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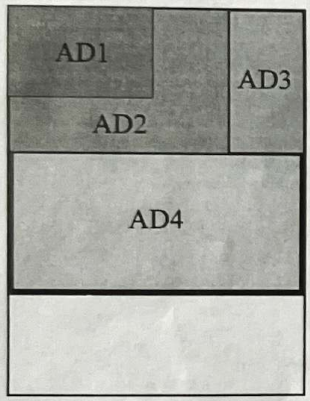
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## NEWBOLD VERDON SPECIAL EFFORT

## THE MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL FUND

## HINCKLEY CHILDREN'S ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Traditionally once a year Newbold Verdon Jazz club hold a charity evening for local causes. This year asthma has dominated the news, and being long term asthmatic myself, I looked at the many asthma charities and research schemes locally. Asthma is a respiratory disease that s the only major chronic illness in the UK that is g getting worse not better. - Asthma has become epidemic, (one in seven children develops asthma} and Leices-

tershire is one of the worst areas in the country for sufferers. - Most families have someone who needs regular medication with sprays and inhalers for this distressing and debilitating condition.
- Theres nothing more heart rending than to see a child fighting for breath, and the feeling of despair that you can do little to help.
- You can help now by putting your hand deep in your pocket.

When I found that our Local councillor Joyce Crooks had been elected Mayor and that her chosen charity would be Hinckley Children's Asthma Support Group then we were in business. The Hinckley Children's Asthma Support Group was set up for parents, grandparents, carers and professionals dealing with childhood asthma, to provide information, support and advice. They work closely with paediatricians and respiratory nurses, interest has also been shown by practice nurses and school nurses.

**Some of the aims are.**

1. To supply leaflets and brochures about all aspects of Asthma, produced locally and also purchased from the National Asthma Campaign.
2. To purchase a portable Electronic Spirometer & Analysis Software. (approx. cost £5000.)
3. To purchase special heated nebulisers for children with airways sensitive to cold. (on loan)
4. To purchase portable oxygen systems for children requiring at home. (on loan)

Our October jazz evening coincide with the beginning of National Asthma Week, so this set the date for our Special Evening.

Normally we raise something in the region of £100 - £150, but knowing of the epidemic rise in Asthma locally I set myself a target of raising £1000 from and on behalf of Newbold Verdon.

Never being involved in charity work I am afraid that my approach was rather basic. Just write to a few people and ask them for money, not very sophisticated but it started the ball rolling.

The response was fantastic. At our Charity Jazz evening on Friday Oct. 6th we were able to tell Joyce that we had so far raised £401 towards her special fund, and present her with cheque. In addition we had a great nights entertainment. it was the first time that we had two bands, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Perhaps you saw Joyce Crooks photograph in the Leicester Mercury, attempting to play a Sousaphone.

As I said, I only approached a few individuals, and I am sure that many more people and groups are only too willing and wanting to give their help. The great majority of the village were unaware of this effort, and it is to those people that I am now turning. You can help now by looking deep into your hearts and pockets, every little helps

With the success of the National lottery and scratch cards, charities have reported a considerable drop in income. This is a local charity for local children, perhaps someone in your family . The money raised is not absorbed in running costs or expenses and salaries.

**Will you help please?**

If you are involved in any of the village groups or activities, would you please consider a cash collection or fund raising activity? (I will be pleased to provide you with posters or flyers.)

As an individual, or a business, or a shop would you write a cheque, or send some cash. Perhaps miss your lottery for a week, perhaps the price of' a packet of cigarettes, a round of drinks, a bottle of wine or something similar.

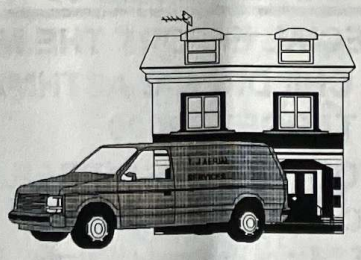
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9.00Mrs C M Tyler (Jazz) £10, Cash Collection (Jazz) £46, Eric Walker (Jazz) £10, Val Jones (Jazz) £5, Des Hill (Hill's Electrical) £5, Brian & Pearl (Waterfall Taxis) £50, Miss Chim (China Palace) £10, Barry Buskin (School of Motoring) £10, Committee NVWMC £100, John & Jean £50, Derek & Margaret (PO/Building Society) £25, Cash Collection (Jazz) £82, Phil & Sue (PML Print) £30

**TOTAL TO DATE £433**

## NVCA TOTE

The NVCA tote is now into its eighth year and has raised thousands of points for the community.

Sadly our dedicated band of collectors is diminishing, as we are becoming committed elsewhere.

The tote is drawn every month on the last Wednesday

Money can be collected monthly, bimonthly or even annually for ease and timesaving. There are now 4 established tote rounds with no-one to collect the money. There are also many areas of the village that have not approached. We should all be sorry to see this method if funds diminish further, and are sure there must be people in the village with half an hour a month to spare. If you are unemployed, retired or simply wish to help, please contact me: Janet James, 38 Main Street on 823123.

## QUIZ NIGHT

The NVCA Quiz Night is on Friday, 23rd February. Teams of 4, please, as usual. Only £5 a team. Put it in your diaries NOW.

## MUSIC HALL

The NVCA Music Hall will be staged on March 15th & 16th. It is being produced by Pam Cairns. There will be various 'acts' and a hot supper. This is an adult evening and entertainment will be suitable for adults. If you feel you would like to participate, please contact Pam on 822886.

Kath & Ted Peace wish to thank everyone who attended the skittles night at "The Swan" on 21 October. £220 was raised for ward 31 of the Heart Unit at Glenfield General hospital. Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who brought tickets.



## FASHION SHOW

There will be a Fashion Show on 26th April at the Community Centre. Fashions from Anita & Zig-Zag will be modelled by our glamorous ladies. There will be refreshments. Look out for further details.


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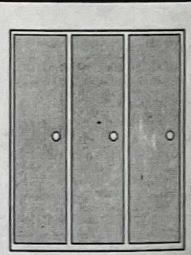
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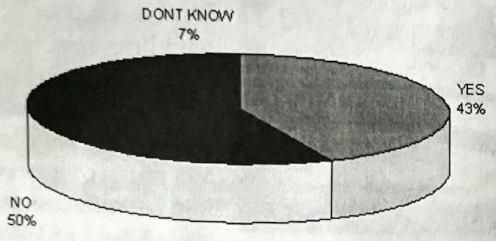
## N V COMMUNITY CENTRE QUESTIONNAIRE

In the last issue of Verdon Views we asked for your opinion of the activities and facilities offered at the community centre. From the completed questionnaires we have analised the responses as follows:

If you have any further comments please write to Verdon Views.

The winner of the free draw for a bottle of champagne was Pam East whose completed questionnaire was drawn at random by the NVCA.

INTENTION TO JOIN OR REJOIN




## NVCA CAROL SINGING

We are going to sing carols round the village on Sunday, 17th December. We shall meet round the Christmas Tree, opposite the shops at about 7.30p.m. - so all you church people will be in fine voice to join us!

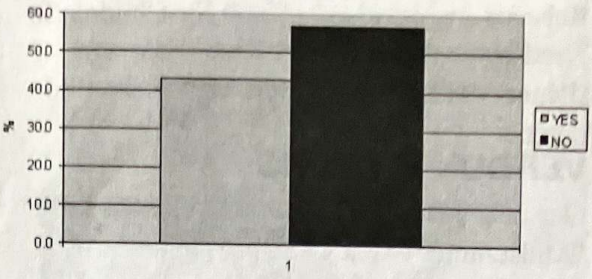
We shall follow a route - calling down Chadwick Close, collecting as we go (of course) The money will all go to The Lord Mayor's Charity: The Hinckley Children's Asthma Support Group. Please bring your families and friends and join us, or if you prefer to listen from the warmth of your homes, please have your change ready!

We shall finish up at the Community Centre for mince pies and mulled wine. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

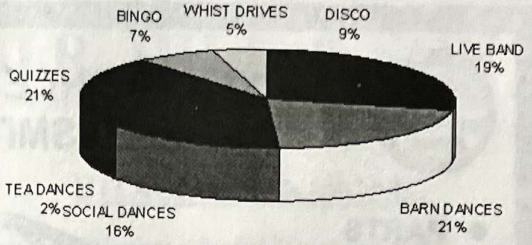
## BAR ROTA

Newbold Verdon Community Association are looking for people to help on a Bar Rota. If you are interested, would you please contact either Karen Vann, Sue Barker or Eileen Glasper at the school.

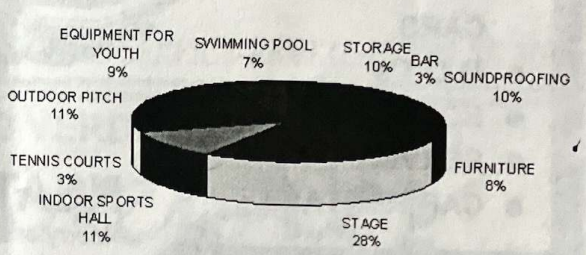
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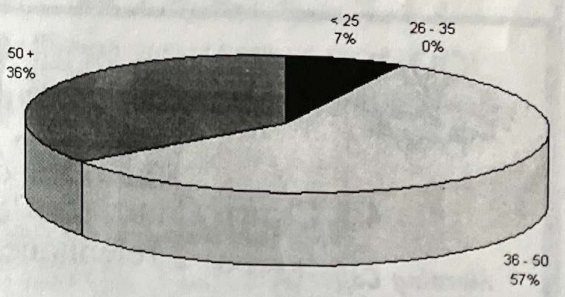

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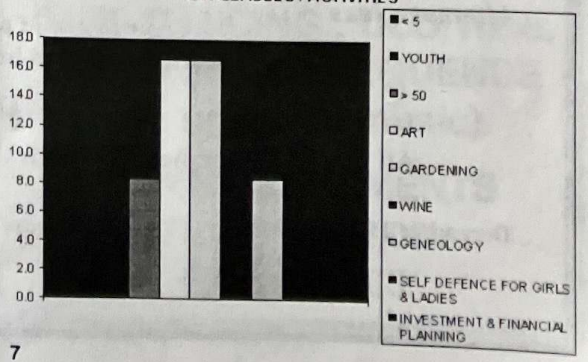

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca James raised £57.00 for Children in Need by completing a 12 hour sponsored silence. All her family were very pleased to donate.

## VERDON PLAYERS

Our next production to be staged at Easter "Midsummer Night's Dream", directed by Clive Hill. This is an ambitious venture - bringing Shakespeare to Newbold Verdon. We hope that this will be well received and even those of you who are not enraptured by Shakespeare will be prepared to support us in your usual fashion.

## VERDON PLAYERS A NIGHT ON THE TILES

The October production of "A night on the tiles" was a superb play and well acted by everyone. Well done!



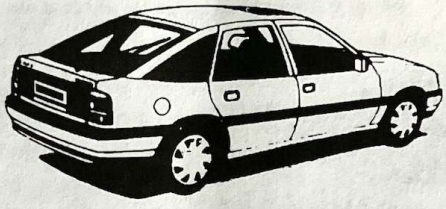
## A THANK YOU TO MEL

Recently Mel Suart organized a coach trip to see Starlight Express in the West End. This was Mel's idea of an intimate evening to celebrate his and Marlene's pearl wedding anniversary. An enjoyable time was had by all, with the journey time enlivened by Mel and his "hostesses" who ran raffles and a quiz. A total of £90.00 was raised for Children in Need. Thanks, Mel. Perhaps we can do it again on your wedding anniversary next year!


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## GARDEN SPOT

Now the season to plant trees and conifers is upon us, the catchy logo "Plant a tree in '93" springs to mind

This year, however, I think it was more if "Keep them alive in '95"! As I write, we are still under a hosepipe ban, so I'm hoping that November is somewhat wetter than October. It is nice that trees are available now in so many of our garden centres and that they have a good selection of sizes as well as types. In such a dry Summer there was much talk of the danger from planting large shrubs and trees close to buildings. The amount of water taken up by a mature broadleaf is huge - so these are the ones to plant well away where they are unable to draw moisture from under your foundations. If you are unsure how far the roots will run, then take a look at the height and spread of the tree in question - especially its mature measurements, as this is a good basic guide to the depth and spread of the roots. This is why, when you water or feed, a young tree you do not water at the trunk but under the outstretched branches where the feeding roots will be. There is no excuse for anyone to be without a tree somewhere in the garden. The column type of apple will fit anywhere, even a 15 inch tub. There are also some lovely tall but slender conifers such as Juniperus 'Rocket' or how about the smooth leafed elm, 'Ulmus Carp. 'Wredei' with its golden leaves to light up a dark corner. Break up the greenness inn the garden with a Purple Birch: Betula Penula 'Purpurea', much more delicate than the purple leafed cob-nut. It keeps the white trunk, usually seen with Birch, so it makes an unusual and pleasant sight.

Also available easily now are the 'dual' fruit trees. A dual pear with 'Conference' and 'Bonnr Louise'. Or a dual apple and even a dual plum with a yellow and violet variety on the same tree! At around £10 each, I think that is good vale. These are available from Bakker: a Dutch mail order company, if you want their catalogue phone 01775711411.

Those of you with any yew hedging or topiary can do something very useful with the clippings. Toxol is a natural extract of English Yew and can help in the treatment of some cancers. As it takes a ton of yew to make 200g of the drug, gardeners are being asked to save clippings. 'Yew Clippings' is the sole supplier to a new processing plant in France and they will buy all that is offered and are donating 10% of profits to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Fund. Clippings must reach Cold storage within 48 hours. For details, phone 01308485693. Happy Gardening.

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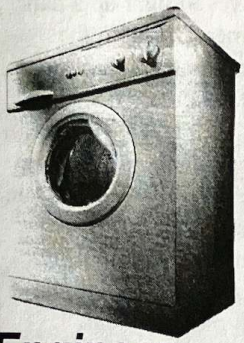
## DIARY OF EVENTS

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| Sun | 17 Dec | 3.00 pm | Christingle Service | St James' Church |
| Sun | 24 Dec | 10.30 am | Carol Service | St James' Church |
| Sun | 24 Dec | 11.30 pm | Midnight Mass | St James' Church |
| Mon | 25 Dec | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist | St James' Church |
| Th[illegible] | 18 Jan | 7.30 pm | Prayer for Christian Unit | St James' Church |
| Sa | 21 Jan | 6.00 pm | Service for Christian Unity | St James' Church |
| Thurs | 25 Jan | 7.30 pm | Prayer for Christian Unit | Baptist Church |


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