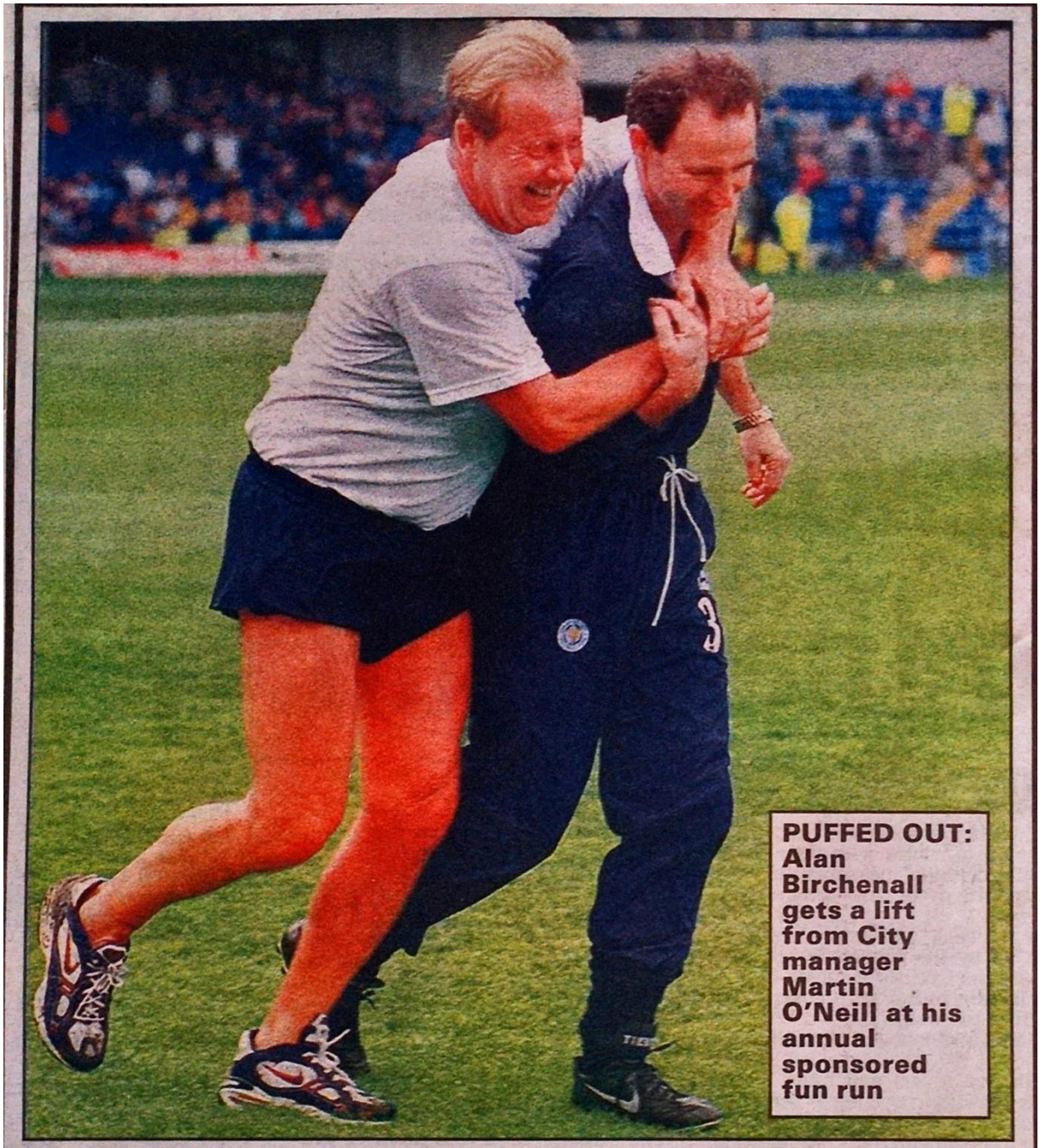
Sporting Events and Teams of Newbold Verdon



Members of Bagworth Junior Football Club are pictured before the cup-final of the Leicestershire Saturday Teens Football League Challenge Cup competition. The match was played at the Ibstock Penistone Football Ground on Friday. The team are: Back row (from left) Mr G Hodgkinson (fixture secretary), J Powney; S Conkay; S Hill; A Smith; A Smedley; K Edwards (capt); C Preston; and Mr J Edwards (manager). Front row (from left), MB Statham; I Reed; P Taylor; S Ridgeway; N Muggleston and A Thompson.



Members of the Newbold Verdon Workingmen's Club domino team who won the Charrington Cup at a domino match held at Ibstock Royal British Legion Club last week. They are, from left, N. French, E. French, D. Edwards, W. Pettit (captain), T. Davies and C. Statham.



PUFFED OUT: Alan Birchenall gets a lift from City manager Martin O'Neill at his annual sponsored fun run

Give us a hand, boss!

CHEERED on by 22,000 fans ex-Leicester City player Alan Birchenall ran his heart out on Saturday.

Accompanied by fans, players and Coronation Street actor David Neilson, he ran 53 laps of the Filbert Street pitch for the Leicester City Disabled Supporters' Association.



Captains of the Bass M. and B. darts and skittles teams who received trophies at the Enderby Social Club last night (l. to r.): Mrs. S. Chetwynd (Black Horse, Aylestone), Mrs. L. Smith (The Fox Inn), Mr. H. Whitney (secretary of the Glenfrith charity organisation), Mr. T. Measham (Rifle Butts, Leicester), Mr. B. Stokes (Quorn Conservative Club), Mr. R. Handley (Enderby long alley skittles), Mr. C. Statham (Newbold Verdon WMC, long alley skittles).

Newbold "Envy Of The CIU League"

The annual sports supper at Newbold Verdon WMC was held last Wednesday, when a magnificent array of 18 trophies were presented to members after the most successful season in the club's history, scooping as they did top awards in almost every club league in the county.



With the kettle but waiting for the cups, the lady skittlers (left to right), M. Finney, I. Bonner, K. Peace, D. Pettit, M. Grouse, E. Seal, L. Smallwood, C. Hardy, J. Statham and M. Gardner.

It was an occasion tinged with sadness and tragedy that one of the men who had done so much to bring success to Newbold, the late Mr Alf Gilliver, was missing from the night of nights in the sporting year and tribute was paid to him by the CIU Games League representative, Mr Bill Ottey, and by the club's own sports secretary, Mr Brian Barlow.

Mr Ottey said that Mr Gilliver was a great sportsman and the loss not only to his own club but to the district in general was "beyond anyone to measure it".

In more happier circumstances, Mr Ottey praised the tremendous achievement of the club. "Never has one club won so many trophies," said the CIU man, "and there is no doubt about it that Newbold is the envy of everyone in the league".

The club president, Mr Max Statham said, "We have always been proud of our sportsmen. It's a shame, we have some of the best talent in the county bar none and yet some go to other clubs. When you see an achievement like this, it is heartbreaking to see some go and leave us".

Mr Barlow also thanked the caterers for putting on an excellent supper, the coach driver for providing transport during the season and presented the midweek caterers, Mr and Mrs Dixon with a bouquet and thank you gift.

Then the lengthy process of awarding all the trophies began. Mr and Mrs Lowe of the Leicester Tom Bishop Skittles League presented the Division One Monday championship and Knockout Cups to George Talbot and the Arthur Rowley Cup for the highest average to Mr Cliff Statham.

Newbold also did the double in the Hinckley CIU Crib League and Mr Ottey presented the championship and knockout cups to Glenn Gray, the Crib Pairs trophy to Mr Derek Gadsby and the Skittle Pairs to Steve Shaw and Derek Smallwood.

Malcolm Statham won the CIU Domino Singles and with Len Hincks took the pairs award also. Seventy-five-years young and still going strong, ready for next season, Mr Obe Statham was a joint winner of the Timpson Trophy for the highest averages.

Mr and Mrs Hambridge of the City Thursday League then presented the club with the Division One runners up and Coronation KO Cup runners up awards.

Newbold's own Miss Watney Mann, Anji Jethwa, then presented the Nailstone Dominoes League KO Cup losing finalists, Ibstock British Legion Bass Charrington and Charles Smith Darts Cups to club representatives.

The evening then concluded with a variety concert given by the very versatile members of the Barwell Comic Band.

They began with a sing-song, dressed in butcher's aprons and bowler hats. Beginning with the rousing "Macnamara's Band" they went through a medley of songs that it was obvious the audience knew very well.

Two of the younger members, Mick and Lynn, then gave their own particular versions of three popular numbers including "Banks Of The Ohio".



Team captains with members of the skittles team. Holding trophies (left to right) Messrs W. Pettit, J. Gadsby, F. Bayliss, G. Talbot, D. Smallwood, O. Statham, R. Aris and V. Gray.



CIU League trophy winners.



Singles and pairs winners with Miss Watney Mann (left to right) D. Smallwood, S. Shaw, M. Statham, Miss A. Jethwa, B. Freeman, S. Barlow, C. Statham, L. Hincks and D. Gadsby.



Individual winners, Mesdames Muriel Grouse,, Ivy Bonner, June Statham and Derek Hardy with (back) Brian Barlow and Stephen Radford.



The ladies darts team (back, left to right) Janice Mayes, Ida Graves, Marilyn Lightbown, Angela Mansfield, Ann Lings, Connie Hardy and Jessie Wibberley; (front) Pearl Nutting, Sylvia Orton, Eileen Seal, Sheena Moore, Sandra Meason and Louisa Smallwood.



The CIU trophy winners.



Jimmy Greaves' 1960s England shirt was auctioned for £1,250 during a testimonial for former Leicester City midfielder Alan Birchenall at The Sketchley Grange Hotel in Burbage last week. The legendary Spurs' striker was there in person on Thursday for the celebrity sporting event in honour of his friend who played at City between 1971 and 1977. Around 200 guests, including Leicester City players past and present, attended the evening with compere Roy Cavaner and comic Ollie Spencer. The famous 1974 photograph of Birchenall giving Sheffield United footballer Tony Currie a jokey on-the-pitch kiss was also auctioned on the night, among other items, and raised £500. Pictured are Roy Cavaner, Jimmy Greaves, Alan Birchenall and Ollie Spencer in Burbage last Thursday.



Wayne Aris and Barrie Statham are seen here with Lionel Willett, the Manager, after picking up the top two individual awards at the presentation evening of Newbold Verdon's Swan FC. Wayne (left) was chosen as the players' player of the year and Barrie the Manager's player of the year. The team itself came close to a championship but were beaten for the title of the Sunday League's Lunn Poly Travel Divis[illegible] YMCA, edged out on goal difference only.

Rose Is Miss Watney-Mann

Miss Rose Finney, who lives at Garlands Lane Caravan Site, Bagworth, is this year's Miss Watney Mann. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs George Finney and she has four brothers and four sisters.

Rose, aged 20, was chosen as Miss Watney Mann at a dance at the end of June and up to now her duties have included an invitation to choose the Barwell Carnival Queen.

Recently she was at Newbold Verdon to carry out another engagement presenting some of the prizes at the WMC games supper and is seen below wearing a very attractive, full length dress of shimmering lurex, handing over the Glenfrith Hospital Charity Cup for long alley skittles to Mr C. Statham.



35 Years Ago...

"The Hinckley Times"
(From Friday 11th January 1952)

Teams

Hockey matches and football games were back in full swing. In the Hinckley ladies hockey club playing against Half Century Club away were P. Tansey, B. Mortimore, J. Wragg, B. Wilson, A. Bennett, M. Ginette, M. Freeman, J. Coley, A. Coley and J. Thomas. Team members playing for Newbold Verdon George and Dragon against Hinckley Wharf at Hinckley were W. Warner, A. Tebbutt, B. Freeman, Cliff Statham, W. Poole, N. Gilliver, S. Kent, M. Kelly, S. Kirkland and L. Kent.

United left to play second fiddle

HINCKLEY

SWAN lifted the JM Sugden Senior Cup for the second year running to complete the League and Cup double with a 3-1 win over Whetstone United.

Two goals in a minute on the half-hour proved decisive for Swan as first a defensive error let in Tony Fowkes.

A minute later Cope was put clear and he neatly slipped the ball beyond the keeper to make it 2-0.

Although Whetstone looked out of the running they picked up the pieces when Craig Howarth pulled a goal back with a superb volley.

The first effort from just inside the box rattled the post but he made no mistake with the rebound. Whetstone should have been level at the break twice going close 10 minutes from half-time.

Chances, as in the first half, were hard to come by after the interval but Whetstone's best again fell to Howarth who headed over.

They paid the penalty when, with time running out, Swan snatched the third and clinching goal, Sean Hessian latching on to a through ball and beating the keeper as he came out to narrow the angle.

Commiserations must go to Whetstone who have twice had to play second best to Swan this season also finishing runners-up in the League.

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SEASON 1986-87.

Swan Upping Again!

It was a case of Swan upping again in the Hinckley Sunday Football League last season.

For the fourth year in succession Swan FC, Newbold Verdon, finished runners up in their division and gained promotion, this time to Division One, and also won the Centenary County Medals A competition.

At their presentation evening in the village WMC, all players received commemorative trophies and Mark Willett was given awards as both the Players' and Manager's Player Of The Year.

It was also announced that new sponsor Marlin Electronic will be providing the team with a new strip.



Bottoms up to Swans!

Swan F.C. are the new holders of the County Medals B Cup after their second half fight back in the final on Sunday against Mossdale Royals.

They went behind 1-0 after 6 minutes with a penalty and went further behind 20 minutes later.

Sensational winner

Then 15 minutes into the second half Goodman gave them hope by scoring. When Armstrong put them level on the hour they sensed victory. Then with 10 minutes remaining, Faulks popped up to grab a sensational winner to give the Newbold outfit victory.

FOOTBALL

The Swan Football Club have been members of the Hinckley Sunday League for eight years. During this time they have progressed from being in Division 4 to the Premier division in successive years. The past couple of years have been their most successful with them finishing runners-up in the Premier division and winning the Senior cup (1989-90)

This year they have gone one better in winning the Premier division and also retaining the Senior cup (1990-91) This has never been acheived before by a local side.

Manager Tony Fowkes is leaving the club and would like to wish everybody concerned with the club every best wish and hopefully more success in the future. Also he would like a special mention for secretary Cliff Statham, who helped to form the club 8 years ago and who is now stepping down as secretary, a very big thank you Cliff.

Tony Fowkes.

SWAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Swan Football Club have been in the Hinckley & District Sunday League for the past 7 seasons. During this time they have progressed from Division 4 in 1984/85 season, through to the Premier Division in 1987/88 season. On each climb up the ladder they finished as Runners Up in their division. Again this season they have finished Runners Up to City Arms 2 points adrift of the champions. Past County Honours include being Winners of the County Medals 'A' in 1986/87. Player Manager Tony Fowkes, feels that a marvelous atmosphere within the club, has been one of the major factors behind the clubs success. A special mention for Cliff Statham (Secretary) who has been with the club since its formation. Also to Andy Woodward for all his hard work behind the scenes. Lastly a big thanks to Truman King Forklift Trucks for their Sponsorship.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

1st Round	V BYE.	
2nd Round	V Red Lion E/Shilton	4-2 (aet) Home.
3rd Round	V Cross Keys	2-0 Home.
4th Round	V Wentworth Arms	1-0 Home.
Semi-final	V Whetstone United	7-4 (aet) @ Leic Elec.

TODAYS TEAM FROM:

Poole. P,	Markham. S,	Goddard. R,
Aris. W,	Davies. R,	Freestone. T,
Pears. C,	Cope. S,	Fowkes. David,
Fowkes. Tony,	Statham. G,	Airs. C,
Causon. A,	Mitchelson. D,	Satchwell. T,

Colours Green/White

Manager Tony Fowkes.

Secretary Cliff Statham.

Linesmen Mr. D.M. Stanley (Earl Shilton).
Mr. M.J. Lucas (Barwell).



LEAPING FOR GOLD: The long jump