill's the wrong leader around
when it comes to town,
It's *the miners of England,* not *one*
dictator.
NO, the man Mrs. Thatcher sent
should really go.
He's no help at all, to *he's enet blow,*
Who could care not one bit.
If all over Englant on strike.
Our miners don't want charity, stating the pre
If only Scargill was out we could better our place.
Lord, let the New Year bring peace to men,
Bring them out from darkness, to fight against

Coffee morning brings in £165



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FUND-RAISERS: Doreen Statham, Barbara Howarth, Dorothy Westerby and Margaret McSherry

FUND-RAISERS collected £165 for Macmillan Cancer Relief when they held a coffee morning in Newbold Verdon.

Newbold Verdon Ladies Co-operative Guild staged the event as part of the nationwide money making effort, the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World.

Minutes secretary Dorothy Webster said: "It went well. We made around £165, but may have a little bit more to come in.

"We had a bring and buy sale, a raffle and a cake stall."

The event took place at Newbold Verdon Methodist Church, where the group holds its weekly Thursday meetings.

Members held a party to celebrate their 47th anniversary.

Meetings attract 20 to 25 people. The guild holds coffee mornings every month and it was the third time they had supported the Macmillan event.