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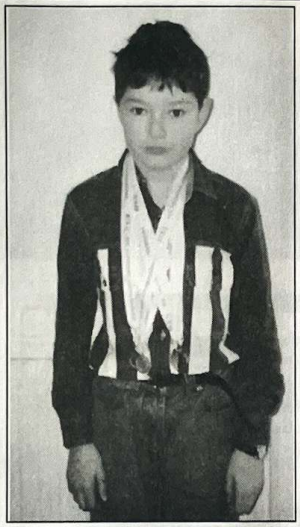
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EDS SPOT

We have had some replies as to who the people are in the photograph on the front of issue 42 - more of this in issue 44.

The Verdon Views Team would like to take this opportunity to wish Malcolm Mould a long, happy and healthy retirement after 23 years as Head of the School.

We appreciate that many readers must have been disappointed at the late delivery of issue 42. The delay was caused by our printers experiencing difficulties with their new computerised system and was completely unavoidable. The newspaper is produced by a small team, working in their own time, delivered free by our distributors and paid for by our advertisers. The paper costs approximately ú200 per issue to print with any difference in costs covered by the Newbold Verdon Community Association. We try our best but remember ... even Alan Shearer misses the goals sometimes!



A DAY IN THE SWIM

It was Saturday
(roundabout one),
As we approach
Nottingham.
Tony was nice and bright,
I said "If you do well I'll
buy you something
tonight."
When Tony had changed
we walked to the pool.
I thought to myself seems
rather cool,
Not worried, not
frightened, not a trace,
He just wanted to get on
with the race.
They all lined up for the
swim,
Tony said "I'll be faster
than him."
In he went as fast as he
could go,
Everyone in that race
were far to slow.
The race is yours he was
told,
"Good" he said "Another
gold."
The races went on by the
score,
He had medals from one
to four
Four medals a trophy he
did receive,
Everyone was pleased.
There's one thing that
goes to show,
Disabled people are
certainly not slow.

CARL'S PARTY

Carl and Sue Dunning would like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who came along to Carl's surprise party (and to those who couldn't make it, but still donated) on Friday, 31st March at Newbold Verdon Working Men's Club.

The whole event was arranged to raise money for St Martha's Ward at Leicester Royal Infirmary, where Carl received his treatment last year, and we are both very pleased to announce that over £1000 was raised, which will be spent on Portable Television Sets and Electric Fans of which the Ward are in desperate need.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Somewhat belatedly, I admit, but thanks to everyone who was involved with the Family Christmas in December.

There were over 40 adults and children taking part, and naturally, a large proportion of the audiences were supporting families!

The total raised was ú500, half of which was to be donated to Heart-link.

However, following the untimely death of Michael Wilkinson, it was agreed that the entire amount should be given as a token of our respect and affection.

In the past, Josie, Michael and the family always staunchly supported the N.V.C.A.

.....Janet James

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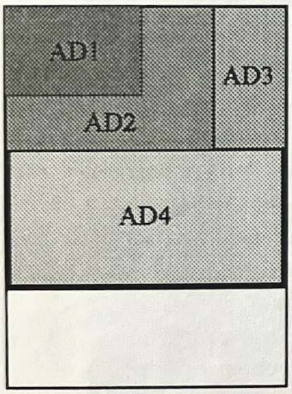
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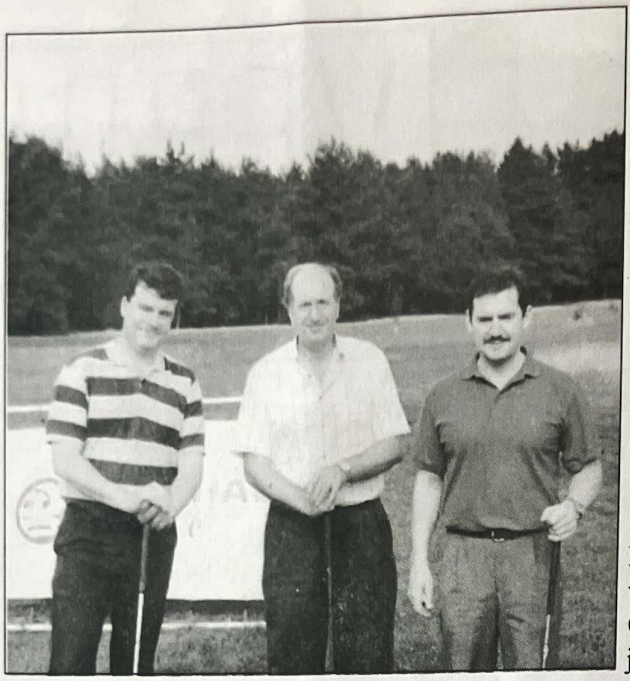
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MICHAEL WILKINSON

Michael Wilkinson died of a heart attack in December, 1994, at the age of 44. Married to Josie for 22 years and father of three children: Sarah, Mark and Ruth, he was a devoted family man. He lived life to the full.

A keen sportsman,, Michael played cricket with Peckleton Cricket Club until 1993, when he joined Newbold Verdon Cricket Club, and in 1994, achieved his lifelong ambition of scoring his maiden century. During the winter months, he was an avid supporter of Leicester City F.C. and was delighted to see them gain promotion to the Premier League in 1994. When time allowed, he also enjoyed a game of golf and last November, he

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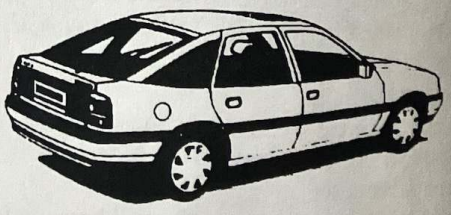
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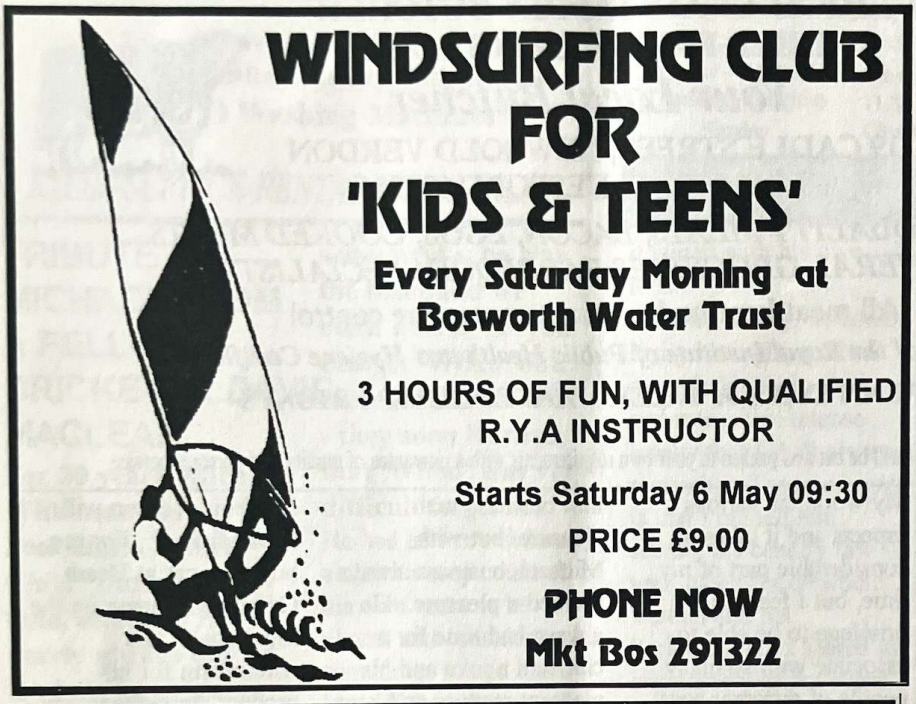
had to climb a vertical wall, whilst roped together with colleagues, during a Vauxhall Training Course in Spain. Michael's involvement with the Methodist Church is well known throughout the village, but many may not have read his article for their magazine, which he wrote in 1993. Because it sums up Michael's feelings and sense of humour so well, we print this article in its entirety:

WHO IS THAT?

I have lived in the village for 30+++ years. In that time many changes have taken place within the village, the Church and my life.

My parents introduced me to the church at a very early age and because, at that time, awards were presented for good attendance, I have quite a collection. The awards that spring to mind are those that we were allowed to choose for ourselves, namely: "The Topical Times Football Annuals", this was a contrast to "Wesley's Twenty Best Sermons", "The Apocrypha" or suchlike. Good attendance also meant that you had a good chance of being selected for the Sunday School football team, unfortunately good attendance was not a substitute for ability, so at an early age, the power of prayer was put to the test. Teenage years formed a lot of interesting relationships with all types of people. Some shared in my interests of sport, others also encouraged and directed my spiritual life. This culminated in my asking Jesus to be part of my life. One person who shared all of these things became my wife.

How will you know me? Well I am a husband and a father of two teenage and one 10 year old, who possibly regrets being born on 1st August, the busiest day of the year in the

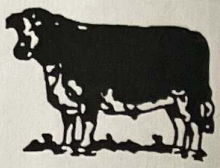




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Motor Trade, because she feels that car deliveries take preference to her birthday and "that's not fair!" She is a member of the Sunday School. My eldest daughter, who recently passed her driving test, is currently taking an "A" level course at Bosworth College. My son, who is 15, is studying for his G.C.S.E. exams next year at the same college, that is if he can possibly find the time to study alongside his many sporting activities! Both teenagers belong to Young People's Groups in the Church.

My work has various aspects and it takes up a considerable part of my time, but I feel it a privilege to be able to associate with so many people of different ages, interests and views. I'm sure that being a Christian helps me to relate to such a wide clientele.

I would like to take this opportunity to state that, contrary to popular opinion, you don't have to own a Vauxhall for me to speak to you: But it does help!.

With thanks to the "Methodist Magazine".

Some say that you can't mix business with pleasure, but with Michael, business always seemed a pleasure. He always had time for a chat and a joke and his pleasant manner and keen sense of humour made him easy to talk to - attributes which must have proven most useful whilst teaching on the Motoring Vehicle Courses at both Hinckley and Charles Keene Colleges. He and Josie had a memorable holiday in Mauritius in November, 1992: a General Motors' Dealership Award, won by Heath Garage.

Newbold Verdon will miss Michael. For me, buying a car at Heath Garage will never be the same again. His enthusiasm for his product almost matched the owner's excitement of driving away a new car. The next time I buy a new car, I shall remember Michael and maybe wish that he'd be there to show me what it could do, but then again, knowing Michael, perhaps he won't be all that far away.

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He had an extra-ordinary ability to keep count of his own score as he played and considering he sometimes scored more himself than the rest of the team together, this was quite an achievement - "helps me to concentrate" he would say, as he checked the score-book to make sure it tallied with his own total.

With his ability, he could easily have played for a more fashionable club and it was this intense loyalty that I shall always remember. The one regret is that I missed him scoring his century last year, albeit for Newbold Verdon and not Peckleton, but I shared in his memory of the event many times and thankfully, the scorebook was correct.

VERDON PLAYERS

The April production of "When we were married" has been and gone, and was very well received.

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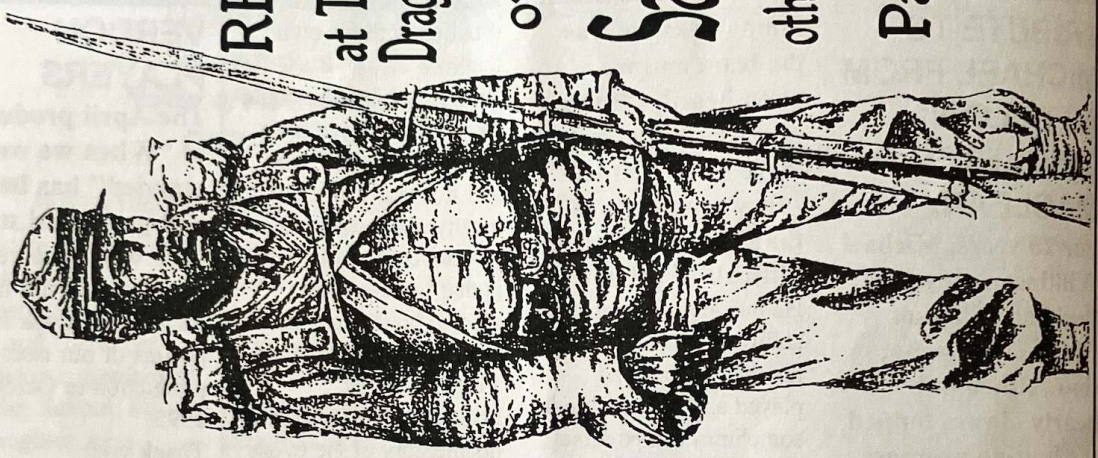
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Recently, the group registered with the British Golfing Society. The club is now officially able to call itself "a society" which brings with it certain benefits for members. firstly, members of Newbold Verdon Golf Society are entitled to an official handicap card, enabling them to play at a wide range of clubs without being a member. It also gives members the opportunity to play at certain clubs for a discounted price, particularly if travelling as a group, giving excellent future scope for Summer holiday tournaments.

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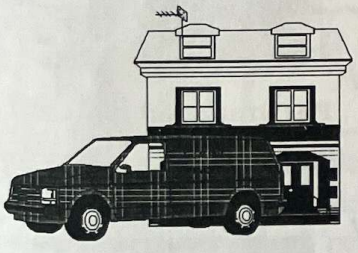
PETER PAN PLAY GROUP

Our theme for the term was transport and the children learnt about vehicles. This was followed by a Road Safety Week when Rose, the lollipop lady, came to visit, and we practised the correct way of crossing the road . All the children gained a lot from the experience and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to Rose for giving up her time.

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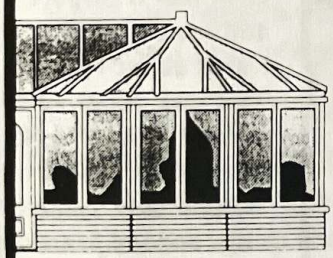
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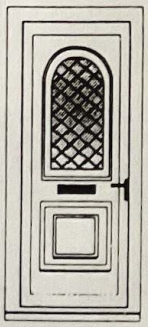


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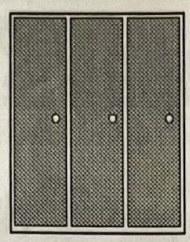
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Plants not ready or unsuitable for this treatment will often suffer at the roots or cease flowering.

It is surprising how long a houseplant will remain happy in a pot that looks too small, I have a Cissus Rhombifolia (Grape Ivy), that has been in the same pot with very little soil change for twelve years. This plant is capable of reaching 10 feet, mine has stayed at 5 feet because I am quite happy with that, and by restricting the pot size and not overfeeding it

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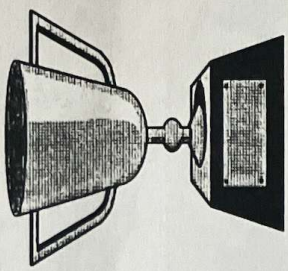
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