Tales from a flourishing village

History expert, Mr Arthur Tomlin turns his attention to the village of Newbold Verdon...

The pleasant village of Newbold Verdon is situated three miles from Market Bosworth, 10 miles south west of Leicester and seven miles from Hinckley.

It was anciently known as Newbolt or Newcot and for many years it was called Newbold Verdun, after the Verdun family who came from France after the Norman Conquest.

The parish contains 1,750 acres of land and the soil is a rich mixed loam, although clay predominates.

Beneath its soil is a deep seam of coal which extends westward to Ashby and in a northerly direction to Charnwood Forest.

Three towns in the country have the name of Newbold, and one provided London with its Lord Mayor in 1617.

The Verdun family were at one time Lords of the Manor at Newbold, and their successive

