VERDON News

Newbold Verdon Community Association Newspaper Issue 19

Ed's Spot

Congratulations to the villagers of Newbold Verdon on winning the Best Kept Large Village in Leicestershire. What a transformation over the last few years. We're proud of our village and rightly so.

The Blitz Ball was a tremendous success, proving the village also has a heart. This was followed by the Barlestone Brass Band Concert, and now, we look forward to 'The Return to Rene's Cafe' in November - lucky Newbold Verdon.

All these events do not just happen. A lot of hard work goes into them, and thanks are due to all who help in any way. Well done! You're doing a great job.

This month, we also say farewell to Ross Kendall, who has been N.V.C.A. Chairman since its inception. I know that he is very proud of the success of the Association, and has contributed a great deal over the past few years.

The team would like to thank him for his efforts and wish him and Yvonne every success in their new venture.

(see inside)

Ed.

Deadline date: FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER



FINALIST IN BEST VILLAGE SHOP IN LEICESTER COMPETITION

BEST VILLAGE SHOP

Well done to C.J's Grocers who have reached the final in the Leicestershire Rural Community Councils Best Village Shop Competition. The lads were nominated by a villager and have certainly helped to keep Newbold on the map!

By the time this issue is published we will know if they were the winners as judging took place on October 17th.

Whatever the result, it is good for the village to have such a popular shop and let us give them all our support and a nomination for 1991.

BLITZ BALL GOES WITH A BANG

At 12 noon on 15th September, a band of Verdonians moved into Bosworth College and within two hours had transformed the Main Hall into a 1940's style ball-room. The NAAFI staff worked on through the afternoon, setting up the bar and preparing the food.

The guests started to arrive around 7.30p.m each new arrival heralded by a bout of laughter. The costumes ranged from American Generals to Land Girls with the occasional German thrown in. (Was the bullwhip really nec-essary?) Well over half were in uniform.

This all helped to build up a tremend-ous atmosphere throughout the even-ing, as Radio Leic-ester Big Band Sound rolled back the years with 'Ball in the Jack' and the N.V. version of the Palais Glide.

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A display was mounted for the R.A.F.A. 'Wings Appeal', and during the evening, the collection raised £58.42. A cheque for £100 was also donated to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, which included proceeds from the group photographs taken by Peter North.

After an excellent supper, the dancing continued to popular Glenn Miller numbers. There were several spot prizes, donated by Coalville Co-op Dairy. Prizes for the best costumes were won by Sue Hales and Brian Foote.

The evening closed with Hokey Cokey and two rousing choruses of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

Nearly £1000 was raised by this event. Another huge success for N.V.C.A.

Well done, all of those who helped in any way.

A superb evening, proving that ballroom dancing is still popular. We look forward to the next ball - possibly early 1992.



LOCAL LADS HIT RUGBY SQUAD!!

Three local lads, Phillip Beech, Jon Brotherhood and Anthony Childs have all been picked for the County Colts Rugby Squad.
During October and November they will be playing against the Midlands best squads in the Divisional Championships.
Congratulations and well done to all three of them.

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THE TEAM

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Janet	823123
John & Marion ...	822805
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Paul	

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AROMATHERAPY.

Lynne Mann has lived in the village for nine years.

She is married to John, a builder, and has two sons aged ten and eight.

I visited her in her lovely house in Red Lion Lane, and after having a relaxing treatment of aromatherapy and massage chatted to her about her business.

She told me that she has always been interested in alternative therapies and ways of keeping healthy. She has done yoga for about seven years. Lynne became interested in aromatherapy through a friend who went to Shirley Price Aromatherapy as a model for students.

Lynne went as a model, and after about six months decided to have a go herself. She had to attend a basic course as an introduction to Aromatherapy, then do a correspondance course on Anatomy and Physiology with an exam at the end. She received a certificate from the International Therapy Examination Council in London. She learnt about the oils, massage and all that goes with it as part of her Diploma Course. This was an intense course after which she had to learn about the plants from which oils come, and how they are used in aromatherapy. After treating 20 people and keeping record sheets on them for assessment, she had to study hard for her exam. Following this came exam part 2, and how to do a neck and shoulder massage (which is absolutely wonderful!!!), and also Swiss Reflex Treatment which is on the reflexes of the feet that correspond to different parts of the body.

At the end of this intensive course there was a one and a half hour theory exam and then a two hour practical one.

After six weeks Lynne received her Diploma.

She has since done a course in leg waxing and received her certificate after passing the exam.

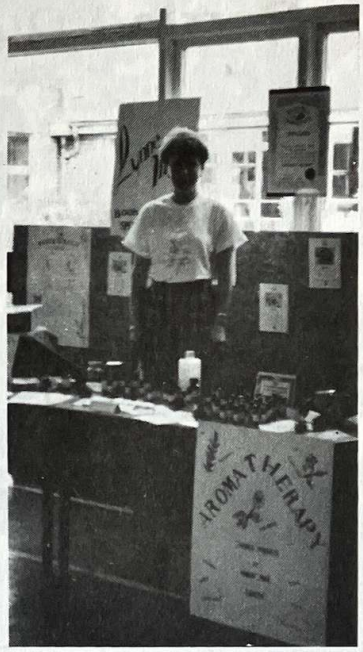
Lynne finds this work ideal as she can work from home, doing the hours that fit round her busy life-style.

She is a member of the Verdon Players, and has recently taken up the piano. She is hoping to pass grade 4 in November with flying colours!

John also helps with the Drama group, and runs the Under 11's football team in the village.

I found the whole treatment very worthwhile, and wish Lynne all the best in her venture.

For further details please call Lynne on Des. 824664.



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Local press photographer - Max Ewen, has just been nominated 'Kodak Press Photographer of the Month' for September, which carries a prize of £100.

His photograph, "Monsters of Rock", shown above, will now go forward to the finals of "Kodak Press Photographer of the Year".

Congratulations Max, on your success from the Verdon Views' team who are most grateful for the help, which you have given to our local paper. We wish you every success with the final judging.

FAREWELL TO ROSS AND YVONNE.

On Sunday 30th September a group of villagers - for want of a better expression! - gathered at The Swan in the evening to bid farewell to Ross and Yvonne Kendal. For those of you who don't know, and there can't be many of you, Ross has been chairman of the N.V.C.A. since its inception in 1987. Now sadly for the village, Ross and Yvonne have moved to pastures new as landlord and land lady of the White Horse in Quorn. As you can imagine, having lived in Newbold for 14 years, it is quite a wrench for them both. Can we just say thank you to all who turned up on that Sunday night, and to Roger 'Kid' King, for his incredible ode to them both, but most of all thanks to Ross and Yvonne - it's been a pleasure to know them. We wish them every success at the White Horse and, who knows, some of us may even get over there to sample a pint or two, or several!

Goodbye and good luck, from all your friends at Newbold.

Clive Hill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends

It is with regret that, due to personal circumstances, I have to resign as Chairman of the NVCA, a position I have held with pride.

Yvonne and I are entering into the licenced trade and are moving to The White Horse, Quorn. We shall look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when you are in the area, (we need the money!).

We wish you luck and good fortune and I know that you will succeed in the very near future. We have enjoyed living in Newbold Verdon and shall miss the many good friends we have made, especially through the Community Association.

Please keep us supplied with the Verdon Views, we never want to lose contact with you. Call on us anytime if we can be of help and please accept my apologies for not attending this meeting personally.

You can succeed, you will succeed, Good Luck!

Yours Sincerely

Ross and Yvonne Kendall

This letter was read out at the NVCA meeting on Wednesday October 3rd.

Dear Verdon Veiws nearly everyday I look at a dog across the road nearly every time it does a poo. I feel sick every time I look at him doing it his names toby all the time my dad moves the poos he does'nt like it so he throws it into there garden.

Yours sensily,

(Name & address supplied)

Comment:

This sensitive letter was sent to us by a 7 year old child who obviously feels very strongly about a problem which faces the village.

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Today saw a simple but historic happening at the school: Our very own weather vane was erected on the highest point of the school building.
Mr Terry Coombes was commissioned to make the vane in the shape of a dragon (because of the school's address) and one of our School Governors (Mr Brian Davison), who is also a full-time fireman, agreed to fix it in position. It was a precarious operation, but successfully completed in only a short time.
Thanks to Brian & Terry - yet another date for the history books!

ON THE VERDON BEAT.

'knock knock, who's there?'
When did you last visit your Grandparents?
No, it's not a trick question. I suppose we see them once a month don't we? Well next time you visit them have a closer look to see if they have a door viewer and a door chain, or door limiter, which enables the occupier to check the identity of a caller BEFORE they get past the door.
With the dark winter nights coming along, bogus 'officials', workmen or dealers will no doubt be out, and in some cases successfully 'con' some old person, or one living alone, out of hard earned savings or property.
Despite what the papers say, elderly people are not more likely to become the victims of crime. But because of the effect crime has on the old and vulnerable, it is important to take a few sensible precautions, particularly with callers at the door.
How can we help?
Easy - make sure your parents or grandparents (or elderly neighbours) have a simple door viewer and door chain fitted.
Then on your next visit, without unecessarily frightening them, advise them to check ALL callers at the door. They may be in uniform, produce a card, and are more often than not 'in a hurry'. But ask them to call back (when a neighbour is present) or wait while you verify who they are. No genuine caller will mind.
So be a good neighbour and make sure the 'con-man' isn't successful with your family or friends.
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SWEET TEMPTATION.

I'd like to congratulate three girls on the closing of their first summer season together as professional dancers at Skegness.

Melissa Matson, Nicki Maher from Coventry and Georgina Morris from Hinckley worked together last summer at Morecombe's Frontier Land, and went on to Granty's nightclub for the Christmas show.

They found that they got on so well together both as friends and professionally that 'Sweet Temptations' was formed soon afterwards. They have now gained entry into the Equity union which hopefully will open more doors for them.

Melissa, an incorrigable dancer from the age of three, started her career in the musical version of the 'Hobbit' at the Phoenix Theatre. She has since been in various cabaret shows and summer seasons around the country, appearing with many top stars- not forgetting the Verdon Players with whom she appeared and had great fun.

Nicki, apart from having her own dance group previously, has also had a number of T.V. parts, has been a chorus line dancer, backing well-known groups like the Supremes. She gained valuable experience as a magician's assistant.

Georgina has appeared in Puss in Boots, and Mother Goose. She has also appeared at the Haymarket Theatre, and has toured Japan and the Algarve in cabaret, again with many top artistes.

The girls' next venue was to be the 'Shereton' hotel in Cairo, that has had to be shelved due to recent events in that part of the world, then Yugoslavia and back to Granty's in Leicester for Christmas.

Good luck girls, and all our best wishes for a great and successful future together.

Sheila Matson.

Sweet Meadows

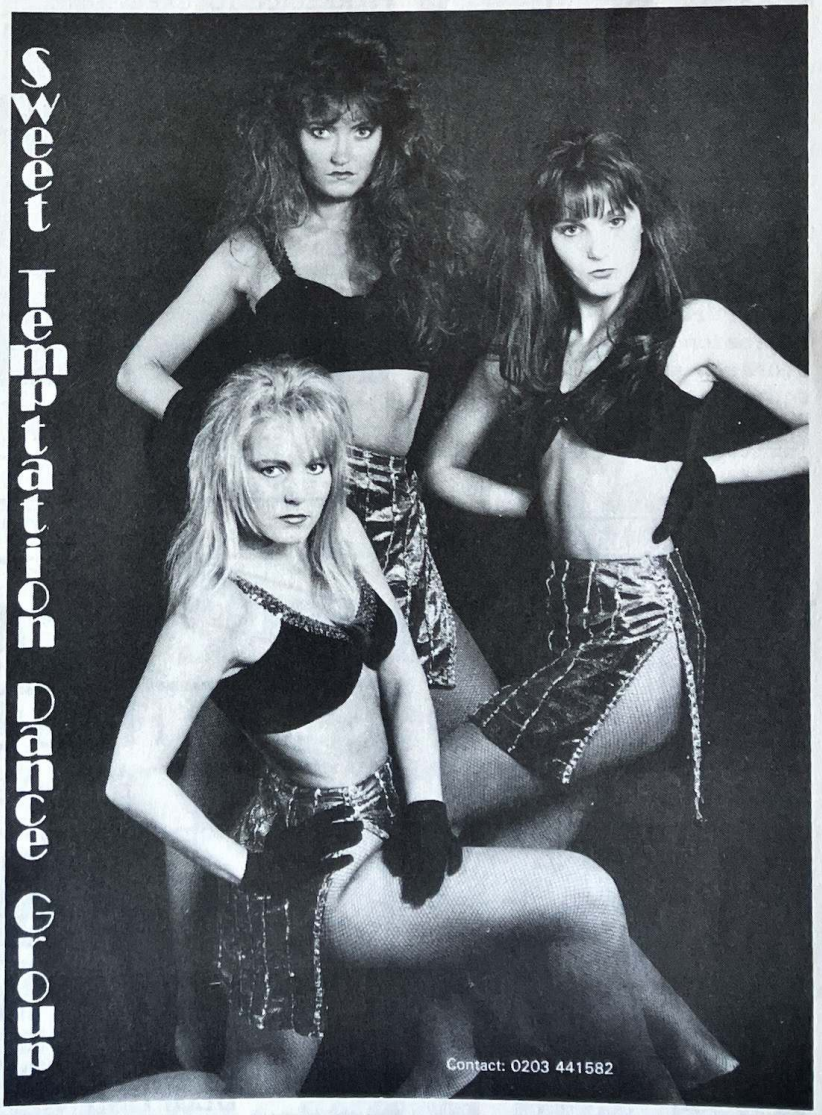
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The Good News

As every one must know by now Newbold Verdon is once again winner of the Best Kept Village in Leicestershire competition. Our thanks and congratulations go to everyone who contribute -ed their time and effort towards this magnificant acheivement. Our best wishes and congratulations also to C.J.'s, who have reached the final of the best village shop contest - good luck on the night.

Th purchase of land at the corner of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street is currently being finalized and landscaping will hopefully take place next year.

More Good News

A playwall for the kick about area on Alans Way playing field has been kindly donated by two local business men and will be delivered and fixed very shortly.

Planning permission has been received for an extension providing a storage area and cricket scoreboard to Alans Way Pavillion. Tenders will be invited from local builders.

Garden of Remembrance

Part of the churchyard has been allocated as a site for a garden of remembrance, and a contractor has been engaged to carry out the landscaping.

The Not So Good News

Ross Kendall regretfully tenders his resignation from the Parish Council to pursue a new venture on the other side of Charnwood Forest. He and Yvonne give their best wishes and hope they will retain their links with the village by welcoming everyone to visit the White Horse on the A6 at Quorn where they now reside.

The Really Bad News

(For some residents of Laburnum Ave West).
is that Lioncove Ltd have been granted planning permission on land at the Paddock for residential development.

Finally

1991 is election year for the Parish Council, so if you want to express any opinions or want to help our village please come to the next meeting at Alans Way playing field pavillion (every 1st. Monday of the month).

Next meeting November 5th, -(Fireworks guaranteed).

RETURN TO CAFE RENE

On the 23rd and 24th November, Rene and his friends will be opening for business to celebrate a rather special festival.
Tickets are now available from Debbie Hill at 97 Arnolds Crescent, 823332, at a cost of £5.00 which includes a French supper and a glass of French wine.
Demand is great for these tickets, so don't be disappointed - order yours NOW.

SORRY, SATURDAY TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!!!

VERDON PLAYERS

Well here we are again with yet another production out of the way, we hope!

Due to the production schedule for the Verdon Views we are not yet treading the boards as I write this, but by the time you read it, we've either had another good production, or we've been buried along with the 'body'.

We do hope that we have entertained you with our efforts. If you think you can do better (and it wouldn't be difficult) please come along and join us. We meet every Tuesday 8-10, in the school hall.

On the Social scene, we are holding a 'Race Night' at the Miners' Institute, Dragon Lane, on Saturday 10th Nov. at 7.30pm.

Programmes are 50p this is a chance to win hundreds of pennies.

We are also arranging a trip to the Haymarket in the New Year.

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Ruth Jordan.

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With the baskets now removed and Main Street looking a little forlorn because of this, it makes us realise all the more, how much brighter the Village looks when the flower baskets are in bloom. So once again, many thanks to all those who have supported the VIBA through cash donations and special thanks to the waterers who devoted time and energy to tending the plants. I'm sure the whole Village appreciates your effotrs which, also, will have greatly contributed to our success in re-claiming the Best Kept (large) Village title.
One sad happening during the summer was the accident involving Beryl and Terry Coombes. Thank God they both made a good recovery, but not without a lot of pain and discomfort. Our love and best wishes to you both.
VIBA AGM will be held in February 1991. Precise date to be published in the next issue of Verdon Views. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Paul French.

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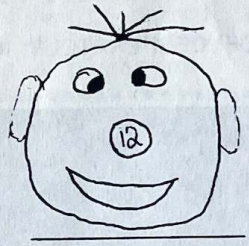
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CLOSING TIME AT THE MILL?

Ever heard of Bill West and his 8 Harmony Boys, or the Les Davis Harmonica Band? Well you're not on your own. I hadn't until my recent call on Alfred and Evelyn Taylor,(Alf and Eva to their customers) at the Windmill Pub, Brascote Lane, Newbold. There may be some (mature) readers who do remember these groups, who were 'treading the boards' in the Midlands area around the late thirties, early forties (a little before my time!) Anyway, believe it or not, Alf was playing harmonica with Les Davis whilst at school and a boy soprano with Billy West for 18 months when a 15 year old.

His theatrical connections started with a successful audition at the Hinckley Regent Club and continued through a chequered career covering appearances across the midlands, including the Palace of Varieties in Leeds, and being billed with The Crazy Gang and the late great Arthur Askey!

As well as singing, boxing was an early love in Alf's life and he became quite a successful lightweight amateur boxer. He remembers one spectacular Gala he attended at the Powerjets, (now G.E.C.) at Whetstone when a jet aircraft attempted to prove that it could travel faster than a conventional craft. The jet failed to pull out of its dive and crashed. (Probably one reason Alf became a miner!)

Before becoming a landlord at the Red Lion Barwell in 1967 Alf had been a lorry driver but spent most of his life underground at Merrylees, where he was a shot firer Deputy.

He came to the Mill on the 6th July 1976, and was due to retire on his 55th birthday on the 18th September this year. But as we all know, the sale of the pub has been held up, and Marstons have asked them to stay on until the sale is completed.

During my conversation with Alf, the other half of the team - Eva, kept in the background. She was busy entertaining their very active 2 year old grand-daughter, Alison.

They first met at Thurlaston Village Hall (Eva was from the posh side of the county-(Houghton-on-the-hill),and were married on the 31st July 1948.

They have a married son, Richard, and their grand-daughter has obviously brought a lot of joy into their later life.

Both of them agreed (for once), that they will miss the company of the customers at the 'Mill' when they leave. I asked them what they remembered most from the pub, and apart from being snowed in every year except the last three, Alf said 'You could write a blinking book!'

(Not a bad idea Alf!)

Once they have retired they hope to live in Newbold and keep in touch with all their customers and friends.

Alf and Eva, we all wish you the best of health and a long and happy retirement together. You have both been much more than the 'landlord and lady at the 'Mill',you have been our friends, and a real part of village life. (Remember May '86 when they 'ran the world' with the Newbold Team? Eva started the race with a bar towel, followed on her bike, and then helped as we 'drank the world' with Alf!!!)

I know I speak for everyone in Newbold (and many more) when I say we'll miss you both. It's a pleasure to have known you and our love and best wishes go with you.

Mel Suart

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Wed.	7th "	8p.m.	N.V.C.A. Open Meeting in School Staffroom
Fri.	9th "	8 - 10.30	Ballroom Dancing/Social in School Hall *NVCA*
Sat.	10th "	2.30	Baptist Bazaar
Sun.	11th "	10.30	Parish Eucharist in St. James' Church
		11.30	Remembrance Sunday at War Memorial
		6.00	Evensong at St. James'
Mon.	12th "	7.45	Council of Churches' Meeting at Methodists
"	" "		W.I. Annual General Meeting
Sat.	17th "	7.30	St. James' Church Annual Barn Dance at the Church Hall
Tue.	20th ")		Variety Concert for Church Urban
Wed.	21st ")		Fund at Concordia Theatre, Hinckley.
Fri.	23rd ")	8 -	**N.V.C.A.**
Sat.	24th ")	12	"RETURN TO CAFE RENE" at the Primary School
Sat.	1st Dec.	2.30	St. James' Christmas Fair
Wed.	5th "	8p.m.	N.V.C.A. Meeting in School Staffroom
Fri.	21st "	8 - 12	Football Disco at School
Sun.	23rd "	6 p.m.	Carol Service at St. James.
Mon.	24th "	11.30	Midnight Mass at St. James'
Tue.	25th "	10.30	Parish Eucharist at St. James'

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Thanks to everyone who gave a blood sample at our clinic on Sunday afternoon 7th October. This was set up to increase the Anthony Nolan Clinic register of potential bone marrow donors.
Special thanks to Dr.Davenport and Dr.Taylor plus their assistants who volunteered their services.

When the result of our National Cot Death Appeal balloon race was finalised,fingers ,were pointed at me!
The winner was Richard Ogden,landlord of The Olde White Swan in Newbold Verdon, his balloon had travelled as far as Zwolle in north-east Holland,where my company has a distributor!
Just a coincidence,and after much scrutinising the lads are happy that the finder Frank Geerds is not an anagram of anyone we know or indeed a local at the Swan!
We raised over £250 which was sent directly to National Cot Death Appeal.

In addition we have recently donated £200 to the Menphys 2 project and £200 to the Kevin Durnin Memorial Fund for cystic fibrosis research.This year,at the annual Kevin Durnin Memorial Golf Tournament,Round Table created a new trophy for the lowest score,the "broken golf club"trophy It is not the winning but the taking part that counts.

Chris James
Press Officer.