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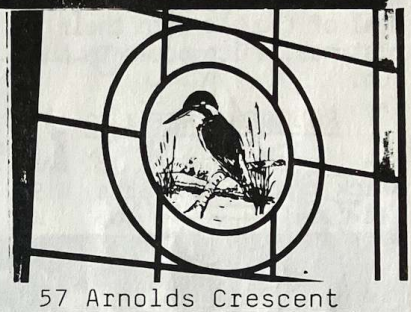
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DIARY OF EVENTS

Thu. 16th June		Presentation Evening for Under-10's Football at The Belvoir Suite, L.C.F. Ground, Leicester.
Sat. 18th June	7.30	The Langslade Consort Concert at St. James' Church
Tue. 21st June	1.45 - 3.00	Chatterbox Coffee Time in St. James' Church Hall
Fri. 24th June	8.00 - midnight	Sozzle to the Sizzling 60's Sound: N.V.C.A. School Hall
Sun. 26th June	3.30	St. James' Sunday School Festival in Rectory Garden.
25th - 29th July		N.V. Primary School Play Scheme
Sat. 30th July	2.30	St. James' Church Garden Party
1st - 5th Aug.	10.00 - 12.00	Methodist Holiday Bible Club
Mon. 8th Aug.		W.I. Mr D. Potter "Copper Tooling as a Hobby"
Wed. 10th Aug.		Chatterbox Club Trip to Wicksteed Park
Sat. 20th Aug.		Scout Gala Day
Sun. 21st Aug.		GIANT LITTER PICK (see article)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 10th Sep.		Family Sports' Day at the School. N.V.C.A.
" " "	7.30	Barbecue & Barn Dance (Bates' Farm)
Fri. 30th Sep. Sat. 1st Oct.		N.V.C.A. "Music Hall" (see articles for details)
Fri. 28th Oct.		N.V.C.A. Fashion Show. at Primary School.
Sat. 5th Nov.		N.V.C.A. Bonfire Night
Fri. 25th Nov. Sat. 26th Nov.		N.V.C.A. Mediaeval Banquet at N.V. Primary School



57 Arnolds Crescent

Ever fancied adding a personal touch of elegance to your new windows or admired the stain glass door panels on those good old 1930 semis? Then Mick Harding is the man to see. Mick is turning his 12 month old hobby, of painting on glass, into a part time business, providing personalised paintings on new windows, screens, cupboard doors or even decorative hangers. Designs of your choice are transferred to glass, then surrounded with lead strip, the areas between the strips are then filled, with a special solvent, starting with a base colour then building on this to provide texture and shade. Mick can spend up to 7 hours on each painting but this does not include the solvent drying time which is several hours. Unfortunately the process cannot be carried out on windows in situ but Mick provides technical advice and suggestions to all his customers. Should you wish to see an example of Micks work call round to his house and admire the kingfisher door panel.

THE COMMUNITY WEEKEND

After a miserable wet Thursday, Roger's prayers were answered with a superb balmy evening for the Rounders' Tournament.

Rounders' Tournament:FRIDAY

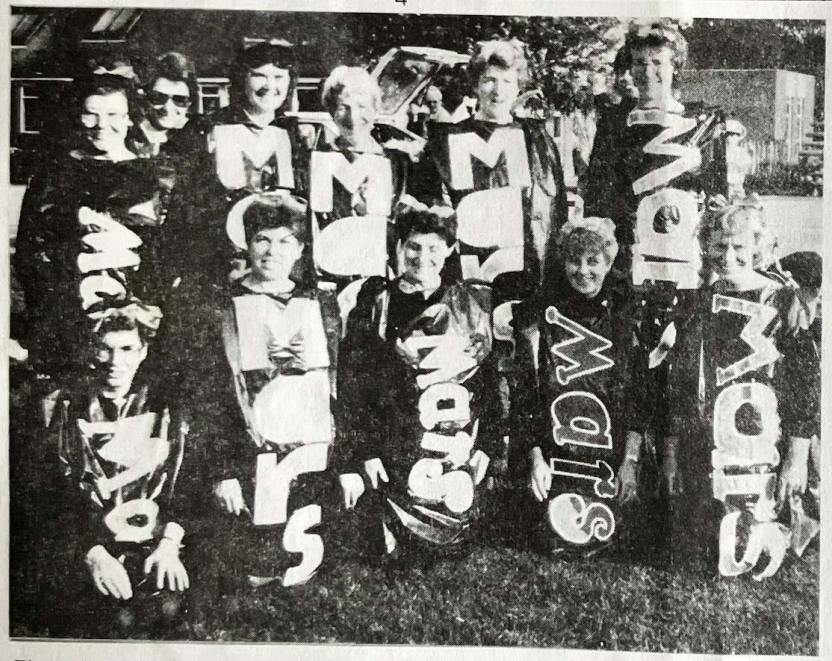
The village, once again, turned up trumps, with an overwhelming turn out, as nearly 300 people participated. This caused one or two headaches, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Most of the teams had gone to a great deal of trouble with their costumes, which added to the fun.



ROUNDERS RESULTS

8 - 11

Knick Knack Paddy Wacks	9
1st Cubs	4



The 'A' Team	3.2
Wesley Soldiers	2.5
2nd Cubs	2
1st Brownies (Tigers)	1
2nd Brownies(Bumblebees)	1

12 - 15

Forbouys & Five Girls	8
Touch of Newbold Class	5.2
Wesley Soldiers	3.5
1st & 2nd Newbold Guides	1.6
Methodist Youth Club	1

16+

All Hours Devils	7.3
The Fallen Madonnas	4.3
Goddard's United	4.2
The Nighties of the Rounders Table	3.6
Chatter Newbold Choo Choos	3.2
Fresh & Fruity	3.0
The Misprints	3.0
The Olympic Hopefulls	2.8
Wesley Soldiers	2.0
Crinklies, Rinklies & Dinkies	1.5
9 Batty Batters	1.3
Ladies' Keep Fit	0.6

Veterans

The Scout Committee	4.6
Vile Vets	3.5
The Roaring Forties	3.1
The Why Team	1.2
Wesley Soldiers	1.1
Co-op Ravers	1

Overall winners were

KNICK KNACK PADDY WACKS.



Sports' Afternoon: SATURDAY

The sun shone again for the Fun Run, (was it only 1.4 mls) which started the afternoon. This was followed by the Family and Junior Races, which although very competitive, were run in a friendly, sporting manner. - Well done, youngsters! Some of the children had a chestfull of winners ribbons.

It's A Knockout: SATURDAY

Assemble 30 players on a 5-lane, 50 metre track, throw in handful of adjudicators, and what have you got?- Chaos. No. The first annual Community Weekend It's a Knockout Challenge!

Teams of six (2 adult males, 2 adult females and a junior of either sex 13 - 16), assembled at 3.30 on the Saturday of the Community Weekend to do battle.

The five teams that entered represented the following groups, although their selection was on an open basis:

LANE 1: VERDON PLAYERS
LANE 2: THE DRAGON
LANE 3: COMBINED CHURCHES
LANE 4: MEN'S KEEP FIT
LANE 5: N.V.C.A.

The first game was the friendly egg-throw designed to break everyone in. Who would have thought that Clive Hill, the Master of Ceremonies could have come up with so many egg-scruciating egg jokes. Thanks Clive.

Anyway, the final result according to the adjudicators, members of Market Bosworth & District Round Table, saw a resounding victory for The Dragon: 63 points.

2nd place:	N.V.C.A.	57 pts
3rd " :	Keep Fit	56 pts
4th " :	Combined Churches	54 pts
5th: " :	Verdon Players	50 pts

The winning team won a handsome shield which hopefully will be contested for next year.

"It's A Knock-out" was followed by the "serious" Brascote Mile. As the competitors sharpened their spikes, the flow of traffic was stopped and they were off. Brascote and back in 4 minutes - not quite, but everyone enjoyed it. In the sprint for the finish, it was obvious that Lorraine and Kathy were 'saving themselves' for the evening's disco.



BRASCOTE MILE

11 - 15 Male

1. Duncan Shorthouse
2. Stefan Newman
3. Anthony Edwards
4. Adam Draper
5. Phillip East
6. Wilfred Finney
7. Richard Barker
8. Paul Timson
9. Andrew Faulknall
10. Bryan Carr
11. Ben Field
12. Leigh Breeze
13. Ben Spencer
14. Daniel Crowfoot
15. Sean Fowkes
16. Andrew Hitchman
17. Robert Tipper

11 - 15 Female

1. Charlotte Lane
2. Rachel Ivers
2. Holly Tyers
4. Charlotte Spencer
5. Susie Brotherhood
6. Louise Henderson
7. Symone Kendall
8. Susan Gibson

16+ Male

1. Martin Perry
2. John Haddon
3. Nigel Trotman
4. Jason Rivers
5. Tim Wright
6. Lionel Moreton
7. Richard Harris
8. Steve Boorman
9. Henry Long
10. Mark Farmer
11. Andrew Ray
12. Keith Kendall
13. Paul Jordan
14. Ray Preston
15. Chris James
16. Pete Vickers
17. Phil Beech

16+ Female

1. Susan Collins
2. Debbie Hill
3. Jackie Timson
4. Fran Hoy
5. Kathy Staniforth
5. Lorraine Boorman

Veterans - Men

1. David Rhodes
2. Laurence Hollingworth
3. Edwin Timson

Veterans - Women

1. Yvonne Kendall
2. Jean Perry.

Disco and Barbecue: SATURDAY

The smell of cooked onions wafted from the quadrangle as the Barbecue got under way. Clive celebrated his birthday by cooking 300 hot-dogs and hamburgers, which were a meal in themselves.
The bar was nearly as popular as the disco, which was well attended by a host of families from the village.

Car Boot Sale: SUNDAY

It was very successful with several hundred people turning up in the morning.

The refreshment room was kept busy supplying tea, coffee, sandwiches, sweets, etc., and reported that they had sold 300 hot dogs.

The raffle was drawn at 3.30 and all the prizes were claimed. The winning tickets were:

1st - 314 Blue
2nd - 483 Yellow
3rd - 247 Blue
4th - 484 Blue
5th - 137 Blue
6th - 144 Blue
7th - 393 Blue.

Vizard of Oz

The recent production of the Vizard of Oz by the Verdon Players and the Linda Williams School of Dance was a treat not to be missed. Every member of the cast gave a fine performance.

The lead role of Dorothy was played by Michelle Shuttleworth who, at the age of 11 made her daunting role look easy. It was not hard to see why she gained six top awards over Easter.

The three main characters of the Lion, Tinman and Scarecrow were played by John Gates, Neil Finn and Ian Westaby who all gave professional performances. Newcomer, Ian, made falling over look as easy as blinking. A touch of pantomime was given by Ruth Jordan as the rhyming witch, ably assisted by Clive Hill as the manservant.

All the dancing and singing in the show emphasised the hard work put in by all members of the company. A special cheer went to the 'tots', who enjoyed every minute being flowers.

Thanks go to all the 'back room' people who provided the costumes, lighting, music. scenery and the hi-tec wizard.

At the end of a very enjoyable night the company presented Ross Kendall with a cheque for £1,500 for the NVCA.

THANKS

I would like to thank, on behalf of the N.V.C.A., the Linda Williams School of Dance, The Verdon Players and all persons involved with the presentation of The Wizard of Oz, for a most generous donation of £1500 to the fund for our community wing. The show was brilliant, the cast magnificent, the costumes dazzling; in fact, the whole production was extremely professional. Thank you

Ross Kendall Chairman N.V.C.A.



"MUSIC HALL"- 30th Sep. & Sat. 1st Oct.

It is proposed that we hold a Music Hall to involve as many people from the Community as possible. If you and your friends can sing, dance, juggle, tell jokes, recite poems, etc., and you would like to take part, contact Malcom Mould or Clive Hill as soon as possible. (Desford 3332)

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SPOTLIGHT

We open this series with our Chairman: Alan Ross Kendall, who lives at 14 Dragon Lane.



Ross and his wife Yvonne have lived in Newbold Verdon with their three teenage children for nearly twelve years. He is 45 years old and is Commercial Director of an Architectural Ironmongery firm in Leicester, who manufacture knobs and knockers.

His hobbies are badminton and fishing and, like any other fisherman, he has lots of stories. How many people have fallen in the River Welland at 7.30 on a February morning? He also tells of the 11lb salmon he caught at Christchurch - Unfortunately we can't show a photograph of this event, because there was no film in his camera. (Have nt I heard that one before..?)

Ross is no newcomer to Community work. Before coming to the village, he was involved in fund-raising at Rawlings Community College, where funds were required to build a swimming pool.

He is a governor at Bosworth College, and is also a member of the Management Committee at Bosworth Community College.

As he starts his second year as Chairman, Ross is delighted with the achievement of N.V.C.A. and enthusiastic about its future.

"I am proud to be involved with such an enthusiastic and industrious group of people," he said.

"The Community Association is a great asset to our village and many new friendships have developed. We have created a reputation for varied, value-for-money fund-raising events and with an exciting programme planned for the future, I believe we will go from strength to strength."

A year ago, he could have been accused of being a dreamer, but judging by recent events, dreams sometimes do come true.



CAPTION COMPETITION

We asked our artist to sketch Ross with his 11lb salmon for our competition. The prize for the funniest caption, will be a 1lb box of Black Magic, so come on - have a go!

No - don't put it off until tomorrow - DO IT NOW!

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TOTE

A monthly tote has now been taking place for six months. Previous winners include Mrs. G. Spencer, Mr. P. Howarth, J. Pope, Mrs. Jordan and Linda Colman each winning up to £80.00 and all for just 50p per month. Approximately £400.00 has been raised towards N.V.C.A.

If you are interested in entering every month or would like to help with the collections, please contact Debbie 3332 or Julia 2870 or any N.V.C.A member.

Collectors still needed for:- Jubilee Road, Lord Crewe Close, Bells Lane, Laburnum Ave. Willow Close, Pine Tree Close, Grange Close, Sparkenhoe, Enston Street, Montague Close, Statham St. Hill St. Gillever St. Cadle St.

Also people needed to take over Mallory Close, Rush Close, Pasture Lane and Oaks Drive.

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More Newbold Newbolds

The Jubilee Newbolds (V.V. issue 5) aren't the only family of that name living in the village. Marina and Jim Newbold have lived here for 26 years and for 18 of those years have been breeding and showing dogs. 'Newbold' dogs can be found in homes, not only throughout England but in America, Canada, France, Norway and New Zealand. "What is so nice", said Jim, "is that many of our customers keep in touch, telling us how the dogs are getting on and sending photograps of any off-spring". Not that every one who asks the Newbolds for a puppy gets one. "I give potential customers the third degree", commented Marina, "and if I'm not totally satisfied that the dog is going to a responsible owner, I don't part with it".

The other side of the Newbolds all consuming hobby is showing dogs. They started with labradors but since 1978 have concentrated on Sussex Spaniels. This is a comparatively rare breed which nearly died out during the war years. By 1945, only 8 dogs were known of worldwide, but thanks to enthusiasts like the Newbolds, the breed, although still small in numbers (probably no more than about 10 dogs throughout Leicestershire) is now well establish ed again. Marina and Jim show at about 16 major championships throughout the British Isles as well as numerous open shows. The colourful array of rosettes which greets the visitor on entering the Newbolds' home (together with the 3 drawers full which they haven't room to display) is evidence of their 'modest' successes.

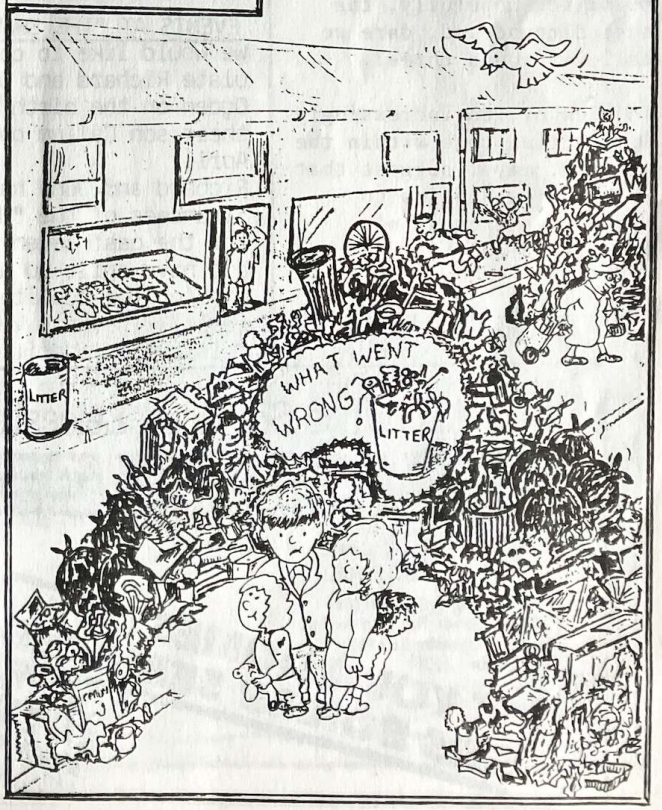
Some years ago a labrador almost "cleared the board" at one show, achieving no less than 6 cups. But the award Marina and Jim are most proud of is the Kennel Club Challenge Certificate achieved in 1987 for Champion Best Bitch Kamar Zola. At the same show, their dog Kamar Rula won Best Puppy. The Newbolds also got to keep the much coveted Talbot Ponsonby Memorial Challenge Bowl for 12 months. At Crufts this year, they had to 'make do' with just two firsts and a third - quite disappointing really!

A last comment from Jim on the dog fouling problem (V.V. issues 2 and 4). "Don't blame the dogs. It's bad owners. Dogs can be trained to excrete in their own gardens". Perhaps we should run Owner Education Classes at the School this Autumn!



Dear Editor

I was pleased to read that the Parish Council has again entered Newbold for the 'Best Kept Village' competition. Anything that can help develop the sense of local pride within our Community must be worthwhile →



However, if we are to stand any chance of progressing beyond the first or possibly second round, I do feel that in view of our seemingly permanent litter problem, some more positive action is required other than childrens posters and a P.C. announcement in this newspaper. I'm sure there must be many villagers who, given sufficient notice, would be happy to help with a concerted tidy up, immediately prior to each round of judging. Maybe a 'Litter Pick' organised along the lines of the recent Rounders Tournament is required, with teams from the Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Pubs, Clubs, Churches, School, Families, Rangers, etc, etc, competing to collect the most litter. (Perhaps a sponsored Litter Pick?). Refreshments would be available on return to 'Base' (Scout Hut?).

Unfortunately it's now too late to do anything before the first round of this years competition, but maybe something could be organised prior to, hopefully, the second round and, dare we believe, round three?.

In view of its increasingly influential role within the village, may I suggest that Verdon Views begins to champion the cause of village pride?.

Paul French



BARN DANCE

Do you know your Grandma? I thought I did until I was told that it was your corner lady. A basket brings a new meaning to holding 'things' together. Dosy doe your partner - well everyone knows that one!! - You know - (rattle your brains) - just think back to when you were at school!! Perhaps not! Only joking, Mr Mould, honest! What an evening. Charlie, our caller, had us "Stripping the Willow", despite all confusion, before we knew how to make an arch.

Yet another tremendous Barn Dance; it can only be beaten by being held in an actual barn - and yes! The Community Association have done it again. We hope to be holding a Barn Dance in an actual barn in September, so you too may have the chance to be danced into organised chaos. What fun!

The bar was flowing, the good food filled the gap, just long enough to enable you to gather your strength before forming a right hand star, or was it a left hand star, or was it just the men or just the women, or were we supposed to pick up our partner as we tripped around the floor or leave them behind and pick them up next time to promenade around the square, or was it on to the next set! Or was it around the room, with or without your partner! Help!!!

Jane Vallis

EVENTS AT "THE SWAN"

We would like to congratulate Richard and June Ogden on the birth of their son Callum on 26th April.

Richard and June have been licensees of the "Old Swan" for the past seven years, and have built up a reputation for quality bar meals. They are keen fundraisers for charities, especially children's hospitals, and run various events, such as quizzes, sponsorships, etc.

The other day, Oggie (as June calls Richard) bought two poundsworth of tickets in a raffle organised by the Multiple Sclerosis Appeal Fund, and to his dismay, won first prize - a weekend for two in Paris, donated by Midlandair.

However, baby Callum has the last word. Although they have had plenty of volunteer baby-sitters, June says, "He is too young to be left at the moment. We'll probably wait and take the trip early in the new year". It sounds like a very good way of starting 1989. Have a good trip!

On behalf of the Community Association, we would like to thank Richard and June for their co-operation at past events and hope for their continued involvement in the future.

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Through drizzle, mist and rain
I cannot help but rather wish
I wasn't in such pain
I've been and bought some comfy shoes
I know I look a sight
My rain hat and my scruffy mac,
It really isn't right.....In

Chorus ... case you're wondering what I'm at
It's my six weekly chore
I'm on the Verdon Views Run and
I'm struggling to your door
My bag is very heavy
My arm is aching too,
I think I've left the kettle on
Besides that, I'm wet through.

2. Now here's an interesting gate,
It's small and not too grand,
I've found the catch...that wasn't hard -
It's come off in my hand!!
So down the path I struggle
Through branches overgrown.
I've scratched my face and snagged my tights
I know I shouldn't moan .... In

Chorus.... case you're wondering what I'm at
It's my six weekly chore
I'm on the Verdon Views Run
And I'm struggling to your door
I'd really like to stop and chat
With my friends Sue and Jenny
I think I'd better carry on
I need to spend a penny.

3. Well, here's a tricky letter box
It looks nice, that is true
But the little dears at this address
Have stuck it up with glue.
Now where will I find this one, at
the top or at the bottom
Oh! Has it had my fingers off??
No, look here. I've still got 'em.....In

Chorus ... case you're wondering what I'm at
It's my six weekly chore
I'm on the Verdon Views Run and
I'm struggling to your door
My bag is very heavy
My arm is aching too.
It looks as tho' the sun's come out.
Look! There's a patch of blue.

I really like this nice green lawn
What a picture it does make
Just look at those petunias (AAGH)
I've trodden on the rake.
I sing myself a little tune.
It helps to keep me merrier.
Oh no! It's number 42,
That yapping wire-haired terrier.

Well that's it now for six more weeks
I can't say that I'm sorry
That cup of tea is beckoning
Oh, mind that flippin lorry!
What a job the Postie does,
No-one could be finer.
I wouldn't do what Postie does
For all the tea in China.

Cyclists Touring Club: Charnwood Section

If you have ever thought of taking up cycling for pleasure and/or as an enjoyable way of keeping fit, local CTC representative George Loakes will be happy to tell you about the day trips he organises. Of course the enthusiasts think nothing of riding 100 miles in a day but George caters for those who wish to take life more leisurely. Leaving Newbold most Sundays at about 9.00, the group meet up with fellow cyclists from the Coalville area and then make a day long, maybe 30 mile, round trip. The group caters for all ages and abilities, singles and families, "and if you want to get off and push your bike up hills" says George "nobody minds. A packed lunch is usually taken but we also stop somewhere for a drink".

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If you would like to know more, contact George Loakes, 21 Gilliver Street, Phone Desford 3822.

Paul French



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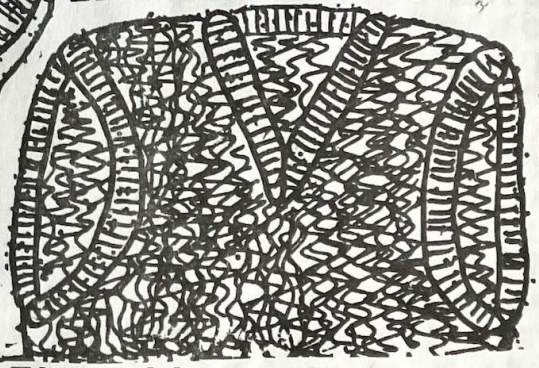
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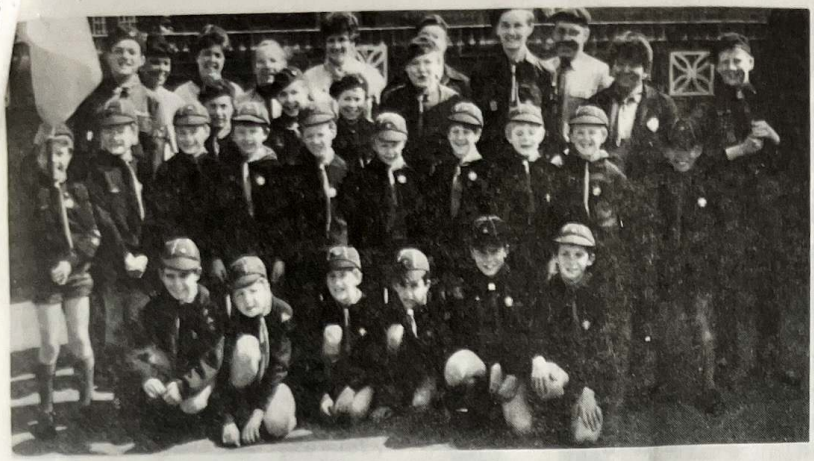
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Sunday 24th April saw the Scouts and Cubs attending the annual St George's Parade. The parade was held at Ibstock and marks an important event in the Scout year as Scouters renew their scout promise.
The Sponsored Bike ride held at Mallory Park with Scouts Cubs and Beavers wizzing around the race track on their bikes. No lap records were beaten but 'loadsamoney' were raised for group funds, over £50 being raised by Beaver Kristian Wright . Our thanks to all our sponsers.

Colin Chappell

Group News

On Tuesday the 28th April, the Beavers went on a walk. Brock told us to collect as many kind of leaves as we could find. So we did. Casta went to the moat to look for frog spawn. The moat looked very shallow so she went in and then SPLASH, it was a foot deeper than it looked, and poor Casta. She was covered in dirt, she took off her wellies and half the moat came out, but no frog spawn. It was a big laugh.

Stuart Hodgkinson



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Church News

Four members of the Taize group travelled to Victoria on the due day to meet Sunday Muchambo (V.V. issue 5). Not knowing what he looked like or even which train he was due on, our 3 ladies and one gent. took it in turns to make approaches to every lonely looking black man in sight. Their case comes before Bow St. magistrates next month!

The Sunday Monday project, as it became affectionately known, (English humour!) raised over £1000. in just 8 weeks. This paid for Sundays trip, and provided a sizeable donation to Taize's general fund. We will never know for sure whether the money was well spent but having met and talked with Sunday, I'm fairly certain it was.

I'm certain Sunday enjoyed his busy stay with us, especially his visits to 5 local schools. As we said our farewells, I asked him what he had got from his Taize trip. "Taize is a wonderful experience which has reinforced my Christian principles. Also I've learned much from talking with people from many different countries. Ordinary peoples of the world have so much in common, its a great pity they have so little chance to speak with each other" Sunday turned out to be a most likeable person and very interesting to talk to. He spoke of his work with young unemployed people, organising self help groups, teaching them a trade and generally keeping them off the streets and out of trouble. He has over 40 such groups within a 70 mile radius of Harare. We also discussed Zimbabwe's problems as an emerging nation. Strange noisy black things have settled on the walls of St. Gregs recently. I will reveal all next time!.

Paul French

NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH.

On Easter Monday a group of about forty people, made up of all ages, from our Church, went on a Derbyshire walk; it was the eighth Easter that this has taken place. Mr. Cyril Fennell was in charge once again; in fact he's only missed leading two of our walks since we started. We always have a marvellous time and each year there are different places to explore. The weather was kind this year, but some years we have walked in blizzards! We all look forward to the fellowship we share on this day, especially playing football on the way back and the fish and chip supper!

Our Sunday School Anniversary went very well once again. It was lovely to see so many children, parents, relatives and friends. We're sure the day was really appreciated by everyone who came.

Rev. Gregory led a very interesting family service on the 15th May. He told the story of John Wesley and showed us slides to illustrate it. The children, especially, showed great interest, and at the end each family represented at the service was presented with a book about John Wesley. Although the children turned out in great numbers, this service wasn't so well supported by parents.

On Saturday 4th June the Sunday School outing will be, once more, to Drayton Manor Park. We went there last year and everyone had such a great time that we decided to repeat it. We're hoping the rain stays away this year!

Dates to remember: 1st - 5th August: Holiday Bible Club.

Any information about our Church can be obtained by ringing Desford 3593.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

ORGAN REBUILDING - Work is due to begin on 13th June and may take six weeks but don't worry we will still be singing in Church.

REMEMBER that the Langslade Consort will be playing in the Church on Saturday 18th June at 7-30p.m. The music will be from the Low Countries and I have been assured that it will not be too "high brow" for the ordinary non-musical people. Tickets are available from the Rectory or at the Church.

GRAND SUMMER DRAW - The tickets are now on sale and there are many excellent prizes. The Draw will take place at the Garden Fete on 30th July.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF NEWBOLD DE VERDUN. These books are now available at the N.N.S. shop, price 70p. This is the only published history of the parish.

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COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY.

The Anglican, Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools joined together on the school sports field on the 21st May for this event. The weather was kind and the sun shone on about 70 children who took part in the various races with Mums and Dads being persuaded into the 100 yards dash to finish the afternoon's activities.

The children were divided into four houses and the results were:

YELLOW	109
BLUE	86
RED	76
GREEN	58

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NEWBOLD VERDON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday worship - 6pm

Rainbow Club Mother & Toddler Group - Monday 2.30pm. Wednesday - 10.00am

Bible Study - Alternate Tuesdays 10.30am at Church

Bright Hour - Alternate Wednesdays 2.30pm

Drop in Centre - 10.00am Thursdays.

During the holiday period in July the 3 Churches will unite for Sunday worship as follows:-

July 3rd St. James 6pm.
July 10th Baptist 6pm.
July 17th Methodist 6pm.

Childrens corner

Answers to Transport Quiz.

1. Boat	-	Sloop
2. Horse	-	Palomino
3. Plane	-	Andover
4. Car	-	Aston-Martin
5. Helicopter	-	Sea King
6. Tractor	-	Massey - Ferguson
7. Lorry	-	Seddon - Atkinson
8. Train	-	A.P.T.
9. Bicycle	-	Raleigh
10. Moter Bike	-	Norton

School Jokes (taken from the Puffin Crack a Joke Book)

JOHN - Dad I'm too tired to do my homework.
DAD - Now my lad, hard work never killed anyone yet!
JOHN - So why should I run the risk of being the first.

Why did the teacher wear dark glasses?
Because the class was so bright.

TEACHER - I wish you'd pay a little attention
PUPIL - I'm paying as little as I can.

TEACHER - If I had forty apples in one hand and fifty in the other, what would I have?
TIM - Big hands!

FATHER - Well Mark do you think the teacher likes you?
MARK - Oh yes, she puts a little kiss by all my sums.

TEACHER - You should have been here at 9 o'clock
BOY - Why what happened?

ANGRY MAN - I'll teach you to throw stones at my greenhouse.

BOY - I wish you would I've had ten shots and I haven't hit it yet.

TEACHER - Name four animals of the cat family.
PUPIL - Father cat, Mother cat and two kittens.

How do you spell "Crocodile"?
"K-r-o-k-o-d-i-a-l"
The dictionary spells it "Crocodile"
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VERDON PLAYERS.

On Thursday May 26th a small group of members attended the presentation evening for the Leicester and County Drama Festival. We had entered the thriller Night Must Fall by the late Emlyn Williams, which was performed in October of last year at the school.

The Festival this year involved 11 local Drama groups from the City and County performing a total of 13 plays. It was adjudicated by Ms. José Johnson a well known figure in local Drama circles.

It was a very interesting evening and the awards went as follows:

Best Set - won by Latimer Players.

Adjudicators Award - presented at the adjudicators discretion this year went to the Kegworth Players for the "Trial" a difficult play by all accounts.

Best Actress - awarded to Janice Muddimer of the Blaby Drama Group for "Pack of Lies".

Best Actor - wait for it ...awarded to Clive Hill of the Verdon Players for, his performance in "Night Must Fall".

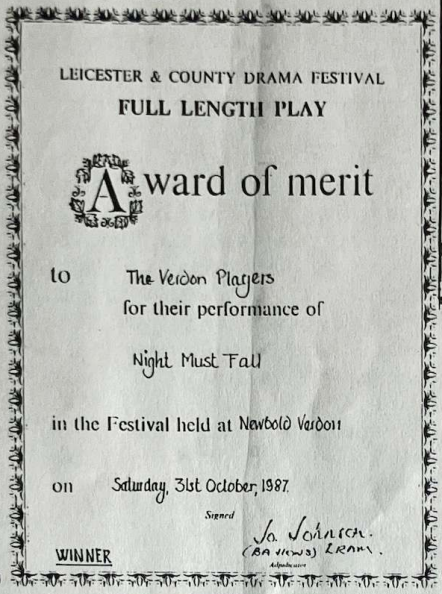
Best Play -

3rd A Nightingale Sang - Billesdon Drama Group.

2nd Pack of Lies - Blaby Drama Group.

1st Night Must Fall - Verdon Players.

The group retired to the Swan with "George" (Leicesters equivalent of Oscar) for an evening of celebration.


LEICESTER & COUNTY DRAMA FESTIVAL

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for their performance of

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WINNER

NEWBOLD TODDLER PARK PROJECT.

We've been very busy lately and the £££'s are rolling in!

The shoes and bags have now been collected from the village and this raised £176. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

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Our Spring Fair was this year held at the Scout Hut on 23rd April and was well attended. Handicrafts, Plants, Cakes etc. were soon sold and the Tombola Stall was cleared within 20 minutes! A total of £324.10 was raised from this event and £102 raised from the Jumble Sale on the 21st May. Our contribution to the Community Weekend was the Bouncing Castle and the 'Sit & Ride' Circuit. Together these and a vehicle in the Car Boot Sale raised £111.

And lastly, thanks to everyone who has helped in thse events over the last few months.

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PARISH NEWS.

The new Sports Pavilion is currently under construction on the Alans Way Playing Field, and should be completed by September this year, ready for the football season. Unfortunately the Adventure Playground equipment also at Alans Way has been demolished and removed. Over the last few years the equipment has been misused and vandalised and the area was no longer being used by the age group it was intended for. Together with the deterioration of the timbers the site had become dangerous. It is hoped that there will be some new play equipment built in the village in the near future.

The notices regarding dog fouling have been erected at the entrances to Alans Way and Dragon Lane playing fields. These notices are not aimed at stopping people walking their dogs in these areas, they are asking dog owners to refrain from allowing their dogs to foul on the playing and recreation fields.

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It is with regret that we say goodbye to Mr. Richard Boam clerk of the council. Richard is leaving us to take up the position of clerk of the council to Desford. Over the last five years he has proved a valuable asset to the parish. The new clerk will be appointed next month. We will let you know in the next issue who has taken up this position.

Have you noticed the splendid "Best Kept Village Competition" posters around the village? These have been donated by the children of Newbold Verdon County Primary school.

This annual anti-litter poster competition, organised by the Parish Council, was judged on the 9th May. Prizes will be given to the three best posters. These posters are a timely reminder that we have entered the "Best Kept Village" competition, and we urge all villagers not to drop litter and to keep Newbold tidy.

N.B. There will not be a Parish Council meeting in July 1988.

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