VERDON Views

Newbold Verdon Community Association Newspaper Issue 9

Ed's Spot

Well, here we are again, and with the Calais trip, Tarts' & Vicars' Night, Junior Disco and Quiz Night behind us, we are already well into the New Year programme. The fund raising is going well with over £13000 in the bank, but this Community Association is more about people than money, so if you haven't yet been involved, come along and join us. Yes, this means YOU!

WEEKEND IN CALAIS

Thirty-two early birds left the village at 5.30, stopped for any early breakfast on the way, and made it in good time for the 11.15 ferry. It was pouring down at Dover and many feared a rough crossing. Mid-way across the Channel, the sun came out, settling the waves and our stomachs. Our first stop was the Hypermarket, where we spent a couple of hours shopping, then loaded our duty frees onto the coach. Feeling tired and peckish, we were driven to our hotel, which was right on the promenade at Calais. It proved an excellent place to stay. Whilst unpacking, our driver went to reserve an evening meal at a typical French restaurant. The look on the waitress's face when thirty one people walked into the "Restaurant Imprevu" was something not to be forgotten! Paul (the driver) and John quickly turned into wine waiters to help the shocked waitress. The brave ones tried snails in garlic butter, and one (who shall be nameless) was called "Snail-breath" all weekend.

Our driver could not have been more accommodating. He booked our meal, dropped us right at the door and returned us to our hotel, where a party followed. After an early breakfast, we set off for Le Touquet, doing a quick reconnoitre in Boulogne. Everyone did their own thing for a couple of hours, then we set off for Boulogne, where the fishmongers were selling their wares on the quayside. It proved to be "promenading time" round Boulogne. Noticeable were the many mesdames wearing fur coats and walking their poodles! Some of us mingled with the promenaders whilst others visited the old walled part of the town.

On returning to Calais, our driver took us on a quick tour round the centre, where he pointed out places of interest. The main attraction for the French people was the huge fair held in the market square. We arrived bang on time, at the docks to await our ferry. The duty frees were unloaded at Customs and because of our honest faces, we were out and away in minutes! On the M25, we caught a glimpse of Canterbury Cathedral by floodlight, in the distance then everyone fell asleep. After dropping a small party off in Leicester with a larger group of duty frees, we returned to Newbold just before midnight.

The friendliness of this trip was the keyword of its success, ages ranging from 20 - 70! Our obliging driver was magic and the weather turned up trumps as well. The only question left on our minds is - WHEN'S THE NEXT ONE?

HELP

Is there anyone out there with a couple of hours to spare to help Julia with the advertising for Verdon Views? All that is needed is a good sense of humour and an outgoing personality. If you would like to help, please contact:

Julia Wilmot on 2870

"THE TEAM"

COLIN & MARILYN	2221
JULIA	2870
JANET	3123
GAIL	2183
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PARISH NEWS

Since the last issue several items have been resolved. The County Council have agreed to landscape and plant trees around the library.

A draft electoral register has been placed in the library so that you can check that you are included on the voting list.

The County Council have provided an 'Easy Ride' Public Service for disabled people. Timetables are available at the Post Office and Library.

Verdon in Bloom have been allocated £500 by the Parish Council towards floral baskets within the village.

Mrs L Cheshire has resigned from the Parish Council so a vacancy has occurred. The official notice advertising the vacancy will be posted shortly on the Parish Council notice boards, for further information contact Mr E Walsh on Desfofd 2648.

The Pavilion on Alan's Way playing field is now in use with football fixtures.Mr Harry Bell (ex landlord of the Jubilee Inn) has been appointed caretaker. A small amount of vandalism has occurred to the Pavilion hopefully when the Pavilion is in full use it will be appreciated by everyone.The Parish Council have moved their meetings from the school to the Pavilion.The meetings are still held on the first Monday of every Month.So why not come along not only for the meeting but to see how your money has been spent.

There are several new litter bins in the village these have been placed in area where litter collects. We also have a litter picker in the village employed by the Borough Council. It has been brought to our attention that Pasture Lane is becoming a tip for garden rubbish as well as litter.If you know of any particular litter problem areas please let us know.Please help us to keep Newbold Verdon tidy and free from litter.We will be entering the ' Best Kept Village Competition' lets try and win it again.

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Group News

1st Newbold Verdon Beavers

SUSSEX COLONY.

On Tuesday 17th January we had a visit from the Group Scout Leader, Mr. Graham Deacon and the District Commissioner, Mr. Ray Saunders to present Elsa(Sheree Hodgkinson) with her warrant.On the same evening we promised 5 new Beavers into the colony.

SCOUT GROUP

The scouts rapidly turned into creatures of the night as they trained ready for a joint night hike, with the guides, held on Feb the 3rd. How to treat a broken leg, morse code and various night wide games were laid on in order to get everyone use to working and moving in the dark. When the night came along they were ready for anything. With a team of willing helpers manning 8 checkpoints along the route, 4 teams of scouts and guides set off on a 6 kilometer night incident hike. As members of the ALLO ALLO resistance movement they had to rescue a British airman from enemy territory. Trouble is when they arrived at the drop zone they found he had broken his leg. After the teams had performed 'first aid!!' on the unfortunate man they moved off across country to the next point. Here they had to await a morse code message, on confirming that the message was received off they moved to pass it on to the next checkpoint. Navigation skills were needed to get to the next checkpoint. Parts of a cassette recorder had to be found, in order to obtain the next message, not an easy task as they were scattered about in a wood. One criptic message later and the teams were diving into hedges to avoid detection by a mobile patrol. Last checkpoint reached, and it was back to the Scout Hut for soup and rolls. Many thanks to all the helpers for making the night an enjoyable success.

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There will be opportunities to experience patterns of leadership in current society, and to recognise leadership in others, as well as themselves, through challenging activities, physically, intellectually, and socially. To gain confidence and return to their community in a leadership role.

The programme is at Grafham Water, near Huntingdon, and is held from Saturday 22nd July until Saturday 29th July. There will be 36 Awardees in all from all over the Midlands, divided into 4 groups, each with a team leader.

They will be expected to speak of their experiences, to their sponsoring Rotary club, the following Autumn or Spring.

There will be sailing, canoeing night exercises in East Anglia and many stimulating exercises.

Physical ability is not needed, and no one will be asked to do anything to which they are not suited.

All expenses are paid by the Rotary Club.

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Letter found in Verdon Views box in Library.

We have received a letter relating to a sheet which has been circulated round the village called "Verdon in Bloom".

We at Verdon Views had no connection with "Verdon in Bloom", which is an independent body with its own committee. Unfortunately, the author of the letter did not sign it and we cannot answer it directly. We have, however, passed it on to the "Verdon in Bloom" committee.

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St. Greg's Catholic Church

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Arthur Conrad established the St. Greg's section of Amnesty International about 12 months ago. Since then, a single lighted candle, surrounded by barbed wire, has burned during our Sunday service to remind us of the men, women and children in so many countries, who are victims of state oppression, violence and/or abuse.
Amnesty International was founded in Britain in 1961 with the objective of working impartially and peacefully to:

1. seek the release of prisoners of conscience,
2. advocate fair and early trials for all political prisoners,
3. oppose the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of prisoners.

The organisation now has more than half a million members and supporters in over 150 countries.
I suppose few of us give much thought to the atrocities perpetrated by governments on people they wish to 're-educate'. After all, there's nothing we can do to change things, is there? Well, surprisingly, there is. Governments, even totalitarian ones, are sensitive to world opinion. Where appropriate therefore, the St. Greg's group send letters of protest and/or petitions to the relevant authorities. If possible, they also write to the victims of oppression, to let them know that they are not forgotten. "Do you realise", continued Arthur, "that children are being held hostage, sometimes subjected to torture, sometimes just disappear, as a reprisal or as a means of controlling adult dissentients?"
If you would like to know more about the work of AI or perhaps even help by writing the occasional letter, please let me know, or contact Arthur Conrad direct (22 Spinney Hill, Market Bosworth, phone MB 291379).

Paul French

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Good Friday-

On this day we go round the three Churches, one each year. At St.James Church this year at 7.45.p.m. we will have a service of hymns and passiontide readings culminating with the Choir singing "The Story of the Cross."
Let us not forget to observe this important day. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

Members of St. James', Methodist, and Baptist Church, met on Wednesday 2nd February, for a Council of Churches' meeting, held in the Methodist school rooms.
It was proposed at the meeting to proceed with plans for a Christian Celebration on the Recreation playing fields on the afternoon of June 18th.
We hope you will make a note in your diary to come along and join with us.
Further details will be announced nearer the event.
Rhoda Crowfoot.

After washing teapots, would ladies please stand upside down on the draining board.

METHODIST NEWS.

At the beginning of January 1989, our minister, Rev. Gordon Chisnall, started leading a new series of Bible Studies on alternate Tuesday evenings. A good number of people are now benefitting greatly from these meetings.
We are looking forward now to the united Lenten Bible Studies, and also to our Easter events. These will include a Maundy Thursday evening communion, early Easter Day communion service, Easter Day family service at 10.30 am., and our Church family ramble in Derbyshire on



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Easter Monday.We also look forward to another ramble in April around our village and surrounding countryside, which will be led by one of our deacons.

Our Sunday School and Sunday Youth Group, are both flourishing and they will be having their disco and party in February which is always greatly enjoyed by children and teachers!

Our Junior Missionary Association collectors will be going to the annual rally and service in February. Our new secretary and collectors have raised a very pleasing amount to send to J.M.A. this year. This was raised through coffee mornings, a Fun Day, a jumble sale and of course, donations from our generous contributors.

The Sunday School Anniversary will soon be here again in May, so the teachers and children will be practising for this in the very near future. In June the Sunday School will be going on an outing but the venue has not yet been decided.

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

A peanut sat on the railroad track it's head was all a-flutter, along came the 9.15 toot, toot, Peanut Butter.

BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a Mother's Day Family Service on March 5th at 10.30.
Also on Easter morning at 10.30.
Our evening services are at 6.00 p.m.
Please note our Bible study group meets on alternate Tuesday's, Bright Hour on alternate Wednesdays and Drop in Club every Thursday.

Since its foundation 3 years ago, the Drop in Centre has amassed £800 towards projects such as re-pointing the Church, and urgent roof repairs.

Community News

VICARS' & TARTS' DISCO

About 70 people came dressed as either a vicar or a tart. Only one man braved it coming as a tart, and we had a couple of tartish vicars! Mrs Joyce Goddard (alias Diamond Lil) was undeniably the favourite for the best tart.

Heatwave Disco lived up to their high reputation of being probably the best in the area.

The disco played music from the 50's and 60's, and the floor was bouncing for most of the night.

After the raffle at the interval, a glowing cake with fifty candles was carried in to celebrate J.C.'s birthday. His 'all-out-in-one-blow' surprised many.

Again it was a noticeably friendly event, providing a good night-out for everyone who attended.

If you missed this event, for whatever reason, don't forget - TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE EVENTS AT THE NEWSAGENTS.

Next month's preachers can be found hanging in the Church porch.

NEWBOLD VERDON TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

A Tenants' Association is being formed in Newbold Verdon. Membership will be 50p per year. The Committee feel that with the association behind us, this must be beneficial to all tenants

This does not affect any complaints to Borough Councillor Joyce Crooks, who will pass on complaints and argue on your behalf, as she has done in the past.

The Committee Members with phone numbers are:

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	J. Edwards	-
	T. Farmer	-

Newbold Toddler Park Project

This January we received a cheque from Telethon for £250.00 and a Pippa Dee party in the same month raised £40.00 bringing our total to £3250.00

In April we are having another shoe and handbag collection so start sorting out all those cast-offs and anyone willing to help with the collecting will be most welcome!

Nigel Trotman, the husband of one of our committee members, is running in this years London marathon and we will be out and about collecting sponsors for this event.



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TODDLER PARK MARATHON

For most of us mere mortals, 'a run out to Thornton', would entail nothing more energetic than a stroll from home to garage. For Nigel Trotman, now in training to run the London Marathon on 23rd April, it means something far more masochistic. "Most of my training is done in and around Newbold," explained Nigel, "but I now have to increase my running to 50 miles a week." Not surprisingly, village scenery gets a bit monotonous after the fourth or fifth non-stop circuit, hence little detours to Thornton, Merrylees, Bagworth etc.

This will be Nigel's first full marathon although he has run many half marathons. "The atmosphere on a run is tremendous, especially if it's through a populated area. The crowds are so supportive you draw extra energy from their encouragement; and many of the runners are real characters." He hopes to complete this marathon within four hours. "$3\frac{1}{2}$ would be nice," he confided.

Nigel, an Office Services Manager with British Gas, has lived in Newbold, with his wife Kathy, for about 10 years; first in Dragon Lane and then, more recently, Arnolds Crescent. They have two children, James age 5 and Rachel just 21 months. Other interests include gardening and wine making. I personally can testify to the success of the latter, as anyone who watched me walking from the Trotmans' home the other week will know!!

Money raised by Nigel's run will go to the **Newbold Toddler Park project** (N.T.P.P.) and he is now looking for sponsorship. If you would like to support him in his efforts, please telephone Desford 2181. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Paul French

FAMILY BARN DANCE

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Tickets are now on sale at the newsagents priced:

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Tickets are bound to sell quickly, so to avoid disappointment HURRY TO THE NEWS-AGENTS NOW!!

PETER PAN PLAYGROUP

On December 5th 1988, we hired a coach to take all the children on a trip to Santa's Grotto at Lewis. The Grotto's theme was Snow White and the seven dwarfs, which all the children loved and at the end of the Grotto they sat on Santa's knee and told him what they would like for Christmas, he then gave them all a present to take home after a very enjoyable morning.

On December 16th we held our Christmas party to which 'Uncle Harry' came and he kept the children entertained for half an hour with puppets and stories, getting them to join in. After some tea Santa arrived with a present for each child. A good time was had by all as they went away to await Christmas Day.

Our playschool re-opened on January 10th 1989 and anyone who would like their child to join our playgroup are very welcome to call in and see us or can ring Sandra on Desford 4705 as we have vacancies now and for after Easter.

Sandra Stretton

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How to move each leg and foot
To the rhythm of the music
Then, Sweetheart, Mayfair, Strut.
And since that happy dancing day
They've taught us more and more
And now we have a repert-oire
Of more than forty four!

Alf's master of the music
And lovely tunes He'll play
While Edna teaches learners-
"Step point" and "Side, close, sway"
"Turn in to face your part-ner"
Let Edna be your guide
"Natural turn into a spin
Then check on either side".

At Newbold we have merri-ment
Have found true friendship's worth.
We learn to dance with laugh ter
With jollity and mirth.
On Thursday at the Miners' Club,
Each week we're in seventh heaven.
So thank you, Edna, thank you, Alf,
For the joy that you have given.

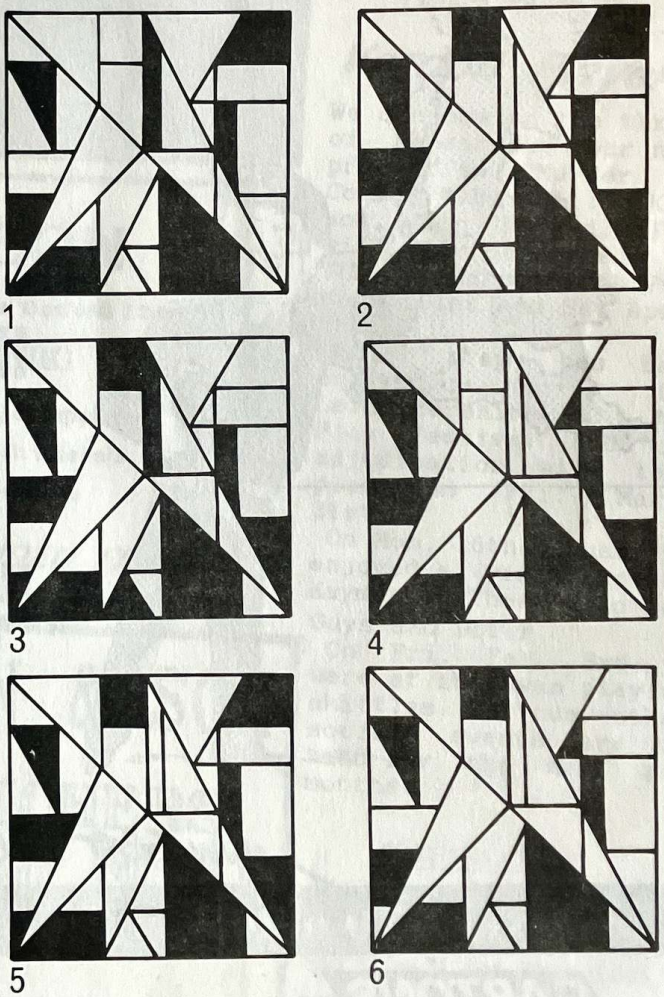
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Childrens corner

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The answer is 2 & 5.

LLOYD & ANDERSON



LLOYD & ANDERSON

Did you see our local celebrities, singer/songwriters Chris Lloyd and Peter Anderson on NEW FACES? "Terrific" said Nina Myskow that famous lady well known for giving her opinions on the panel of New Faces. Lloyd and Anderson have been in show business for some years now, appearing at such places as 'The Opera House', Blackpool,'Hippodrome Theatre',Birmingham and supporting such acts as Jasper Carrot and The Barron Knights. Lloyd & Anderson, talented multi-instrumentalists, will be appearing this year on POT OF GOLD SKY CHANNEL CABLE TELEVISION.
We wish them every success in their future career.

Mal.

Verdon Players

We are now in the throes of rehearsing our next production "Murder in Company",by Phillip King and John Boland. This will be performed on Thurs. March 30th,Fri. March 31st and Sat April 1st.

This play has been entered for the Leicestershire 3 Act Play Festival and the adjudication will take place on Fri. March 31st.

On Mon. 16th January we enjoyed a visit to the Haymarket Theatre to see Guys and Dolls.

On Fri. Feb. 3rd we were at the Swan playing skittles. Various other social events are in hand for the next few months.

CONGRATULATIONS

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He was given two free tickets in the best stand, "wined and dined" in the Directors lounge, and met, and was photographed with, two players, one of whom was England international, Gary Pallister.

The game also lived up to expectations with plenty of goals- M'boro 3, Villa 3. So ended a most exciting day.

LOCAL CRICKET

Last season was a great success for the U15's & U18's cricket team, and the end of season presentation and buffet was enjoyed by over 80 people.

The teams were started by generous sponsorship & donations from many local shops and businesses. This year it was decided to unite the teams and form the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club. This aims to spread the workload over an elected committee and so ease the pressure on the team managers. We also hope to arrange some social events that players and supporters can enjoy.

We would warmly welcome any new faces - many of the U15's have had to move up to the older team and supporters are always welcome (home & away). For further details please contact the club secretary Mrs Maureen Dixon (Desford 2820) or the team managers - U15's Mr Roger Watson (Desford 3990) U18's Mr Mick Jones (Desford 3841). Both teams play on the Alan's Way playing fields - U15's on Sunday morning and U18's on Wednesday at 6.30p.m.

We look forward to your support.

UNDER 10'S SOCCER

New Year's Day 1989 and the biggest test yet for the Under 10's football team.

They had met some strong opposition before this season, but none as fearsome as this- "their Mums"! Clad in a blue strip and bolstered by the addition of four strange looking and notably hairy ladies, the Mums were intent on teaching their kids a thing or two.

The first half was played in a warlike manner, with eventually the U.10's gaining the initiative and scoring twice through Wayne Harris and Paul Satchwell.

However, fortified by their half-time "spirits", the Mums came back to eventually equalise through "Mrs" Keith Staniforth and an unknown. As time was running out Wayne Harris scored a fine individual goal to make the final score 3-2 for the boys.

After the match both sides retired to The Swan to replenish lost energy.

- By the way, the referee refutes all suggestions of bias.

Terry Satchwell.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Well done to the boys in the 5-a-side team of Newbold Verdon Primary school who won the Hinckley and District 5-a-side Trophy on Wednesday 8th February for the second year running.

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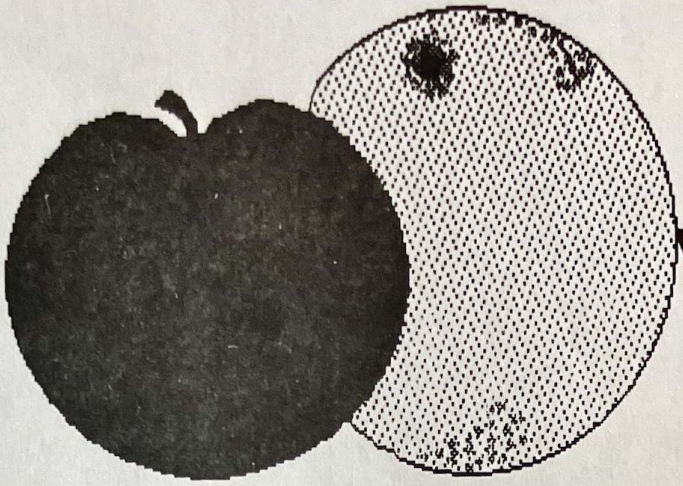
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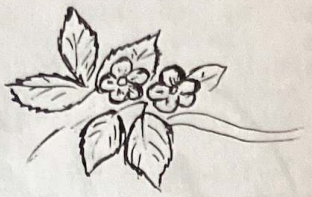
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C.J 'S GROCERS

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Sat.	4th Mar		Spring Fair(School/N.V.C.A.)
Sun.	5th Mar	3.00p.m.	Mothering Sunday Service at St. James' Church
"	" "	10.30a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service at Baptist Church
Fri.	10th "	7.30 - 11.00p.m.	Family Barn Dance N.V.C.A.
Sun.	12th "	6.00p.m.	United Service- St. James'
Mon.	13th "		W.I. Slide - tape sequences - B. Jeffs.
Sun.	19th "	10.30a.m.	Palm Sunday Eucharist - St. James' Church
Fri.	24th "	7.45p.m.	Good Friday Service at St. James' Church
Sun.	26th "	10.30a.m.	Easter Day Parish Eucharist at St. James' Church
"	" "	" "	Easter Services at Methodist and Baptist Churches
Thu. Sat.	30th " to 1st Apr	7.30p.m.	Verdon Players in "Murder in Company"
Mon.	10th "	8.00p.m.	"A Matter of Grave Concern" P. Ginns.
Sat.	22nd "	8.00p.m. - midnight	"BAVARIAN EVENING" N.V.C.A.

(Take care - The clocks go forward at 1 a.m. on EASTER DAY)



VERDON IN BLOOM

On Tuesday the 7th February 1989 an open meeting was held at Newbold C.P. School and a committee was formed. We are looking to you to help or take part in putting up hanging baskets, flower tubs, and widow boxes to make Newbold Bloom. We are also looking for Stirrup Pumps, for watering the Baskets which we will be putting on the lamp-posts through Main Street. Could you look in your garage, sheds and outhouses, or do you know of anyone who has one PLEASE CONTACT DESFORD 3910 IF YOU CAN HELP

The next meeting will be on the 21st February 1989 8pm at Alan's Way Pavilion.

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