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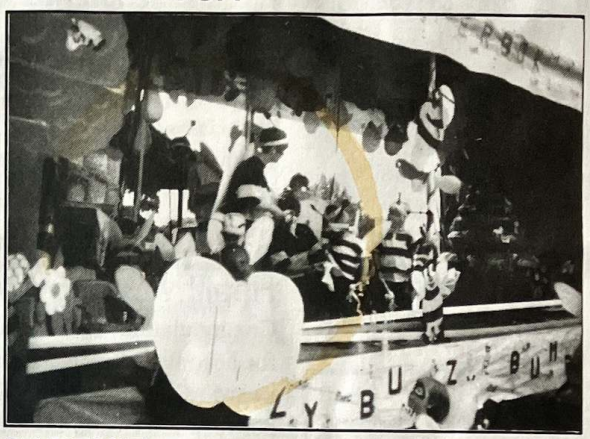
EDS SPOT

September! Summer has come and gone and fortunately this year, we have had plenty of sunshine. I hope that you all enjoyed it. Perhaps you had an exciting or unusual holiday and would like to tell your fellow villagers about it. Why not put pen to paper and pass it on to a member of the team. Photographs can be returned after use.
How pretty the village has looked this Summer with all the hanging baskets. Many thanks to the Verdon In Bloom Team and your band of waterers. The baskets have certainly made a big improvement to our village.

SCOUT GALA DAY

A glorious sunny day added to the success of Scout Gala Day. A total of 5 floats and 2 walking enteries took part in the parade. First in the childrens section was: Busy Bumble Bees - Chatterbox, 2nd Around The World in 80 Days - Baptist and 3rd Junior Monopoly - Peter Pan Playgroup. First in the adult section was Cluedo - W.I. unfortunatly this was the only adult entry, let's hope there will be more next year. In the walking section 1st Snakes and Ladders - Beavers and 2nd Chess - Cubs. Overall the day raised a total of £1300 for Scout Group Funds, our thanks to all who attended and helped.
RAFFLE
1st Mrs M Cave T.V, 2nd D Preston £50 M&S voucher, 3rd M Joyce £25 Grocery voucher, 4th G Geary Whisky, 5th D Preston Boots voucher, 6th Pia Sherry, 7th R Adams Wine, 8th F Smith Wine, 9th J Jones Sparkling Perry, 10th J Collett Print, 11th S Simonds Print, 12th J Thorp Castlemead Radio Tee Shirt.
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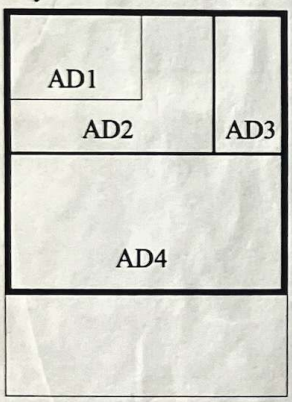
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2) There must be a non-smoking area - Goodfellow's easily qualified for this as it is ALL non-smoking.

3) You must show a high standard of hygiene.

Goodfellow's has satisfied all the above criteria and was presented with the award on 10th August.

Clive says "The Heartbeat Award is all about giving people a choice, we aim to explode the myth that healthy eating is boring. There are any amount of dishes that can be served as healthy options. We would also stress that we do the cholesterol loaded stuff as well!! We aim to please a wide variety of people not just those who are watching cholesterol levels or weight."

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ALOE VERA APOLOGY

We wish to point out a typing error made in issue 38.
The advert should have read "Arthritis, Allergies," and NOT "Arthritis allergy "
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This was particularly unfortunate as the product could have helped many who suffer from summer allergies.

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GARDENING SPOT

Chrysanthemums come into their own now and as there are hundreds of different varieties, you should have no problem in finding one of a suitable size and colour for your plot - though I'll admit they are not one of my favourites as the "scent" keeps me away! I much prefer Sedum Spectabilis (The Ice Plant) which slowly brings its flat heads of colour to full strength much to the joy of the butterflies. This is an excellent plant for dry areas and fast becoming a favourite around houses in America and Australia where forest fires are a hazard. The thick fleshy leaves do much to protect the houses from fire. My new plant this year is a Michaelmas Daisy, Aster Dumosa, a real dwarf. As I write the plants are bushing up nicely with rich green, slightly wavy leaves and I look forward to the mix of colours promised. One to propagate if it performs well. As I drive around there are plenty of Hydrangeas in flower, not a favourite of mine, especially the blue, it looks so hard and artificial. But I do enjoy the delicate lace cap varieties, these are the flat headed ones with flowers opening around the edge first, as buds stay tightly closed in the centre. My white variety gives me weeks of pleasure as it turns from green white to soft white to a delicate pink; lovely. I actually got round to cutting some Crocosmia "Lucifer" last week, something I mean to do every year when their long vibrant flower stems catch my eye. But I couldn't believe how much water they needed. I'm not talking of the occasional top up that most cut flowers need, but 2-3 pints per day! I think I'll stick to cutting them at the seed stage for drying - good for Winter arrangements.

Timely tips: Prune rambler roses taking out old shoots that have flowered and tying in young vigorous growth. Sow winter hardy lettuce "Arctic King" or "All Year Round". cover with cloches or sow in pots in a cold greenhouse. Spring bulbs can go in now except Tulips, leave those until October. Try some Radish seeds sprouted in a jam jar in the kitchen, it takes just 3-4 days for a delicious addition to your salad! Happy Gardening.

HOW TO SHOW YOUR POTATOES

From conversations on Gala Day it appears people would like to enter the Horticultural Show but are unsure on how to display vegetables. The Verdon Views will run a regular article each issue on how to display vegetables to encourage people to enter the show next year.

Potatoes for showing should be selected using the following guide lines:

You need 6 potatoes, usually shown on a plate.

Each potato should be about 6 oz in weight

They should be all the same shape.

Skins should be clean and clear

Eyes should be few and shallow.

Tubers that are very small or very large, misshapen , have damaged speckled skins, or many deep eyes should be avoided.

Judges award marks as follows:

Condition 5, Size 3, Shape 4, Eyes 3, Uniformity 5, making a total of 20 points.

Hint: Cleaning your potatoes with milk will give them a nice shine.

Rowanda Appeal

Jessica Harding raised over £50 on Sat 06/08/94 by having a stall in Arnolds Crescent selling Bric Brac etc.

Well done Jessica

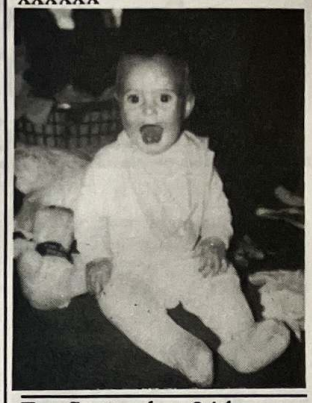
HAPPY BIRTHDAY REBECCA.

A teenager on October 8th.

Much love from Mum, Dad and Tim.

Also your friends.

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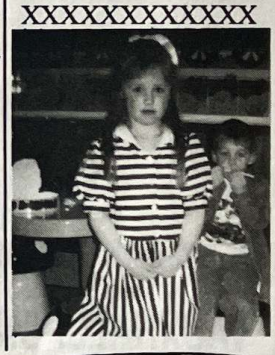
For September 24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELISSA CLOSE

7 years old

Love Mummy Daddy and Jodie

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CONGRATULATIONS and lots of love to Rachelle and Darren on the occassion of their marrage on August 13th

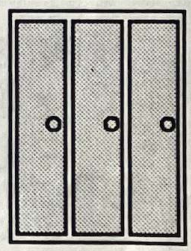
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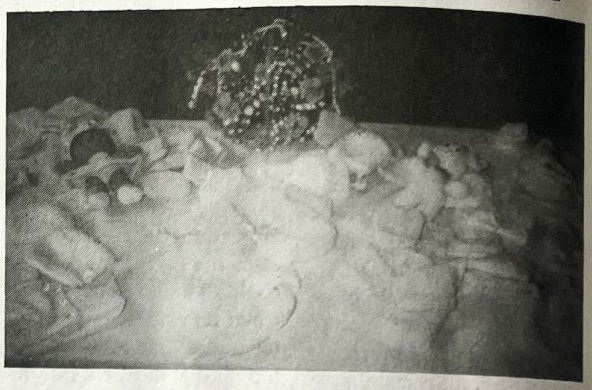
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Verdon Players' presents "Pinocchio"

The Verdon Players' new production will be Pinocchio. Billed as "A show for all the family to enjoy", it will take place at N.V. Community School on the following evenings:
Wednesday 16th November
Thursday 17th November
Friday 18th November
Saturday 19th November
There will also be a matinee on Saturday 19th November.



FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Flower Festival held at the Methodist Chapel in June, proved to be a great success. The magnificent floral displays produced by the Church members were quite outstanding.
Each display referred to a part of the Church year. Those attending were made most welcome, and enjoyed a drink while looking at the various craft stalls. There was a display of beautiful premature baby clothes that had been knitted by some of our ladies. The Premature baby unit in Leicester is understandably grateful for these items that they make throughout the year.



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Peter Pan Playgroup

We would like to congratulate Pauline Deacon on her success in passing her City & Guilds in child care at Leicester South Fields College. Well done from Sandra and all friends at Playgroup.

We look forward to seeing everyone when we return on 24th Aug 1994 and anyone who would like to join our Playgroup are welcome to call in or phone Sandra on 0455 824705 or Pauline on 0455 823443

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SCOUT NEWS

Summer Camp 1994

Saturday 23rd July 1994 saw the departure of 22 Scouts and Venture Scouts plus 10 adult leaders and helpers for a weeks camp at Great Towers, Windermere.

Despite one very wet day at the beginning of the week nothing could dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of all concerned.

The week progressed with everyone enjoying absailing, rock climbing, canoeing and hill walking. A day trip to Sellafield Visitors centre was included and Friday saw a present buying spree in Bowness followed by chips and ice-cream.

Thanks to all the leaders for their support and assistance. Special thanks to Wendy and Graham for their assistance in cooking and catering. Lastly thanks to the parents and friends who donated numerous cakes etc. and those who helped with loading and unloading the coach.

Rutland Golden Horse Shoe Challenge

Once again Rutland Water is the venue for this annual Scout event. With troops from all over the UK competing in various activities over a weekend in October. Competitions include: orienteering, obstacle course and night hike. Each team is comprised of 6 Scouts, 1 Team Manager and a support crew of 1. Newbold have again entered 2 teams and it is hoped they can retain the trophy won last year for coming 1st in the obstacle course. Newbold came 2nd overall being beaten by a team of girl Scouts from Liverpool. So Good Luck lads, try and bring the trophy back to Newbold this year.

Chief Scout Award

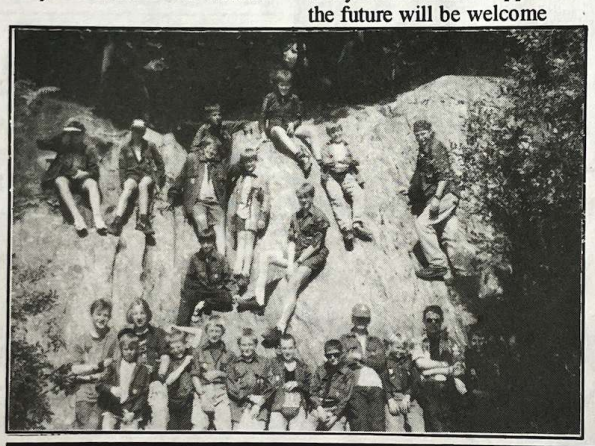
Congratulations to Brynn Chappell on achieving this award, the highest award for a Scout. His award will be presented by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall on 22nd September. All the best Brynn for your future in the Venture Scout Unit from the Scout Leaders and Scouts.

Scouts and Villagers

Thank you to all the villagers who supported and helped the Scouts in all their fund-raising resulting in another successful Gala day. We still have a lot more equipment to purchase and your continued support in the future will be welcome and invaluable. Without this support we would not be able to achieve the activities and results gained in 1993/94. My thanks to parents who have volunteered to assist with various Scouting activities.

On a more serious note it is disappointing that people find it necessary to complain, not always in person, about incidents involving the Scout Group. All we are trying to do is provide an outlet for a large number of villagers, boys and girls, of various ages, involving activities, some only once a year, which would normally be beyond the reach of the majority of children, if it were not for the hours the Leaders and Assistants give voluntarily and freely. Have you all forgotten you were young once?

Terry Oram, Scout Leader



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W.I NEWS

The WI calendar continues to be varied and busy. Following our May meeting we attended the group fund raising to be entertained by the Ratby Review. We enjoyed a guided tour of Uppingham school in June and continued towards a place in the groups skittle final by winning again in June. Several of the members went to the Royal Show at Stoneleigh on the 6th July to help out with the catering - hard work but a chance also to look round the show - always a good day out.

The July meeting took the form of a ramble from Shenton Station followed, as with most of our WI get together's by a meal.

August will see us being told about astrology - all welcome at the church hall at 7.30pm on the 8/8/94. We will be entering our float in the Scout Gala and September will see our usual meeting, on the 10th, with a talk on egg decorating, Faberge Style.

Our group meeting which is on the 27th with our speaker Mr Robert Hudson who is a previous head of BBC outside broadcasting, is always a good evening out. A visit to Cambridge on the 27th September completes a hectic month.

October's speaker is Mr Poyser from Ibstock to tell us about his craft business and also we are planning a Fashion Show to boost funds on the 19th October

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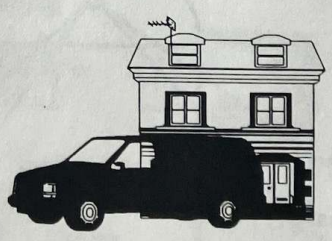
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The Rewards Service at the end of June, marks the end of the Sunday School year. This year, the children told the story of "Jonah and the Whale" in words, verse and song. It was illustrated in a puppet play with super roaring waves, the frightened sailors, an extremely large fish and poor Jonah thrown into the sea and enthusiastically vomited onto dry land. Everyone was so well rehearsed that when the director, Pru Crowley, was struck down with a bug the night before. The other teachers rallied round to ensure that all went well.

At the end of the service the Rector presented about 20 books to the children. Our thanks are due to all the teachers for their hard work though out the year for the children of the church.

Our main social event of the year the Church Fete, was held in the Rectory Garden on July 30th. Once again the weather smiled, the rain held off, and hundreds of people enjoyed tea and cakes, pot smashing, tombola, a putting game, stalls for children and stalls for adults, and a highly successful raffle with 29 prizes (Winners are listed in the latest Parish magazine). So many people contributed both in setting up and manning the stalls, providing goods and prizes, but a special thanks to all who came and spent their money so freely. Please come again next year - we had a wonderful time!

With the excitement of the Round Britain cycle race going through the village this year, we'd like to thank our own athletes of all ages who took part in the Sponsored Bike Event around Mallory Park circuit earlier this month. Our congratulations especially to Andrew Johnson, who completed 33 laps of the 1 mile circuit, to Virginia Lane and Ian Hand who completed 25 and 24 laps respectively, and to our youngest competitor, Matthew Mensley, aged 5, who did 4 laps.

The August coffee morning for the Church Hall Restoration Fund took place on the 13th. The 20p entry included one free entry to the tombola. Tea, coffee and biscuits were excellent value at 25p. Cake stalls, clothes and bric a brac all did brisk business. The next one is on September 10th at 10am at the Church Hall. Please come!

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LOCAL MUSICIAN'S BIG DAY

Sunday 8th May was a big day for local musician Phil Long of Peters Avenue. The event was the second convention of The Searchers Appreciation Society, Phil together with his partner Ashley King from Hinckley form the musical duo "Twice-As-Nice", and they had been booked as a support act for the Searchers.

The duo have carved out their own niche in club and pub entertainment in the Midlands and the sounds of the sixties and seventies has always been, and will continue to be the main driving force behind Twice-As-Nice.

Phil who only started playing the guitar three years ago to relax from the day to day grind of running his own printing business is the main vocalist and plays rhythm guitar, whilst Ashley plays lead guitar.

The story goes that Phil paid for his first guitar from his winnings on the one arm bandit in the Working Men's Club. I don't know if it's true but the committee have changed the bandit.

It was at a typical pub gig that they were discovered by the convention organiser, and asked if they would appear with The Searchers.

Phil said, "We enjoyed playing alongside a true sixties band such as The Searchers; their music, along with other "greats" of their era, have paved the way for duo's like us to revive that sound. Even with today's technology and varied music from House to Techno, the old and young alike still love the sixties and seventies sounds. Long may that continue!".



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NEWBOLD VERDON CHURCH HALL

Villagers help save Playschool Venue

The mobile chiropodist had to move to the Methodist Church because there was no external circuit breaker. The Peter Pan Playschool had a narrow escape recently from having to find a different venue when the Council threatened to withhold approval of the Church Hall until a number of improvements were made.

The Hall itself has been in debt and supported by church funds for some years.

Through the unselfish efforts of many members of the village, the situation has been saved. First, thanks to the fund-raising activities of Eileen Warner, Anne Pape, Hazel Webb and many other helpers, and the Herculean efforts of Andrew Mensley and his team, the Church Hall now has a new floor surface, a new kitchen, smoke alarms, better w.c. facilities are in progress, and a number of other improvements.

"We had a very successful run of three coffee and sale mornings, raising over £400, " said Eileen Warner, "and to our surprise, Andrew felt that it would cover all the immediate improvements needed to keep the Playschool at the Church Hall."

Unfortunately, however, this is only a respite for the Church Hall. "It will continue to need maintenance and improvements ," said Andrew Mensley, a plumbing & heating engineer with many years' building experience, "but what it really needs to survive is to be used."

Many people in the village, of course, still remember the building as the Village School. Built in 1874, when the first school - originally on the site of the War Memorial - became too small, it was further enlarged in 1884, and remained the village school until the present one was opened in 1910. "It was the village that raised most of the money (£1,234!) to build it originally," said David Warner, Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, "it's an important part of village history, and a lot of people would like it to remain as such."

The continuing calls on the Church's purse required to maintain the Church buildings, the Rectory and the Ministry means that the situation for the Church Hall is pressing. "We have three practical options, really, " says David Warner, "we can sell it - if we could find a buyer for such a property in a conservation area; we can try to raise enough money when fund-raising for the Church to keep the Hall safe for public use, or it could be run on its own and be self supporting. But the Church's main concern is to ensure the Church remains in the village, and because of the financial constraints of that, is already finding it difficult to maintain the Church Hall. So what we're looking for is people to come forward who would be prepared to take on the responsibility for it."

As the building itself is so much a part of the village, the community as a whole should play a part in the future of the Church Hall.

"I'm convinced that the Church Hall can be run as a going proposition ," says Andrew Mensley. "It's a building full of character, light and airy, and could be used for a variety of purposes. A Table Tennis player has seen it recently and pronounced it ideal. In fact, it has been used as a badminton court!"

Newbold is rich in venues, with the W.M.C. and of course the Community Centre at the School, "but there's still room for another kind of venue", says Andrew. "The Church Hall is so different, there must be events that are more appropriate for it." "It's perfect for children. The wooden floor makes it feel friendly. It gives them a feel of a different kind of architecture, and there's plenty of floorspace." said Alyn de Casembroot, another P.C.C. member.

In the meantime, the Church Hall needs more help. More volunteers to help with ongoing maintenance work, and more money raised to get it done. Anyone who cares about keeping this building for the village, who can contribute anything, from a home-baked cake for sale to help with painting, carpentry or just clearing is urgently needed. Please make your voice heard or your presence felt.

Anyone who feels they could help with the coffee mornings or other fund-raising ideas, please contact K. Hill or Andrew Mensley.

Anyone who can help by providing materials or volunteering labour please contact Andrew Mensley on 824590.

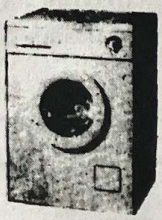
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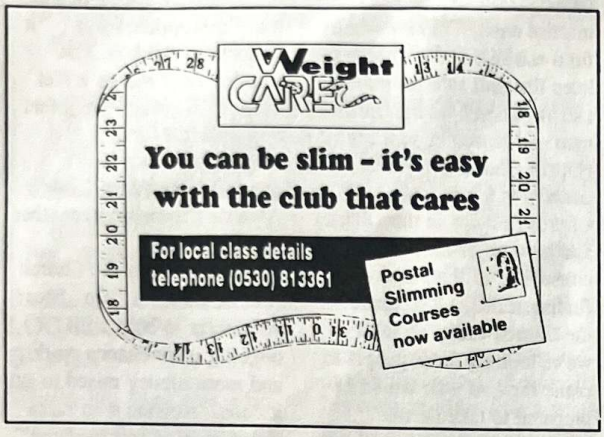
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A FAMILY CHRISTMAS 111

Yes.....here it is again!!!!! This December we are presenting our family show on two evenings - the 9th and 10th , so there is even more chance for you to come and see it. We are in the very early stages of planning which means if you or your friends or family wish to take part, now is your chance. If you have been to the Christmas show in the past you will know that there is something for everyone, and the show is always varied, and the supper delicious! Tickets will be on sale soon, and there will be a donation to a favourite charity. For more information please contact Janet James 823123.

LETTERS



Dear Verdon Views,

Is there anyone else in our village who is concerned about the state of our public footpaths?

One, at least, is impassable, or was when we tried it a few months ago. One seems to be very difficult to find. Another is persistently ploughed up and yet another has an unlabelled electric fence running alongside it.

Footpaths are precious rights-of-way and , although undoubtedly causing some nuisance to landowners, deserve to be preserved.

Could those of us who value our paths co-operate to keep them open.

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A BURNING QUESTION

Can anyone please explain why when we have a beautiful hot summer day, someone has to light a bonfire. We have windows wide open, washing drying on the line or maybe just sitting outside enjoying the sun, when clouds of smoke fill the air.

Our dustbin men are very good and will take just about anything and everything you leave out for collection, so I'm intrigued to know just what these people find to burn.

I also think you're not suppose to have bonfires between the hours of 7am and 7pm but maybe I'm wrong. However give us a break and lets us enjoy this summer, it's a long time since we've had a good one.

Name and address supplied

JAZZ CLUB

Spring and Summer have brought mixed fortunes to the jazz club. The number of specialist weekend jazz festivals at seaside holiday camps, brought a dramatic drop in attendance, and it did look as though we would not be able to continue, however the visit of Phil Mason's New Orleans All-Stars in July ensured a packed house, and the club saved by the skin of its teeth.

Phil's band had just arrived back from a successful tour of Denmark, and were in top form, attracting members from all over the country. Sorry again to the members in the bar and the games room for taking your tables and chairs, and sorry too to the dancers for taking up so much of the dance floor with the tables and chairs.

It was a storming night's jazz, the hard driving style bringing spontaneous and enthusiastic applause for the various solos, particularly the twenty three year old James Evens on clarinet who combines athletic agility, with the playing ability of a seasoned veteran.

Christine Tyrol's rendering of hymns and spirituals will be long remembered, especially "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "In The Garden".

August brought the band that started it all. It was at a weekend jazz festival at Caistor five years ago that I heard the London based Original Eastside Stompers. Although there are many good local bands. I felt it would be a good idea to bring some variety from around the country, and that's how it started. The Stompers are in great demand in London and the South and it took four years before we could get a date. Again great entertainment, and it was "Surprise Surprise" for the band.

Twenty five years ago John Baron left the band to join the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, and had not seen the band since. Now living in the Midlands he turned up on the night for a surprise reunion and stood in with the band on banjo to play some of the old tunes again. Not a dry eye in the house, (or was it not a dry glass).

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The band has an extensive repertoire; from ragtime and marches to Boogie Woogie; from ballads and blues to hymns of the "Deep South" and rock'n roll in the style of the Fats Domino Band.

The club has built a national reputation for top live entertainment in the traditional jazz field. Are you missing out on a good fun evening? Come on down and join us in the concert room at the WMC. Ring me on 822676 for more information. John Ryde.

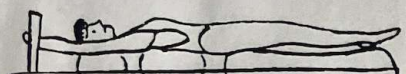
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Sat	10th Sep	Coffee Morning Church Hall	10am
Sun	11th Sep	Early Evening Ramble & Ploughmans Supper	823042
Fri	16th Sep	Antiques Road Show Methodist Church	822937
Sat	17th Sep	Grand Ball N.V. Community School	8pm-12
Fri	7th Oct	The Original Chicago Teddy Bears' Society Jazz Band - N.V. Jazz Club	
Sun	9th Oct	Harvest Festival Service	10:30am
Mon	10th Oct	Harvest Festival Supper Church Hall	7:30pm
Wed	19th Oct	W.I. Fashion Show	
Fri	4th Nov	Chris Boult's New Orlean's Jazz Band	
Sun	13th Nov	Remembrance Service St James'	10:30am
Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	16th-19th Nov	Verdon Players - "PINOCCHIO" at Newbold Verdon Comm. School	
Fri	18th Nov	Special Double Event Bob Olivers' Hot Seven plus Mr Jazz-Tommy Burton World rated professional pianist -entertainer N.V. Jazz Club	
Sun	20th Nov	Songs of Praise	6:00pm
Fri	2nd Dec	The Eagles Jazz Band N.V. Jazz Club	
Sat	3rd Dec	Christmas Fair St. James' Church Hall	10am
Sun	11th Dec	Sunday School Nativity Play St. James' Church	3:00pm
Sun	18th Dec	Carol Service St. James' Church	6:00pm
Fri	23rd Dec	Christmas Extravaganza with the Zenith Hot Stompers	

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