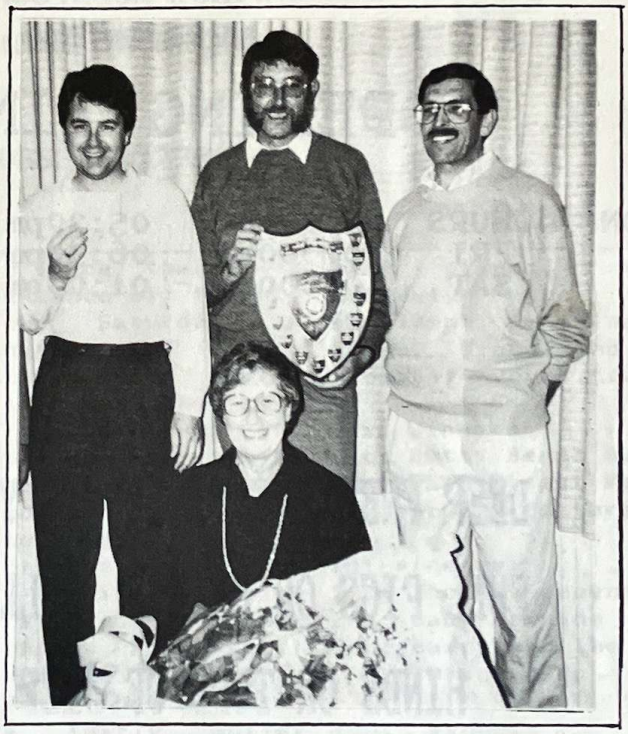
VERDON Views

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COUNTY QUESTIONS 1990



And they said it couldn't be done!!!!!

Tuesday 29th May proved to be a most exciting evening for four nervous people and their eager band of supporters!
Manor School Oadby was the venue for the FINALS of the Radio Leicester County Questions.
Our team, made up of Mel Francks, Dora Hilton, Terry Spence and Clive Hill, had already proved themselves at Sharnford in the semi-finals, where, as outsiders, they forged into the lead to the delight of the audience. (Which was made up almost entirely, of Newboldites!)
This year is the fourteenth County Questions, and there have been 54 teams from all round the county, participating.
Newbold was competing against Thurnby and Bushby, and the very confident Markfield.
This was Markfield's 4th final, and in 1977 when they last won, their prize was £20.00.
The quiz itself was most exciting, and the already strained atmosphere in the hall, grew increasingly tense as it became more and more apparent that we were indeed in with a chance! The final three minutes seemed to last for ever, so how must it have been for the team does not bear thinking about.
Suffice it to say that they DID IT and came home with a trophy and prize of £400, to be spent as the team decides.
So now we can look forward to next years' contest when we host the first heat. One could hardly fail to note, that the Newbold supporters were at each heat, and final, in fine voice.
Let's hope they continue to support our team next year.
From us all, well done!!

J.C.J.

Congratulations to the Fabulous Four! from the Verdon Views Team.
Have a good holiday everyone. See you in September.

Ed.

N.V.C.A.

Grand Blitz Ball

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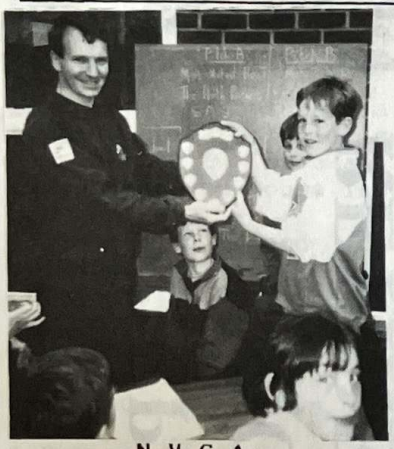
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ROUNDERS COMPETITION

They say that hand-eye co-ordination, strength, guile, speed and commitment, combine to make the perfect rounders player - unfortunately, there was little evidence of any of these qualities at the villages third annual rounders competition.
Well at least not on Saturday night, on Friday evening (when the youth of the village was out in force) there was an abundance of talent. By the Saturday a combination of age, sedentary life styles and the fact that the last time most of the competitors has hit a rounders ball was when you could have a day trip to Skeggy, fill the tank of your Norton, buy twenty Senior Service and a bag of pork scratchings and still have change out of a shilling!! had all lead to a fairly motley collection of 'athletes' congregating on the school field.
Some were so ashamed of their physiques they turned up in cunning disguises. Midddle-aged babies mixed with Ninja Turtles, whilst 'Them that do' the cleaning swung mops around their heads. A marauding tribe slipped down from the Heath, only to be seen off by a bunch of Hayesbeens. Amid all this confusion, over twenty games of rounders were played, thanks entirely to the excellent umpiring of Rhoda, Tracey and (dare I say it) yours truly.

8-11 winners:
1st: Batty Beach Bums
2nd: Bash Steeet Raiders
3rd: Brainy Batters

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1st: The Hayesbeens
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3rd: Barry and the Blackheads

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ON THE VERDON BEAT

So it's holiday time again, and it doesn't seem like 12 months since I was last talking of holidays!

I make no excuses for referring to the subject again, but if I was a betting man I would put money on the fact that at least one person who reads this article will return from holiday to find their house has been burgled.

To prevent such a tragedy the formula is simple- Don't leave any clues that you house is unoccupied:-

1.Ask a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property, and be responsible for a key.

2.Cancel your milk AND papers BEFORE you go away and never leave a note.

3.Secure all doors (especially patio doors) andwindows.(How about a window lock?)

4.Place all valuables out of sight, even better lock them away or use a bank deposit box.

5.Lock your ladder and garden tools away, as a burglar will not carry the tools of his trade with him, in case he is stopped. He will use the ones you have left lying around.

6.Why not invest in a time switch for a downstairs room light, as a light switched on and off could persuade a thief to move on.

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Mel Suart.



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GOODBYE BERYL

The 2nd Newbold Verdon Guides and Rangers gathered at the Primary School on 18th June, to say goodbye to Beryl Maycock, who retired as District Commissioner.

For many years Beryl has devoted much of her spare time to Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Many of those who came to say goodbye to Beryl had been her former Brownies, and helpers.

They all joined in with the County Commissioner in saying "thank you" for many years' service to Guiding and a presentation was made to Beryl before she officiated at her last Promise Ceremony.

The evening was very nicely rounded off with a typically spirited rendition of some of Beryl's favourite campfire songs.

Beryl and her husband Jack who have recently moved to Markfield, will be particularly remembered for the many Pack Holidays and Camps that they organised for the girls.

We are sure that many other people will join us in wishing Beryl and Jack every happiness for the future.

One of the competitors in the Rounders' Competition. Thanks to all who joined in the fun to make the event such a success.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan and Rae on your wedding on 23rd June. Best wishes for the future Mr & Mrs Goode!- from all your Newbold friends.

THE WORLD'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PANTOMIME

This is an introduction to a new theatre company based in the Midlands.

Tanadarma Theatre Company is dedicated as a productive and positive learning medium in all areas of the school curriculum.

Theatre engages children and adults on many levels simultaneously; movement and imagination, emotionally and intellectually, involvement of this kind can be much more effective than 'talks and lessons' in stirring the imagination.

Through such involvement children, teachers and sometimes parents share and contribute to learning in an exciting and novel way.

Tanadarmas present production was devised and written by Rebecca Lane and Suzanna Elston. 'The Green Genie' is a comical show with a serious message, which aims to increase awareness of key environmental issues that will affect the world our children will inherit. We hope it will enable them to understand and take action on these issues.

'The Green Genie' covers litter and recycling with the help of the exciting and eccentric litter creature puppets, and other crazy characters are used to explain the importance of trees and hedgerow conservation.

Following the show, the audience are able to spend some time with the actors to experiment with the props, puppets and costumes. This gives the children an opportunity to exchange ideas and reinforce the issues concerned.

Tanadarma feel they have such an important message for the people of the future.

"So far we have had some excellent response$ its so rewarding to see how much they take in".

Recently Tanadarma worked with special needs pupils.



Children who were visually impaired really welcomed the chance to touch the props and set.

Tanadarma welcomes any enquiries, which should be made to Rebecca Lane, 1 Barbara Ave, or by telephone on Desford (0455) 823590.

Cakes ! Cakes ! Cakes!

If you would like to learn how to flat ice a cake and how to design and decorate it using overpiping, modelling & run outs, keep a look out for more information in the August/September edition of the Verdon Views,I will be teaching a 10 week course at,

John Cleveland College,Hinckley

commencing in September.

Jane Vallis

Verdon In Bloom

Thanks to the generosity of the 63 villagers who responded to the March circular, we now have 71 flower baskets hanging throughout the Village (47 in Main Street and 24 in other roads where residents have requested and paid for personal baskets) and 40 volunteers to see to the watering. Grateful thanks also to the Parish Council for it's continued encouragement and support and to the Montague Trust for the generous donation towards the cost of the water pump.

As this year sees the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain we have also placed 4 flower bowls at the War Memorial in tribute to those who gave their lives for us, especially those from our own Village. It's so easy to walk past this Memorial isn't it, without giving a second's thought to it's significance. Over the next few months, pause to admire the flowers; and remember.

Our May Jumble Sale raised £120 so again, many thanks to all who supported this effort and especially to those who generously donated prizes for the raffle.

We hope that the floral displays throughout the Village will bring pleasure to you all during the summer months and well into the Autumn.

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Jack & Jill Playgroup

Children from the Jack & Jill Playgroup enjoyed a mornings outing to Fields Farm. We were made very welcome by Sally & Martin Bates, and would like to thank them for their hospitality. We had a guided tour round and saw pigs, cows, horses and the milking parlour. The lambs and ducklings were very popular.

On the same day we held a coffee morning and a sale of 'Pat Patrick' clothes, at which we raised £25.25p. Many thanks to those who supported it. We also made £27.00p at the recent N.V.C.A. car boot sale, and £30.00p at a Pippa Dee party. Future fund raising will include a sponsored event, and we are also planning a playgroup sports day. All proceeds from these events and any surplus from the weekly running of the playgroup is put towards further equipment. Jack & Jill playgroup is run by a committee in behalf of the community. We are members of the Pre-school Playgroups Association. We are licensed to offer places for 24 children each morning Monday to Friday, 9.00 - 12.00, and can take children in the term in which their third birthday falls,

If you would like your child to join us after this summer holiday, or at anytime in the future, please contact Astrid Morgan (824777), Kathy Trotman (822181), or Pam Tobin (823729), or come and visit us at the Miners Welfare Hall, Dragon Lane.

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HEARTLINK CHARITY EVENING

Maybe you all saw the posters around the village about our big charity event in aid of Heartlink, which took place at N.V Working Mens' Club on 4th May. The evening was a complete success and raised £731.00 on the night.

Mr Ian Fields and Mr Andy Powell managed to lose their hair, thanks to our local barber Mr Ron Adams. Ian is expecting to collect in all his sponsor money, in time for our presentation evening to be held on 29th June at the Speeders Inn Kirkby Mallory.

We are hoping that someone from Groby Road Hospital, will be available to attend this event to receive a cheque for money received so far. Tickets for this event will be available from the Dragon, Paul Willett, Graham Ridgeway or Ian Fields.

Once again, a big thank you to everybody, who has supported us.

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THE 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE WOMENS INSTITUTE

It all began in Canada in Stoney Creek, Ontario in the year 1897. Inspired by the tragic death of the first baby born to Adelaide Hoodless. She had felt so alone out in the wilds without the benefit of advice from other mothers and the comfort of shared experience. So a rural Womens Movement was formed and first came to England in February 1915. Mrs Alfred Watt travelled to London to attend a Conference on Industrial and Agricultural co-operation. She told of the spread of the Canadian Movement and its co-operative ideals. This energy could be used along with the output from farmers, smallholders and growers, to collect, preserve and pack much needed food. A governor at the Conference, Colonel the Hon. R Stapleton-Cotton of Angelsey, North Wales was impressed and suggested that the Womens Institute start in Wales. So on the 16th September 1915 in Llanfair (longest name) on the borders of the Cotton Estate the very first meeting was held. The Colonel's expertise was used to collect and grade eggs, carefully packing them to travel by train to the retailers. Fruit in season picked and packed to travel the same way to the Jam makers, helping to supplement food shortages during the 1914-18 War which were becoming desperate.

As the Womens Institute spread throughout England a successful and educated leader emerged, she was Lady Gertrude Denman (Trudie). Daughter of Liberal Viscount Cowdray of Yorkshire, oil magnate and newspaper baron. He had prepared his daughter very well for her task. She made an unbelievable £67,000 in a Charity called "Smokes for Wounded Soldiers and Sailors Society". Another effort of Trudie's was to boost egg production and had her plans aided by the Government, to get the W.I. show on the road to feed a Nation at War. The Queen Mother said of her in May 1946 " Lady Denman's contribution towards the happiness and progress of rural life is one of the greatest that has been made in our time". Quite a few members of the Womens' Political and Social Union became Presidents of the later formed W.I. Groups. One member, Edith Rigby, became founder member of Hutton and Howick W.I. in Lancashire. Edith was born in 1873, daughter of a Preston Doctor was a suffragette. She was gaoled on seven occasions, once for planting a bomb in the Liverpool Corn Exchange and again for burning down Lord Leverhulm's property in 1913. Edith was forcibly fed in prison when she went on hunger strike. She was one of the many brave ladies who joined us later on.

Our own W.I. was formed in March 1935. The first committee met at the home of Mrs Will Preston. Other members were:- E. Statham, E Johnson, Miss Chesterton, A Emmerson, Mrs Dunkley, Miss Jordan, Mrs Jordan, Mrs W Preston, Mrs G Statham, Mrs Plant, Mrs Moore, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Edgar Statham who took the chair. Plans were made, such as 1d. a cup of tea and 1d. biscuit. Monthly meeting format, Business 1/4 hour, Lecture 1/2 hour, Tea 1/4 hour, Social 1/2 hour. Miners Welfare Hall to be booked for meetings. We still have a few of the early members in the village, the Jordan sisters and Nellie Baker. Funds were worked hard for by holding Whist Drives and Dances. Eggs and potatoes were collected for The Leicester Royal Infirmary. Lectures were on health, cooking, gardening and crafts of all kinds. Husbands were sometimes invited to the Gardening talks. Outings would be arranged to Windsor, London and large Country Houses with gardens open to the public. Mr Haines' bus would be booked for these outings. The Opera House in Leicester provided an evening at the Theatre. Mr Haines also drove members to group meetings in other villages and he collected 24 women from the Elmsthorpe land settlement in June 1937, to join us for an evening.

On the evening of 18th September 1939, the first meeting after War was declared on Germany the actual word WAR was not mentioned. Plans on how to carry on in future times were discussed. There was some cards for filling in by ladies wishing to join the W.V.S. Wool would be needed to knit socks and instead of the usual social half hour, knitting would be a more useful way to use that time. Tea would be served but members asked to provide their own sugar. Close of evening would be prompt at 9.30p.m.

So the busy time began to provide comforts for the village boys in the Armed Forces. Dances were held at the Miners' Welfare Hall to cheerful live music, to make money for the Red Cross, the Forces and on occasions for war weapons. Eggs and potatoes were still needed by the Leicester Royal. Summer months were spent in picking fruit to be preserved and making jam. A special committee took charge headed by Mrs Gilliver and Mrs Walter Preston. Ladies who delivered the fruit were roped in to help with the cooking that day. One of the efforts was for onions needed by the Red Cross. Rose hips were a National need as a source of vitamin 'C'. So passed the six years of World War 2. Sad and earth shaking, parting husbands and wives and sons from loving families. People helped each other along and hopefully the W.I. did their share to fill in shortages on the food front. When peace came, again it was not mentioned in the minutes, it was business as usual, ever practical, never dramatic.

Funnily enough the fact that the village was cut off in the bad snow drifts in 1947 was recorded, mainly because our speaker could not get to the Hall. Today the W.I.'s still work for charities, we go round with tins for Cancer Research and pop small change into our monthly 'pennies for friendship' box. A wheelchair was given by our efforts a year or so ago Opinions and views on conservation and preservation of the best of British lifestyle are expressed at the Royal Albert Hall every June. We fight with words and hope to reach the Government, who can do something about what we feel is wrong.

This special 75th Anniversary Year is sprinkled with events and exhibitions to illustrate our History. At De Montfort Hall in March each Institute Group had a stand to depict a certain period in the 75 years, ours was 1915-19. Another event provided our most enjoyable day out up to now, we attended the Rufford Craft Exhibition in Nottinghamshire. A feast of embroidery, paintings, glass engraving and wall hangings, such delicate excellence all done by the Womens' Institute ladies. We were proud to see our own Mrs Roberts had an exhibit on view, it was beautiful.

We still do cooking but mostly for group competitions and special suppers. Hopefully our talents at jam making would still come up to scratch if another food shortage came along. Sporting activities are covered by skittles, darts and rounders. Quiz games for Radio Leicester to test our general knowledge. Here we are then - todays W.I. Educated by our lecturers, stimulated by days out and always in good company. A large tea party is to take place in September with invitations going out to past members, hope they are all able to come. A relaxing time with old friends, with a toast to the next 75 years.

Pat Hunt

THE VERDON PLAYERS

May saw our A.G.M. and the enthusiastic start for our new Committee.

Thanks to our weary retiring one for the past two years.

A new play is in the process of taking shape, it should be about ready for October!

Social activities planned for the summer months include a barbecue, and a treasure hunt.

We send our best wishes and congratulations to Joanne and Ian on their marriage in June.

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LINDA WILLIAMS ACADEMY OF DANCE

The past two months have been very busy for everyone with pupils taking part in two festivals and three exam sessions.
At the Leicestershire Festival at Hinckley pupils won 17 gold medals, 12 silver, 7 bronze and 10 trophies. Michelle Shuttleworth won the East Midlands Modern Championship and Louise Whitehead won the Leicestershire Ballet Championship. In both the sections the Academy also won the silver medals - Louise Whitehead in the modern and Kelly Boustouller in the ballet. Louise Whitehead won the Miss Cabaret title doing a routine to 'One' from A Chorus Line', wearing Miss Linda's original costume from the West End production. Louise also rounded off a very successful week by being awarded the adjudicator's award for her outstanding work throughout the week of the Festival. Carla Shuttleworth won her character and modern sections and Natalie Bryant won her modern section in her first festival since moving into the area and coming to the Academy. Kate Darby and Sarah-May Elliott took the gold medal in the classical duet section against competitors much older than themselves. Sarah Simms was awarded the gold medals in her song and dance and character sections. Others playing their part in making the week both enjoyable and very successful were Rachel James, Amy Lowe, Jacquelyn Long and Kristy Staples.
At the Mercia Festival at Tamworth pupils gained 27 gold medals, 10 silver, 14 bronze and 19 trophies. One of the most notable achievements was that of Sarah-May Elliott who danced in 7 sections, winning all of them and also receiving 5 trophies. 9 members of the Baby Class made their first appearance in festivals performing in the troupe section and gaining 3rd place.
3 pupils entered the Northern Heats of the Janet Cram Awards for Modern Dance and gained places in the National Finals in London in July.
Away from the festival scene, all other pupils have been working very hard preparing for their exams. The result of their hard work was excellent results.

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A NEWBOLD FAREWELL

On the 25th of June Chris and Lyn Newbold leave the Jubilee Inn, in search of pastures new!

With their family, Craig, Jamie and Jason, they are taking up residence at The Plough Inn, Scalford, which to those of you who, like me, failed G.C.E. Geography, is about 3 miles on the Grantham side of Melton Mowbray.

It is always sad to say goodbye to friends, especially ones who are licencees!

Chris and Lyn have been "Mien Hosts" at the "Jube" since March 1988. (How time flies when you're drunk!)

They have brought their own style of humour and friendliness into the village.

True to Chris's prediction when he first arrived, he has run a traditional village local with the accent on good ale, a friendly atmosphere and successful teams in a variety of sporting pastimes.

The ladies' darts team came top of their league for the first time, breaking the Dragon's 6 year reign at the top.

The Pub ran two football teams who between them played in four cup finals, winning one a piece.The 'A' team even took the Sportsteam of the Year trophy with no bookings or fines all season. With a team comprising a substantial number of 35 year olds, it shows that Pedigree reaches the parts that others cannot reach. (Careful lads, when you reach 40 you can't even find those parts!)

Both Chris and Lyn asked me to stress that they are sad to leave the village which contains many, many friends, and added that the "Monday Club" will never be the same. (I hope someone knows what that means!)

Still, our very best wishes go with you Chris, along with our thanks for your support of the N.V.C.A. I am certain that if any of our readers find themselves in the Melton area then a warm welcome awaits them at 'The Plough Inn".

I wonder if Chris realizes that Scalford is in Fox Hunting Country and it's "G and T" out there and not a "pint of Peddi"?

Mel Suart.

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THE TEAM

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Gail	**822183**
Janet	**823123**
John & Marion ...	**822805**
Julia	**822870**
Paul	

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Dear Editor,

May I, through you, give a big 'thank you' and very well done, to Mr. Mould, staff and infants of the school, for the beautiful play 'POPPO' they put on May 1st,2nd, and 3rd. It was very well presented . The children all had a great time and were all to be praised for remembering their lines. As it was a circus theme,the colours and costumes were brilliant (many thanks to the wardrobe people.) It was a very enjoyable production.

WELL DONE!!

May we see many more.

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A WEEKEND IN DERBYSHIRE

On the warmest weekend of the year a party of Scouts and their Leaders set off for a walking trip in Derbyshire. We loaded the minibus with our provisions and rucksacks and set off for Upper Booth Farm where we were staying in a camping barn. We quite expected to have straw on the floor and have to provide a barrier between ourselves and any animals kept there, but we were pleasantly surprised to find that the barn was a stone-built building with a raised wooden floor and not an animal inside. There was no electricity and no cooking facilities, but being Scouts we were prepared with torches and gas burners.

On arrival we unpacked our kit, and put on our hiking gear. We ate our packed lunches brought from home, together with a cup of hot soup, as we were eager to get on with our training hill walk. We were instructed in emergency procedures and what action to take in the event of any unfortunate incidents. Most of the Scouts went off with Colin, our Leader, but Simon, Peter and myself were taken by Paul to gain further experience in map reading and compass work. We later met up with Colin's group at Hollins Cross.

We returned to the camping barn to a hot dinner of mince, with carrots and pasta; cake and custard for "afters" or stewed rhubarb or peaches; followed by a hot drink. Then it was time to relax. We invented a game involving crossing a stream - I leave the end result to your imagination, but you know what lads and water are like! Most of us were so worn out after this that we lay down on our sleeping bags.

Next morning I was awoken by the younger Scouts eager to be up and away. After deciding it might be unwise to throw my boots at them, I decided that perhaps it would be easier to get up than to

try and get more sleep. We had a huge breakfast of bacon, eggs, tomatoes or baked beans, and cereals.
After going over the emergency procedures once again, we were issued with Trangias, meths and the dehydrated food we were to cook for our dinner on a hilltop somewhere. We were also provided with maps, compasses, survival bags and emergency whistles.
We were to climb Kinderscout (very aptly named!), but on the way we had a rest at Pinm's Chair (where the rock formation resembled a giant's chair). We drank spring water, which tasted far nicer than the water we have in Newbold.
Everywhere we looked there were rocks and sheep, sheep and more sheep. Eventually we reached the peat bogs where the going became harder as our boots sank in the ground. Then a mist came up. It seemed incredible that we were walking on the hottest day of the year, and to see a mist creeping across the scenery. It was just like a stage effect and we quite expected to see the Hound of the Baskervilles leap out of the mist.
We carried on to Edale Cross where we cooked our dinners. After our refreshment we continued walking to Jacob's Ladder. The terrain is so steep here that Jacob Marshall cut a series of steps into the hillside to help packhorses going up and down the hills and, needless to say, we too appreciated his thoughtfulness.
We made tracks back to the camping barn, where we again relaxed by playing games (across the stream)! We changed our clothes, packed our kit and then climbed into the minibus for our journey home. We were given our tea consisting of a cob, a piece of cheese, a packet of crisps, pickled onions, an apple and a drink of orange. We arrived back at the Scout Hut on schedule, hot and tired, but definitely not hungry.
It was truly an exhilarating weekend, with lots of work done, and loads of fun. It was good to put into practice all the instructions we had received in previous weeks on map reading, compass work and emergency procedures, and as an added bonus we had all acquired a suntan.
Here's to the next time!

Stephen Colledge

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ST.JAMES'CHURCH

The Annual Garden Fete, will be held in the Rectory Garden on Saturday 28th July at 2.30pm. There will be games, stalls and teas.
Everyone is welcome.
The Grand Summer Draw will take place.
(22 prizes).
Bright the Vision.
We are all delighted with the result of the two painting jobs which have now been completed. The interior of the Church looks much brighter and the exterior of the Church Hall looks much better than it did. We will now look a better kept village!

East of England Orchestra.

The people of St.James' Church thank Graham Oppenheimer and his string players who entertained us so well at the concert in the Church at the beginning of May. Thanks also to N.V.C.A. for all their hard work and for the kind contribution of £106.21 to Church funds.

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ANSWERS TO SUMMER WORD-SEARCH.

sun, rocks, windsurf, ice-cream, dIving, sea, garden, fish, crabs, net, playscheme, sand, sailing, bathing.

METHODIST CHURCH

We are holding a service of prayer for help and healing on Friday 29th June at 7.45.
Sunday School will be closed on 1st,8th and 15th July, but will re-open on Sunday 22nd July for Open Sunday School.

There will be a Junior Missionary Association Fun Day in our Church Hall on Friday 10th Aug. from 10.00am.until mid-day. Come along and enjoy yourself.

Practices for another production of Kid's Praise will be getting under way during the summer. If anyone would be able to help us in any way with this, do please contact Mr.Cyril Fennell-Des.823006.

Congratulations to Joanne Hitchman and Ian Westaby, two of our Sunday School teachers, who were married at our Church on Saturday 16th June.

Also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stott (Sylvia Stott is our pastoral and property secretary,) on the occasion of their Silver Wedding on 19th June.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvellous, outstanding, superb!!
What am I talking about?
The Sunday Club Celebrations on June 3rd of course. The service had been very carefully thought out, everything fitted in so well to the theme, "THE WAY". I'm sure everyone went away spiritually uplifted.The children, teachers and organist were first class, a very big thank you to you all. Another one next year please. Thank you to the ladies who supplied a welcome cup of tea and strawberry and cream scones after the service.
God bless you all.
Doris Cope



This couple celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary on 21st. April, and Happy Birthday Jenny for 17th June.

!!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Well done ADELE KIND and LYNNE HORSLEY on passing their Grade 3 Flute examination.

St Greg's Catholic Church

The big event of the last few weeks has got to be the Pentecost 90 Covenant signed by Church representatives on Whit Sunday at the Tigers Ground, in the presence of some 6000 christians. The Covenant commits members of all the major religions in Leicestershire to work together to become more fully united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission. A heady concept, but achievable, if, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are prepared to sweep away the last remaining barriers of prejudice and intolerance between us.
A lady told me recently that as a child she was brought up to believe that the Catholic Church was the Anti Christ. Some still believe that today. I was brought up to believe that non-catholics were misguided, misinformed souls who were more to be pitied than blamed but dangerous none the less! I must have been 9 or 10 years old when I first went camping with the Cubs (Catholic pack of course). We met up with a local pack, had a great evening at their place and when it was time to return to camp their Akela said "Shall we finish with prayers?" "Sorry" said Skip "We are catholics, not allowed to pray with non-catholics." "What a pity" she replied,"they are such lovely prayers." I wonder what terrible incantations it was thought non-catholics uttered, such that we were forbidden to take part. It shows what an impact this incident had on me at the time, that I still remember it so clearly over 40 years on. It must have been the first time I had experienced an un-christian aspect to catholicism. How wicked to engender such suspicion and mistrust in young minds. Thank God, over the last 25 years or so, we have broken down many of the barriers of ignorance, intolerance, even hate that built up between christians over the centuries.
The Covenant recognises that "As members of the One Body of Christ.. ... the prayer life of our Churches is a true sign of our unity in Christ. We desire to pray more regularly together." Unity in prayer is obviously the key to greater overall unity so as part of our response to the Covenant, I'm hopeful that Catholics in this area will be able to hold a service of prayer and praise in Newbold later this year to which everyone will be most welcome.
More immediately, the service of healing at the Methodist Chapel on 29th June will give us all an opportunity to sincerely pray for healing between christians.

Paul French.



!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

A very Happy Birthday to LYNNE-MARIE HORSLEY who will be 11 years old on July 17th. Lots of Love from Mum, Dad and Stephen.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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PEARL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Have you always wondered why they fly the flag on public Buildings on April 23rd?
The reason is that on that day in 1960 Zita and Alan Herbert (then 23754021 Tpr Herbert A.F 10th Royal Hussars - National Service) were married. To paraphrase the Bard of Avon "Let gentlemen safe abed in England that day, count themselves acursed they were not there. For now doth he lift his sleeve and show his scars and say, "These wounds had I on St Georges Day."" or could that be the real reason for the flags!

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Ed,
Just a short note to let you know that there is "someone out there", and that you are very much appreciated (all of you). Like many others - you have to compete with the 'dreaded tele'.

Should I ever have a contribution to make, I will let you know. Please keep up the good work.
Best wishes.
Mr Gilliver
Aberdunant
Sparkenoe.

Dear Verdon Views,
I have had quite a surprising response regarding my article to the college. One person actually rang me up!! They seemed to enjoy it, which has motivated me to continue writing.
Thank you for printing my last letter, I may add that I thought Paul French's article about Malcolm Mould was very good. I especially liked the beginning. It caught my eye.

Julie Bailey

ABOUT SUMMER MOTORING

It's unreasonable to expect cars used for short hops most of the year to be up to long distances when holiday time comes around.

The same goes for drivers. Both car and motorist should be thoroughly prepared for the differences between day-to-day driving and arduous hauls to distant destinations.

There are many factors to consider — how the car should be loaded, choosing the best route, dealing with driver fatigue, adapting driving techniques to suit the countryside.

These subjects and more are covered by the AA's six-point plan for safe and successful summer motoring:

1 Preparing the car
2 The route
3 Balanced loading
4 Fatigue — the killer
5 Care in the country
6 Watch the weather

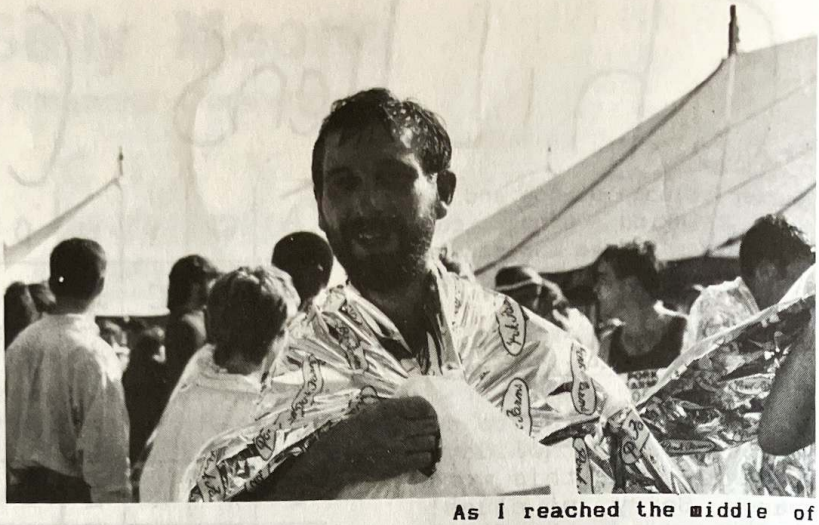


LONDON MARATHON

If anyone had predicted ten years ago that at the age of 42, I would be standing in a London Park in the pouring rain wearing a vest, shorts and bin-liner, I would have been somewhat sceptical, but here I was, surrounded by an assortment of teddy bears, rabbits, lions, Charlie Chaplins, bearded fairies and hairy schoolgirls. I began to wonder if my outfit was a bit conservative for the occasion. The occasion in question was, of course the 10th London Marathon.

I glanced at my watch for the 43rd time, It was 9.20 and the rain was coming down harder than ever, but it took more than a drop of rain to dampen the spirits of this band of merry maniacs. Complete strangers were chatting away like old friends bonded by a common goal: to reach Westminster Bridge on two legs and in one piece.

At last we were off, albeit slowly. We were packed together so tightly that running was unthinkable. I reached the official start-line after about five minutes, and at last managed to break into a trot.



My memories of the next three-and-a-half hours are rich and varied. They are full of humour, camaraderie, a little pain and a great deal of warmth and human nature, shown in so many ways. Little children holding out sweets and drinks for the passing runners. The crowd lining almost the entire route, who never seemed to tire of clapping and cheering. The applause of genuine admiration from runners, as they passed the immensely courageous wheelchair competitors. The hundreds of volunteers who had given their time, free of charge, to make the event run smoothly.

As I reached the middle of Westminster Bridge, the finish line came into view. I realised I would miss my three-and-a-half hour target by some 30 seconds, but that didn't matter. I had completed the course without walking. I raised £800 for the NSPCC Training Centre at Beaumont Leys, and I had taken part in a truly unforgettable experience.

I had no intention of doing another marathon, but I have a feeling that by November, I'll be stepping up my training again, pounding out the miles in the hope of being accepted for the 11th London Marathon.

Roy Maddison.

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Parish News

This Months Award

Congratulations to Dora Hilton, Clive Hill, Terry Spence.and Team Captain Mel Francks for their magnificent effort in winning the Radio Leicester County Quiz Final with the £400 Midland Bank Village Improvement 1st Prize.

After seeing off Market Bosworth and Packington in the second round and beating Sharnford and Thurmaston in the semi final they eventually lifted the title at Oadby with a final round victory over Thurnby + Bushby and Markfield (both very experienced teams).The rest of the team particularly asked me to thank Dora who despite receiving hospital treatment during most of the contest bravely carried on as an indispensable team member. Many thanks also to all the supporters who travelled to Sharnford and Oadby where your presence was greatly appreciated. A final thank you to Mike Preston and Mike Mensley team organizer and scorer respectively.

Verge Planting

Residents of the village who like to plant bulbs or other plants in grass verges within the highway maintained by the County Council should agree the planting locations with the Divisional Surveyor before the planting season starts.

Following a request by parishioners for part of an open space to be sold to them, we have to remind everyone that most of the land owned by the Village ie "yourselves" is covenanted for recreational and amenity use only and in some cases if a request for development is made then that land has to be offered back to the original owner. Because this land is in trust for your use and enjoyment no precedent can be set.

The preliminary round of the "Best Kept Village" has now been judged and we remind everybody that judging can occur any time from now on. With this in mind we should all keep Newbold tidy even if its only picking up that old can outside your front gate. Let the village be winners not "losers". Losers throw rubbish in the street "winners" put their rubbish in the bin. Our thanks to all those keeping the village tidy. To all those who are creating the litter "It costs nothing to it in the bin, you will gain self respect and our thanks and we can all be winners.

WARNING BROOK CONTAMINATION

The brook at the rear oF Arnolds Cres backing onto the allotments extending across Brascote Lane and behind Labernum Ave is subject to bacterial contamination and Parents are warned that they should not let their children play in or near the brook particularly because of low rainfall in recent weeks

And Finally

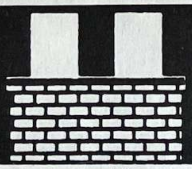
The continuing saga of the pond outside the Old White Swan. Contrary to all reports a pair of mallards have not been standing hopefully waiting for rain in the expectation of increasing their family. The surveyors at County Hall obviously have not been motivated by Mr Paddy Caswells efforts on our behalf. What do we have to do with County Hall to get some action ? Who actually makes the decision ? Is there anybody there ? All these questions plus more we will attempt to answer in our next "Parish Council News".

The next Parish Council meeting is at Alans Way Pavilion 7-30pm Monday July 2nd 1990 . Everyone Welcome.

GARDENERS WORLD

Congratulations to Sally & Martin Bates for winning 1st. prize on a competition run by the Gardeners World programme shown on BBC2. Sally & Martin won £1,000 worth of plants and shrubs for their garden.

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Diary of Events !

Sun.	1st July	6p.m.	United Service: St. James' Church
Sun.	8th "	6p.m.	United Service: St. James' Church
Sun.	15th "	6p.m.	United Service: St.James' Church
Mon. to Fri.	23rd " 27th "		Newbold Verdon School "Playscheme Week"
Sat.	28th "	2.30 p.m.	Garden Fete in the Rectory Garden
Sun.	29th "		Trip to Belton Baptist Church, Rutland.
Mon.	6th August		W.I. Visit to Leicester Records Office
Sat.	11th "		Verdon Players' Barbecue
Mon.	13th "		W.I. Visit to Leicester Records Office
Thu.	16th "		Baptist Church Treasure Hunt
Sat.	18th "		Scout Gala Day
		1.00 p.m.	Parade Commences
		2.00 p.m.	Gala Opening on School Playing Field
Sat.	18th "	8.00 p.m. to midnight	N.V.C.A. GALA DAY DANCE Dancing to live 60's group at the school
Tue.	21st "		School term resumes
Fri.	31st "	8.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing/Social at the school
Fri.	7th Sept.	8.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing/Social at the school
Mon.	10th "		W.I: Work of the R.S.P.C.A.
Sat.	15th "	8.00 p.m. to midnight	** GRAND BLITZ BALL ** At Bosworth College, Desford. Tickets: £6 each. Tel: 823149 or 822805 for more details.
Fri.	17th Aug.	**********	VERDON VIEWS DEADLINE DATE

N.B.**** N.V.C.A. Meetings****

Wed.	11th Jul.	7.30 p.m.	Gala Day Meeting at 38 Main St.
Wed.	1st Aug.	7.30 p.m.	At 14 Dragon Lane.
Wed.	5th Sep.	8.00 p.m.	N.V.C.A. Monthly Meeting (Everyone welcome)

The Hinckley Times

It's too good to give away