# VERDON Views

NEWBOLD VERDON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER ISSUE NO 47


## ED'S SPOT

The Verdon Views this year, will be issued on a seasonal basis. This has been decided, because of the high cost of publication and the disappointing response to our request for articles.

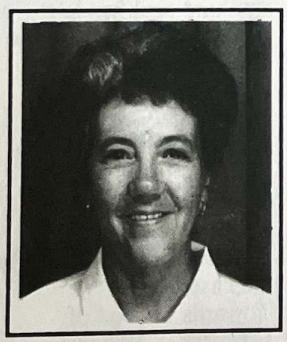
We want Verdon Views to contain lots of "newsy bits" from our village, but these, of late, appear to have dried up. Come on villagers. Let us know what's going on, after all its FREE and we'll write the story for you if you give us the information.

The deadline dates for 1996 are:
15th MAY
21st AUGUST
13th NOVEMBER

Please contact one of the team and let us have a super Spring issue.

Since writing this ED's spot we have received an influx of news

## ON THE MOVE



Freda Hill would like to say not goodbye, but cheerio to all my neighbours in Rush Close.

A special thank you to Chris and Brian and Denise & Mick, who have been very kind and helpful and for everything they have done for me since my husband Albert died last year. Also many thanks to the many friends I have made in Newbold Verdon. I will miss you all very much.

It was very hard for me to decide about the move, but I am going to live nearer my family. My grand-daughter keeps me very busy and with another grandchild due in September, I sure am going to be busy knitting and baby sitting. Once again. my thanks.

Freda Hill

## MANY THANKS

Dear Friends,

Sue & Terry Fowkes would like to thank everyone for their kindness and well wishes during Sue's illness.

We were both overwhelmed by the support given to us at a difficult time. Hopefully, now, things are getting better.

We thank you all again for your kind thoughts and help.

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I would like to thank my family, friends and everyone who sent their good wishes (and flowers and chocolates) to me when I was in hospital. Your strength rubbed of on me and is here to stay!!

Thank you all

Love from Julia Wilmot

## PAUL FRENCH

Paul French: N.V.C.A. Treasurer, has decided to "hang up his pen". He has been Treasurer of N.V.C.A. since its inrtception, but because of other commitments, is finding it more difficult to carry on in this role.

Paul confesses to "not being a meeting's man", but has nevertheless been involved in lots of hard work behind the scenes, for which we are all grateful. His contribution and presence will be sorely missed by his many friends within the Community Association.

Many thanks, Paul, and "Good Luck", and don't forget - you are always welcome at your Community Association.

## MESSAGE FROM PAM TO COLIN

Now you're old and grey
As they say
"Yes, we still love you",
and send all our love
And loads of good wishes
on your 60th birthday
17th March, 1996
from Pam, Sharon & Michelle
(not forgetting Cutey)

## CONGRATULATIONS

To STUART ROGERS on becoming British Theatre and Dance Association All England Tap Dance Champion in the Intermediate Section. Well done, Stuart. A suitable reward for all you hard work.

## GOLD FOR TONY

On SATURDAY, 3rd February, TONY DEACON went to the Regional Swimming Championships. He was entered in six races. At the end of the day, he came away with:

GOLD 25M FREESTYLE
GOLD 25M BACKSTROKE
GOLD 50M FREESTYLE
GOLD 50M BACKSTROKE
GOLD 100M FREESTYLE
SILVER 100M BACKSTROKE

Well done!

His times have enabled


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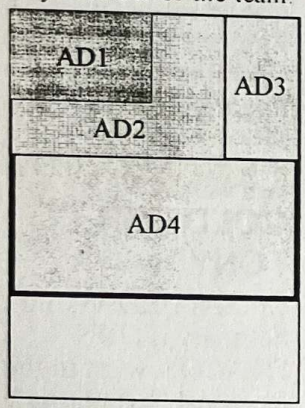
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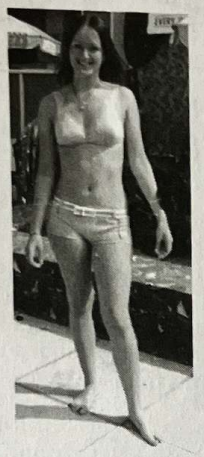
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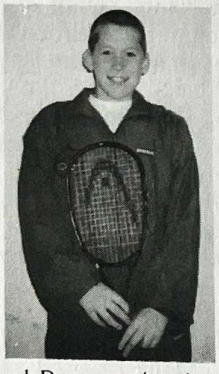
him to be entered in the National Chamionships in Darlington (Newcastle) to compete with some of the best (dis)abled swimmers around.
Good luck, Tony. Try the best you can. Win or lose. You will always be our CHAMP.

## WHAT A POSER



Bev Ewen
40 on March 10th
Love
Sally, Sarah and Gary
xxxxxxxxxxxx

## COUNTY HONOURS



Paul Bateman has been selcted to play in the Leicestershire Under 12 Squash team for the current season. Sponsored by Trucolour Dyeing, Paul's match record so far is WORCESTERSHIRE - won and DURHAM and CLEVELAND - LOST, 3 out of 4 points, being a good start for a newcomer.
Paul started playing squash 5 years ago, when he was 6, along with his brother and sister Neal and Laura. Whilst attending county coaching once a week, Paul also goes for junior coaching and games at New Parks' Leisure Centre, every Saturday morning.
Well done, Paul. An excellent achievement, and to all kids reading this - "YOU NEVER KNOW. HAVE A GO!"

## KINGDOM HALL

MILL LANE.
As reported in an earlier issue of the newsletter, an extensive refurbishment of the local Kingdom Hall has been undertaken over the last two years.
This meeting place of Jehovah's witnesses, has been a part of Newbold for the past 70 years and has grown from a wooden hut, to a modern, central heated place of worship, seating eighty people.
The refurbishment is now completed and a dedication program was arranged for 9th & 10th December. The Saturday program commenced at 6.30 p.m.
It is a two hour program, including slides and a review of the history of the local congregation of the witnesses.
An open day the following Saturday, 16th December, commenced at 2.00 p.m. To give the local people the opportunity to see inside the Hall apart from any religious activity.

## FAITH MISSION

From 7th - 16th February, Newbold Verdon Patist Church was pleased to welcome Stephen Cously and Barry Bedford, as pilgrims representing the Faith Mission.
The Faith Mission travel from village to village spreading and sharing the gospel and they are interdenominational.
Anyone who has attended any of the meetings, will tell you what a rewarding and spiritually uplifting experience it has been for everyone.
There is a Faith Mission Prayer Meeting held the first Monday of every month at Mr Fred Wilkes' home.
Anyone wanting further information on the Faith Mission, can contact its Central Director: Mr T. Matthews, 6 Carisbrooke Road, Leicester.

## HEDGEHOG NEWS

By the end of February, most hedgehogs will be thinking that it is about time to get up. The official date is supposed to be 20th February, but I've yet to see a hog in it's little home, marking off the calendar waiting for the date to arrive. It really is amazing where these facts come from.
It has been a fairly mild winter, it is not unknown for a hungry hog to wake during hibernation and go on a walk-about, looking for anything that is edible. The problem being, there are not a lot of juicy slugs around in the winter, so if any kind soul has left something for the cat, the hog would be very grateful!! The trouble is, with January being mild, the Hogs will be thinking it's later than it is and a lot will be caught out if we get a very cold February, which is usually the case.
Towards the end of February is a good time to start leaving out your dishes of cat food and

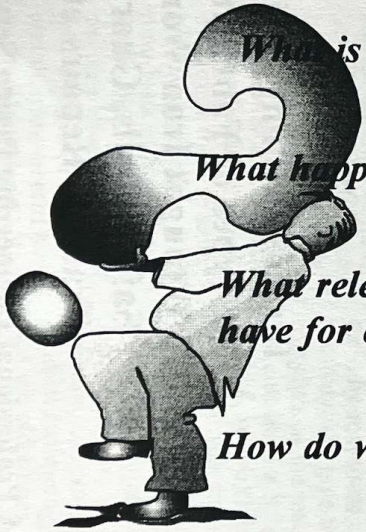
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AT

## BARLESTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join us on Tuesdays
Weekly from April 16th

Starting at 7pm with
a light supper



***What is the point of life?***

***What happens when we die?***

***What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?***

***How do we deal with guilt?***

If you would like to explore any of these issues
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# THREE WAY CRAFT DAY

## Twycross Village Hall

***March 23rd from 9.30 - 4.15pm.***

## Sugar Craft

Sugar Plaque (with Spring in mind)

## Colour Analysis

Colour co-ordination & make-up demo.

## Flower Arranging

Spring Floral Design

## *** Packed Lunch essential ***

Tea and coffee provided.

**For more information please ring**
**01455 290105 or 01530 271723**

water to help a hungry hog, who will be eternally grateful. A lot of hogs will have gone into hibernation a lot lighter in weight than is good for them, so as the end of Winter approaches, these Hogs will be out in daylight looking for food. Please remember, a hedgehog out in daytime is a SICK HOG. Don't leave it thinking it knows what it is doing. IT DOESN'T. It needs help, so ring the local vet or RSPCA, who will know who to contact in the Hedgehog Rescue. "I'm not risking getting fleas, picking up one of those things", you may think. Well you could not be more wrong. You've about as much chance of catching fleas picking up a hog, as you have growing spines!! Hedgehog fleas are very choosy on whose body they live, and fortunately for us, humans are not on their list. So the risk of you catching fleas is NIL. With that, I'll leave you all scratching, and catch up with you later.RSPCA, who will know who to contact in the Hedgehog Rescue. "I'm not risking getting fleas, picking up one of those things", you may think. Well you could not be more wrong. You've about as much chance of catching fleas picking up a hog, as you have growing spines!! Hedgehog fleas are very choosy on whose body they live, and fortunately for us, humans are not on their list. So the risk of you catching fleas is NIL. With that, I'll leave you all scratching, and catch up with you later.

D. Finney

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Due to popular demand, school uniform has been introduced to the School. It is jade sweatshirt or cardigan, with a red dragon on it, as the school emblem. We thought the dragon was fitting, since the School is in Dragon Lane.

Also on the "dragon" theme, we are pleased to now have a mural on the hall wall, showing a dragon with several important landmarks in the village. The mural was designed by Mrs Vicki Heath, previously a teacher at the School, and the children carried out the artwork under her guidance.

The parents at the School were keen to start up a PTA and this has been achieved. The inaugural meeting was held on 18th January, and we are very hopeful for support for the School and benefit to the children in School.

A residential trip will soon take place with Yr. 6 children visiting Aberglaslyn. They will spend a week away, and if it is anything like previous trips, it will be a resounding success!

Huge thanks to the willing staff who take the children away and are on duty 24 hours a day. No mean task!

Children in school are now expected to undertake a much wider curriculum than in years gone by, and are expected to have some links with industry and experience of Commerce. To develop their understanding and to encourage them to save, we have opened up a mini-bank at the School where the Yr. 5 & Yr. 6 children have to apply for jobs of clerk or cashier and then are elected by the bank personnel. The other children in school, then save with the bank, and those Yr. 6 & Yr. 5 children appointed, deal with the paperwork. In fact, it seems that staff are also keen to join in and save too! Although the School gets 4p per transaction, the money belongs to the children and is in their bank account.

We recently received our OFSTED report following our inspection and governors and staff are very busy drawing up an Action Plan to address the issues which were mentioned. When this has been completed, it will be sent to OFSTED and parents will receive a copy of it.

We encourage parents into School to help us and to see what work we do. It is very successful, but hard work for them and we do appreciate it very much. If anyone can help us out, please see Eileen Glasper.

We rarely know accurately how many children will be coming in to School, until the very last minute which makes planning difficult, therefore, if any parents with under age children would like to come and look around and register their child, we should be pleased to see them. If you have need to telephone School at playtime or lunchtime, don't be surprised to hear children answering the telephone. It is part of the duty rota to do this, and they will give the messages to the teachers.

We also have a School Council, where children from each year group discuss issues that concern them. This is proving to be very successful.

We now take our younger children swimming, rather than the older ones, as we feel it is important and easier for young children to learn to swim.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers required to help the disabled people of Leicestershire and Rutland, by sparing a few hours collecting cash on either a flag day or house to house collection during the period of Saturday, 18th May to Saturday, 25th May. Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated - let's make it a bumper year!

Please contact: Jane Kelham at the Leicestershire Guild of the Disabled.

Telephone 0116 2515565

## LEST WE FORGET!

### YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Are you an ex-regular serviceman or woman? Have you experienced active service?

If so an opportunity exists for you to remember all those who served with you by laying the Memorial wreath at the village Remembrance day service, and to say those few moving lines from "To the Fallen".

If you would like to do this on behalf of all your comrades, please contact the Rector on 822528 as soon as possible.

## GARDEN SPOT

### Green Flowers

The scarcity of plants with green flowers is not difficult to understand. The flower, after all, is a modified leafy shoot. The ability of this shoot to produce green chlorophyll for photosynthesis, having been replaced by other pigments for quite a different purpose. That purpose is allied to pollination and if the pollination is to be by

insects, then the colours are designed to attract them. If the pollination is to be by wind, then the colour is immaterial and so wind pollinated flowers tend to be somewhat drab in colour. But a few plants refused to lose their green colour when their leaves became petals, and in the garden, this gives us the opportunity to use them in several ways. The most popular use is as a foil to brighter flowers, in either helping to tone down a too dazzling display by inter-planting or as a divide between colour schemes. These plants are also much loved by flower arrangers, who generally have a good collection of annual, as well as perennial green flowered plants, or they will be eyeing up any generous sized clumps in your garden! So what plants are we talking about here. One of the most popular is undoubtedly the versatile hellebore foetidus, a delicate looking British native, which shows itself mid to late winter and flowers for weeks on end, even in heavy shade. There are many relatives to this genus which vary in size, colour and flowering. Another plant often seen lurking behind garages or along shaded walkways, are the euphorbias. Sizes vary from quite small to quite grand. They are worth seeking out in the garden centres, and often become a collecting hobby - as do the hellebores. An annual to try this year is the molucella laevis, the Bells of Ireland, reaching 2ft with lovely bracts surrounding the flowers - a must for arranging, preserve by standing in glycerine, as they do not dry well. For winter interest, look for Daphne Laureola, a small evergreen shrub, which has a wonderful scent, an alternative way for the green flower to attract insects. The past few years have seen the introduction of green flowering tulips! Incidentally, if you find a green flower on plants that should show colour, this is usually caused by a virus like organism called a mycoplasma, so affected flowers should be disposed of rather than treasured as an oddity as it could spread to infect the whole stock.colour is immaterial and so wind pollinated flowers tend to be somewhat drab in colour. But a few plants refused to lose their green colour when their leaves became petals, and in the garden, this gives us the opportunity to use them in several ways. The most popular use is as a foil to brighter flowers, in either helping to tone down a too dazzling display by inter-planting or as a divide between colour schemes. These plants are also much loved by flower arrangers, who generally have a good collection of annual, as well as perennial green flowered plants, or they will be eyeing up any generous sized clumps in your garden! So what plants are we talking about here. One of the most popular is undoubtedly the versatile hellebore foetidus, a delicate looking British native, which shows itself mid to late winter and flowers for weeks on end, even in heavy shade. There are many relatives to this genus which vary in size, colour and flowering. Another plant often seen lurking behind garages or along shaded walkways, are the euphorbias. Sizes vary from quite small to quite grand. They are worth seeking out in the garden centres, and often become a collecting hobby - as do the hellebores. An annual to try this year is the molucella laevis, the Bells of Ireland, reaching 2ft with lovely bracts surrounding the flowers - a must for arranging, preserve by standing in glycerine, as they do not dry well. For winter interest, look for Daphne Laureola, a small evergreen shrub, which has a wonderful scent, an alternative way for the green flower to attract insects. The past few years have seen the introduction of green flowering tulips! Incidentally, if you find a green flower on plants that should show colour, this is usually caused by a virus like organism called a mycoplasma, so affected flowers should be disposed of rather than treasured as an oddity as it could spread to infect the whole stock. Happy gardening!

## GARCINIA CAMBOGIA

The Garcinia Cambogia is a South African tree. Its fruit has been used for centuries in Southern India and Thailand in 'souring' condiments for curries, for preserving fish and as digestive aids.

The fruit is about the size of an orange, but looks pumpkin-like, the rind and fruit are eaten, but its the rind that is becoming of great interest to many people. A natural extract of the rind is known as hydrocitric acid (HCA), a close relative of citric acid, which is common in nature, but not so HCA, which is found only in a few plant species. HCA is a 'lipogenesis inhibitor', which simply means that it prevents the body from turning carbohydrate calories to fat. This product suppresses hunger, makes meals more satisfying, reduces fat and cholesterol production and may even increase the burning of calories. To date, more than 70 scientific papers have been published on HCA. Human trials at the University of Arizona and in South Carolina showed no side-effects. HCA is not a central nervous system stimulant as most other appetite suppressants are. Payoff to the dieter is that appetite is controlled as you feel full earlier in the meal. Used with a sensible eating pattern, Garcinia HCA has had wonderful results for controlled weight loss. HCA stops fat cold.

## LIFE BEGINS AT 40




Kathy Staniforth (nee Boulton) has lived in the village all her life. She is married to Keith

and has a 17 year old son - Michael.
On reaching the magical age of 40 two years ago, Kathy decided to take up running.(for the good of her health!?) She joined the Desford Striders and now runs ten and a half miles, three times a week. Since deciding to run the London Marathon, she has also been running longer distances in preparation. She has completed the Desford Quarter Marathon twice, the Huncote 5 miles and 8 miles, the Shepshed 10K and the Nottingham Bestwood Park 10K (I'm worn out just writing that). The Marathon of just over 26 miles, is run on 21st April. Kathy is apprehensive about the run, as it will be her longest distance ever. No doubt she will be cheered on by her trusty supporters! She is being sponsored for the Cancer Research Campaign and the British Heart Foundation - two charities which are dear to Kathy and her family. If you would like to sponsor Kathy for either charity, forms are available in the Post Office and the incentive to complete the Marathon will be even greater. Good Luck, Kathy. We'll all be cheering you on.

## ACTIVE FOR LIFE

What is your excuse for not taking regular exercise?
I'm too busy....
I'm too tired....
I'm not the sporty type....
I haven't got anyone to go with...
Well, according to the Health Education Authority, these excuses are not good enough! On 19th March, a nationwide T.V. advertising campaign will be launched: "ACTIVE FOR LIFE". It is targeted at young people, especially young women, aged 16 - 24, middle aged men, and people over 50, but aims to encourage us all to take about thirty minutes gentle exercise three times a week. It's not as hard as you think - consider brisk walking, using the stairs at work instead of the lift. How about getting that bike out of the shed, or digging out that swimsuit.stairs at work instead of the lift. How about getting that bike out of the shed, or digging out that swimsuit.
Want to know more?
There will be special displays and information available at the doctor's surgery in Market Bosworth and Newbold Verdon and I shall be in attendance at Market Bosworth, Friday 22nd March. 2 - 5.30 p.m. and Newbold Verdon, Wednesday, 27th March. 2 - 5.30 p.m. or you are welcome to contact me on 01455 292456. Judy Buckell, Health Visitor, Back Lane Surgery, Market Bosworth.

## FLORAL CREATIONS NOW OPEN




On 6th January, 1996, Floral Creations opened and Newbold Verdon's first ever Florist Shop was born. Rebecca Vintner, the proprietor, tells us the story behind the business and why she came to Newbold.
I first came to the village at 7 years of age, when Mum, Joanne:my younger sister and I moved to Jubilee Road. This was way back in 1979,when the village was still growing rapidly and many new families had moved in. I started at the Primary School and soon found new friends at Brownies and the Methodist Sunday School. When I was fourteen, I attended with a friend, flower arranging classes at the School. Later, during work experience, I spent a week at a small florist shop in Leicester. I enjoyed it so much, that I persuaded them to take me on as a "Saturday girl", and my career as a florist began. Over the following three years, I studied at Brooksby Agricultural College, whilst continuing to work as a YTS trainee. By 1992, I had obtained three City and Guilds qualifications and an Intermediate Certificate from the Society of Floristry. During this time, I moved on to work with Rosemary Hughes at The World of Flowers, where I was made manageress, dealing with the day to day affairs of the business. It was here that I met my husband David, and we set up home in Aylestone, Leicester.
By now, I was totally absorbed in the trade and felt it was time to go it alone. After looking at a couple of existing businesses, Mum spotted that 20a Main Street was coming vacant. So Dad and I visited Mr Preston, to see if he would allow us to invade and we began to put together our business plan.
I am pleased to be working in Newbold and hope the shop will enhance the character of the village. Please feel free to come and see me at any time and don't be afraid to offer your advice. After all, whilst we the retailer can bring our ideas, it is you the customer who really counts.

## VERDON PLAYERS

Next production is called "Natural Causes" by Eric Chappell, on 11th, 12th & 13th April. Tickets from Mrs Val Hitchman on 823777 or any Group Members. We look forward to your support

## A PROBLEM SHARED IS A PROBLEM HALVED

The sun was shining, I was in my element sunbathing by the pool on holiday in Tenerife. It was then I realised that I had found a lump in my right breast.
Many miles away from home I did not want to spoil the holiday, I kept my news to myself, it wasn't difficult, we were all having a good time. It may seem hard to believe but when we arrived home a week later I put 'the lump' to the back of



Maggie McDowell. on 01455 828294.

my mind. The weeks and month past and still I didn't worry nor did I tell my husband David.
A breast lump is every woman's fear. we worry that the breast will have to be removed and then we will look odd, and have to wear a 'false' breast within our bra. We think that our partners may not find us sexually attractive anymore. All these things went my mind, and I am sure the minds of other women in my position.
It was December before I checked my breast again, and yes, the lump was still there. I convinced myself that it was part of a muscle, and once again, I got on with my busy lifestyle. Christmas came and went, and as January approached I decided that I should tell Dave about my lump. His reaction was to get it seen to immediately, but deep down inside he was cross that I didn't tell him when we were on holiday. By this time I really did wish I had done something about it earlier. I made an appointment at the local surgery and was referred to the Glenfield General Hospital. I had to wait two and half weeks foe this appointment.
Those weeks dragged and I went into a very negative mode! The day I had to see the consultant I felt sick within, I feared the worst, and I was right. My lump was cancerous. I cried buckets that day, but found an inner strength. Where that strength came from I do not know but it was there! From that moment I was going to fight this cancer, it wasn't going to get a hold on me yet. My operation was six days later, they only removed the lump. Yes I did have a choice, they give you a choice these days apparently. My lymph glands were also removed as a precaution, if the cancer was going to spread, this was it's first port of call. My consultant informed me that it would be a week before any results would be available to see if there was a spread. It was a long week, but I have been told there is no spread to my lymph glands, and all is well. I will have a course of radiotherapy later on as a precaution.
I have written this to put hope in the minds of you, the readers of the Verdon Views. If you find a lump don't sit on it like I did. I've been lucky, but it is always best to get these things seen to as quickly as possible. the care at the Glenfield General Breast Care Unit is marvellous, they act very quickly, and there is a lot of support. This unit is fund raising for a specialist breast care Centre to be built, it is for the good of us all.will have a course of radiotherapy later on as a precaution.
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I still have a very positive attitude to my problem, and I am well now, and that is how its going to stay.
Julia Wilmot.

## BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER APPEAL

I would like to thank everyone who supported the disco on 24 November 1995 to raise money for Breakthrough.
It was a very successful evening with a total of £180 being raised. The aim of Breakthrough is to raise £15,000,000 for a Research Centre. They are just over half way to their target figure. I have taken up their £1000 challenge and have so far raised £360.
Future events being planned include coffee mornings, a skittle evening and a disco. Any other fund raising ideas would be welcome. Many thanks for your support.
Christine Fisher

## VERDON IN BLOOM ASSOCIATION (VIBA)

Most people in the village know that V.I.B.A. provide the flower baskets on the lamp post in the Main Street during the Summer. These are watered each evening by a team of villagers.
Each Spring daffodils planted by bloom in our grass verges. Provided they are not picked or damaged they give pleasure to everyone for several weeks.
The flower tubs at the War Memorial, at the end of Arnolds Crescent and outside the Church gates are also looked after by the Association.
In October 1994 the flower beds on the Alan's Way Recreation Ground car park were planted with 200 assorted shrubs. Despite being tided up several times, these beds have been trampled down and many of the shrubs destroyed by a few thoughtless people. The cost of these shrubs came from monies donated by local people and it is very sad that this project has been spoilt so far.
The Parish Council are to edge the beds shortly and this should help to preserve them better. They will then be tided up and hopefully the shrubs can then grow undisturbed. They will still need regular work to keep up to a good standard.
The Association will be asking for volunteers for the Summer basket watering rota again shortly and also for one or two people to join the Committee.

## EUROPEAN YEAR OF LIFELONG LEARNING

The European Union has declared 1996 to be the European Year of Lifelong Learning.
The importance of developing a learning society has been recognized as a means of improving economic performance and encouraging democratic participation through personnel and social development. As an Adult Guidance Tutor at Bosworth College, Desford. I am actively involved in promoting adult education in our locality. Adult learners attend college for a variety of reasons - some desire the academic qualifications they failed to achieve in school. some wish to make new friends and develop new interests. some wish to share the responsibility for their children's educations with their school. some are wishing to increase their job prospects and many - the vast majority - come for fun. As well as evening classes. a growing daytime adult programme which includes 'A' level courses is available with creche support at Bosworth College. Many adults in Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forest East benefit from the extensive facilities available at Bosworth Community College, Groby Community College, Stafford Leys Primary School Community Centre and Hinckley College.
However. there is still a large section of the community which is unaware of the opportunities available. I hope that the publicity surrounding the European Year of Lifelong Learning will encourage people to find out more about what we offer and I would like to take this opportunity to mention a number of half-day courses which we are running at Bosworth College, Desford on May 18th.
3-hour classes in Aromatherapy, Pottery, Computing for the Terrified. Chinese cookery, Garden Design, Sugarcraft, Health and Exercise and An Introduction to Writing your own Will, will be offered and enrolments are invited now. Anyone interested in joining one of the above courses should ring us as soon as possible. Anyone who would like to know more about what we do here in the Community Education Department , can ring me, Maggie McDowell, on 01455 828294.

# WOULD YOU HELP US
# SO
# WE CAN HELP YOU!

**Please read on**

**The Newbold Verdon Community Association is looking at provision for our community, we would be obliged if you could spare five minutes of your time to answer a few questions, this will then help us to improve what we can offer. We welcome your comments on any community issues.**

**Please complete the questionnaire overleaf and place in one of the ballot boxes around the village.**

## BALLOT BOXES

**Co-op shop - Main Street, Newbold Verdon**

**Post Office - Main Street, Newbold Verdon**

**Library - Main Street, Newbold Verdon**

**Newbold Verdon Primary School - Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon**

**Thank you for your time and co-operation**

## NEWBOLD VERDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. **MALE/FEMALE** **CHILDREN & AGES .....**

   **WHICH AGE GROUP DO YOU COME INTO.**

   **UP TO 16 YRS. 16 - 25 25 - 45 45 - 65 65 +**

2. **DO YOU USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE REGULARLY.**
   **YES NO**

3. **IS THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SUITABLE.**
   **YES NO**

4. **IF NOT WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OFFERED.**

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5. **WHAT ACTIVITIES COULD BE PROVIDED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND PRE SCHOOL.**

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6. **WHAT ACTIVITIES COULD BE OFFERED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.**

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7. **HOW COULD WE IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT WHAT WE OFFER.**

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8. **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MONEY SPENT ON TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

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9. **WHAT DO WE PROVIDE HERE THAT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**

| DIARY OF EVENTS | | | |
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| DATE | EVENT | PLACE | TIME |
| 17 March | Mothering Sunday, Family Service, Mr A Webb | Baptist | 10:30am |
| 24 March | Lent United Service | St James' | 6:00pm |
| 31 March | Evening Service, Rev S.Webb | Baptist | 6:00pm |
| 5 April | Good Friday, Rev S. Webb | Baptist | 7:45pm |
| 7 April | Easter Morning, Family Service, Rev s Webb | Baptist | 10:30am |
| 11-13-14 April | Verdon Players Natural Causes by Eric Chappell | Newbold Verdon Community Centre | 7:30 start |
| 14 April | EveningService, Mr R. Webb | Baptist | 6:00pm |
| 20 April | Scout Spring Fare | Scout Hut | 10am til 12 noon |
| 21 April | Evening Service, Rev P. Farrends | Baptist | 6:00pm |
| 24 April | Scout AGM | Scout Hut | 7:30pm |
| 26 April | Fashion Show, Tickets Janet James, Debbie Hill, Sue Spence, Springfields, Fourbouys | Newbold Verdon Community Centre | 7:30pm till 10:00pm |
| 28 April | Evening Service, Rev S.Webb | Baptist | 6:00pm |
| 9 May | Benny Clinton Memorial Trophy Annual Football Competition For Schools | Newbold Verdon Community School | |
| 8 June | Scout Auction | Scout Hut | |
| 15 June | Barn Dance caller Colin Tristam | Newbold Verdon Community Centre | 8:00 till late |


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